

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 2, 2015

The Moderator called the Town Meeting to order. The Special Town Meeting convened at 7:43 p.m. in the Bedford High School Auditorium. A quorum of two hundred and seventy-five registered voters was present. The Town Clerk read the return of service. The Moderator stated that the Town Meeting is the business meeting of the Town. Proper decorum must be maintained. The Moderator reviewed the rules of Town Meeting. A voter may not speak unless the Moderator recognizes them. Microphones are in the aisles. If the voter is unable to stand at the microphone, notify the Moderator. Name and address are required to speak. A voter may not speak more than twice in debate unless they have a question. Questions do not fall within the debate rules. Respect the time limits. Questions must be directed through the Moderator. Debate must be kept within the scope of the motion. Amendments must be in writing for the Town Clerk and Moderator. There is no clapping or booing. Local cable is taping the meeting. Local cable will not tape during the voting. Turn off cell phones. If you need to take a phone call, please go to the lobby. You will need a yellow slip for hand counts. The presentation guidelines will be utilized to allow the voters to more clearly view the presentations. The tellers for the evening are: Lois Chase, Kelly Craven, Peter Donahue, Rosemary Dyer, Richard LeSchack and Janet Schimelfenyg.

The Planning Board presented a report.

Article 1

Debate Rules

Mark Siegenthaler made the following motion and the motion was seconded.

Voted, that the Town adopt the following procedure for the current Special Town Meeting:

- A. A speaker presenting an article or amendment to an article shall be limited to ten (10) minutes;
- B. Other speakers shall be limited to five (5) minutes;
- C. No article shall be presented after 10:45 p.m.;
- D. Town Meeting by majority vote may waive A, B, or C;

Recommendations:

Selectmen:	Recommended approval
Finance Committee:	Recommended approval

Moderator declared motion adopted unanimously.

Article 2

Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Conversion of Public School Buildings to Multiple Residential Use (by Petition)

Pamela Brown of 12 Sorens Way made the following motion and the motion was seconded.

Voted, that Article 2 be indefinitely postponed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Selectmen:	No position
Finance Committee:	No position
Planning Board:	No position

Moderator declared the motion for indefinite postponement adopted unanimously.

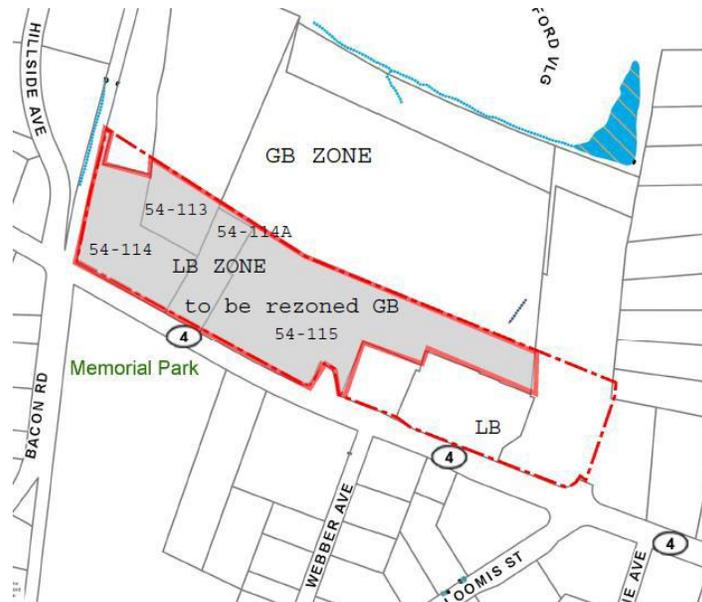
James O'Neil of 21 Clark Road made a motion to move to question. The motion was seconded.

The Moderator stated the motion requires a two-thirds vote. The Moderator declared the motion adopted.

Article 3
Zoning Map Change (by petition)

Pamela Brown of 12 Sorens Way made the following motion and the motion was seconded.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Bedford Zoning Map to rezone a portion of several parcels of land from LB (Limited Business A) to GB (General Business B) by amending the Zoning Map. The property is located in the Bedford Marketplace shopping center at 146-168 The Great Road (*portions of Assessors Parcels 54-113, 54-114, 54-114A, and 54-115*) which presently includes land in both the LB and GB district. The property to be rezoned comprises approximately six (6) acres of land on the North side of Great Road generally between Hillside Ave. and Webber Ave. / Loomis Street; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.



Recommendations:

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| Selectmen: | Recommended disapproval |
| Finance Committee: | Recommended disapproval |
| Planning Board: | Recommended approval |
| Zoning Board of Appeals: | Recommended disapproval |

Moderator declared motion defeated (In Favor-49, Opposed-225).

Article 4
Street Acceptance - Lavender Lane

Michael Rosenberg made the following motion and the motion was seconded.

