

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2021-PROCEEDINGS**

The Moderator, Thomas Merolli called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Moderator dispensed with the reading of the warrant.

Non-Residents admitted into the meeting:

Brenda Cowell-Town Crier  
Kim Newman-Town Administrator  
Jean Berthold-Principal Assessor  
Cindy Amara-Town Counsel  
Bill Kessler – Fire Chief  
Jack Hunter – Town Planner (Article 14)  
Duncan Chapman– KW Services (Article 14)  
Raj Sidhu – KW Services (Article 14)  
Bill McHenry – Affordable Housing Coordinator  
Samuel Aubut – Scout  
Aaron Newman – minor

The Moderator went over the rules and procedures for the meeting. The Moderator led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ARTICLE 1** Voted to transfer from Free Cash \$8,113 for Bills of a Prior year from fiscal year 2021: \$250 for a Board of Health Mosquito flyer, \$7,372 for legal expenses to Murphy, Hesse, Toomey, and Lehane, and a \$491 bill to Global Montello for oil.

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 2** Voted transfer \$57,438 from Reserve for Negotiations (Line 131D) to fund the following amounts to the following lines:

Zoning Board Salaries (Line Item 176A)	\$ 350.00
Town Hall Services Salaries (Line Item 199A1)	\$ 1,350.00
Police Department Salaries (Line Item 210A1)	\$ 22,150.00
Fire Department Full Time Wages (Line Item 220A2)	\$ 17,500.00
Building Inspector Salaries (Line Item 241A1)	\$ 850.00
Highway Construction and Maintenance Salaries (Line Item 422A1)	\$ 11,000.00
Highway Surveyor Salary (Line Item 422A2)	\$ 2,068.00
Council on Aging Salaries (Line Item 541A1)	\$ 720.00
Library Salaries (Line Item 610A1)	\$ 1,450.00

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 3** Voted to transfer \$250,000 from Free Cash to Stabilization  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 4** Voted to transfer \$100,000 from Free Cash into the Capital Expenditure Account  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 5** Voted to transfer \$25,000 from Free Cash into the Other Post-Employment Benefits Account.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 6** Voted to transfer from Free Cash \$5,200 to be maintain a regional substance abuse outreach program in the Mendon area.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 7** Voted to establish a departmental revolving account for the Police Department in accordance with M.G.L. Ch 44, § 53E½ by amending Chapter 32 of the Town's General Bylaws, by inserting the following entry to the table of funds. The purpose of this fund shall be for the repair and maintenance of police cruisers used on paid detail work. Receipts to this fund shall be monies paid by the contractors and organizations that request a police cruiser on a paid detail. The Police Chief, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund but at no time may exceed more than the available balance in the revolving fund.

<b>A Revolving Fund</b>	<b>B Spending Authority</b>	<b>C Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund</b>	<b>D Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund</b>	<b>E Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses</b>	<b>F Requirements/ Reports</b>	<b>G Fiscal Year</b>
Police Department	Police Chief, with approval of the Select Board	Monies/Fees related to Police Department Police Cruiser	Repair and maintenance of Police Department Police Cruisers Used on Paid Police Details			Fiscal Years that begin on July 1, 2022

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 8** Voted to set the limits on the Revolving Funds created in the previous article, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E1/2 as follows:

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Limit on Spending</b>
Police Department	\$15,000

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

- ARTICLE 9** Voted to transfer \$1,000 from line 131D Reserve for Negotiations to line 161A Town Clerk Salaries.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
- ARTICLE 10** Voted to transfer \$12,000 from Free Cash to pay for voting equipment and supplies needed to establish a second voting precinct.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
- ARTICLE 11** Voted to transfer \$16,743 from Free Cash to fund wireless Fire Alarms for Town buildings.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
- ARTICLE 12** Voted to pass over this article  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
- ARTICLE 13** Voted to pass over this article.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
- ARTICLE 14** Defeated a motion to see if the Town will vote to amend the Mendon Zoning Bylaws, adding 5.05 Mendon Age Restricted (AROD) Overlay District. To promote mixed-use development which increases the availability of Over 55 housing alternatives to meet local needs, promotes walkable neighborhoods, takes advantage of compact design, fosters distinctive and attractive village settings, preserves critical environmental assets, including drinking water supply quality and quantity, surface and groundwater quality and quantity, wetlands preservation and air quality, and supports economic revitalization in Mendon.  
**2/3rds required**  
**HAND COUNT YES 29 NO 16**
- ARTICLE 15** Voted to transfer \$3000 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Account to fund historic document preservation and storage of artifacts  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
- ARTICLE 16** Voted to pass over this article.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
- ARTICLE 17** Voted to transfer the care, custody, management, and control of approximately 23 acres of the 75.8-acre town-owned land at 52 Providence Street from the Select Board for general municipal purposes to the Select Board for affordable housing purposes and to authorize the Select Board to sell said 23 acres of said property for affordable housing purposes and conservation purposes, with 3.2 acres for housing and the remainder covered by a conservation restriction.  
**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**
- ARTICLE 18** Voted to transfer \$3,000 from Free Cash to fund a survey of Town owned property on Morrison Drive.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 19** Voted to pass over this article.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 20** Voted to adopt M.G.L.C 60 §62A, to authorize payment agreements between the treasurer and persons entitled to redeem parcels in tax title.

**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 21** Defeated a motion to amend the General By-Laws Chapter II Section 4 – Town Meetings by removing “Copies of all town meeting warrants shall also be delivered by hand or other means to every household” and replacing it with Copies of all town meeting warrants shall also be available in the Town Clerk’s office or mailed upon request  
**MAJORITY VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 22** Voted to amend Article 7 of the May 2021 Annual Town meeting by deleting the following language: “This change shall take effect for the 2022 Annual Election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall serve a (3) year term, the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve a, (2) year term, and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes shall serve a (1) year term. Thereafter, as the terms of Select Board expire, successors shall be elected for terms of three (3) years ” to be replaced with “Candidates shall be elected by receiving the highest number of votes for any individual seat. For the 2022 Annual Election, two additional seats shall be added to the Selectboard. One seat will serve a (1) year term and one seat shall serve a (2) year term. Thereafter, all elected terms shall be 3 years in length.”  
**HAND COUNT            YES 25            NO 10**

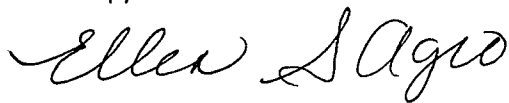
**ARTICLE 23** Voted to pass over this article.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 24** Voted to pass over this article.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 25** Voted to pass over this article.  
**UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**

A motion to dissolve the warrant was made at 9:09 pm. The tellers for the meeting were Kathy Rich and Margaret Tetreault. Sgt. Kloczkowski was the officer on duty. There were 54 voters in attendance.

A true copy. Attest:



Ellen Agro  
Town Clerk