

*Minutes of the February 11, 2019
Special Town Meeting
of the Town of Essex*



The February 11, 2019 Special Town Meeting of the Town of Essex, held at the Essex Elementary School Gymnasium, 12 Story Street, was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Moderator Jeffrey D. Jones. A quorum of 233 voters was present for the meeting.

The following people were appointed as Tellers: Carla Christensen, Wendy Fossa, Theresa Mansfield, Kathy McKinnon, Ann Trudeau, James Trudeau, Mary Wilhelm, Elle Woulfe.

There were no objections to the Tellers appointed.

The Moderator then called for the attendance to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made and duly seconded to waive the reading of the warrant.

Approved Unanimously declared by the Moderator

The Moderator asked whether there were any objections to a short presentation from the Town's design professionals concerning the 2 articles. No objections were made. Johnson Roberts Associates, Inc., Architects, then presented slides with commentary concerning the site selection process for public safety facilities.

Motion: Lisa O'Donnell moved that the vote for Article 2 be taken before the vote for Article 1. The motion was duly seconded.

Action: *Approved by the Majority declared by the Moderator*

NOTE: Article 2 was voted before Article 1 but is listed in order here for ease of reference.

ARTICLE 1: PURCHASE OF 11 JOHN WISE AVE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, for general municipal purposes, which purposes may include a fire and/or police station, the fee simple or other interest in certain real property, and any buildings and improvements thereon and any related assets, located at 11 John Wise Avenue, being shown as Assessors' Map 128, Lot 90, and as described in the deed recorded in the Essex South Registry of Deeds in Book 13057, Page 288; and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow

a sum of money for such acquisition; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to execute any and all instruments necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote; or take any other action relating thereto.

Main Motion: Andrew Spinney moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, for purposes of a public safety building or buildings and/or associated features, the fee simple or other interest in certain real property, and any buildings and improvements thereon and any related assets, located at 11 John Wise Avenue, being shown as Assessors' Map 128 Lot 90, and as described in the deed recorded in the Essex South Registry of Deeds Book 13057, Page 288; and to transfer from the Sale of Real Estate Fund the sum of \$785,000 for such acquisition; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to execute any and all instruments necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote.

Motion 1: Joyce Bowden moved that Article 1 be postponed until the study of regionalization is completed and the information obtained considered at the annual town meeting. The motion was duly seconded.

Action Motion 1: *Failed by the Majority declared by the Moderator*
Action Main Motion: *Approved by more than a 2/3 Majority declared by the Moderator*

ARTICLE 2: TRANSFER CONTROL OF PORTION OF SPRING ST CEMETERY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Board of Public Works, in its capacity as the Cemetery Commission, for cemetery purposes, to the Board of Selectmen, for general municipal purposes, the care, custody, management, and control of a portion of the Spring Street Cemetery shown on Assessors Map 128, Lot 102 and on a plan recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 153, Plan 50, which portion to be so transferred abuts John Wise Avenue and is approximately shown as "Potential Future Site for Public Safety Building" on a plan entitled "Preliminary Public Safety Site Plan," dated January 23, 2019, prepared by Johnson Roberts Associates, on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relating thereto.

Main Motion: Peter Phippen moved that the Town vote to transfer from the Board of Public Works, in its capacity as the Cemetery Commission, for cemetery purposes, to the Board of Selectmen, for purposes of a public safety building or buildings and/or associated features, the care, custody, management, and control of a portion of the Spring Street Cemetery shown on Assessors Map 128, Lot 102 and on a plan recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 153, Plan 50, which portion to be so transferred abuts John Wise Avenue and was approximately shown as "Potential Future Site for Public Safety Building" on a Plan that has been on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Preliminary Public Safety Site Plan" dated January 23, 2019, prepared by Johnson Roberts Associates, and which is specifically shown for purposes of this Town Meeting vote on a revised version of said plan dated February 6, 2019.

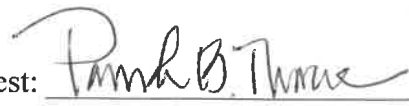
Motion 1: Paul Pennoyer moved to conduct the vote by a secret ballot. The motion was duly seconded.

Action Motion 1: *Failed by not reaching threshold of 20% of voters present as required
– so declared by the Moderator*
Action Main Motion: *Approved by more than a 2/3 Majority declared by the Moderator*

Motion made by the Moderator at 8:40 pm to dissolve the meeting. The motion was duly seconded.

Action: *Approved Unanimously declared by the Moderator*

A True Copy:

Attest: 

Pamela B. Thorne, Town Clerk