## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 23, 2020

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen, duly served and legally posted by a constable of the Town, Moderator Katie Goodfellow called the meeting to order at <u>7:00pm.</u> at Apponequet Regional High School Gymnasium when \*<u>25%</u> registered voters had checked in of the required 100. Tellers had been appointed and sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk, Lillian M. Drane. They included Margaret Bethune, Robert Marshall, Geraldine Taylor and Joanne Upham; with the possibility of an overflow in the cafeteria, Assistant Moderator Paul Meleedy and teller Annette Andrews were also appointed and sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk, Lillian M. Drane.

Mrs. Goodfellow set her usual "ground rules" including identifying oneself, using a microphone when you speak, and putting your motions in writing. In lieu of the Town's By-Law, the volume <u>"Town Meeting Time"</u> will be used for parliamentary procedures.

We began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and we held a brief moment of silence in memory of the following: JUDITH DEMORA- Lakeville Police Department, Matron 1986 - 2009; GEORGE "HOPPY" E. HOPKINS- Lakeville Fire Department 1976 - 1988; JANET L. TRACY- Town Clerk 2006 - 2014, Burial Agent 2006 – 2014, Wage & Personnel Board 2006 – 2014, Board of Registrars 2000 - 2014, Historical Commission 2018 - 2020, Election Officer 2015 -2020; SYLVESTER ZIENKIEWICZ- Middleboro/Lakeville Herring Fishery Commission 2010 – 2015, Planning Board 2011 – 2020, Water Advisory Committee 2011 – 2015, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee 2013 - 2018, Master Plan Implementation Committee 2014 - 2020; GERALD R. WHITE- Finance Committee 1986 - 1992, Board of Selectman 1993 - 2005, Director of Veteran's Services 1994 - 2005, Senior Center Supervisory Board 1994 - 2002, MBTA Assessment Study Committee 1994 - 1996, Joint Transportation Planning Group 1996 - 1997, Committee for Planning Future uses of Lakeville Hospital Properties 1997, Negotiating Committee for Lakeville Hospital 1995 – 1998, Lakeville Hospital Reuse Committee 1998 – 2002, Water Study Board 2000, Lakeville Planning Committee 2000 - 2002, Seasonal Advisory Committee 2001 - 2005; FRANKLIN COBB- Special Police Officer 1964 - 1966, Police Officer 1968 - 1990, Constable 1979 -1990, Surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber, Fence Viewers and Field Drivers 1981 - 1989, Special Reserve Police Officer 1990 - 2004; as well

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thanked First Responders and Town Employees in regards to the ongoing State of Emergency- COVID-19 pandemic.

A motion was then made to allow non-residents, Franklin Moniz, Lakeville DPW Director, Gregg Corbo Town Counsel, Richard Medeiros, Lakeville-Freetown Superintendent of Schools and Todd Hassett, Lakeville Town Accountant, to speak or to be heard- so moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Then she entertained a motion to waive the reading of the warrant, seconded; unanimous. We then proceeded to Article 1.

## ARTICLE 1:

It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay unpaid bills from prior fiscal years:

BILL	AMOUNT	FUNDING SOUCE
Industrial Protection (Fire)	\$ 850.00	Free Cash
Fallon Health	\$1,603.00	Free Cash

Finance Committee- Approved

# The motion carried by 4/5ths requirement, PASSED unanimously.

## ARTICLE 2:

It was voted that the Town transfer from the sum of <u>\$1,600.00</u> from Park Retained Earnings to supplement the amount appropriated pursuant to Article 2 of the November 13, 2018 Special Town Meeting (Park/New Fields), to bring the total project cost of <u>\$76,600.00</u>.

Finance Committee- Approved

## The motion PASSED unanimously.

## ARTICLE 3 (Enterprise Funding):

It was voted that the Town transfer from available funds, the following sums of money to defray **unanticipated costs for Fiscal Year 2020** for various accounts in the General Fund, including but not limited to, the Park Enterprise and the Landfill Enterprise and further, to amend the budgets for said enterprise funds, as shown on the chart as printed on Page #6 of the Warrant.

