

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
February 25, 2021 6:30pm
MOTIONS**

ARTICLE 1. MOVED: That the Town vote to conduct this Special Town Meeting remotely with the aid of Zoom and Options Technology Inc. Virtual Voting technology.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 2. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 29 from the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting, by which the Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 purpose of re-sealing and re-painting the walkways within the Unity Park Playground, by changing the purpose of the vote to also include crack sealing and painting of the Unity Park Basketball Court.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3. MOVED: That the Town vote to amend Schedule II, Salaries of Appointed Officials, as voted pursuant to Article 4 of the June 13, 2020 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the stipend for the Emergency Management Director from \$5,765 to \$7,500.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 4. MOVED: That the Town vote to increase the FY21 Information Technology budget by \$12,000, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 5. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$215,000 for the purpose of replacing the WPCF's current gas chlorination system with a liquid sodium hypochlorite disinfection system, or similar technology, including any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from Sewer Retained Earnings.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 6. MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a lease purchase agreement in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C for a period in excess of three years for the lease and purchase of a sludge dewatering press and any equipment or expenses related thereto, and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 for the first year payment on such agreement, said sum to be raised from Sewer Retained Earnings.

PASSED/UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$77,150 for the purpose replacing the Chestnut Hill Loop Bridge, including but not limited to engineering, design, permitting, bidding, oversight, construction services, and any and all incidental and related costs, said sum to be raised from the Town Capital Stabilization Fund.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 8. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,450,000 for the purpose of enabling the Airport Commission to acquire the three properties identified below for airport and aviation purposes, and any costs incidental or related thereto:

- (a) a parcel of land located at 24 Industrial Boulevard, Montague, Massachusetts, containing 2.99 acres, more or less, and described in a deed dated 10/21/2020 and recorded with the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 7632, Page 194, also being shown as Parcel 3 on a plan dated May 1992 and recorded in FCRD Plan Book 84 Page 78. This parcel is also identified as Assessors' Parcel ID 17-0-046.
- (b) land and buildings located at 36 Industrial Boulevard, Montague, Massachusetts, containing 5.26 acres, more or less, and described in a deed dated 1/20/2006 and recorded in Franklin Country Registry of Deeds in Book 5034, Page 49, also being shown as Parcel 2 on a plan dated May 1992 and recorded in FCRD Plan Book 84 Page 78. This parcel is also identified as Assessors' Parcel ID 17-0-045.
- (c) land and buildings located at 40-44 Industrial Boulevard, Montague, Massachusetts, containing 2.14 acres, more or less, and described in a deed dated 5/1/1970 and recorded in Franklin Country Registry of Deeds Book 1259, Page 683, also being shown as Parcel 1 on a plan dated May 1992 and recorded in FCRD Plan Book 84 Page 78. This parcel is also identified as Assessors' Parcel ID 17-0-033.

And to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 and/or 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; 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 issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20, as amended, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and further, to authorize the Airport Commission, and any other appropriate officials of the Town, to apply for and accept any forms of financial assistance that may be available to the Town on account of this project, including, but not limited to, from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Massachusetts Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division; and further, to authorize the Airport Commission to take any and all action and enter into and execute any and all agreements and other documents as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purposes of this vote, and, further, to authorize the Airport Commission to lease all or any portion or portions of the above-described properties on

such terms and conditions, for such consideration and for such duration (which may be up to 99 years) as the Airport Commission deems appropriate.

PASSED/ TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE

YES 62

NO 8

ARTICLE 9. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$68,000 for engineering, design, permitting, bidding, oversight, and construction services for the purpose of making necessary improvements and upgrades to and for furnishing and equipping the aviation Fueling Station located at 40 Industrial Boulevard, including any and all incidental and related costs, and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 and/or 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; 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 issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20, as amended, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and further, to authorize the Airport Commission, and any other appropriate officials of the Town, to apply for and accept any forms of financial assistance that may be available to the Town on account of this project, including but not limited to from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division, and further, to authorize the Airport Commission to take any and all action and enter into and execute any and all agreements and other documents as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purposes of this Vote.

PASSED/TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE

YES 62

NO 4

ARTICLE 10. MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$39,800 for the purposes of increasing the Fiscal Year 2021 Airport operating budget, said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

PASSED/MAJORITY VOTE