

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Pursuant to a warrant signed by the Erving Selectmen and duly posted, as directed by the vote of the Town, the legal voters met at the Erving Senior and Community Center, 1 Care Drive, Erving, Massachusetts, on Wednesday September 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The Town conducted the following business. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Richard Newton in Moderator Richard Peabody's absence at 7:01 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present. The Town Clerk read the call and the Officer's return, and lead the body in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Town Clerk then opened the floor for nominations for a temporary Moderator to continue the meeting. A nomination was made for Linda Downs-Bembury and seconded. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations, which passed unanimously. A vote was taken to make Linda Downs-Bembury the temporary Moderator for the meeting which passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF A PRIOR YEAR: FY2022

ARTICLE 1: APPROPRIATION FOR FY2022 EXPENSES

The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy-three Dollars and Thirty-nine Cents (\$7,173.39) for the purpose of paying Fiscal Year 2022 invoices from the identified line items, as listed below.

Line	Department/ Agency	Vendor	Amount
1	Benefits	New Salem/Wendell School District	\$2,094.91
2	Wastewater	Cintas Corp	\$263.29
3	Treasurer	Jennifer Eichorn	\$38.03
4	Library	Eversource	\$3,868.08
5	Town Buildings	Eversource	28.25
6	Solid Waste	Franklin County Solid Waste	\$880.83
		Grand Total	\$7,173.39

SUBMITTED BY: Town Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval [Vote: Aye (4), Nay (0), Absent (1)]

Article Information: In the above listed instances, invoices were identified and/or received after the start of Fiscal Year 2023 and after the books for FY2022 were closed. Approval of this article will authorize the Town to pay the above referenced vendors in the amounts indicated. Approval for expenditures in a previous fiscal year requires a 9/10 approval at Special Town Meeting per MGL Chapter 44 Section 64.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

ARTICLE 2: TO APPROPRIATE FOR PUBLIC WORKS WHEEL LOADER

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$60,000.00) for the purchase and/or lease of a wheel loader with accessories, and related expenses, by transferring Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) from the Hwy Ford F550 Truck Special Article and by transferring Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$40,000.00) from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Line	Account #	Description	Amount
1	TBD	Public Works Wheel Loader	\$60,000.00

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval [Aye (5), Nay (0)]

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval [Aye (4), Nay (0), Absent (1)]

***Article Information:** Approval of this article would authorize the procurement of a new wheel loader. The Town's current wheel loader is 16 years old and there is significant deterioration of the rollover protection system which is a safety concern. The Capital Planning Committee has reviewed options to repair the current loader versus leasing with the option to buy a new wheel loader and has recommended that the Town consider leasing a new wheel loader for a term of four (4) years with the option to buy after year 4 for one dollar. The Select Board and the Finance Committee have reviewed the recommendation and concur. Approval of this article requires a 2/3 vote.*

ARTICLE 3: TO APPROPRIATE FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WALK-IN FREEZER/REFRIGERATOR

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$22,000.00) by transferring from the Capital Stabilization Fund into Special Article Fund 01-301-914-57800 Walk-in Freezer / Refrigerator Upgrade or Replace.

SUBMITTED BY: School Committee

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval [Aye (5), Nay (0)]

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval [Aye (4), Nay (0), Absent (1)]

***Article Information:** Approval of this article would appropriate an additional \$20,000 to the Elementary School walk-in freezer / refrigerator replacement project. \$45,000 had been previously appropriated by the voters. With the current bidding environment, the lowest responsive bid was \$66,810.00. Approval of this article requires a 2/3 vote.*

FY2023 APPROPRIATION FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

ARTICLE 4: AMEND FY 2023 FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL FUNDING

The Town voted unanimously to amend Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, held on May 11, 2022, that raised and appropriated the sum of Five Hundred Thirty Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-five Dollars and No Cents (\$530,875.00) for secondary education and expenses at the Franklin County Technical School for fiscal year 2023 by changing the beginning date to July 1, 2022.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval [Aye (4), Nay (0), Absent (1)]

Article Information: Approval of this article amends article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting warrant for the Meeting held on May 11, 2022, that funds Erving's assessment to the Technical School and establishes the salary for Erving's representative to the Technical School Committee. Article 9 had included a clerical error that gave a beginning date of "July 1, 2023" and this article will change that date to "July 1, 2022." Approval of this article requires a majority vote.

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

ARTICLE 5: AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN Four YEAR CONTRACT FOR WHEEL LOADER

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Select Board to enter into a four (4) year contract, with a qualified vendor for the lease and/or purchase of a wheel loader equipment for the Town, subject to the Select Board's determination that the contract is in the best interests of the Town and subject annually to Town Meeting approval for funding for these services.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval [Aye (5), Nay (0)]

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval [Aye (4), Nay (0), Absent (1)]

Article Information: Approval of this article would authorize the Select Board to sign a four (4) year contract with a vendor to lease and/or purchase a wheel loader to be used in the public works departments. Approval of this article requires a majority vote.

18 registered voters attended this meeting. The meeting was dissolved at 7:12 p.m.

A true copy, ATTEST:



Richard W. Newton
Erving Town Clerk

