2021

# TOWN OF DALTON

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

NESSACUS MIDDLE SCHOOL – JUNE 28, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

The Moderator, Anthony P. Doyle, called the Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Maureen Mitchell, Michele T. Blake, Heather Hunt, and Judith M. Wagner were appointed tellers and sworn by Town Clerk, Deborah J. Merry. There was a total of 24 Registered Voters checked at the door and 2 Non-Voting Residents signed in. The following Precinct count does not include Non-Registered persons:

 PRECINCT 1 - 11

 PRECINCT 2 - 13

ARTICLE 1. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town appropriate $221,179 from available funds to be reimbursed by a Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with Chapter 90 Section 34 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 2. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer $50,000 from the general stabilization account for the Town’s share of a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant for Walker Brook flood mitigation.

 TWO—THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 3. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town transfer $262,476 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvement Program as follows: $99,675 for a new heavy-duty Highway Department pickup with sander and plow; $59,396 for a replacement Police Cruiser and related equipment; $47,063 for a first pickup truck for the Building Department; $18,200 for a new computer server, and related software for the Police Department; $12,500 for a new telephone system for all Town offices, with associated costs; $11,142 for a replacement mower for the Highway Department; $8,400 for recording equipment and software for the Communications Department; and $6,100 for the Police Department for a cruiser conversion to K-9; and that the Town transfer $30,000 from the Sewer Stabilization Fund for a generator for the North Street sewage pumping station.

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| **Department** | **Item** | **Explanation** | **Appropriation** | **Source** |
| Highway/Cemetery | Ford F-550  | Replacement vehicle | $99,675 | Capital StabilizationFund |
| Police | Replaces Cruiser & Related Equipment | Replaces cruiser  | $59,396 | Capital Stabilization |
| Buildings | New pickup truck | Would allow Building Superintendent to transport equipment, election items, share with Police in emergencies | $47,063 | Capital StabilizationFund |
| Police | Computer server | Expected 5-year replacement of current server | $18,200 | Capital StabilizationFund |
| Town Hall and Police | New telephone system and re-wiring | Replaces 20+-year-old phone system with new, more functional phone system | $12,500 | Capital StabilizationFund |
| Sewer | Generator for sewage pumping station | Old generator is reaching end of life | $30,000 | Sewer Stabilization Fund |
| Highway | Mower | Old mower is nearing end of life; this includes bagger | $11,142 | Capital StabilizationFund |
| Communications | Recording equipment and software | e-911 recording equipment has been failing | $8,400 | Capital StabilizationFund |
| Police | Convert cruiser to K-9 capability | Re-purposes existing cruiser to K-9 duty | $6,100 | Capital StabilizationFund |
| **TOTAL** | **$292,476** |  |

 TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED

 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 4. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town appropriate $500*,*000 for design, renovation and construction in the Town Hall, including asbestos abatement and temporary office relocation­, and $33,000 for the Town’s Sewer System Evaluation Survey Project, including borrowing costs associated with said programsand all other costsincidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum under G.L. c.44, §7 or any other enabling authority, and that the Select Board is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; and further, that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any 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 G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

 TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED.

 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 5**.** It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town authorize payment of the balance of an unpaid bill of $252.00 for FY 2020, pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 64, and further, that said amount be paid from Free Cash in the Treasury.

NINE-TENTHS VOTE REQUIRED

 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 6. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town appropriate and transfer $25,000 from the general stabilization account for the purpose of paying a consultant to revise the Town’s job descriptions, classifications, and compensation plan, including all incidental and related costs.

 TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED.

 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 7. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town amend the vote taken under Article 4 at the Annual Town Meeting of May 3, 2021, by raising and appropriating an additional $28,000 for the solid waste account, in the same manner as specified under Article 4 at said Annual Town Meeting, for the purpose of developing the recycling program including all incidental and related expenses, such as equipment.

 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn.

 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Deborah J. Merry, Town Clerk