Line	Department	Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
1.	Park Enterprise Fund	Reduce Estimated Revenue	\$24,750	Parks Retained Earnings

2	Landfill Enterprise Fund	Reduce Estimated Revenue	\$35,000	Landfill Retained Earnings
3.	Debt Service Short Term Interest	Septic Debt	\$ 5,000	Septic Loan Fund

Finance Committee- Approved

# The motion PASSED unanimously.

# ARTICLE 4 (Capital Plan):

It was voted that the Town appropriate a sum of money for **capital improvements and equipment** and all costs incidental or related thereto, and to authorize Town Officials to take such action and execute all documents as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote, as shown on the chart printed on Page #7 of the Warrant.

Line	Department	Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
1.	Assessors	Software upgrade	\$ 30,000	Overlay Surplus
2.	Facilities	Security Systems	\$ 23,000	Free Cash
3.	Facilities	Peach Barn- Roof	\$ 15,000	Free Cash
4.	Facilities	Generator-Town/Fire	\$ 55,000	Free Cash
5.	Facilities	Air Scrubber	\$ 15,000	Transfer-Hwy Oil
				Tanks-
				(11/2018 STM-Art 3)
6.	Police	Cruisers replacement	\$ 84,000	Free Cash
7.	Highway	1 Ton Truck	\$ 72,000	Free Cash
		w/Sander- Plow		
		w/equipment		
8.	Highway	Pick Truck with plow	\$ 43,000	Free cash
9	Highway	Street Sweeper	\$150,000	\$50,000-Free Cash
		(used)		\$100,000-Overlay
				Surplus
10.	Park	Irrigation System	\$ 15,000	Park Retained
				Earnings
		GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$502,000</u>	

Finance Committee- Approved

# The motion PASSED unanimously.

# ARTICLE 5:

It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of <u>\$235,000.00</u> for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new **Highway Department building**, including the costs of procurement, design, construction, equipment and furniture, and all costs incidental or related thereto and to authorize Town officials to take such action and execute all documents as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote; said sum to be transferred from available funds as follows:

- Transfer the sum of <u>\$114,423.05</u> from Article 1 of the June 17, 2017 Annual Town Meeting (Highway/Modular Office);
- Transfer the sum of <u>\$70,000.00</u> from Article 26 of the June 6, 2016 Annual Town Meeting (Highway Office Trailer with Ramp); and
- Transfer the sum of <u>\$50,576.50</u> from Free Cash.

Finance Committee- Approved

# The motion PASSED unanimously.

Prior to taking up Article 6, Mrs. Goodfellow explained that she would be reading <u>totals only</u> from the warrant booklet and if someone had a question within that department, they should put a "**hold**" on it and we would return to all questions at the end of the reading.

# ARTICLE 6 (General Fund Budget):

It was voted that the Town determine the salaries of all elected officers and to raise and appropriate <u>\$30,397,215.00</u>; transfer <u>\$20,525.00</u> from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust; transfer <u>\$100,000.00</u> from Free Cash for a total appropriation of <u>\$30,517,740.00</u> to defray Town expenses for the **fiscal period July 1, 2020 to June 30**, **2021** inclusive, said sums to be allocated in accordance with the handout entitled "Town of Lakeville-FY2021-Budget".

# ARTICLE 6- ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN		
Chair	\$	4,995
2nd Member	\$	4,500
3rd Member	\$	4,500
BOARD OF ASSESSORS:		,
Chair	\$	2,000
2nd Member	\$	1,500
3rd Member	\$	1,500
BOARD OF HEALTH:	Ŷ	1,000
Chair	\$	2,000
2nd Member	\$	1,500
3rd Member	\$	1,500
TREASURER/COLLECTOR:	•	1,000
Salary	\$	77,159
Longevity	\$	5,401
TOWN CLERK:	Ψ	5,401
Salary	\$	69,507
Longevity	↓ \$	4,866
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# **ARTICLE 6- GENERAL BUDGET**

TOWN EXPENSES	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	
Line #	
122 SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATION	
#1 Salaries	\$ 277,669
#2 Expenses	\$ 66,600

