



2013 CONCORD ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

2013 Annual Town Meeting

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Upon a Motion by Carmin Reiss and duly seconded, the highlights of the Town budget were reviewed by Town Manager Christopher Whelan. Mr. Van Loon asked if there were any “holds” on the budget line items, and there were none. A vote was taken on Ms. Reiss’ Motion that was Voted to raise and appropriate the following amounts of money for the necessary and expedient purposes of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and that the same be expended only for such purposes under the direction of the Town Manager:

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Article 7. Public School Budget

Pamela Gannon made the following Motion, which was duly seconded: to raise from the tax levy and appropriate the amount of \$31,140,538 for the necessary and expedient purposes of the support of the public schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Nancy Cronin, speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters, reported that the League has taken no position on Articles 7 or 10 due to the fact that the School Department failed to provide sufficient information about the proposed budgets to the public in a timely manner, which is inconsistent with the 2012 Town Meeting vote. After further discussion, a Vote was taken on Ms. Gannon’s Motion, which Passed on a show of hands.

Maureen Spada made the following Motion, which was duly seconded and Passed to take consideration of Article 8 out of order, after consideration of Articles 12, 13 and 14, because the \$795,000 authorized by Article 8 would

be expended in different, alternative ways, depending upon the outcome of the Meeting's vote on Article 13.

Article 9. Concord Public Schools—Supplemental Appropriation for Current year

There was No Motion made under this article.

Article 10. Concord-Carlisle Regional High School Budget

A Motion was made by Fabian Fondriest and duly seconded to raise and appropriate \$16,943,064 as the Town's apportioned share of the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014; and that the same be expended only for such purposes and under the direction of the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee.

Anne Hayden made the following Motion to Amend Mr. Fondriest's Motion, which was duly seconded and PASSED on a show of hands: to Amend the Motion under Article 10 to reduce Concord's appropriation by \$35,000, so Concord's apportioned share would now be \$16,908,064.

After discussion, a Motion was duly made and seconded to Call the Question on Ms. Hayden's amendment, which Passed by a two-thirds Vote and was so declared. A Vote was then taken on Mr. Fondriest's Motion as amended by Ms. Hayden's reduction, which Passed. The revised appropriation was \$16,908,064.

Article 11. CCRSD Supplemental Assessment for the Current Year

There was No Motion made under this article.

Article 12. Sale of Conservation Restriction—Former Landfill Site

Upon a Motion by Jeffrey Wieand and duly seconded to convey to the Walden Woods Project a conservation restriction on all or a portion of the parcel of land at 755 Walden Street, comprised of approximately 35.4 acres, for a sum of not less than \$2.8 million. After discussion, a Vote was taken, which Failed to Pass (470 voting in favor and 457 opposed—required two-thirds vote not achieved).

Article 13. Concord Public Schools—Use of CPS Capital Needs Stabilization Fund for Transportation Infrastructure

A Motion was made by Maureen Spada and duly seconded to appropriate \$950,000 from the CPS Capital Needs Stabilization Fund, for the construction and original equipping of school transportation facilities, and that the Town transfer custody from the Board of Selectmen to the School Committee of land adjacent to the former cell tower support building and

identified by the Town of Concord as an area of approximately 2.5 acres available to the School Dept. for transportation services on the property at 755 Walden Street. After discussion, a Vote was taken, which Failed to Pass on a show of hands (two-thirds vote required).

Article 14. To Keep the Concord School Bus Transportation on the Regional High School Property (by petition)

Upon a Motion by Phebe Ham that was duly seconded, the following Passed by a Declared overwhelming majority Vote: to request the Concord Public School Committee and the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee to rebuild or replace on the Regional High School property, the Concord School Bus Transportation Department with the three-bay maintenance garage and modular administration building which were demolished in February and March of 2013 and to make parking available for all the school buses needed for K-8 and the District High School and any other related vehicles.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 am.