

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 8, 2023

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Select Board, duly served and legally posted by a constable of the Town, Moderator Katie Goodfellow called the meeting to order at 6:34PM at Apponequet Regional High School Auditorium when 100 registered voters had checked in. Tellers had been appointed and sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by Town Clerk, Lillian M. Drane. They included in the Auditorium: Leo Bisio, John Olivieri, Nancy LaFave and Rita Garbitt

Mrs. Goodfellow set her usual “ground rules” including identifying oneself, using a microphone when you speak, and putting your motions in writing. In lieu of the Town’s By-Law, the volume “Town Meeting Time” will be used for parliamentary procedures.

We began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and we held a brief moment of silence in memory for **JANICE SWANSON**, Building Department, 2000 – 2021; Board of Appeals, 2012 – 2020; Planning Board Member, 2014 – 2019. **DOUG MILLS**, Hazardous Waste Coordinator, 1980 – 1995; Board of Fire Engineers, 1980 – 1991; Acting Fire Chief, April 1992- June 1992; Fire Chief, June 1992-June 1995; American Rescue Truck Study Committee, 1987; Emergency Planning Committee, 1990 – 1994; Emergency Plan Hazardous, 1991; Municipal Coordinator for the Right to Know Law, 1992 – 1995. **ROGER HAMILTON**, Public Weights, 1965 – 1996; Insect & Pest Control, 1969; Tree Warden, 1969 – 2007; Board of Fire Engineers, 1979 – 1990; Highway Surveyor, 1981 – 2006; Communications Committee, 1981 – 2002; Forest Fire Warden, 1983 – 1991; Joint Transportation Plan Group, 1984 – 2007; Municipal Coordinator for the Right to Know Law, 1984 – 1991; American Rescue Study Committee, 1987; Emergency Plan Council Committee, 1989 – 2007; Personnel Advisory Board, 1990 – 1992; Fire Chief, January 1992 – June 1992; Acting Director, Lakeville Emergency Management Agency (formerly Civil Defense), 1993 – 1995; Drug Testing Officer, 1997 – 2007. **MARION BOLLESEN**, Treasurer’s Office, 1977 – 1988; Election Officer, 1975 – 2016 and **BARBARA M. MCCORKLE**, Conservation Commission, 1977 – 1982.

A motion was then made to allow non-residents; Michele Randazzo, Town Counsel, Ari Sky, Town Administrator; Todd Hassett, Lakeville Town Accountant, Marc Resnik, Town Planner, and Erika Correia, Town Treasurer/Collector, to speak or to be heard- so moved, and seconded, motion PASSED by majority.

Then she entertained a motion to WAIVE the reading of the warrant, seconded; unanimous. We then proceeded to Article #1.

ARTICLE 1:

It was voted that the Town transfer \$832.88 from Free Cash, \$53,817.00 from FY2023 Freetown-Lakeville Regional Schools operating assessment budget, \$71.24 from Park Enterprise Retained Earnings, and \$1,886.12 from Landfill Retained Earnings for the following **unpaid bills** from prior fiscal years:

Unpaid Bill No	Department	Vendor	Amount	Purpose
1	Human Resources	Tristan Medical	\$150.00	Pre-Employment Physical Exam
2.	Town Buildings	M.D. Communications	\$647.95	Phone System Service
3.	Education	Bristol County Agricultural	\$53,817.00	Debt Assessment New Facility (per pupil)
4.	DPW/Highway	Crystal Rock	\$34.93	Water Cooler Rental
5.	Parks	WIN Waste Innovations	\$71.24	Solid Waste Rental
6.	Solid Waste	Waste Zero	\$1,886.12	Bags & Tags
		TOTAL	<u>\$56,607.24</u>	

Finance Committee- Approved

The motion carried by 9/10ths requirement, PASSED unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: (FY23 Capital Projects)

It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for Thermal Imaging/FF Tracking and Pump Operations Equipment for the Fire Department, including anything incidental or related thereto, and to meet this appropriation transfer the unused balances from capital projects approved at prior town meetings, all as shown in Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant:

Unused Capital Projects balances (to close/transfer):

Department	Project/Purpose	Town Meeting	Amount
Select Board	Copier/Plotter	STM 06/2019, Art 3	\$ 1,933.47
Technology	Permitting Software	ATM 06/2017, Art 1	\$10,000.00
Police	Cruisers replacement	ATM 06/2019, Art 5	\$ 1,885.65
Police	Cruisers replacement	ATM 06/2020, Art 4	\$ 2,535.20
Fire	Inflatable Boat	ATM 05/2021, Art 4	\$ 645.68

Public Works	Used Street Sweeper	ATM 06/2020, Art 4	\$25,000.00
Public Works	Skid Steer w/Equipment	ATM 05/2021, Art 4	\$ 3,000.00
		TOTAL (close/transfer)	\$45,000.00

And Transfer the Unused Funds to the Following FY2023 Capital Projects:

Line No	Department	Item	Amount
1.	Fire	Thermal Imaging/FF Tracking	\$25,000.00
2.	Fire	Pump Operations Equipment	\$20,000.00
		TOTAL	\$45,000.00

Finance Committee- Approved

The motion PASSED by majority.

ARTICLE 3: (Park Repairs & Equipment Account)

It was voted that the Town transfer \$28,000.00 from the unused balance of the "Repair/Paint Tennis Courts" project appropriation under Article 4 at the May 10, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, to Parks Repairs & Equipment account.

Finance Committee- Approved

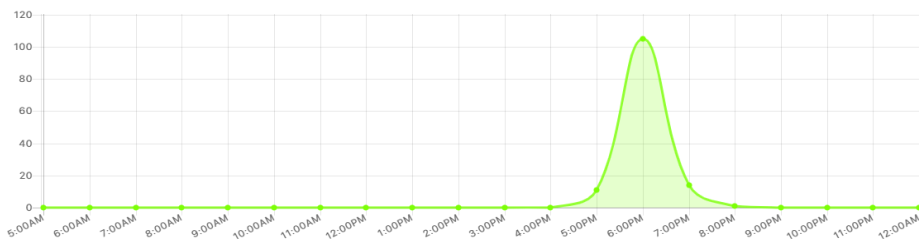
The motion PASSED by majority.

DISSOLVED:

All business on the Warrant having been acted upon, a motion to dissolve came at 6:51 PM.

Check lists (POLL PADS) were used and 131 voters, including 6 Town Meeting Members were checked on the lists as being present as follows:

Voter Turnout from: 5:00PM - 8:00PM



	P.1	P.2	P.3	Total
Voter Registration per Precinct as of 4/28/2023	2,921	3,192	2,968	9,081
Checked-in	40	47	44	131
% Turn-out on 5/8/2023	1.36%	1.47%	1.48%	1.44%
TOTAL	40	47	44	131

A true copy of the record,

ATTEST:

**Lillian M. Drane, MMC/CMMC,
Town Clerk**

NOTE: New Procedure to Check-In at the Special Town Meeting

To accelerate the check-in process at Lakeville's Special Town Meeting this year, check-in will now be accomplished by use of electronic Poll Pads. The use of these tablets will allow our election officers to check in a voter:

1. By manually entering the first three (3) letters of the voter's first and last name; or
2. By scanning the bar code on the back of the voter's driver's license. In this case, the Poll Pad matches the name and birth date of the person on the voter list with the name and birth date it reads from the bar code on the back of the license. No information from the scanned license is retained by the Poll Pad.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts does not require that a voter present a license to check in at any Elections and Town Meetings.

The Poll Pads immediately talk to one another, eliminating any chance of a voter checking in more than once.