131 FINANCE COMMITTEE		
#3 Expenses	\$	400
#4 Reserved Fund (Budget)	\$	150,000
135 ACCOUNTANT		,
#5 Salaries	\$	55,482
#6 Expenses	\$	81,475
141 ASSESSORS		
#7 Salaries	\$	83,145
#8 Expenses	\$	101,900
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR		
#9 Salaries	\$	181,090
#10 Expenses	\$	51,000
151 LEGAL SERVICES		
#11 Expenses	\$	60,000
152 HUMAN RESOURCES & PAYROLL		
#12 Salaries	\$	143,705
#13 Expenses	\$	19,579
#14 Compensation Reserve	\$	225,000
155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
#15 Salaries	\$	97,500
#16 Expenses	\$	261,000
161 TOWN CLERK		
#17 Salaries	\$	134,339
#18 Expenses	\$	11,395
162 ELECTIONS	•	
#19 Expenses	\$	26,300
163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS	•	
#20 Expenses	\$	14,600
171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	¢	00.000
#21 Salaries	\$	28,820
#22 Expenses	\$	3,100
175 PLANNING BOARD	•	000
#23 Expenses	\$	300

#176 APPEALS BOARD	
#24 Expenses	\$ 150
191 HISTORIC TOWN HOUSE	
#25 Expenses	\$ 650
192 TOWN OFFICE/FIRE STATION	
#26 Expenses	\$ 109,300
193 TOWN FACILITIES	
#27 Salaries	\$ 94,069
#28 Expenses	\$ 76,000
195 TOWN REPORT	
#29 Expenses	\$ 800
198 CABLE TV/ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
#30 Expenses	\$ 3,000
199 OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
#31 Expenses	\$ 11,002
Subtotal – GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 2,369,370
PUBLIC SAFETY:	
210 POLICE	
#32 Salaries	\$ 1,906,247
#33 Expenses	\$ 220,250
215 COMMUNICATIONS	
#34 Salaries	\$ 0
220 FIRE & AMBULANCE	
#35 Salaries	\$ 1,264,014
#36 Expenses	\$ 117,835
241 BUILDING INSPECTION	
#37 Salaries	\$ 253,837
#38 Expenses	\$ 3,800
242 P-T INSPECTORS	
#39 Salaries	\$ 72,800

291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
#40 Salaries	\$ 2,500
#41 Expenses	\$ 5,480
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
#42 Salaries	\$ 101,896
#43 Expenses	\$ 20,350
Subtotal - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 3,969,009
EDUCATION:	
FREETOWN-LAKEVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOLS	
#44 School Committee - Stipends	\$ 6,500
#45 Operating Assessment	\$14,470,600
-Transportation -NonExcluded Debt	\$ 449,260 \$ 101,455
-Nonexcluded Debt	\$ 101,455 \$ 298,607
Total-Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District	\$15,319,922
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#46 330 OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOC-TECH	\$ 2,004,883
#47 340 BRISTOL AGRICULTURAL	\$ 295,570
Subtotal - EDUCATION	\$17,626,875
PUBLICS WORKS:	
420 HIGHWAY	
#48 Salaries	\$ 682,584
#49 Expenses	\$ 259,200
423 SNOW & ICE	+,
#50 Salaries	\$ 32,500
#51 Expenses	\$ 75,000
424 STREET LIGHTING	φ 10,000
	\$ 25.000
#52 Expenses	\$ 25,000
491 CEMETERY	
#53 Expenses	\$ 13,000
Subtotal – PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 1,087,284
HUMAN SERVICES	
511 BOARD OF HEALTH	