Voted, that the Town accept the layout by the Selectmen of a way named Lavender Lane, said way runs southeast from Concord Road a distance of 470 feet more or less, as shown on the subdivision plans entitled "Definitive Cluster Subdivision, Rosewood Lane" dated April 16, 2010 and April 28, 2010, last revised June 14, 2010, drawn by Noonan & McDowell, Inc. and Hancock Associates, relating to a Planning Board approval vote of May 25, 2010 and Certificate of Action and Special Permit dated May 28, 2010, of which certain sheets are recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 529 of 2010, and of which a copy is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's office, and to further authorize the Town to acquire the fee interest in said Lavender Lane by gift or otherwise.

Recommendations:

Selectmen:	Recommended approval
Finance Committee:	Recommended approval
Planning Board:	Recommended approval

Moderator declared motion adopted by two-thirds vote.

Article 5

Discontinuance of Crosby Road

Caroline Fedele made the following motion and the motion was seconded.

Voted, that the Town will: (1) pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Section 21, discontinue Crosby Road as a public way and as a private way; (2) pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15, authorize, on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as may be deemed appropriate by the Selectmen: (i) the conveyance of the portion of Crosby Road owned by the Town of Bedford, as shown on the plans entitled "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Plan of Road in the Town of Bedford Middlesex County Altered and Laid Out as a State Highway by the Department of Highways," dated September 11, 2002, Layout No. 7652, recorded on September 19, 2002 at the Middlesex Registry of Deeds (Southern District) as Plan No. 998 of 2002 and in Book 36449, Page 164 and "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Plan of Road in the Town of Bedford Middlesex County Altered and Laid Out as a State Highway by the Department of Highways," dated October 18, 2006, Layout No. 7977, recorded on October 26, 2006 at the Middlesex Registry of Deeds (Southern District) as Plan No. 133 of 2006, (ii) the conveyance of that certain triangular parcel of land conveyed to the Town of Bedford in connection with the relocation of Crosby Road by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works bounded and described in Layout No. 4102 and Order of Taking recorded with the Middlesex Registry of Deeds at Book 8185, Page 285, including such area described as a portion of the State highway location laid out on January 29, 1952, as being "no longer needed for State highway purposes", as shown on the "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Plan of Road in the Town of Bedford Middlesex County Altered and laid out as a State Highway by the Department of Public Works" (December 1, 1953); and (iii) that area described as Parcel T-2 by that certain Order of Taking recorded with the Middlesex Registry of Deeds (Southern District) at Book 15361, Page 327 and shown on that certain "Plan Showing the Relocation of Crosby Drive and The Discontinuance of a Portion of Crosby Road in Bedford, Mass." dated September 23, 1983 and Revised October 20, 1983, recorded as Plan Number 144(A of 2) of 1983, Book 15361, Page 327; (3) pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15, to abandon and release all right, title and interest, including any easements, in the said Crosby Road; and (4) to authorize the Selectmen to take such other actions as necessary to carry out the purposes of this vote.

Recommendations:

Selectmen:	Recommended approval
Finance Committee:	Recommended approval
Planning Board:	Recommended approval unanimously

Moderator declared motion adopted unanimously.

Article 6

Acceptance of M.G.L. Chapter 90I – Complete Streets Program

Margot Fleischman made the following motion and the motion was seconded.

Voted, that the Town accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 90I – Complete Streets Program so as to provide accommodations in the Town for users of all transportation modes including, but not limited to, walking, cycling, public transportation, automobiles and freight.

Recommendations:

- Selectmen: Recommended approval
- Finance Committee: Recommended approval
- Planning Board: Recommended approval
- Transportation Advisory Comm: Unanimously recommended approval

Moderator declared motion adopted.

Article 7

Proposed Amendment to the FY2016 Capital Projects Plan

William Moonan made the following motion and the motion was seconded.

Voted, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$188,783, for the items contained within the following projects originally proposed in the Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Projects Plan as presented in Article 13 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

Project	Project Name	Appropriation
16-36	Security System Video Surveillance	\$122,783
16-42	Town Center Interior Window Blinds (additional funds)	\$14,000
16-46	Security and Lighting Systems	\$52,000

And further to amend said article and the specific appropriation for Project 16-22, School Buildings Feasibility Study in the amount of \$78,750 by amending the title of the project as follows: Project 16-22, Lane School Feasibility Study and Design with the amount of \$78,750 remaining as originally appropriated.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Selectmen: Recommended approval
- Finance Committee: Recommended approval
- Capital Expenditure: No position

Moderator declared motion adopted.

Article 8

Community Preservation Surcharge Effective July 1, 2016

Margot Fleischman made the following motion and the motion was seconded.

Voted, that the Town reconfirm a property tax surcharge of three percent (3%) of the taxes assessed annually on real property which shall be dedicated to the Community Preservation Fund, such surcharge to be imposed on taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2016.

Recommendations:

Selectmen:	Recommended approval
Finance Committee:	Recommended approval
Community Preservation Comm:	Recommended approval
Planning Board:	Recommended approval

Moderator declared motion adopted.

