

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 10, 2021

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 6:30PM. at Apponequet Regional High School Gymnasium when *25% registered voters had checked in of 100. Tellers had been appointed and sworn in by the Town Clerk, Lillian M. Drane. They included Peter Conroy, Fred Frodyma, Anthony Morrison and Joanne Upham.

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 “Town Meeting Time” 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 **Douglas Young**, Election Officer from 2000-2013.

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 \$6,231.26 from Free Cash to pay the following unpaid bills from the prior fiscal years:

Unpaid Bill No	Department	Vendor	Amount	Purpose
1.	Assessors	Anthony M. Ambriano, Esq.	\$4,322.86	Legal Services- Appellate Tax Board Case
2.	Treasurer/Collector	KP Law	\$1,517.35	Legal Services- Tax Title matters
3.	Human Resources	Tristan Medical Occupation Health	\$60.00	Drug Screening Non-DOT
4.	Fire	Stryker Sales Corporation	\$331.05	Equipment Maintenance
		TOTAL	<u>\$6,231.26</u>	

Finance Committee- Approved

The motion carried by 9/10ths requirement, PASSED unanimously.

ARTICLE 2:

It was voted that the Town transfer \$80,000.00 from Free Cash to supplement the FY2021 Snow & Ice expenses, line 51 from the June 23, 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Line No	Department	Budget Line Item	Amount	Purpose
1.	Snow & Ice	Expenses	\$80,000	Winter 2021 costs

Finance Committee- Approved

The motion PASSED unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: (FY2021 Capital Projects)

It was voted that the Town to transfer \$105,000.00 from unused Capital Projects balances, as listed in the Warrant, for renovations at the Old Library including handicapped access, and anything incidental or related thereto and also it was voted that the Town transfer \$100,000.00 from Overlay Surplus for the Fire Station rehabilitation, and anything incidental or related thereto.

Unused Capital Projects balances (to close/transfer):

Department	Project/Purpose	Town Meeting	Amount
General Govt	GIS Mapping Software	ATM 06/2016, Art 26	\$ 2,500.00
Highway	Garage Roof Replacement	ATM 06/2016, Art 26	\$ 5,240.00
Technology	Licensing	STM 06/2019, Art 3	\$ 26,270.02
Animal Control	Repave Driveway/Parking Lot	ATM 06/2019, Art 5	\$ 3,139.98
Highway	1-Ton Truck w/ Sander, Plow	ATM 06/2020, Art 4	\$ 1,014.10
FLRSD	Wireless Network Infrastructure	ATM 06/2020, Art 9	\$ 66,835.90
		TOTAL (Close/transfer)	<u>\$105,000.00</u>

And Transfer the Unused Funds to the Following FY2021 Capital Projects:

Line	Department	Item	Amount
1.	Facilities	Old Library renovations, including handicapped access	\$105,000.00
2	Facilities	Fire Station rehabilitation	\$100,000.00
		TOTAL TRANSFER	<u>\$205,000.00</u>

Finance Committee- Approved

The motion PASSED unanimously.

ARTICLE 4:

It was voted that the Town amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 7 of the June 23, 2020 Annual Town Meeting, relative to the Park Department Enterprise Fund, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020; by reducing Estimated Park Receipts by \$45,000.00 and replacing it with \$45,000.00 from Park Retained Earnings.

Finance Committee-Approved

The motion PASSED unanimously.

All business on the Warrant having been acted upon, a motion to dissolve came at **6:47PM.**

Check lists were used and **155 voters,** including **9** 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 4/30/2021	2,594	2,793	3,238	8,625
Checked-in	37	48	70	155
% Turn-out on 5/10/2021	1.4%	1.7%	2.1%	1.8%
TOTAL	37	48	70	155

***NOTE:** The Board of Selectmen hereby provided notice of its intention to considering an adjustment of the quorum requirements for the May 10, 2021 Annual & Special Town Meeting. House Bill 4777, signed by the Governor on June 5, 2020, and authorizes a Board of Selectmen to reduce the quorum to at least 10% 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 100 voters.

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 November 16, 2020 at 6:30 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 <https://www.facebook.com/Lakecam/>. This meeting will be recorded and available to be viewed at a later date at <http://www.lakecam.tv/>.)

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. On November 16, 2020, 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 **25% (25) voters**. A copy of the certified vote of said meeting is noted herewith.

Quorums: 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 Fabian and seconded by Chairman LaCamera, it was:

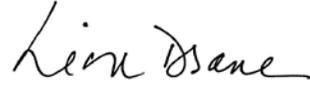
VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen establish a quorum of 25 registered voters for all Town Meetings held during the State of Emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to, the upcoming November 30, 2020 Special Town Meeting.

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

Attest: 

**Lillian M. Drane, MMC/CMMC
Town Clerk**

A true copy of the record, attest:



**Lillian M. Drane, MMC/CMMC,
Town Clerk**