#54 Salaries	\$	100,392
#55 Expenses	\$	10,550
#56 VNA Services	\$	4,000
541 COUNCIL ON AGING		
#57 Salaries	\$	178,927
#58 Expenses	\$	30,300
543 VETERANS		
#59 Salaries	\$	18,401
#60 Expenses	\$	194,875
Subtotal - HUMAN SERVICES	\$	537,445
CULTURE & RECREATION:		
610 LIBRARY		
#61 Salaries	\$	261,729
#62 Expenses	\$	109,966
660 HISTORIC LIBRARY		
#63 Expenses	\$	4,000
691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
#64 Historical Commission	\$	500
Subtotal - CULTURE & RECREATION	\$	376,195
DEBT SERVICE		·
710 DEBT SERVICE:		
#65 Principal	\$	858,492
#66 Interest	\$	277,196
#67 Short-Term Interest	\$	29,466
Subtotal – DEBT SERVICE	\$ ·	1,165.154
INTERGOVERNMENTAL		
830 COUNTY		
#68 Plymouth County COOP, Ext	\$	500
850 REGIONAL		
#69 Regional Planning	\$	2,036
Subtotal -INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$	2,536
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FIXED COSTS:	
#70 911 PLYMOUTH COUNTY RETIREMENT	\$ 1,134,278
#71 913 UNEMPLOYEMENT COMPENSATION	\$ 7,400
#72 914 GROUP INSURANCE	\$ 2,019,194
#73 945 RISK MANAGEMENT	\$ 223,000
Subtotal – FIXED COSTS	\$ 3,383,872
GRAND TOTAL, GENERAL FUND BUDGET	\$30,517,740

Finance Committee- Approved

The motion PASSED unanimously.

A motion was then made to allow a short recess at  $\underline{7:45pm}$  to oversee the overflow of voters in the cafeteria regarding audio and accommodations- so moved, seconded and passed unanimously. After much discussion with Town Counsel, Moderator and Town Clerk, all voters from the cafeteria were able to be accommodated in the gymnasium due to technical difficulties, we returned to open session at  $\underline{7:55pm}$ , we then proceeded to Article 7.

### ARTICLE 7:

It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of <u>\$213,814.00</u> for the **Park Department Enterprise Fund as follows:** <u>\$46,964.00</u> to be raised from Park Department Retained Earnings and <u>\$166,850.00</u>, to be raised from Estimated Park Department Receipts, said sums to be allocated between salaries and expenses of the Park Department for the fiscal period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, inclusive, as indicated in the Finance Committee Report.

ARTICLE 7- 630 PARK ENTERPRISE FUND	
Salaries	\$96,500.00
Expenses	<u>\$117,314.00</u>
TOTAL-PARK ENTERPRISE REVENUE	(-\$213,814.00)

Finance Committee- Approved

## The motion PASSED unanimously.

## ARTICLE 8:

It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of <u>\$389,167.00</u> for the **Landfill Enterprise as follows:** <u>\$100,000.00</u> to be raised by taxation and <u>\$289,167.00</u> to be raised from Estimated Landfill Receipts, said sums to be allocated between the salaries and expenses of the Landfill for the fiscal period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, inclusive, as indicated in the Finance Committee Report.

# ARTICLE 8-<br/>LANDFILL/TRANSFER STATION<br/>430 LANDFILL ENTERPRISE FUNDSalaries\$195,332.00Salaries\$193,835.00TOTAL-LANDFILL ENTERPRISE REVENUE(-\$389,167.00)

Finance Committee- Approved

## The motion PASSED unanimously.

A motion was then made to allow a temporary recess of the Annual Town Meeting at <u>8:00pm</u> and to open the Special Town Meeting at <u>8:00pm</u>- so moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Mrs. Goodfellow set her usual "ground rules" including identifying oneself, using a microphone when you speak, and putting your motions in writing. In lieu of the Town's By-Law, the volume <u>"Town Meeting Time"</u> will be used for parliamentary procedures. She also stated that the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen, duly served and legally was posted by a constable of the Town. Tellers had been appointed and sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk, Lillian M. Drane. They included Margaret Bethune, Robert Marshall, Geraldine Taylor and Joanne Upham. A motion was then made to allow non-residents, Franklin Moniz, Lakeville DPW Director, Gregg Corbo Town Counsel, Richard Medeiros, Lakeville/Freetown Superintendent of Schools and Todd Hassett, Lakeville Town Accountant, to speak or to be heard- so moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Then she entertained a motion to waive the reading of the warrant, seconded; unanimous. A motion was then made to allow a temporary recess for the Special Town Meeting at <u>8:08pm</u> and to resume the Annual Town Meeting at <u>8:08pm</u>- so moved, seconded and passed unanimously. We then proceeded to Article 9.

