

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Monday January 28, 2019

Pursuant to a warrant signed by the Erving Selectmen and duly posted, as directed by the vote of the Town, the legal voters met in the Senior and Community Center, 1 Care Drive, Erving, Massachusetts, on Monday January 28, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. and conducted the following business. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard K. Peabody at 7:02 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present. The Moderator read the call and the Officer's return, and lead the body in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A moment of silence was then held for Eugene Klepadlo who was very active in the Town and was, among several other things, a former Selectman.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF A PRIOR YEAR: 2018

ARTICLE 1: APPROPRIATION FOR FY2018 EXPENSES

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$598.41) from Free Cash for the purpose of paying Fiscal Year 2018 invoices as listed below.

	Department/ Agency	Vendor	Amount
Line Item #1	Town Buildings	Comcast	\$398.41
Line Item #2	Historical Commission	Friends of the Erving Public Library	\$200.00
	Grand Total		\$598.41

SUBMITTED BY: Administrative Coordinator
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

***Article Information:** In the above listed instances, invoices were identified and/or received after the start of Fiscal Year 2019 and after the books for FY2018 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 require 9/10 approval at Special Town Meeting per MGL Chapter 44 Section 64.*

FY2019 FINANCIAL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2: APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ERVING PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$500,000.00) from Free Cash for the purpose of constructing the new Erving Public Library and related expenses and to reduce the borrowing authorized under Article 27 of the Annual Town Meeting on May 03, 2017 by the same amount.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

***Article Information:** Approval of this article would transfer \$500,000 from certified free cash and appropriate it for the construction of the new Erving Public Library. Additionally, approval of the article would reduce the approved borrowing authority by the same amount. By transferring available*

cash, the Town will avoid borrowing this amount and the interest and loan origination costs associated with that borrowing. Approval of this article requires a majority vote.

ARTICLE 3: APPROPRIATION FOR PERONNEL POLICY REVIEW & WAGE STUDY

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) from Free Cash for the purpose of conducting a review of position descriptions, compensation rates, and the revision of the personnel policy.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

***Article Information:** Approval of this article would appropriate funding for the Town to contract with a consultant to review position descriptions, provide a compensation and categorization review, and to review the personnel policy and make recommendations for revisions. Approval of this article requires a majority vote.*

ARTICLE 4: APPROPRIATION FOR POLICE STATION GENERATOR

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) from Free Cash for the purpose of replacing and installing a new generator at the Police Station.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

***Article Information:** Approval of this article would appropriate funding for from certified free cash for the Town to procure a new generator for the Police Station. The existing generator is a diesel fueled unit that has experience numerous maintenance issues. These maintenance issues are more than routine and the downtime that is experience by the unit is creating concern. The Town proposes to replace the diesel unit with a propane fueled unit. Approval of this article requires a majority vote.*

ARTICLE 5: TRANSFER FOR ERVING CENTER PLANNING

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$7,200.00) from Open Space & Recreation Plan account (01-179-903-57800) into the Consulting account (01-122-200-53000) for the purpose of conducting planning efforts for the Erving Center village.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

***Article Information:** Approval of this article would transfer existing funding for the Town to contract with a consultant to work with the Town, residents, and business owners on a plan for the future development of Erving Center. Approval of this article requires a majority vote.*

ARTICLE 6: APPROPRIATION FOR SEWER UPGRADE NORTHFIELD ROAD TO CARE DRIVE

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$226,500.00) from the Retained Earnings of the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the purpose of engineering and constructing an upgrade of the sewer line on Northfield Road to Care Drive.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

Article Information: Approval of this article would appropriate funding for the Town to upgrade the sewer line on Northfield Road, beginning in front of the Elementary School to Care Drive, with a 4" diameter main. The existing line is 1 ½" diameter is sufficient for the use of the Senior & Community Center and the new Public Library but would not have enough capacity for the planned development of senior housing off Care Drive. Mass DOT will be opening Northfield Road in 2019 for the installation of a new sidewalk to Care Drive and after this work the road will not be allowed to be opened for at least five (5) years. Approval of this article requires a majority vote.

ARTICLE 7: TRANSFER FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND RENOVATION OF TOWN HALL

The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Dollars and No Cents (\$149,418.00) from the account 01-192-917-57800 to re-side Town Hall for the purpose of conducting a design & feasibility study as well as future renovations of the Erving Town Hall.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Approval

Article Information: Approval of this article would transfer funding from an existing appropriation for the siding of Town Hall to allow the Town to conduct a feasibility study and associated renovations of Town Hall. Approval of this article requires a majority vote.

STRUCTURED TAX AGREEMENT

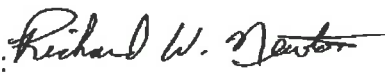
ARTICLE 8: STRUCTURED TAX AGREEMENT FOR SOLTAGE

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Agreement for the Payment In Lieu of Taxes for Personal Property with Erving Poplar Mountain Solar 1, LLC, for a term of twenty (20) years for the development and operation of a solar electric generating facility.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen
BOARD OF ASSESSORS RECOMMENDS: Approval
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: No Recommendation

Article Information: In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, § 38H the Town can enter into a structured tax agreement, also known as a PILOT agreement, with a developer to establish an annualized payment in lieu of a personal property tax bill. The agreed upon annual rate is based on an assessment of the value of the project and considers an annual increase in rate. Approval of a structured tax agreement provides the developer with a predictable cost model and provides the Town with an agreed upon tax payment for the duration of the agreement. The developer is seeking a term of twenty (20) years which requires Town Meeting approval. The proposed agreement can be reviewed at Town Hall during normal business hours. Approval of this article requires a majority vote.

31 registered voters attended this meeting. The meeting was dissolved at 7:52 p.m.

A true copy, ATTEST: 
Richard W. Newton, Erving Town Clerk

