



**TOWN OF HOPKINTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
CONNOR B. DEGAN, TOWN CLERK  
18 MAIN STREET, HOPKINTON, MA 01748  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2019  
RETURN OF THE WARRANT**

The Annual Town Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Middle School Auditorium. The meeting was called to order by the Town Moderator, Mr. Thomas Garabedian at 8:07 P.M. at such time that a quorum was determined to be present. Mr. Garabedian called on Boy Scout Troop 11 for the presentation of the colors and to lead the hall in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then requested a moment of silence to remember those volunteers and employees of the Town that had passed away since the last time Town Meeting had been convened. In particular, Mr. Garabedian wished to acknowledge the passing of Ms. Mary Pratt, former member of the Board of Selectmen and dedicated volunteer for over 50 years; he also acknowledged the passing of former Superintendent of the Hopkinton Public Schools, Dr. Cathy McLeod. Mr. Garabedian then gave the directives of the meeting and the bounds of the Hall. The Brown Gymnasium and the Cafeteria were identified as overflow locations for voters as the Auditorium had reached capacity. Connor B. Degan, Town Clerk, then read the call and return of the warrant.

Mr. Thomas Garabedian, Town Moderator, then appointed Ellen Rutter, of Forest Lane, as Deputy Moderator. He then requested a vote of affirmation by Town Meeting.

**Passed by: Voice Vote, Unanimous (12-09-2019)**

**Motion (Brendan Tedstone, Chair of the Board of Selectmen):** *We move that we run this Town Meeting until its completion, not to go into a second night.*

**Passed by: Voice Vote, Simple Majority (12-09-2019)**

**ARTICLE 1: Rescind Main Street Corridor Vote and Discontinue Project:** To see if the Town will vote to (1) rescind the vote taken under Article 47 of the Town of Hopkinton 2018 Annual Town Meeting; and (2) vote to order the Select Board to discontinue the entirety of the Main Street Corridor Project and order the Select Board to cease all planning and project implementation including, but not limited to, any work with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and other agencies and service providers, related to the Main Street Corridor Project.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

Select Board recommends no action.

Capital Improvements Committee recommends no action.

**Motion (John Palmer, Main Street):** *I move that the Town vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 47 of the Town of Hopkinton 2018 Annual Town Meeting; and further request that the Select Board discontinue the entirety of the Main Street Corridor Project and request that the Select Board to cease all planning and project implementation including, but not limited to, any work with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and other agencies, and service providers, related to the Main Street Corridor Project.*

*The motion was seconded.*

**Motion to Amend (Todd Cestari, Elizabeth Road):** *I move that the motion be amended to strike the language following the phrase "2018 Annual Town Meeting" to the end so the new motion would read as follows:*

*I move that the Town vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 47 of the Town of Hopkinton 2018 Annual Town Meeting.*

*The motion was seconded.*

**Amendment Passed by: Simple Majority, Yes: 452 - No: 305 (12-09-2019)**

**Motion (Connor Degan, Pleasant Street):** *I move that we end debate on Article I.*

*The motion was seconded.*

**Passed by: Voice Vote, Clear Majority Declared (12-09-2019)**

**Main Motion as Amended Failed By: Simple Majority, Yes: 278 - No: 504 (12-09-2019)**

**ARTICLE 2: Hopkinton High School Expansion: Engineering and Design Services:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the School Department Stabilization Fund or from Free

Cash a sum or sums of money for feasibility, schematic design, engineering and related services in connection with construction, reconstruction, renovation, alteration and associated improvements of Hopkinton High School, including expenses related to said design and services, said sum to be spent under the direction of the School Committee.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee recommends approval.  
Capital Improvements Committee recommends approval.

**Motion (Appropriation Committee):** *We move that the Town vote to transfer the sums of:*

- (1) *\$300,000 (THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) from the School Department Stabilization Fund established under Article 15, Paragraph (1) of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting; and*
- (2) *\$200,000 (TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) from the unexpended appropriation made under Article 15, Paragraph (4) of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting,*

*for a total of \$500,000 (FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) to be used for the purpose of feasibility, schematic design, engineering and related services in connection with construction, reconstruction, renovation, alteration and associated improvements of Hopkinton High School, including expenses related to said design and services; said sum to be spent under the direction of the School Committee; provided, however, that any unexpended funds up to \$200,000 shall remain authorized for expenditure in accordance with their prior appropriation made under Article 15, Paragraph (4) of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting.*

**Motion (Brian Herr, Elizabeth Road):** *I move that we end debate on Article 2.*

*The motion was seconded.*

**Passed by: Voice Vote, Unanimous (12-09-2019)**

**Main Motion Passed by: Two-Thirds Majority, Yes: 404 - No: 6 (12-09-2019)**

**ARTICLE 3: Hopkinton High School Expansion: Construction Services:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and borrow a sum or sums of money for construction, reconstruction, renovation, alteration and associated improvements of Hopkinton High School, including original equipment and related work and expenses related to said design, and further to meet this appropriation that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow a sum or sums of money under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 7 or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefor, provided, however, that any borrowing authorized hereunder shall be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion vote; said sum to be spent under the direction of the School Committee.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee recommends approval.