## ARTICLE 9:

It was voted that the Town vote in accordance with the **Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District Agreement**, to appropriate the sum of <u>\$108,965.00</u> to pay the Town's share of the costs of purchasing and **installing a network infrastructure** for the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District, including but not limited to purchase and installation of a new wireless local controller or cloud based network, enterprise class wireless network compatible with a HP Procurve wired network, or similar technology and anything incidental or related thereto, said sum to transfer from Free Cash.

Finance Committee- Approved

### The motion PASSED unanimously.

Article 10 brought the largest interest and concerns regarding endorsing the \$2.3 million debt exclusion bonding for the local share of the reconstruction of Route 79- (Myricks St./Rhode Island Road Rehabilitation Project). Board of Selectmen Chairman LaCamera explained the need of funding the project due to the \$10 million in state and federal grant money for the road reconstruction and improvements will expire on June 30th, 2020. He also stated the funds will be allocated to pay for the design work, surveys, land easements and land takings done by the town; MassHighway will supervise the construction work. Chairman LaCamera also noted that the town would have to spend \$5 to \$6 million dollars to completely reconstruct the road bed, add drainage, and resurface the road without the proposed sidewalks, if it undertook the project without the state aid of \$10 million dollars, and added that the Route 18 & 79 intersection is the most dangerous intersection in town and it will be completely redesigned and made safer. After much consideration and discussion, we proceeded to Article 10.

## ARTICLE 10:

It was voted that the Town vote Article 10 as set forth in the Warrant, with the funds specified in part D to be raised by borrowing in accordance with the terms of said part D:

- A) Authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or permanent and/or temporary easements, for public way purposes, including without limitation, for the construction. installation, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of rights of way, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, driveways, retaining walls, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, and other appurtenances and/or facilities, to enable the Town to undertake the Route 79 (Myricks St./Rhode Island Road) Rehabilitation Project and for any and all purposes incidental or related thereto, in, on and under certain parcels of land located on or near Route 79 Street and approximately entitled "Massachusetts shown on plans Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Route 79 (Myricks St./Rhode Island Road) in the Town of Lakeville Plymouth County", prepared by Beta, Inc. on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended and/or incorporated into an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels;
- B) Transfer the care, custody, and control of a portion or portions of the Town-owned property or properties shown on the aforementioned plans from the board or officer having custody of the same for the purposes for which such properties are currently held to the Board of Selectmen for public way and utility purposes and further to dedicate said portions of the Town-owned properties to the foregoing purposes, and, if applicable, authorize the Board of Selectmen to

submit petitions to the General Court to authorize the foregoing under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution or otherwise;

- C) Authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of any excess land located outside the altered layout of Route 79 on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Selectmen deem appropriate;
- D) Raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow the sum of \$2,300,000.00 to fund the foregoing project and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land/easement acquisitions, appraisals, and surveys, and, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 or 8, as amended, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20, as amended, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; provided, however, that the appropriation authorized hereunder shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a ballot question to exclude the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes issued for such project from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so called; and
- E) Authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the aforesaid purposes.

Finance Committee- Approved

Lakeville DPW Director- Approved

### The motion carried by 2/3rds requirement (131 Yes to 18 No).

All business on the Warrant having been acted upon, a motion to dissolve came at <u>8:43pm</u>.

Check lists were used and <u>161 voters</u>, including <u>9</u> Town Meeting Members were checked on the lists as being present as follows:

	P.1	P.2	P.3	Total
Voter Registration per Precinct as of 6/3/2020	2,487	2,633	2,925	8,045
Checked-In	40	44	77	161
% Turn-out on 6/23/20	1.6%	1.7%	2.6%	2.0%
TOTAL	40	44	77	161

- Article #10 to be sent to DOR
- Prop 2½ referendum question was placed on the Annual Town Election scheduled for April 6, 2020, but postponed to June 16, 2020 due to the State of Emergency due to COVID-19 pandemic.

I hereby certify under the seal of the Town of Lakeville that on <u>June 16, 2020</u> postponed from April 6, 2020 due to COVID-19, a duly called and properly posted Annual Town Election took place at the Ted Williams Camp, Loon Pond Lodge, 28 Precinct Street, Lakeville, Massachusetts.

