

The Special Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at the South Hadley High School auditorium at 153 Newton Street, South Hadley MA. True and attested copies of the warrants were posted by Constable, David J. Labrie in five of the town's voting precincts. Copies of the warrants were sent out electronically to town meeting members on Monday, April 22, 2024. All additional local by-law requirements were met prior to hosting this meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Town Moderator, John Hine. There were eighty-nine present out of one hundred and twenty qualified members. All newly elected Town Meeting Members were sworn into office by Town Moderator, John Hine. The body recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Selectboard Chair, Andrea Miles. A moment of silence was held for 'all those who have served South Hadley'.

Robert G. Judge received the Citizen of the Year Award from Know Your Town.

Patrick Dawson received the Joseph B. Taylor Volunteer of the year award.

The Town Moderator reappointed Steven Hamlin, Joel Prough, and Jessica DeFlumer for three-year terms to the Appropriations Committee

The following business occurred:

ARTICLE 1: PRIOR YEAR BILLS - TOWN EXPENDITURE

Article Passed. 9/10 Majority Vote Required.

Recorded Vote: Yes – 85, No – 1, Abstain – 0, No Vote – 3

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,814 to pay the following town bills incurred in prior fiscal years: \$8,520 in Energy Bills and \$2,294 for MIIA Insurance deductibles.

ARTICLE 2: PRIOR YEAR BILLS - SCHOOL EXPENDITURE

Article Passed. Article 9/10 Majority Vote Required.

Recorded Vote: Yes – 86, No – 0, Abstain – 1, No Vote – 2

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$57,994 to pay the following school department bills incurred in prior fiscal years: \$51,917 for NRG Natural gas bills after estimates were adjusted to actual usage, \$538 for Clarke. \$2,564 for texthelp, \$2,975 for Learning Solutions.

ARTICLE 3: FY2024 SNOW AND ICE

Article Passed. Majority Vote Required.

Recorded Vote: Yes – 86, No – 1, Abstain – 0, No Vote – 2

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$90,000 to pay for Snow and Ice bills incurred in Fiscal Year 2024.

ARTICLE 4: FY2024 LEDGES

Article Passed. Majority Vote Required.

Recorded Vote: Yes – 73, No – 10, Abstain – 3, No Vote – 3

The Town voted to transfer from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund the sum of \$62,000 to pay for expenses incurred in Fiscal Year 2024.

ARTICLE 5: FY2024 WASTEWATER

Article Passed. Majority Vote Required.

Recorded Vote: Yes – 84, No – 2, Abstain – 1, No Vote – 2

The Town voted to accept a sum of money for highway improvements under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 and other applicable law; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; authorize the Selectboard to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such projects.

ARTICLE 6: VALLEYBIKE

Article Passed. Majority Vote Required.

Recorded Vote: Yes – 79, No – 7, Abstain – 1, No Vote – 2

The Town voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000 to pay for South Hadley’s portion of the ValleyBike share program for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025.

Meeting adjourned by voice vote at 6:34 P.M.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:



Sarah B. Gmeiner, Town Clerk