

# Special Town Meeting

## March 12, 2018 (FY18)

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:19 p.m. by Moderator Michael M. Seele. He asked for the count of voters. Patrolman Kevin Harrington announced the count of the voters present was 150, constituting the quorum requirement of 150 voters. The meeting pledged allegiance to the flag.

Town Clerk Dawn M. Varley swore in the following tellers: Frederick M. Small, 87 Hilltop Rd., Scott M. McCarthy, 92 Sportsmen's Trl., Michelle Winnett., 308 Raynor Ave.

Warrant was then read by the Town Clerk.

Moderator Seele explained how the devices worked, if you push A that would mean yes and if you push B that would mean no, and you have 10 seconds to vote on each article.

Moderator Seele went over the rules governing town meeting.

Moderator Seele acknowledged the Finance Committee on their service to the town.

### Article 1

The Town Voted by electronic device **YES 102 NO 21** to transfer \$256,725.62 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to pay for costs associated with the moving of the Pre-kindergarten district wide program from the Maquan School to the Whitman Hanson Regional High School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School District School Committee

### Article 2

The Town Voted by electronic device **YES 87 NO 13** to authorize The Town, by and through its Board of Selectmen or the Town Administrator, as designated by the Board of Selectmen, to enter into contracts for energy purchases or net metering contracts for terms up to Twenty (20) years, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

### Article 3

The Town Voted by electronic device **YES 113 NO 26** to adopt the following Protective Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section V, 5-5, that would provide as follows:

Zoning Bylaw:

SECTION v, 5-5 PROHIBITION OF MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS:

Consistent with M. G. L. c. 94G, § 3 (a)(2), all types of non-medical "marijuana establishments" as defined in M. G. L. c. 94G, § 1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other types of licensed marijuana-related businesses, shall be prohibited within the Town of Whitman. This prohibition shall not apply to the sale, distribution or cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes licensed under Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012. This Section shall be effective upon passage by the voters at a Town Election; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

The Special Town meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm. There were 179 total voters checked off of the voting list.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK - WHITMAN