

Town of Lancaster
Continuation of October 16, 2006
Special Town Meeting
January 22, 2007

The continuation of the October 16, 2006 Special Town Meeting was called to order at the Mary Rowlandson Elementary School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Eugene C. Christoph. Board of Selectmen Chair David Dunn immediately moved that the meeting be adjourned to the Machlan Auditorium at Atlantic Union College. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved, and the attendees traveled to Machlan Auditorium, where the Special Town Meeting was reconvened by Moderator Christoph at 7:45 p.m. Registrars Anna DiPietro, Cecilia Thurlow and John Ranieri and election workers Ann Zoller and Kathleen Suits checked in 474 voters and 17 visitors. Residents John Mercier and Bob Bartholomew acted as the vote counters.

There were five articles remaining from the October 16, 2006 meeting that required attention.

Article 10 – Board of Selectmen member Shawn Winsor moved to withdraw this article, which would have authorized the Town to purchase two parcels of land on the west side of Lunenburg Road. The motion was seconded and carried by a majority vote.

Article 16 – On behalf of the citizens' group that had put Article 16 on the warrant, Jeanne Rich moved to withdraw the article, which would have changed the zoning requirements for keeping poultry and other livestock in residentially zoned areas. The motion was seconded and carried by majority vote.

Article 17 – This was a citizens' petition to adopt a six-month moratorium on retail developments of 100,000 square feet or more. Planning Board Chairman Vic Koivumaki explained that in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 55, the Planning Board had held a public hearing on November 27, 2006, which was continued to January 8, 2007 and finally to January 22, 2007, when the Planning Board vote 4-0, with 1 abstention, to recommend a no vote on the article. After much discussion, the article was defeated by a vote of 182 in favor and 269 opposed. A motion to reconsider was made by Carlos Llanso and was seconded, and was defeated by majority vote.

Article 18 – This was a citizens' petition to change the definition of "shopping center" in the Lancaster Zoning By-Laws. Again, Planning Board Chairman Vic Koivumaki explained that in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 55, the Planning Board had held a public hearing on November 27, 2006, which was continued to January 8, 2007 and finally to January 22, 2007, when the Planning Board vote 4-0, with 1 abstention, to recommend a no vote on the article. This article was defeated by a vote of 166 in favor, 248 opposed. A motion to reconsider was made and seconded and defeated by majority vote.

Article 19 – This was a citizens' petition to have the Town accept Kaleva Road Extension, Donelle Way and Brian Road as public ways. These roads were all part of the Turner Woods subdivision and had been maintained as private roads by the developer for the past six years, but the developer will no longer maintain the roads. The Planning Board and the Board of Public Works both recommended passage of an amended version of the Article. Jeanne Rich of the Planning Board

read the proposed amendment; a motion to amend was seconded and carried by majority vote. After much discussion, the amended article was approved by majority vote.

There being no further business, Moderator Christoph adjourned the Special Town Meeting at 9:53 p.m., after announcing that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, at a location to be determined.