

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 31, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Frederick J. Stone, who declared a quorum. There were 144 registered voters present and voting at the start of the meeting.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Special Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff LLP; Long & DiPietro, LLP; Julie Hebert, Esq., Town Accountant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Shawna Schiller, Casella Waste Systems; Mark Evans, Casella Waste Systems; Colleen Strapponi, Building/Recycling Department.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner as when a majority vote is required (as permitted by G. L. Ch. 39, Section 15, as amended by Acts of 1996, Ch. 448, Section 2).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Finance Committee Chairman Belisle read Article 1, and a lengthy discussion was held regarding the City of Woonsocket's host fees. Speakers were Selectman Keefe, John Eldridge, John Wozniak, and Patrick Costello, Esq. After the discussion, a hand-count vote was taken. This article requires a nine-tenths vote.

ARTICLE 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from water/sewer retained earnings the sum of \$21,195.74 to pay prior year bill payable to the City of Woonsocket relative to Fiscal Year 2014 wastewater treatment host fees.

123 YES 52 NO

MOTION FAILS

(NINE-TENTHS REQUIRED TO APPROVE)

ARTICLE 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from water/sewer retained earnings the sum of \$11,720.95 to pay prior year bill payable to the City of Woonsocket relative to Fiscal Year 2014 Bond.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$68,920 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice account.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$250,000 to fund the Blackstone Recycling budget.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$531.95 to pay prior year bill payable to M-H-Q Municipal Vehicles.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$295.01 to pay prior year bill payable to National Grid.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$107.95 to pay prior year bill payable to Comcast.

182 YES ZERO NO

NINE-TENTHS MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE

ARTICLE 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$92.85 to pay prior year bill payable to Comcast.

184 YES 4 NO

NINE-TENTHS MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$402.03 to pay prior year bill payable to Blackstone Gas Company.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$14.99 to pay prior year bill payable to W.B. Mason.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$171.47 to pay prior year bills payable to Ready Refresh.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$775 to pay prior year reimbursement payable to Adam Robidoux.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$24.48 to pay prior year payroll payable to Nicole Marvelle, Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone