

Special Town Meeting November 17, 2021 7:00 pm Middlefield Town Hall Minutes

Present: Selectboard: Chair Ann Marie Visconti, Curt Robie and Tonya Santaniello Moderator: Joseph Kearns Town Clerk: Suzanne C. Lemieux.

Moderator Joseph Kearns opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with a quorum present of 55 residents and warrant that was duly posted. Residents registered with Assistant Town Clerk.

Article 1: A motion was made and seconded To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or use other available funds the sum of \$51,558 to purchase a 2022 Ford Explorer Police Cruiser or take any other action relative thereto. A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 1, To see if the Town will vote to fund the sum of \$51,558 from certified free cash to purchase a 2022 Ford Explorer Police Cruiser, or take any other action relative thereto. A certified free cash statement was received from the Department of Revenue for \$282,021. After much discussion, a call for a vote was raised. Article 1 was read as amended. Motion passed at \$51,558 from certified free cash. A hand count was requested. The Moderator stated that the majority vote was sufficient. ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$59,000 to purchase the Daniele property located on Skyline Trail or to take any other action relative thereto: The Town was notified on Sept. 20 that 10.28 acres of Chapter 61B land was for sale. The Town has first refusal and has 120 days to respond. The Selectboard decided to look at the land for future town use. After exploration of the property and looking at the assessment of less than \$40,000, the Selectboard decided to ask for a dropped price. The landowner was not interested in lowering the price. A motion was made and seconded to amend the article as follows: To see if the Town will vote to table the motion of Article 2: After much discussion, Motion passed unanimously to table the motion

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,492 for the salary account of the Assessor's Clerk or take any other action relative thereto; Based upon the certification of free cash, a motion was made and seconded to amend Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$1,492 from certified free cash for the salary account of the Assessor's Clerk or take any other action relative thereto. The Selectboard's recommendation on the warrant at the June 26 Annual Town Meeting was incorrectly documented. After discussion, Motion passed for \$1,492 from certified free cash.

Article 4: To transact any other business that may come before the Town. It was noted that the sign out front was not posted. Activity of logging trucks ensued. A motion was made and seconded to dissolve Special Town Meeting at 7:50. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne C. Lemieux

Town Clerk