

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 16, 2016
SALISBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

A quorum (125) being present, Moderator Jerry Klima called the Town Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with the checklist showing 130 registered voters. There were 18 non-voters present: Donald Levesque, Terry Kyrios, Neil Harrington, Angeljean Chiaramida, Elizabeth Pettis, Thomas McEnaney, John W. Morris, Cheryl Gorniewicz Christine Lindberg, Scott Vandewalle, Karen Snow, Christopher Farmer, Brian Forget, Kara Kosmes, Charles LaBella, Joanne Ratcliffe, Joyce Tomaselli, Paul Descoteaux, Carol Bresnahan.

Josephine Kohan, Anne Jones and Susan Tatro were checkers at the door with Assistant Town Clerk, Lynne Karpenko, assisting. Reggie Santos and Brud Janvrin served as counters throughout the meeting.

Action was taken on the articles of the warrant and Moderator Klima declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

ARTICLE ONE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to the Town's Stabilization Fund; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Freeman Condon I move that Article One be approved as herein stated

Seconded & Carried Unanimously (2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE TWO

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$40,000.00 from Free Cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Ronalee Ray-Parrott I move that Article Two be approved as herein stated

Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE THREE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from FY2016 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget line item number 6000.0440.5799 (Sewer Enterprise Fund – Stabilization) to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Charles Takesian I move that Article Three be approved as herein stated

Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE FOUR

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0123.5302 (Town Manager - Legal) for the purpose of funding anticipated legal expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

**Motion: Henry Richenburg I move that Article Four be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried Unanimously**

ARTICLE FIVE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$60,000.00 from Free Cash to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0413.5239 (DPW – Parks and Cemeteries) for the purpose of redesigning and upgrading the Town Common, including the relocation of certain veterans memorials and any costs incidental or related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

**Motion: Freeman Condon I move that Article Five be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried Unanimously**

ARTICLE SIX

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$70,000.00 from the Town's Overlay Surplus Account to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0124.5810 (Central Services – Equipment) for the purchase, upgrade and installation of computer hardware and related equipment, software and licenses, including any costs incidental or related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

**Motion: Ronalee Ray-Parrott I move that Article Six be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried Unanimously**

ARTICLE SEVEN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or Town Manager to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for a term of 5 years, or such other term as the Board of Selectmen or Town Manager deem appropriate, and transfer the sum of \$42,000.00 from the Town's Overlay Surplus Account to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0413.5850 (DPW – Capital Outlay/Vehicles) for the purpose of paying the first year's cost for the five-year lease/purchase and equipping of a new dump truck for the Department of Public Works; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

**Motion: Charles Takesian I move that Article Seven be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried Unanimously**

ARTICLE EIGHT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$45,000.00 from the Town's Overlay Surplus Account to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0413.5850 (DPW – Capital Outlay/Vehicles) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new pick-up truck for the Department of Public Works; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Henry Richenburg I move that Article Eight be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE NINE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000.00 from the Town's Overlay Surplus Account to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0220.5850 (Fire Department – Capital Outlay/Vehicles) for the purpose of purchasing and installing a new engine for a Fire Department pumper truck, including any costs incidental or related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Freeman Condon I move that Article Nine be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE TEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,300.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0135.5110 (Finance Director Salary) to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0120.5301 (Board of Selectmen – Financial Audit) for the purpose of fully funding the cost of the Town's annual audit; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Ronalee Ray-Parrott I move that Article Ten be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE ELEVEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,300.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0135.5110 (Finance Director Salary) to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0141.5119 (Assessors – Clerical Salaries) for the purpose of funding a retroactive salary adjustment for clerical employees in the Assessors' Office for the remainder of the fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Charles Takesian I move that Article Eleven be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE TWELVE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$7,650.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0135.5110 (Finance Director Salary) to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0710.5925 (Debt Service – Interest on Notes) for the purpose of funding Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) interest for the remainder of the fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

**Motion: Henry Richenburg I move that Article Twelve be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried Unanimously**