The following are the result:

**Question:** Shall the Town of Lakeville be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the construction, installation, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of rights of way, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, driveways, retaining walls, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, and other appurtenances and/or facilities, to enable the Town to undertake the Route 79 (Myricks St./Rhode Island Road) Rehabilitation Project?

	<u>P.1</u>	<u>P.2</u>	<u>P.3</u>	Total				
YES	134	210	257	601				
NO	156	226	190	572				
BLANKS	20	29	24	73				
GRAND TOTAL	310	465	471	1,246				
Attest:								

\*NOTE: The Board of Selectmen hereby provided notice of its intention to considering an adjustment of the quorum requirements for the <u>June 23</u>, <u>2020 Annual & Special Town Meeting</u>. House Bill 4777, signed by the Governor on June 5, 2020, and authorizes a Board of Selectmen to reduce the quorum to <u>at least 10%</u> for an Annual or Special Town Meeting, regardless of whether such quorum is set by bylaw or charter. In Lakeville, Chapter II, Section 6 of the General Bylaws, provides for a quorum of <u>100 voters.</u>

As background, based upon the orders and guidance issued by the Governor and the Commonwealth Department of Public Health, among others, restricting large gatherings and various public functions, and the declaration of a State of Emergency (COVID-19 Pandemic) in the Commonwealth, significant planning was undertaken to hold the Town Meetings at the Apponequet Regional High School-Gymnasium. The intent of such plan was to provide voters with a way to attend the Town Meetings without having to choose between protecting their health and participating as a member of the legislative body of the Town.

One of the most essential jobs of the Town Meeting is to set the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee have determined that it is in the Town's best interests to approve a budget for the upcoming fiscal year (rather than administratively approving a 1/12th budget on a monthly basis). Working with the Moderator, Town Administrator and other key staff, the Town has prepared a Town Meeting plan consistent with the advice and guidance of the Governor and the Department of Public Health.

Therefore, to preserve the option for Town Meeting to be held with a lower quorum, the Board hereby provided notice of its intent to meet on a virtual platform on June 12, 2020 at 3:00 PM to discuss whether, with the Moderator's input and approval, it should lower the quorum to ensure that Town Meeting can undertake its responsibilities. Such meeting was conducted via a virtual platform with public access to allow the public to follow the deliberations in real time. (To view this meeting in progress and attend/or participate in the discussion, it can be watch live on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Lakecam/">https://www.facebook.com/Lakecam/</a>. This meeting will be recorded and available to be viewed at a later date at <a href="http://www.lakecam.tv/">http://www.lakecam.tv/</a>.)

In accordance with An Act Relative to Municipal Governance During the COVID-19 Emergency, on June 4, 2020, [at least seven days before the Board's vote], the Board of Selectmen provided notice of its intention to reduce or otherwise adjust the Annual and Special Town Meetings quorum requirement established by Lakeville's Town Bylaws, Chapter II, Section 6. <u>On June 12, 2020</u>, in compliance with the Open Meeting Law, the Board of Selectmen and Moderator conferred, met and discussed lowering the 100 voter Annual & Special Town Meeting quorum requirement pursuant to the Town's Bylaws, Chapter II, Section 6, to <u>25%</u> (<u>25) voters.</u> A copy of the certified vote of said meeting is noted herewith.

<u>Quorums:</u> Section 7 (a) authorizes a select board or board of selectmen (with the approval of the town moderator) to "prescribe the number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any town meeting held during the governor's March 10, 2020 declaration of a State of Emergency at a number that is less than the number that would otherwise be required by law, town by law or town charter; 10 per cent of the number that would otherwise be required. "Section 7 (c) requires: "not less than 10 days after a vote of the select board or board of selectmen to adjust the quorum requirement under this section, the town clerk shall notify the attorney general of the adjusted quorum requirement."

Upon a motion made by Selectman LaCamera and seconded by Chairman Fabian, it was:

**VOTED:** To reduce the quorum to **25%** for the Annual and Special Town Meetings being held on June 23, 2020.

Roll call vote: Chairman Fabian- aye; Selectman LaCamera- aye.

Attest:

Bane

Lillian M. Drane, CMC/CMMC Town Clerk

A true copy of the record, attest:

Bane

Lillian M. Drane, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk