



TOWN OF BEDFORD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 15, 2021

Bedford held the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 15th, 2021 at Sanbourin Field. Town Meeting has now been adjourned and dissolved. The results are listed below, along with the attendance count.

ARTICLE	DATE	SUBJECT	RESULT																				
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2	05/15/2021	<p>Debate Rules – vote to adopt the following procedures for the current Annual Town Meeting:</p> <p>A. The main motion having been submitted in advance, and presentations having been made available for viewing before the meeting and provided in printed form at this meeting, the main motion will be read by the Moderator and there will be no presentation.</p> <p>B. No amendment shall be accepted unless submitted in writing. A speaker presenting an amendment to an article shall be limited to three (3) minutes.</p> <p>C. Other speakers shall be limited to two (2) minutes.</p> <p>D. Town Meeting by majority vote may waive A, B, or C.</p>	Passed by Declared Simple Majority Vote																				
3	05/15/2021	Consent Article – vote that the Town adopt Article 3 as printed in the Warrant, less the phrase “pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.”	Passed by Declared Simple Majority Vote																				
4	05/15/2021	Bills or Prior Year – vote that the Town raise and appropriate \$19,907.84 to pay for outstanding invoices from FY2019 & FY2020 owed to Verizon for the purchase of sewer pump station communication services and \$3,303.00 for outstanding invoices from FY2020 owed to Renaissance Alliance Services, LLC for the purchase of Inland Marine insurance policy renewal for the period of December 17, 2019 – December 17, 2020.	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote																				
5	05/15/2021	General Bylaw Amendment – Revolving Funds – vote that the Town amend the General Bylaw for the Town of Bedford as printed in Article 5 of the Warrant	Passed by Declared Simple Majority Vote																				
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8	05/15/2021	<p>Operating Budgets – Fiscal Year 2022 – vote that the Town appropriate for expenditures in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 the following sums to be raised from the tax levy unless otherwise herein specified (see Annual Town Meeting Motions)</p>	<p>Passed by Declared Majority</p>																																																
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10	05/15/2021	<p>PEG Access and Cable Expense Related Budget Fiscal Year 2022 – vote that the Town appropriate the sum of \$228,285 for the PEG Access and Cable Related Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021; and that in order to meet such appropriation the Town will transfer \$228,285 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund</p>	<p>Passed by Declared Simple Majority</p>																																																



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11	05/15/2021	Supplemental Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 and Articles of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting – vote that the Town transfer \$9,420 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund to be added to the Fiscal Year 2021 PEG Access and Cable Related Budget	Passed by Declared Simple Majority
12	05/15/2021	Salary Administration Plan Bylaw Amendment – Classification & Wage Schedule – that the Town vote to adopt Article 12 as printed in the Warrant	Passed by Declared Simple Majority
13	05/15/2021	Salary Plan Additional Funding – vote that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$224,919 to fund salary adjustments for employees assigned to positions within the Salary Administration Plan Bylaw Classification and Wage Schedule, Section A, as printed in the warrant, less the phrase “pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.”	Passed by Declared Simple Majority
14	05/15/2021	Appropriate Funds for Bedford Police Officers Association Collective Bargaining Agreement – FY2021-2023 – vote that the Town transfer the sum of \$52,223 to be added to Article 31, Operating Budgets – FY2021, Account #2010, Police Department, as voted at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting with \$52,223 to be added to the Salaries segregation therein to fund the provisions of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Bedford and the Police Officers Association, commencing July 1, 2020 for the Bedford Police Officers Association, by transferring \$52,223 from said Article 31, Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2021, Account Number 1220, Select Board	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote
15	05/15/2021	Appropriate Funds for Transportation Infrastructure Fund – vote that the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,734.30 received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund for purposes of transportation services in the Town of Bedford	Passed by Declared Simple Majority
16	05/15/2021	Supplement Accrued Leave Fund – vote that the Town raise and appropriate \$100,000 to supplement a fund established by Article 25 of the 1994 Annual Town Meeting to offset the anticipated annual future costs of Town employee accumulated leave payments for such purpose	Passed by Declared Simple Majority
17	05/15/2021	Stabilization Fund Appropriation – that the Town transfer the amount of \$1,900,000 from the Stabilization Fund to fund the Finance Committee Reserve Fund	Passed by Declared 2/3 Majority
18	05/15/2021	Free Cash – that the Town transfer \$7,125,470 from surplus revenue to reduce the tax levy for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021	Passed by Declared Simple Majority