Capital Improvements Committee recommends approval.

**Motion** (Appropriation Committee): *We move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500,000 (FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) for construction, reconstruction, renovation, alteration and associated improvements of Hopkinton High School, including original equipment and related work and expenses related to said project; and to meet this appropriation, to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of the issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, thereby reducing the amount to be borrowed to pay such cost by a like amount; said sum to be spent under the direction of the School Committee; provided, however, that any borrowing authorized hereunder shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Chapter 59, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws (Proposition 2 ½ so-called) the amount required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.*

**Passed by: Two-Thirds Majority, Yes: 375 - No: 7 (12-09-2019)**

**ARTICLE 4: Elmwood School: Installation of Modular Classrooms:** To see if the Town will vote to raise appropriate and borrow a sum or sums of money for engineering, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation or alteration and associated improvements related to the purchase and installation of modular classrooms at the Elmwood School, and to meet this appropriation that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow a sum or sums of money under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 7 or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefor, provided, however, that any borrowing

authorized hereunder shall be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion vote; said sum to be spent under the direction of the School Committee.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee recommends approval.

Capital Improvements Committee recommends approval.

**Motion (Appropriation Committee):** *We move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 (TWO MILLION DOLLARS) for engineering, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation or alteration and associated improvements related to the purchase and installation of modular classrooms at the Elmwood School; and to meet this appropriation, to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of the issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, thereby reducing the amount to be borrowed to pay such cost by a like amount; said sum to be spent under the direction of the School Committee; provided, however, that any borrowing authorized hereunder shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Chapter 59, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws (Proposition 2 ½ so-called) the amount required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.*

**Motion (Russell Shade, Summer Street):** *I move that we end debate on Article 4.*

*The motion was seconded.*

**Passed by: Voice Vote, Unanimous (12-09-2019)**

**Main Motion Passed by: Two-Thirds Majority, Yes: 339 - No: 11 (12-09-2019)**

**ARTICLE 5: Hopkins School: Installation of Modular Classrooms:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and borrow a sum or sums of money for engineering, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation or alteration and associated improvements related to the purchase and installation of modular classrooms at the Hopkins School, and to meet this appropriation that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow a sum or sums of money under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 7 or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefor, provided, however, that any borrowing

authorized hereunder shall be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion vote; said sum to be spent under the direction of the School Committee.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

Appropriation Committee recommends approval.

Capital Improvements Committee recommends approval.

**Motion (Appropriation Committee):** *We move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000 (THREE MILLION DOLLARS) for engineering, design, construction, reconstruction, renovation or alteration and associated improvements related to the purchase and installation of modular classrooms at the Hopkins School; and to meet this appropriation, to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of the issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, thereby reducing the amount to be borrowed to pay such cost by a like amount; said sum to be spent under the direction of the School Committee; provided, however, that any borrowing authorized hereunder shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Chapter 59, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws (Proposition 2 ½ so-called) the amount required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.*

**Motion (Russell Shade, Summer Street):** *I move that we end debate on Article 5.*

The Moderator declared that the motion to end debate was out of order as no one had a chance to speak to the article prior to the motion being made and there were voters waiting to speak.

**Passed by: Two-Thirds Majority, Yes: 375 - No: 7 (12-09-2019)**

**ARTICLE 6: Street Acceptance: Legacy Farms North Road:** To hear the report of the Select Board relative to the laying out and widening and relocation of the following named streets, under the provision of Chapter 82 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and to see if the Town will vote to accept such streets as and for public ways and to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift purchase or eminent domain any land or interest in land necessary for such laying out, and act on all manners relating thereto:

Legacy Farms North Road, from Frankland Road to Wilson Street.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

Select Board recommends approval of the motion.  
Planning Board recommends approval of the motion.  
Capital Improvements Committee recommends no action.

**Motion** (Ravi Gorti, Spruce Street): *I move that the Town vote to request that the Planning Board and Select Board take all required actions to facilitate a vote to accept Legacy Farms North, from the intersection of Frankland Road to Wilson Street, as a public way at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting provided that the required layout plans are submitted to said Boards in a timely manner for such actions.*

*The motion was seconded.*

**Passed by: Voice Vote, Unanimous (12-09-2019)**

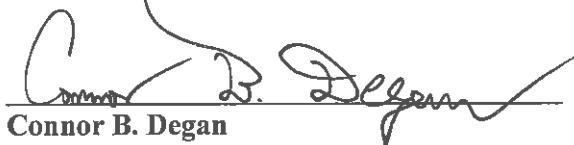
**Motion** (Brendan Tedstone, Chair of the Board of Selectmen): *We move that the Special Town Meeting dissolve.*

**Passed by: Voice Vote, Clear Majority Declared (12-09-2019)**

**The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 11:28 PM on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**Witness my hand and seal of said Town of Hopkinton on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.**

**A True Copy Attest:**

  
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**Connor B. Degan**  
**Town Clerk**