



MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, August 19, 2019.

At the Bernardston Elementary School Gymnasium

Moderator: Mark Fitzpatrick
Town Clerk: Paul Luther
Check-in Clerks: Kristina Costello, Linda Raymond
Constable: William Montiglio

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order at: 7:00pm 19 voters checked in at 7:00pm.
19 voters checked in by close of the meeting.
1595 registered voters.

Town Officials Present:

Selectboard: Robert Raymond, Chair; Brian Keir, Stan Garland.
Finance Committee: Jane Dutcher, Chair, Stephen Nestanpower, Brian Hervieux, Jody Coleman.
Town Coordinator: Louis Bordeaux.

Non-Resident / Unregister Voters Known to be Present: Zack Deluca, Recorder

- *The Town Clerk opened nominations for Meeting Moderator for the Special Town Meeting. A motion to nominate Mark Fitzpatrick was made and seconded with no other nominations being made the Town Clerk declared Mark Fitzpatrick elected as Meeting Moderator by a unanimous voice vote.*
- *The Moderator then opened the meeting and read the warrant.*

Article 1: The Town voted to transfer from the Vehicle Stabilization Fund an amount not to exceed \$47,000.00 for the purchase of a new vehicle for the Bernardston Police Department.

The Article was moved and seconded. The Selectboard and Chief of Police then stated that the amount of the spending would depend on final bids and the most cost effective option would be chosen under the limits of spending indicated in the article. Any remaining balance would be set aside for future vehicle needs. After everyone had ample opportunity to speak, it was put to a vote by raising hands and the Moderator declared it approved by a Unanimous vote which satisfied the 2/3 majority required for this article.

Article 2: The Town voted to accept the FY20 budget voted by the PVRSD School Committee on July 11, 2019, in the amount of \$14,154,316 of which \$9,239,616 will be assessed to the member towns and further voted to Raise and Appropriate an additional \$13,619.25 and transfer \$8,355.15 from the Bernardston Elementary School Communications account to fully fund Bernardston's share of the Operating Assessment (\$2,969,574).

The Article was moved and seconded and after remarks by Selectboard and Finance Committee and after everyone had ample opportunity to speak, it was put to a vote by raising hands and the Moderator declared it approved by a Unanimous vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23pm

Respectfully Submitted, August 20, 2019
Paul W. Luther, Bernardston Town Clerk