

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING LANCASTER MASSACHUSETTS

October 4, 2010

Results

The Special Town Meeting, held at the Mary Rowlandson Elementary School Auditorium, was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Moderator David I. Spanagel. A total of 50 registered voters and 9 non-voting guests were signed in by Registrars John Ranieri and Kevin Baer. Moderator Spanagel introduced the Town Officials sitting on the stage: Board of Selectmen (BOS) members Christopher Williams and Jennifer Leone; Finance Committee (FinCom) Members James Piermarini, James Riley, Janet Baylis and Walter Sendrowski; Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco; Finance Director Cheryl Gariepy and Town Clerk Sue Thompson. After leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, Moderator Spanagel asked for a moment of silence for John Wojciak, Chairman of the Finance Committee and former member of the Town Green Buildings Advisory Committee, who passed away in September.

Article 1 – On a motion by Jennifer Leone and a second by Christopher Williams, the Town voted unanimously to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 32B Section 20, creating an Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund.

Article 2 – On a motion by Christopher Williams and a second by Jennifer Leone, the Town voted unanimously to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting warrant appropriating \$15,820,219 to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010, by increasing that amount to \$15,888,461 for the purpose of supplementing departmental expenses, and reducing certain departmental expenses as outlined in the revised FY 2011 Budget. Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco explained that the budget changes were necessary because of a decrease in motor vehicle excise revenues, the state-mandated need to repair or replace the Bartlett Pond dam, and increased legal costs.

Article 3 – On a motion by Jennifer Leone and a second by Christopher Williams, the Town voted unanimously to amend the Wage and Compensation Schedule by increasing all amounts by three percent (3%) as printed in the warrant, effective July 1, 2010.

Article 4 – On a motion by Christopher Williams and a second by Jennifer Leone, the Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council an application designating the property located at 580 Fort Pond Road, Assessors' Map 5 Parcel 26, to be acquired by Horn Packaging Corporation and Affiliates, as an Economic Opportunity Area. Mr. Pacheco explained that the resulting tax break would be about \$1600 per year, which would be more than offset by motor vehicle excise revenues from Horn Packaging.

Article 5 – On a motion by Jennifer Leone and a second by Christopher Williams, the Town voted unanimously to approve the Tax Increment Financing Agreement and Tax Increment Financing Plan with Horn Packaging Corporation and Affiliates, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit an Economic Opportunity Area Application, Tax Increment Financing Plan, and Certified Project Application to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council, and to take any actions that may be necessary to obtain their approvals.

There being no further business, Moderator Spanagel thanked the audience for their participation and accepted a motion by Christopher Williams and a second by Jennifer Leone to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.