

**TOWN OF OXFORD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2024**

At the Special Town Meeting duly called and held in the Oxford High School, 100 Carbuncle Drive, Oxford, MA, on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 7:00PM the following ARTICLES were voted on in a legal manner. There was a quorum present (100 Voters = quorum); 111 voters were present.

Checkers:

Robert W. Krasinskas
Juliana Masley
Sheila Thomas
Rose M. Wing

The Town Moderator, Cheryll Anne Leblanc, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

The Moderator introduced Town Officials and Board Members.

The boundaries of the Auditorium were outlined by the Moderator to include all of the floor area. The audience was advised of the fire evacuation routes.

The Star-Spangled Banner was played, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Cummings.

The Town Moderator, Cheryll Anne Leblanc, outlined the protocols of Town Meeting.

The Town Moderator noted the receipt of the return of the posting of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting by the Constable.

MOTION MADE: To waive the reading of the Warrant in its entirety.
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MOTION PASSED.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money to pay unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year; or act thereon.

Sponsored by the Finance Director, Town Manager

MOTION MADE: That the sum of <u>Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$2,988.00)</u> be transferred from Free Cash for payment to ArchiveSocial/CivicPlus for a bill of a prior fiscal year.

MOTION PASSED.

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ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money to the Capital Stabilization Fund; or act thereon.

Sponsored by the Finance Director, Town Manager

MOTION MADE: That the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)** be transferred from Free Cash and appropriated to the Capital Stabilization Fund for Fiscal Year 2025.

MOTION PASSED.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 54(b) to allow Town trust funds to be invested in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 203C, the so-called “Prudent Investor Rule”; or act thereon.

Sponsored by the Treasurer/Collector, Finance Director, Town Manager

MOTION MADE: That Article 3 be adopted as printed in the Warrant.

MOTION PASSED.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Sewer Enterprise budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 (Fiscal Year 2025); or act thereon.

Sponsored by the Finance Director, Director of Public Works, Town Manager

MOTION MADE: That the Town vote to pass over this article.

MOTION PASSED.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate for general municipal purposes, the fee or lesser interest in all or a portion of the parcel of land at 0 Charlton Street identified as Assessors’ Map 34C, Parcel C11, and described in the deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 43292, Page 47; and as funding for such acquisition and costs incidental and related thereto, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute on behalf of the Town any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purpose of this article; or act thereon.

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Sponsored by the Senior Center Director, Director of Public Works, Town Manager

MOTION MADE: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, for general municipal purposes, the fee or lesser interest in all or a portion or portions of the parcel of land at 0 Charlton Street identified as Assessors' Map 34C, Parcel C11, and described in the deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 43292, Page 47, and to TRANSFER from Free Cash a sum of **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000)** as funding for such acquisition and costs incidental and related thereto; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute on behalf of the Town any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purpose of this article.

MOTION PASSED.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by striking the language found in Chapter XVIII, Earth Removal, in its entirety and replacing it with the language contained in the document on file in the Office of the Town Clerk; or act thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Planner, Town Manager

MOTION MADE: That Article 6 be adopted as recommended by the Planning Board.

MOTION PASSED.

At 8:05PM, it was unanimously voted to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

True Copy

Attest:

Michelle A. Jenkins, CMC, Town Clerk