



Office of the Town Clerk
2 School Street, Town Hall
Merrimac, MA 01860

**Minutes Special Town Meeting
October 18, 2021**

October 19, 2021

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac met at the Fredrick N. Sweetsir School in the Town of Merrimac October 18, 2021. A quorum of 37 registered voters gathered at 7:30pm.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and Moderator Santagate led the assembled citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Santagate stated that having inspected the Warrant for the meeting, he deemed it proper and correct as posted by Constable Arthur Evans.

Moderator Santa introduced myself, Town Clerk, Gwendolyn Lay Sabbagh, Chariman of the Board of Selectmen, Benjamin Beaulieu, Clerk of the Board of Selectmen Chris Manni, and Selectman Joel Breen. **Motion to dispense with the reading of the Warrant by Benjamin Beaulieu, seconded by Chris Manni. Motion carried so declared the moderator.**

ARTICLE 1:

Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu and duly seconded to decrease the amount raised and appropriated in Article 1 of the April 26, 2021 Annual Town Meeting by the sum of **\$35,736** for the purposes and in the amounts stated in the warrant.

MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED Unanimously by hand vote.

ARTICLE 2

Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu and duly seconded to transfer the balance of **\$29,894** from Article 7 of the April 29, 2019 Special Town Meeting, Library Exterior Repairs, to Article 1(c) the April 26, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, Replace HVAC Units at the Merrimac Public Library.

MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED Unanimously BY HAND VOTE

ARTICLE 3

Motion by Benjamin Beaulieu and duly seconded to appropriate \$ 4,400 from available funds known as “Sale of Cemetery Lots”, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the care, improvement, and embellishment of said cemeteries, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 114, Section 15 and Section 25.

MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY HAND VOTE.

ARTICLE 4

Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded to raise and appropriate \$ 16,800 for engineering for the Donaghue and Sweetsir School heating upgrades.

MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY HAND VOTE

ARTICLE 5

Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded to appropriate \$149,000 or other sum of money from the Fire and Ambulance Apparatus Stabilization Fund for the purchase of a Quint Ladder or Ladder Truck as well as an Engine/Pumper Truck with all associated equipment, supplies and services; or take any other action relative hereto.

2/3 Vote Required

MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED BY HAND VOTE

Yes 29

No 2

ARTICLE 6

Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded to increase the amount raised and appropriated in Article 2 of the April 26, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, operate the Wastewater Department Enterprise for FY2022, by the sum of **\$53,000**.

Salaries: **\$ 3,000**

Expenses: **\$ 50,000**

Total \$ 53,000

MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY HAND VOTE

ARTICLE 7

Motion by Chris Manni and duly seconded to accept Jana Way and all associated infrastructure as a public way in the Town of Merrimac, built to a plan on file at the Office of the Town Clerk; contingent that the developer insure maintenance of the wastewater infrastructure for one year from this date and upon receipt of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Street Acceptance Form and all departments have signed off; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion by Robert Sinibaldi to amend motion and duly seconded to read:

To see if the Town will vote to accept Jana Way and all associated infrastructure as a public way in the Town of Merrimac, built to a plan on file at the Office of the Town Clerk; contingent that the developer insure maintenance of the wastewater infrastructure for two years from this date and upon receipt of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Street Acceptance Form and all departments have signed off; or take any other action relative thereto.

After much discussion by William Andrulitis (Conservation Committee), Sandra Venner (Planning Board) and Philip Parry (Attorney) the moderator declared a short recess at 7:50pm and conferred with Town Council. The moderator reconvened at 7:54pm.

Motion by Christine Berube and duly seconded to vote on amendment.

MODERATOR DECLARATION: MOTION PASSED BY HAND VOTE

Yes 29

No 2

ARTICLE 8 – 11

Motion by Robert Sinibaldi and duly seconded to refer articles 8 – 11 back to the Planning Board for further study.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwendolyn Lay Sabbagh, Town Clerk Town of Merrimac