

TOWN OF HOLDEN SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – APRIL 8, 2013

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PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was called to order and declared open by the Moderator, George A. Balko III, at 7:24 p.m. at Wachusett Regional High School. The salute to the flag followed. There were 638 registered voters present. Thirteen persons without voting privileges were present.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting. No action being necessary, the Article was **passed over**.

ARTICLE 2. A motion made by Paul L. Challenger that the Town appropriate the amount of \$54,301,695 for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing and equipping a new Mountview Middle School on property located at 270 Shrewsbury Street, Holden, MA, including the costs of architectural, engineering, site work, abatement of hazardous materials and demolition services relative to the existing school building, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the 'Project'), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town, through the Wachusett Regional School District, may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ('MSBA'), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Mountview School Building Committee, and to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. c. 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, in accordance with the District Agreement, provided further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA, through the Wachusett Regional School District, for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-seven and ninety-three hundredths percent (57.93%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town, the Wachusett Regional School District and the MSBA; and, following a favorable vote of the MSBA Board on April 3, 2013, the Town's share of the total Project cost is expected to be \$26,925,750.

2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED

By a standing count of 615 Yes and 11 No, the motion carried.

Voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest:

Cheryl A. Jenkins
Town Clerk