

Special Town Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2020 at 7:30 pm
Weston High School Cafeteria

First Selectman Chris Spaulding called meeting to order at 7:30pm. There were approximately 100 people in attendance. EMS President Jon Weingarten led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Margaret Wirtenberg moved to appoint Barbara Reynolds as Moderator. Michael Schlechter seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Moderator Reynolds appointed Bob Uzenoff as Parliamentarian. Beth Gralnick moved to appoint Randi Derene as Clerk. Margeret Wirtenberg seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Moderator Reynolds read the rules of the meeting. She then read the call of the meeting.

John Pokorny moved for the Town to create Capital Account #5080681-55001entitled "Public Safety Building Improvements" and to fund said account with an appropriation of \$2,125,789 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Michael Schlechter seconded.

Brian Humes of Jacunski & Humes Architects provided an overview of project plans, bids and costs. Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz explained that the entire project would be funded from the unassigned fund balance and then the Town would receive a \$750,000 donation from EMS. He reviewed the history of the unassigned fund balance over the past several years.

Moderator Reynolds opened the meeting for public comment.

EMS President Jon Weingarten of 21 Saugatuck River Road spoke of the great need that this project will meet for Weston EMS. He thanked the Offutt Trust for a pledged \$500,000 donation to Weston EMS.

Police Commission Chairman Beth Gralnick of 205 Good Hill Road explained that this project will be a great benefit to the Police Department.

Cindy Armijo of 223 Godfrey Road East asked if the requested project funds would cover abatement needs and if any consideration was given to achieving high energy efficiency.

Margaret Wirtenberg of 15 Wilson Road expressed her support for funding the project.

First Selectman Spaulding, addressing Ms. Armijo's questions, explained that the project contingency would cover any unforeseeable remediation costs, and that due to our existing virtual net metering contracts it would not be financially prudent to add solar panels to new roofs.

Moderator Reynolds called for a voice vote on the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Beth Gralnick moved to adjourn the meeting, Michael Schlechter seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 8:02pm

Minutes submitted by Randi Derene