



**LANCASTER SELECT BOARD**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**of Monday, October 31, 2022, 12:00 P.M.**  
**Nashaway Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Prescott Building, 701 Main Street, Lancaster MA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Stephen J. Kerrigan called the meeting to order at 12:00PM in the Nashaway Meeting Room located on the second floor in the Prescott Building, 701 Main Street, Lancaster, MA. He advised that the meeting was being recorded via ZOOM and is being broadcast by Sterling Lancaster Community Television.

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Meeting ID: 842 4458 8476

Roll call vote taken, Jason A. Allison, present, Alexandra W. Turner, present, Stephen J. Kerrigan, present. Also present, Kate Hodges, Town Administrator

**II. ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET, AND POLICY**

**1. FY23 Special Town Meeting Warrant Review**

Mr. Kerrigan explained that the Select Board does not need to recommend on articles at this point; it can also be done at the Special Town Meeting. He reminded the Board and the audience that a forum explaining the warrant articles will be held on November 3.

**ARTICLE 1 – PAY BILLS OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR**

Mr. Allison moved to recommend that the Special Town Meeting take affirmative action on Article 1. Ms. Turner seconded. Vote taken, *Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

**ARTICLE 2 – SPECIAL ACT TO AFFIRM RESULTS OF THE 2022 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

Mr. Allison moved to recommend that the Special Town Meeting take affirmative action on Article 2. Ms. Turner seconded. Vote taken, *Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

Mr. Allison moved that the Board waive the reading of Article 3; Ms. Turner seconded. Vote taken, *Jason Al Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

#### ARTICLE 3 – NORTH LANCASTER SMART GROWTH OVERLAY DISTRICT

Mr. Allison moved to recommend that the Special Town Meeting take affirmative action on Article 3. Ms. Turner seconded. Mr. Allison thanked residents, boards, and committees for their work on this article. Ms. Turner expressed concerns, stating that there were to have been signed Memoranda of Agreement/Understanding prior to this vote; she stated that she supports a 40R overlay but does not support the article as written. Vote taken, *Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Nay; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [2-1-0]. Motion Passed.*

#### ARTICLE 4 – ENTERPRISE RE-ZONE

Mr. Allison moved to recommend that the Special Town Meeting take affirmative action on Article 4. Ms. Turner seconded. Mr. Allison discussed the article and the associated Memorandum of Agreement, noting that this article needs a 2/3 vote to pass at Special Town Meeting. Ms. Turner stated the reasons for her opposition, primarily because she believes “it is tied to a not very beneficial MOA.” Discussion ensued. *Vote taken, Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Nay; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [2-1-0]. Motion Passed.*

Mr. Allison requested that the Board waive the reading of Article 5; Ms. Turner seconded. Vote taken, *Jason Al Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

#### ARTICLE 5 – SCRIVENER’S ERROR SECTION 220-8.1 GG

Mr. Allison moved to recommend that the Special Town Meeting take affirmative action on Article 5. Ms. Turner seconded. Vote taken, *Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

Mr. Allison requested that the Board waive the reading of Article 6; Ms. Turner seconded. Vote taken, *Jason Al Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

#### ARTICLE 6 – SCRIVENER’S ERROR SECTION 220-8.4A, 220-8.4B

Mr. Allison moved to recommend that the Special Town Meeting take affirmative action on Article 1. Ms. Turner seconded. Vote taken, *Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

Mr. Allison requested that the Board waive the reading of Article 7; Ms. Turner seconded. Vote taken, *Jason Al Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

#### ARTICLE 7 – ZONING SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC AND STANDALONE ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

Mr. Allison moved to recommend that the Special Town Meeting take affirmative action on Article 1. Ms. Turner seconded. Ms. Turner had questions on the content of this article; Mr.

Kerrigan stated that it had been covered during the Planning Board hearing. Ms. Turner will take the opportunity to bring up questions at Thursday's meeting. Vote taken, *Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

Ms. Turner requested that the Board waive the reading of Articles 8, 9, 10, and 11; Mr. Allison seconded. Vote taken, *Jason Al Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

#### ARTICLE 8 – AMEND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

Mr. Allison moved to recommend that the Special Town Meeting take affirmative action on Article 8. Ms. Turner seconded. Ms. Turner verified that this is primarily due to increases in utility costs and that the cost of salt for the winter season has risen significantly. Vote taken, *Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

#### ARTICLE 9 – AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2023 CAPITAL EXPENSES

Mr. Allison moved to recommend that the Special Town Meeting take affirmative action on Article 9. Ms. Turner seconded. Ms. Hodges explained that the \$10,000 request from the DPW for a \$10,000 loader truck should be removed. Ms. Turner asked how much money the town receives annually for Chapter 90 funding. Vote taken, *Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

#### ARTICLE 10 – AMEND WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

Mr. Allison moved to recommend that the Special Town Meeting take affirmative action on Article 10. Ms. Turner seconded. Ms. Hodges explained that this balances the budget; additional expenditures will be offset by fees. Vote taken, *Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

#### ARTICLE 11 – RE-AFFIRM VOTE OF ATM, 18, ARTICLE 9, REMOVAL OF POLICE CHIEF POSITION FROM MASSACHUSETTS CIVIL SERVICE

Mr. Allison moved to recommend that the Special Town Meeting take affirmative action on Article 11. Ms. Turner seconded. Vote taken, *Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed*

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Mr. Kerrigan mentioned that a question has been raised by several residents about whether there could be paper ballots for voting at the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Kerrigan asked the Board their feelings, explaining that using the clickers would cost an additional \$5,000, and that the clickers will not work in multiple rooms. Mr. Allison stated that he will support whatever method will provide the most accurate and secure count; he will defer to the experts. Ms. Hodges stated that the Moderator would like some direction from the Select Board.

Mr. Kerrigan noted that a warrant review meeting is scheduled for November 3. Ms. Hodges asked for clarification as to whether or not this would include debate. Mr. Kerrigan explained that questions will be allowed regarding the content of the articles, but debate will not be entertained.

Mr. Allison noted that he will be having a Q & A session as an individual about the MOA. This is not a posted meeting and not an opportunity for debate. Ms. Turner would like another more “granular” meeting where policy could be debated. Mr. Allison explained that the Board will have an opportunity to debate the pros and cons of the MOA at the November 7 Select Board meeting.

Mr. Allison moved to approve the Warrant for Special Town Meeting on November 14 as presented and signed. Ms. Turner seconded. Vote taken, *Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

### III. ADJOURNMENT

*Mr. Allison moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Turner seconded. Vote taken, Jason A. Allison, Aye; Alexandra W. Turner, Aye; Stephen J. Kerrigan Aye. [3-0-0]. Motion Passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Rocco  
Executive Assistant

**APPROVED**

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Approved and accepted, 11/21/22  
Alexandra W. Turner, Clerk