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19	05/15/2021	<p>Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Projects Plan – vote that the Town appropriate the following sums for the items contained within the following proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Projects Plan with the appropriation being raised under the tax levy unless otherwise specified:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 5%;">#</th> <th style="width: 70%;">Project</th> <th style="width: 25%;">FY22 Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>22-01</td> <td>All Schools – Durable Furniture and Equipment Replacement (Tax levy)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$43,775</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22-02</td> <td>All Schools – Floor Scrubber Replacement (Tax levy)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$32,878</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22-03</td> <td>All Schools – Flooring (Tax levy)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$56,658</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22-04</td> <td>All Schools – Info Tech Plan Replacement (Tax levy)</td> <td 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20	05/15/2021	<p>Bond Authorization – Police Station Addition/Renovation – vote that the Town appropriate \$4,100,000 for constructing, equipping and furnishing an addition or additions and remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Police Station; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said amount under G.L. c.44, Section 7(1), or any other enabling authority; and that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount</p>	Passed by Declared 2/3 Majority
21	05/15/2021	<p>Bond Authorization – HVAC Replacement – Bedford Free Public Library – vote that the Town appropriate \$2,500,000 for constructing, equipping and furnishing of a new HVAC system at the Bedford Free Public Library; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said amount under G.L. c. 44, Section 7(1), or any other enabling authority; and that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount</p>	Passed by Declared 2/3 Majority
22	05/15/2021	<p>Bond Authorization – Inflow/Infiltration – vote that the Town appropriate \$669,500 for the construction, reconstruction, investigation, and design of sewers and related infiltration/inflow improvements; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said \$669,500 under G.L. c. 44, Section 7(1), or any other enabling authority; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and to enter into a loan agreement and financial assistance agreement with such Authority in connection therewith; that the Select Board are authorized to contract for and expend any federal, state or other aid for the project; and that the amount of the borrowing shall be reduced by any grants or aid received prior to the issuance of bonds or notes hereunder</p>	Passed by Declared 2/3 Majority
23	05/15/2021	<p>Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Accessory Dwelling Units – vote that the Town approve amendments to the Bedford Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 23 of the Warrant, less the phrase “pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.”</p>	Passed by a hand count. 179 in favor 36 opposed



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24	05/15/2021	Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Accessory Dwelling Units – Bonus for Universal Design or Enhanced Energy Efficiency – vote that the Town approve amendments to the Bedford Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 24 of the Warrant, less the phrase “pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.”	Passed by Declared 2/3 Majority
25	05/15/2021	Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Assisted Living Overlay District – vote that the Town approve amendments to the Bedford Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 25 of the Warrant, less the phrase “pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.”	Passed by Declared 2/3 Majority
26	05/15/2021	Zoning Map Amendment – Assisted Living Overlay District – vote that the Town approve amendments to the Bedford Zoning Map as printed in Article 26 of the Warrant, less the phrase “pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.”	Passed by Declared 2/3 Majority
27	05/15/2021	Zoning Bylaw Amendments – Site Plan Approval – vote that the Town approve amendments to the Bedford Zoning Bylaw as printed in Article 27 of the Warrant, less the phrase “pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.”	Passed by Declared 2/3 Majority
28 29 30	05/15/2021	General Bylaw Amendments – Universal Changes and Housekeeping Changes General Bylaw Amendments – Clarifying or Substantive Changes General Bylaw Amendment – Article 40, Control and Management of Hazardous Materials Vote to approve amendments to the General Bylaws as printed in Articles 28-30 of the Warrant	Passed by Declared Simple Majority
31	05/15/2021	General Bylaw – Proposed New Article, Bedford Arbor Resources Committee – vote that the Town add to the General Bylaws of the Town of Bedford under Article 31 as printed in the Warrant	Passed by Declared Simple Majority
32	05/15/2021	General Bylaw – Proposed New Article, Patriotic Holiday Committee – vote that the Town add to the General Bylaws of the Town of Bedford under Article 32 as printed in the Warrant	Passed by Declared Simple Majority
33	05/15/2021	General Bylaw – Proposed New Article, Energy and Sustainability Committee – vote that the Town add to the General Bylaws of the Town of Bedford under Article 33 as printed in the Warrant	Passed by Declared Simple Majority
34	05/15/2021	Indigenous People Day Recognition – vote that the Town adopt Article 34 as printed in the Warrant	Passed by Declared Simple Majority
35	05/15/2021	Disabled and Senior Tax Relief Fund – vote that the Town accept M.G.L. Chapter 60, Section 3D, as printed in the Warrant	Passed by Declared Simple Majority



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36	05/15/2021	Street Acceptance – Irene Road – vote that the Town accept the layout by the Select Board of a way named Irene Road, said way runs from Pine Hill Road, a distance of 500 feet more or less, as shown on plan entitled “Roadway As-Built Plan, Irene Road, Bedford, Massachusetts”, prepared by Waypoint Surveying Services, dated October 7, 2020, with a revision date of April 1, 2021, a copy of which is available for inspection in the Planning Board Office, and to authorize the Select Board to accept by voluntary conveyance any interests in land it deems necessary to maintain Irene Road as a public way	Passed by a Declared Unanimous Vote
37	05/15/2021	Acceptance of Grant of Open Space – Irene Road – vote that the Town Meeting indefinitely postpone Article 37	Passed by Declared 2/3 Majority
38	05/15/2021	Acceptance of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 110A – vote that the Town accept M.G.L. Ch. 41, Section 110A, as printed in the Warrant	Passed by Declared Simple Majority
39	05/15/2021	300th Anniversary Stabilization Fund – vote that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to the 300 th Anniversary Stabilization Fund, as provided under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B	Passed by Declared Simple Majority

Attendance: There were 324 voters in attendance at the Saturday, May 15th, 2021 meeting.