

**TOWN OF AUBURN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
January 21, 2020**

At 7:00 PM Moderator Chester Stencil Jr. checked on a quorum and informed members there were Town Meeting Members on the way in. He then called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM in the Auburn High School Auditorium with a quorum present. He led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator appointed Kimberley Holstrom, Anne Cavanaugh, Edward Coleman, Kenneth Charlton and Mark Maass as counters who were sworn in by the Town Clerk.

In compliance with the provisions of the Auburn Charter, copies of the warrant along with the recommendation of the Finance Committee were mailed to each Town Meeting Member on January 6, 2020. Constable J. Laurence Ciccolo posted attested copies of the warrant in at least two conspicuous places in each precinct on January 6, 2020.

Members present: 82

Article 1: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee Report

Good evening.

Article 2 concerns the Mass. Dept. of Transportation's "Auburn Street Reconstruction Project". The Mass. Dept. of Transportation will pay the majority of the costs associated with this roadway improvement project. At the Annual town meeting in May, the town authorized the borrowing of up to \$1.2 million to fund the town's portion of the costs. This article authorizes the easements and land takings required to complete the project.

In Article 3 the School Dept is seeking to repurpose CIP money to create spaces for specialized learning programs at the high school and to resurface the tennis courts.

In Article 4 the DPW requests \$55,000 to purchase equipment that would enable the facilities maintenance dept to lift large vehicles such as fire trucks. This would enable the town to complete maintenance for these vehicles rather than sending the vehicles elsewhere for the work.

Regarding the Warrant Articles, the Finance Committee takes the following position:

All Articles we recommend approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Cavanaugh, Chairman
Kimberly Holstrom, Vice Chair
Kevin Kennedy

Edward Coleman
Trevor Sansoucy

Malory O'Brien
Michael Marshall

Board of Selectmen makes the following recommendations on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 2. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.

Article 3. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.

Article 4. The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend approval.

The Auburn Board of Selectmen

Kenneth A. Holstrom, Chairman

Doreen M. Goodrich

Daniel S. Carpenter, Vice Chairman

Lionel R. Berthiaume

Tristan J. Laliberte

Article 2. I move that the Town Meeting vote to: (a) authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or permanent and/or temporary easements, for public way purposes, including without limitation, for the construction, alteration, installation, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of rights of way, sidewalks, bridges, drainage, utilities, driveways, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, and other appurtenances and/or facilities, to enable the Town to undertake the Auburn Street Reconstruction Project and for any and all purposes incidental or related thereto, in, on and under certain parcels of land located on or near Auburn Street and approximately shown on plans entitled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division, Plan and Profile of Auburn Street in the Town of Auburn, Worcester County" prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended and/or incorporated into an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels, (b) transfer the care, custody, and control of a portion or portions of Town-owned property or properties shown on the aforesaid plans from the board or officer having custody of the same for the purposes for which such properties are currently held to the Board of Selectmen for public way and related purposes and further to dedicate said portion or portions of the Town-owned properties to the aforesaid purposes; (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes.

By Thomas J. Dufour

Seconded by Mark T. Binnall

Vote on Article 2, unanimous in favor

Article 3. I move that the Town Meeting vote to amend Article 4 CIP funds of the May 7, 2019 Town Meeting, Auburn High School Building Rehab, (Acct. # 302020-582051) as follows: Authorize the amount of \$40,000.00 to be used to create appropriate learning spaces for specialized programs at Auburn High School, with the remaining \$40,000.00 being used to resurface the tennis and basketball courts as originally planned.

By Ronald E. Prouty

Seconded by Thomas J. Dufour

Vote on Article 3, unanimous in favor

Article 4. I move that the Town Meeting vote to appropriate \$55,000.00 from FEMA 2018 Snow Reimbursement funds for the purchase and installation of a Mobile Column Heavy Duty Lifting System for the Fleet Maintenance Unit of the DPW.

By Gregory A. Bohling

Seconded by Joe Martin

Vote on Article 4, majority in favor

Meeting dissolved on a motion by John W. Stencel and seconded by Charles Baker at 8:25 PM.

A True Copy Attest:



Debra A. Gremo, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk