

TOWN OF ORANGE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Special Town Meeting

June 20, 2023

FRANKLIN SS:

To the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at Ruth B. Smith Auditorium, located at 6 Prospect Street, in said Orange on Tuesday, the twenty-first day in June 2023, at seven in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

A quorum being present, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen presented the Shirley Page Award to Mercedes Clingerman.

The Annual Town Report was dedicated to Pamela Smith.

Christopher Woodcock, retired as Moderator after 35 years of service to the Town. He was recognized for his service with citations from State Senator Jo Comerford and Susanna Whipps. He was also presented a plaque as a token of appreciation for his years of service.

ARTICLE 1: SNOW & ICE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$151,820.71 from Free Cash to Snow and Ice to cover the deficit; or take any other action relative thereto.

***Motion** that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$151,820.71 from Free Cash to Snow and Ice to cover the deficit.*

Motion passed, 109 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstentions.

ARTICLE 2: PAY PREVIOUS YEAR'S BILL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to cover the sum of \$928.40 to pay previous year's bill for ATB case to Anthony M. Ambriano, Esq.; or take any other action relative thereto.

***Motion** that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash to cover the sum of \$928.40 to pay previous year's bill for ATB case to Anthony M. Ambriano, Esq.*

Motion passed, 111 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention

ARTICLE 3: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$27,500 from Water Department Retained Earnings to Water Articles 650-459-5701-2000-00000, “Aging Main Replacement”, or take any action relative thereto.

***Motion** that the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$27,500 from Water Department Retained Earnings to Water Articles 650-459-5701-2000-00000, “Aging Main Replacement”.*

Motion passed, 111 in favor, 3 opposed, 3 abstentions.

ARTICLE 4: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$24,016 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to Water Stabilization Account 652-000-3590-1000 as the portion of the current certified retained earnings intended to go into this account; or take any other action relative thereto.

***Motion** that Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$24,016 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to Water Stabilization Account 652-000-3590-1000 as the portion of the current certified retained earnings intended to go into this account.*

Motion passed, 108 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstentions.

ARTICLE 5: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from the Water Stabilization Account 652-000-3590-1000 to Water Article 650-459-5795-1000-00000 to pursue grant money for the design and development stage for the satellite wellfield at Well #1 on Holtshire Road. A 2/3rds vote is required for passage of the transfer request; or take any other action relative thereto.

***Motion** that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from the Water Stabilization Account 652-000-3590-1000 to Water Article 650-459-5795-1000-00000 to pursue grant money for the design and development stage for the satellite wellfield at Well #1 on Holtshire Road. A 2/3rds vote is required for passage of the transfer request.*

Motion passed 111 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstained.

ARTICLE 6: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to a Water Articles Account to be created for the purpose of replacing the damaged roof on the Well #2 building and to pave the driveway repairs that have been made at that same location, or take any action relative thereto.

***Motion** that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to a Water Articles Account to be created for the purpose of replacing the damaged*

roof on the Well #2 building and to pave the driveway repairs that have been made at that same location.

Motion 108 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstained.

Motion to dissolve the meeting at 7:29 p.m

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

Given under our hands this 31st day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.

Thomas J. Smith
Andrew J. Smith
Patricia J. Lussier
Jane M. Pierce
Richard P. Sheridan
Selectmen, Town of Orange

A true copy. ATTEST:

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

FRANKLIN, SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall and Post Office in Orange and the Library in North Orange seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

06/01/2023