

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, Warrant and Minutes Wednesday March 14, 2012

HAMPDEN, ss

To any and all constables in the Town of Holland, County of Hampden

GREETINGS

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Holland qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Holland Elementary School Auditorium in said Town on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on all business on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE #1: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to purchase 5.37 acres, formerly known as Circle H Ranch on Stafford Road from the Realty Trust or take any action relative thereto.

Article #1 Passed, 31 in favor and 19 against.

ARTICLE #2: To see if the Town will vote to borrow, appropriate or transfer the sum of not more than \$165,000 to purchase 5.37 acres formerly known as Circle H Ranch on Stafford Road from Stafford Road Realty Trust for future municipal purposes or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: to borrow not more than \$165,000.00. Article #2 passed, 36 in favor and 14 against, 2/3 majority.

ARTICLE #3 To see if the Town will vote to change the ELECTED Tax Collector position to an APPOINTED Tax Collector position beginning on July 1, 2012 or act any other action relative thereto. (Will need to be additionally affirmed by official ballot at the Annual Town Election).

Motion: to amend to read “to see if the town will vote to place on the annual Town election ballot: to change the ELECTED Tax Collector position to an APPOINTED Tax Collector position beginning on July 1, 2012 or act any other action relative thereto. Article #3 Passed with 36 in favor and 16 against.

ARTICLE #4 To see if the Town will vote to approve the payment of a FY11 invoice from SVE Engineering from FY12 Highway Expense Account (\$4,955.18) or take any other action relative thereto.

Article #4 Passed Unanimously.

ARTICLE #5 To see if the Town will vote to approve to transfer \$60,000 from Road Stabilization to the Highway Expense Account for the Brimfield Road project or act anything thereto.

Article #5 Passed Unanimously.

ARTICLE #6 To see if the Town will vote to amend Town Bylaw – Chapter II, Section 3: Finance Board as follows:

DELETE CURRENT:

- (a) There shall be an advisory board consisting of six legal voters of the town, who shall be appointed by the moderator as hereinafter provided. No elective or appointive town officer shall be eligible to serve on said committee.

REPLACE WITH:

- (a) There shall be a Finance Board consisting of three to six legal voters of the town, who shall be appointed by moderator as hereinafter provided. A member of the Finance Board shall be allowed to serve on other Town Committees if said committees do not have a budget reviewed by the Finance Board or take any other action relative thereto.

Article #6 Passed Unanimously.

ARTICLE #7 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 8, 9, 10 and create Section 11 as follows or take any other action relative thereto.

Article #7 Passed Unanimously.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at five (5) conspicuous places in said town, at least fourteen days (14) before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at a said time and place meeting, as fore said.

Given under this day of February twenty ninth in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twelve.

James Wettlaufer, Chairman

Constable

Christian Petersen, Clerk

A True Copy, Attest:

Michael Kennedy

Kristin LaPlante
Town Clerk