Article 9

Amend FY 2016 Community Preservation Budget

Margot Fleischman made the following motion and the motion was seconded.

Voted, that the Town amend the Fiscal Year 2016 Community Preservation appropriations voted in Article 15 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting utilizing FY16 Community Preservation Funds by making the following adjustments:

- Amend so as to decrease the Town Hall MEP Bond payment appropriation by \$31,067.00, for a revised total appropriation of \$16,001.00.
- Amend so as to decrease the Affordable Housing Reserves appropriation by \$11,580.10, for a revised total appropriation of \$155,080.00.

Recommendations:

Selectmen:	Recommended approval
Finance Committee:	Recommended approval

Moderator declared that motion adopted unanimously.

Article 10

Historical Museum Feasibility Study

William Moonan made the following motion and the motion was seconded.

Voted, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000, for the purpose of examining the feasibility of establishing a Bedford historical museum in one of several Town buildings, to consider required building improvements for same, and to make recommendations thereon.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Selectmen:	Recommended approval
Finance Committee:	Recommended approval
Capital Expenditure:	No position
Historic Preservation:	Unanimously supported

Moderator declared motion adopted unanimously.

Article 11
Amend FY 2016 Operating Budgets

Stephen Steele made the following motion and the motion was seconded.

Voted, that the Town amend the sums appropriated under Article 18 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Operating Budget - Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015, to be raised in the tax levy unless otherwise specified, by amending the following specified accounts with the following revised amounts:

Account #1303 – Principal and Interest

- Amend so as to decrease the total appropriation by \$271,905, for a revised total appropriation amount of \$7,398,709.
- Further amend so as to decrease the non-exempt principal segregation by \$197,579 for a revised total of \$2,195,743.
- Further amend so as to decrease the non-exempt interest segregation by \$43,259 for a revised total of \$748,029.
- Further amend so as to decrease the community preservation segregation by \$31,067 for a revised total of \$673,939.
- Further amend so as to decrease the amount to be transferred from the sewer fund by \$84,309 for a revised amount of \$375,691.
- Further amend so as to decrease the amount to be transferred from the Community Preservation fund by \$31,067 for a revised amount of \$673,939.

Account #1310 - Financial Committees

- Amend so as to increase the total appropriation by \$516,000, for a revised total appropriation amount of \$1,167,614; and further so as to increase the Reserve Fund segregation by \$516,000 for a revised total of \$1,166,000.

Account #3000 –School Department

- Amend so as to decrease the total appropriation by \$170,435 for a revised total appropriation of \$36,426,143.

Account #3001 Vocational Education

- Amend so as to increase the total appropriation by \$40,000 for a revised total appropriation of \$530,000.

Account #4000 – Public Works

- Amend so as to increase the total appropriation by \$205,700 for a revised total appropriation amount of \$11,218,188.
- Further amend so as to decrease the MWRA segregation by \$14,000 for a revised total of \$3,199,185.
- Amend so as to increase the water purchase segregation by \$219,700 for a revised total of

\$1,884,722.

- Amend so as to decrease the amount to be transferred from the sewer fund by \$14,000 for a revised total of \$4,195,525.

Account #5000 – Board of Health

- Amend so as to decrease the appropriation by \$345,565 for a revised total appropriation amount of \$254,823.
- Further amend so as to decrease the salaries segregation by \$343,315 for a revised total of \$224,815.

Recommendations:

Selectmen: Recommended approval
Finance Committee: Recommended approval

Moderator declared motion adopted.

Article 12

Amend FY 2016 Ambulance Enterprise Budget

Stephen Steele made the following motion and the motion was seconded.

Voted, that the Town amend the sums appropriated under Article 19 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Ambulance Enterprise Budget – Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015, by decreasing the following sums:

- Amend so as to decrease the total appropriation by \$32,973, for a revised total appropriation of \$871,939; and in doing so decrease the following sums to be appropriated:
 - Salaries by \$28,272 for a revised total Salaries amount of \$592,733
 - Operational Expenses by \$4,701 for a revised total Operation Expenses amount of \$264,509.
 - Revenue by \$32,973 for a revised total amount of \$782,061;

Recommendations:

Selectmen: Recommended approval
Finance Committee: Recommended approval

Moderator declared motion adopted unanimously.

Article 13

Stabilization Fund Appropriation

Stephen Steele made the following motion and the motion was seconded.

Voted, that the Town raise and appropriate \$500,000 to the Stabilization Fund, as provided under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B.

Recommendations:

Selectmen:	Recommended approval
Finance Committee:	Recommended approval

Moderator declared motion adopted unanimously.

The Moderator announced that she was not seeking reelection. She asked the voters to consider running for election. The Moderator also stated there is an opening for Deputy Moderator. The voters gave the Moderator a round of applause for her years of service.

Mark Siegenthaler made a motion to adjourn Annual Town Meeting sine die. The motion was seconded the Town Meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM.