

**TOWN OF LEICESTER
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

The following is a report of the Doings of the Special Town Meeting held at the Leicester Town Hall, Washburn Square on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. The Moderator, Donald A. Cherry, Jr., opened the meeting at 7:02 pm with 147 voters present stating the Town Clerk has informed me that a quorum is present; the meeting will come to order.

I would ask you to stand and join me in The Pledge of Allegiance. Please remain standing at the conclusion of the pledge. As a community, the loss of any of our friends and neighbors should cause us to pause and reflect, but it is worth noting that in the waning days of August, Leicester lost four veterans of WW II in the space of eight days; John O'Neill, U.S. Army - European Theater, Joseph Favreau, U.S. Navy - Pacific Theater, Joseph Cote, U.S. Navy - Normandy Invasion & Southern France, and Larry St. Martin, U.S. Navy - Pacific Theater.

Please join me in observing a moment of silence to commemorate these men along with the service and sacrifice of our armed forces who defend our liberties and freedoms, and the members of our emergency management services who work to keep us safe here at home.

Dianna Provencher moved that the Town vote to dispense with the reading of the warrant, which is in the hands of the voters. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Dianna Provencher moved that the Town vote to dispense with a hand count by tellers on motions requiring a two-thirds vote, except when the vote or the method of voting is challenged, or when in the opinion of the Moderator, a hand count is necessary to establish a quantum of vote, or when the vote involves the potential to borrow money. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Mary K. Hannant made a motion that Article 1 be voted by a secret ballot vote. It was seconded. The Moderator, Donald A. Cherry informed everyone that a simple majority is needed on this vote.
MOTION DEFEATED BY A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY.

Article 1. Dianna Provencher moved that the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow under the authority of General Laws Ch. 44 the sum of \$6,500,000 and transfer from unexpended proceeds of the Town's 2005 General Obligations Bonds the sum of \$8,876.10 to pay costs of site acquisition, and designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new fire and emergency management services headquarters, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that such borrowing shall be general obligations of the town and further that such funds shall be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the Office of the Town Administrator.
VOTED AFFIRMATELY BY A 2/3 VOTE

Article 2. Sandra M. Wilson moved that the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept for all municipal purposes a deed from Becker College of the real estate owned by the College located on the westerly side of Paxton Street known as 3 Paxton Street and in exchange therefor to grant a right of first refusal to the College on the land and building currently owned by the Town at 3 Washburn Square on such terms and to such extent as the Board of Selectmen may deem best and to grant a right of first refusal to the College on the land and building currently owned by the Town at 70 Winslow Avenue on such terms and to such extent as the Board of Selectmen may deem best and to further authorize the Selectmen to use the funds previously appropriated in Article 1 to pay for the incidental expenses of this acquisition including surveys, legal fees, engineering and environmental studies.
A Visual Count was taken by the Moderator.
VOTED AFFIRMATELY BY A 2/3 VOTE

Article 3. Harry R. Brooks moved that the town authorize the Selectmen to purchase for the sum of \$355,000 for all municipal purposes the land and buildings at the corner of Main Street and Paxton Street,

known as 1 Paxton Street and to further authorize the Selectmen to use the funds previously appropriated in Article 1 to pay for the cost of this acquisition including surveys, legal fees, engineering and environmental studies.

VOTED AFFIRMATELY BY A 2/3 VOTE

Article 4. Thomas E. Buckley III moved that the town acknowledge the favorable report of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee recommending an energy management services contract and energy upgrades to town facilities and further to adjust the amount which the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow for this contract by reducing the amount of money previously authorized in Article 8 of the May 5th 2015 Special Town Meeting in the sum of \$3,145,000 to a new and approved borrowing authorization in the sum of \$2,257,000 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 7(3B) and in accord with every other authorization and power, and to issue general obligation notes and bonds of the Town therefor.

VOTED AFFIRMATELY BY A 2/3 VOTE

Douglas Belanger moved that the town vote to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 9:05pm with 257 voters present. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah K. Davis
Leicester Town Clerk