



## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

AUGUST 2, 2021

Milford, Massachusetts

### **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

The meeting was held in the Upper Town Hall Milford TV recorded the Special Town Meeting which was held remotely.

Moderator Michelangelo Bon Tempo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The quorum was set at 123. At the start of the meeting there were 151 At Large and Town Meeting Members reported as present and 95 members absent. A quorum was obtained. The Town Clerk, Amy E. Hennessy Neves swore in all Town Meeting Members present for the meeting.

The Moderator then asked the body to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk Amy E. Hennessy Neves read the Warrant and the Return of Service.

The Moderator then asked the pleasure of the meeting.

Town Administrator Richard Villani made the following Motion;

“Mr. Moderator and Town Meeting Members:

Given the significance of the article before us, and the mass of information assembled and analyzed for presentation to the Body this evening, I ask for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to allow the sponsor’s initial presentation on this article not to exceed forty-five (45) minutes.

The Motion was Seconded by Thomas O’Loughlin (AL).

Michael Visconti (Pr. 8) objected and the Moderator announced that a Standing Vote will be taken. 155 Voted in Favor...3 Voted Against the Motion. The Necessary 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Vote was obtained and the Motion Carried.

Donato Niro (Pr. 5) rose to speak and Made the following Motion: “I ask for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to allow a person addressing Town Meeting for the first time to speak for no more than fifteen (15) minutes on this article”. The Motion was Seconded by Richard Villani (AL).

There were multiple objections and the Moderator announced he will take a Standing Vote 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Vote. 35 Voted For ...120 Voted Against... The Necessary 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Vote was not obtained...Motion Defeated.

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind its vote under Article 1 of the Warrant at the Special Town Meeting held on September 26, 2017, and in turn, vote pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1881, as amended, and any other law enabling, to authorize the purchase of the corporate property and all the rights and privileges of the Milford Water Company for a price not in excess of \$79,000,000, subject to terms and conditions mutually agreed upon in the Letter of Intent entered into by and between the Milford Water Company and the Town on June 07, 2021; and further, to see if the Town will appropriate \$79,000,000 to pay costs of purchasing the corporate property and all the rights and privileges of the Milford Water Company and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; and, further, to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all action, and execute such documents as are necessary to effectuate the purchase and transfer of operations of the Milford Water Company to the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Select Board)

Select Board Member, Michael Walsh read the Motion to Article 1

**It was Moved:** That the Town rescind its vote under Article 1 of the Warrant at the Special Town Meeting held on September 26, 2017, and in turn, vote as follows: pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1881, as amended, and any other law enabling, to authorize the purchase of the corporate property and all the rights and privileges of the Milford Water Company by the Town of Milford for a price not in excess of \$79,000,000, subject to terms and conditions mutually agreed upon in the Letter of Intent entered into by and between the Milford Water Company and the Town on June 07, 2021; that the Town appropriate \$79,000,000 to pay costs of purchasing the corporate property and all the rights and privileges of the Milford Water Company, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §8(3), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that the Select Board is authorized to take all action, and execute such documents as are necessary to effectuate the purchase and transfer of the Milford Water Company's assets and operations to the Town. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20 thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

The motion was seconded by Jerry Hiatt (Pr. 3). The following people rose to speak or present reports on the Motion of Article 1:

Alberto Correia (Finance Committee Chair, Pr. 5)

Michael Walsh (Select Board Chair)

Gerald Moody (Pr. 6, Former Town Council)

Christopher Pilla (Town Treasurer)

Zachary Taylor (Finance Director)

Paul Mazzuchelli (Select Board)

Thomas O'Loughlin (Select Board)

After debate, a motion was made by Jerry Hiatt (Pr. 3) to move the Question. Donato Niro (Pr. 5) asked for a Point of Order. The Moderator ruled Mr. Hiatt's motion out of Order and debate continued.

Bryan Cole (Pr. 8) Made a Motion to Move the Question. The Motion was seconded by Edward Bertorelli (AL/Pr. 2).

A Standing Vote was taken on the Motion to Move the Question...116 Voted For...31 Voted Against.

The required 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Vote was acquired and the Motion to Move the Question was Carried.

A Standing Vote was then taken on the Motion as Presented...145 Voted For...14 Voted Against...the Required 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Vote was acquired and the Motion Carried.

A Motion was made by Joseph Zacchilli (Pr. 2) to dissolve the Warrant. Motion seconded by Charles Boddy (AL).

A Voice Vote was taken on the Motion to Dissolve the Warrant...Carried Unanimously.

The Warrant was Dissolved at 9:00 pm.

A True Copy of the Record.

Attest:

  
Town Clerk