

**TOWN OF LEICESTER
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2012**

The following is a report of the Doings of the Special Town Meeting held in the Town of Leicester on Tuesday, October 16, 2012. The Moderator, Donald A. Cherry, Jr., opened the meeting at 7:18 pm with 150 voters present stating "The Town Clerk has informed me that a quorum is present, the meeting will come to order."

The Moderator asked that we all join him in the Pledge of Allegiance and then a moment of silence to commemorate the service and sacrifice of our armed forces, as well as the emergency service workers who protect us in our community.

Chairman Douglas A. Belanger moved that the Town vote to dispense with the reading of the warrant, which is in the hands of the voters. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Douglas A. Belanger 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

Article 1. Douglas A. Belanger moved that the Town vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws and the Zoning Map by changing parcels shown on Assessors Map 20D, Parcels C11, C12, C13 and C14 from their present Residential 2 (R2) classification to Central Business (CB).

DEFEATED BY A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY

Martin Pratte moved to reconsider Article 1. VOTED BY A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY

Douglas Belanger moved that Article 1 be voted by a secret ballot.

VOTED BY A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY

Article 1 was reconsidered and voted by secret ballot. DEFEATED BY A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY

Article 2. Sandra M. Wilson moved that the Town amend the vote taken on Article 17 (2013 budget) of the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting in the following particulars:

- a. The sum of \$58,718 be transferred from the Ambulance Reserve for Appropriation account to the Ambulance budget, budget line item #231.
- b. By reducing the School Department budget, line items #300 - #399, in the aggregate amount of \$200,000.
- c. The sum of \$15,000 be transferred from Free Cash in the Treasury to the Veterans Services Account to fund veterans' benefits, budget line item #543.
- d. The sum of \$584,449 be transferred from Free Cash in the Treasury and applied to the funds required for the Fiscal 2013 annual operating budget;

and that Article 17 of the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting be confirmed in all other respects and that the balance of funds to be raised and appropriated by taxation needed to fund the 2013 budget be adjusted accordingly.

VOTED BY A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY

Article 3. Dianna Provencher moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$270.00 from Free Cash in the Treasury to pay a Police Department bill from MPI Training, which is from a prior fiscal year.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 4. Donald A. Cherry, Sr. moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from Free Cash in the Treasury to fund repairs to the Town Library, which funds are to be managed by the Board of Selectmen, and the 2013 Capital Budget of the Town be amended to reflect this expense. VOTED BY A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY

Article 5. Matthew W. Dennison moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 from Free Cash in the treasury to fund the purchase and equipping of an ambulance, which funds are to be managed by the Board of Selectmen, and that the 2013 Capital Budget of the Town be amended to reflect this expense. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 6. Dianna Provencher moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 from Free Cash in the Treasury to fund the repair and replacement of lights at Rochdale Park, which funds are to be managed by the Board of Selectmen. VOTED BY A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY

Article 7. Thomas E. Buckley III moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$11,083.65 from the Assessors' Overlay Reserve Account to pay interest costs on an abatement of FY2009 taxes for Verizon New England. VOTED BY A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY

Article 8. Thomas E. Buckley III moved that the Town vote to adopt a General Bylaw entitled "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the "Stretch Energy Code" including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with a concurrency start date of January 1, 2013 and a sole effective date of July 1, 2013.

William LeBeau moved to table Article 8. VOTED BY A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY

Article 9. Douglas A. Belanger moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$13,329.25 from Free Cash in the Treasury to pay an insurance assessment from the Massachusetts Education and Government Association (MEGA). VOTED BY A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY

Article 10. Douglas A. Belanger moved that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to inquire into and assess the feasibility of the Town acquiring by purchase, gift or under the rights of eminent domain a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon located at the junction of Route 9 (Main Street) and Route 56 (Pleasant Street) and otherwise known as the old Exxon Station.

Douglas A. Belanger moved to table Article 10. VOTED BY A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY

Douglas A. Belanger moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 10:37 PM with 379 voters present. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah K. Davis
Leicester Town Clerk