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,150.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0150.5275 (Planning – Software Maintenance) to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0124.5279 (Central Services – Computer Hardware) for the purpose of funding computer hardware needs, including any costs incidental or related thereto, for the remainder of the fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

**Motion: Freeman Condon I move that Article Thirteen be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried Unanimously**

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,850.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0910.5740 (Insurance and Benefits – General Liability Insurance) to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0124.5399 (Central Services – Other) for the purpose of funding various contracted services for the remainder of the fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

**Motion: Ronalee Ray-Parrott I move that Article Fourteen be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried Unanimously**

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$39,000.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0910.5199 (Insurance and Benefits - Personnel Salary Reserve) to the Town Hall renovation fund for the purpose of eliminating a deficit; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

**Motion: Charles Takesian I move that Article Fifteen be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried Unanimously**

ARTICLE SIXTEEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0910.5740 (Insurance and Benefits – General Liability Insurance) to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0434.5237 (Landfill - Rubbish and Recycling) for the purpose of funding the operation of the Town's recycling center for the remainder of the fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Henry Richenburg I move that Article Sixteen be approved as herein stated

Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0413.5112 (DPW – Highway Personnel Salaries) to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0434. 5237 (Landfill – Rubbish and Recycling) for the purpose of funding the operation of the Town's recycling center for the remainder of the fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Freeman Condon I move that Article Seventeen be approved as herein stated

Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0220.5118 (Fire Department – Dispatcher) to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0543.5770 (Veterans – Veterans Benefits) for the purpose of funding veterans' benefits costs for the remainder of the fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Ronalee Ray-Parrott I move that Article Eighteen be approved as herein stated

Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE NINETEEN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0220.5151 (Fire Department – Sick Leave) to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0543.5770 (Veterans – Veterans Benefits) for the purpose of funding veterans' benefits costs for the remainder of the fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Charles Takesian I move that Article Nineteen be approved as herein stated

Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE TWENTY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0210.5450 (Police Department – Fuel) to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0543.5770 (Veterans – Veterans Benefits) for the purpose of funding veterans’ benefits costs for the remainder of the fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Henry Richenburg I move that Article Twenty be approved as herein stated

Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$16,000.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0610.5111 (Library – Asst. Library Director Salary) to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0610.5210 (Library - Electricity) for the purpose of funding the expected cost of electricity for the library for the remainder of the fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Freeman Condon I move that Article Twenty-One be approved as herein stated

Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0610.5111 (Library – Asst. Library Director Salary) to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0610.5211 (Library – Natural Gas) for the purpose of funding the expected cost of natural gas for the library for the remainder of the fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Ronalee Ray-Parrott I move that Article Twenty-Two be approved as herein stated

Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000.00 from FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0910.5199 (Insurance and Benefits - Personnel Salary Reserve) to FY2016 budget line item number 0100.0145.5285 (Treasurer – Tax Title) for the purpose of funding tax title legal fees and associated costs for the remainder of the fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

Motion: Charles Takesian I move that Article Twenty-Three be approved as herein stated

Seconded & Carried Unanimously

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to FY2016 Water Enterprise Fund line item number 7000.0450.5830 (Infrastructure) for the purpose of funding the cost of replacing gate valves, performing miscellaneous water main repairs, and retrofitting Well # 7, including any costs incidental or related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

**Motion: Henry Richenburg I move that Article Twenty-Four be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried**

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to FY2016 Water Enterprise Fund line item number 7000.0450.5213 (Water) for the purpose of purchasing additional water from the Town of Amesbury in conjunction with the construction of Well # 8 and the redevelopment of Well # 7, including any costs incidental or related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ON PETITION OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Warrant Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval

**Motion: Freeman Condon I move that Article Twenty-Five be approved as herein stated
Seconded & Carried**

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX

To take any other action that may be lawfully taken at this meeting.

Motion: Charles Takesian Motion to adjourn

Seconded & Carried

Moderator Klima declared the special town meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda J. Morrison
Town Clerk
May 17, 2016