



**LANCASTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Meeting Minutes
Of Monday, March 21, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jason A. Allison called the meeting to Order at 6:00 P.M. in the Mary Rowlandson Elementary School Auditorium, located at 103 Hollywood Drive, Lancaster, Massachusetts. Mr. Allison advised that this meeting is being recorded and broadcast over Sterling-Lancaster TV. *Roll call was taken, Alexandra W. Turner, present, Jay M. Moody, present, Jason A. Allison present.*

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - NONE

III. SCHEDULED APPEARANCES & PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE
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IV. BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS REPORTS - NONE
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V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - NONE
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VI. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - NONE

VII. ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, AND POLICY
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1. Review of Special Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. Nutting reviewed the eight articles on the warrant. He noted one change to the warrant under School Committee, Article 1; the amount is \$135,000, not \$150,00. There is also a typographical error on the warrant in Article 4; it should read Fiscal Year 2021, not 2019. The Moderator has been informed of both of these changes.

Mr. Nutting explained that the first four articles are housekeeping needs, moving money from one account to another, and that the article regarding prior year bills will require a 9/10 vote to pass. Article 5 is to accept a Massachusetts General Law that gives the Assessor a \$1,000 additional stipend for having become certified. Article 6 will give National Grid an easement on school grounds to install electric vehicle charging stations; Article 7 gives National Grid an easement on Lunenburg Road to run power to solar fields. The last article is a motion allowing the Select Board to file a home rule petition with the legislature so that they can begin discussion of the DCAMM

property in town, not binding the Board to anything other than a discussion.

Ms. Turner questioned Article 7; Mr. Nutting explained that this was on the agenda last December but language needed to be cleaned up. Mr. Nutting noted that the new Town Counsel has done yeoman's work getting familiar with this many different topics. Ms. Turner concurred that this was a good choice.

The Board assigned each member some articles to present at the Special Town Meeting, with Ms. Turner reading the motions for Articles 1, 4, and 8; Mr. Moody reading the motions for Articles 2 and 5; and Mr. Allison reading Articles 3, 6, and 7.

2. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Discussion

Mr. Nutting gave the Board an update because some of the items on the ARPA list would normally be requests at the Annual Town Meeting. He requests that the Board consider this for next Monday's meeting, suggesting that leaving as much free cash as possible until the State comes in to do a financial study later this year. He proposes that at next week's meeting that department heads are invited to present their requests. If an item is approved using free cash by the Annual Town Meeting, then the money for this item would be available July 1. If the Select Board chooses to use ARPA funding, the money is available immediately. Or the third option is that the Board or the Town Meeting does not like the expenditure and it fails.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS - NONE

IX. LICENSES AND PERMITS - NONE
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X. OTHER/UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE
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XI. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Select Board Chair Mr. Allison offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35; seconded by Ms. Turner. Jason A. Allison, Aye, Jay A. Moody, Aye, Alexandra W. Turner, Aye. [3-0-0]

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Rocco
Executive Assistant

APPROVED

Jay M. Moody, Clerk
Approved and accepted: 4/4/2022