



TOWN OF BEDFORD SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Bedford held the Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022 at Bedford High School. Town Meeting has now been adjourned and dissolved. The results are listed below, along with the attendance count.

ARTICLE	DATE	SPECIAL TOWN MEETING	RESULT				
1	11/14/2022	<p>Debate Rules – the Town voted to adopt the following procedure for the current Special Town Meeting:</p> <p>A. The main motion having been submitted in advance, and presentations having been made available for viewing before the meeting, presentations will be limited to ten (10) minutes;</p> <p>B. No amendment shall be accepted unless submitted in writing. A speaker presenting an amendment to an article shall be limited to five (5) minutes;</p> <p>C. Speakers shall be limited to five (5) minutes;</p> <p>D. No article shall be presented after 10:30 PM;</p> <p>E. Town Meeting by majority vote may waive A, B, C, or D.</p>	Passed by Declared Unanimous Vote				
2	11/14/2022	<p>Community Preservation Budget – Effective July 1, 2023 – the Town voted to reconfirm a property tax surcharge of three percent (3%) of the taxes assessed annually on real property which shall be dedicated to the Community Preservation Fund, such surcharge to be imposed on taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2023.</p>	Passed by Declared Majority Vote				
3	11/14/2022	<p>Supplemental FY2023 Community Preservation Budget – the Town voted to appropriate the following amounts from FY2023 Community Preservation Funds for the following purposes:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1 Conservation of Early Town Record Books</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 14,595</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 John Glenn Middle School Tennis Court/Pickleball Court Lights</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 150,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>For a total of \$164,595.00</p>	1 Conservation of Early Town Record Books	\$ 14,595	2 John Glenn Middle School Tennis Court/Pickleball Court Lights	\$ 150,000	Passed by Declared Majority Vote
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4	11/14/2022	<p>Petitioners’ Article – Fire Station Project Design Appropriation Change – it was moved that the Town revoke a portion of the appropriation for Fire Station Project Design work as voted pursuant to the motion on Article 9 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, such that no further expenditure of funds for such purpose may be made except as necessary under contract for services rendered up to and including the date of this vote.</p>	Motion Failed by Declared Majority Vote				
5	11/14/2022	<p>Petitioners’ Article – Establish Fire Station Site Location Committee – it was moved that the Town create a Committee, consisting of five registered voters of the Town, appointed by the Moderator, none of whom serve on any other town boards or committees or in any town offices or positions, with instructions to (1) hold no fewer than two public hearings at which the public may suggest sites for the location of a new Town Fire Station and submit information in support thereof; and (2) prepare a report to the 2023 Annual Town Meeting which shall be published on the Town website no less than 30 days before Town Meeting and distributed to all the Town’s registered voters a minimum of seven days before that Town Meeting, and which contains a detailed review of each site suggested at the public hearings, the advantages and disadvantages of each, and the Committee’s recommendations for siting the Fire Station at each such site.</p>	Motion Failed by Declared Majority Vote				



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6	11/14/2022	<p>Appropriate Funds for the Bedford Permanent Firefighters Local 2310 IAFF Collective Bargaining Agreement – FY2023-Fy2025 – the Town voted to appropriate \$85,604.00 to fund the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Bedford and the Bedford Permanent Firefighters Local 2310 for Fire Department employees who are members of this collective bargaining unit; and that such appropriation be funded by transferring the previously appropriated amount at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting “Fund 1220 – Select Board: Reserve” to “Fund 2200: Fire Department – Salaries”.</p>	Passed by Declared Majority Vote
7	11/14/2022	<p>Appropriate Funds for the American Federation of State, Country, and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO, State Council 93, Local 1730 Collective Bargaining Agreement – FY2023-Fy2025 – the Town voted to appropriate \$71,995.00 to fund the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Bedford and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO, State Council 93, Local 1703, commencing July 1, 2022, for Public Works employees who are members of this collective bargaining unit; and that such appropriation be funded by transferring the previously appropriated amount at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting “Fund 1220 – Select Board: Reserve” to “Fund 4000: Department of Public Works”.</p>	Passed by Declared Majority Vote
8	11/14/2022	<p>Appropriate Funds for Minuteman High School Assessment – FY2023 – the Town voted to raise and appropriate \$33,143.00 to amend the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriation “Fund 3001 – Vocational Education,” under Article 17 of the March 28, 2022, Annual Town Meeting.</p>	Passed by Declared Majority Vote
9	11/14/2022	<p>Home Rule Petition – Legal Notice Media Requirements – the Town voted to authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court to enact legislation in substantially the form below, and further to authorize the Select Board to approve amendments to said legislation before its enactment by the General Court that are within the scope of the general objectives of this motion.</p> <p>AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BEDFORD TO ADOPT ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH HEARINGS.</p> <p><i>Be it enacted as follows:</i></p> <p>SECTION 1. Notwithstanding chapter 40A, section 11 of the General Laws, the Town of Bedford is hereby authorized to adopt and further amend general bylaws that restrict the publishing of legal notices on the Town’s website.</p> <p>SECTION 2. The Town may permit that all legal notices of such public hearings be published: (i) in a local newspaper, either in electronic or paper format; (ii) on the bulletin board outside the Town Clerk’s office; and (iii) on the Town’s website.</p> <p>SECTION 3. As used in this Act, the term “website” shall mean the official website of the Town of Bedford that is operated and maintained by the Town’s government.</p> <p>SECTION 4. If any provision or section of this act is invalidated, the remainder shall survive in full force and effect.</p> <p>SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.</p>	Passed by Declared 2/3 Majority Vote



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10	11/14/2022	<p>Minuteman Bikeway Extension – it was moved that the Town authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, or by eminent domain, with funds appropriated for the Minuteman Bikeway Extension under Article 6 of the warrant for this Town Meeting, any interest in real property for purposes of establishing, constructing, operating, and maintaining a multiuse rail trail/recreational path and for all other purposes for which rail trails are now or hereafter may be used in the Commonwealth, known as the Minuteman Bikeway Extension Transportation Improvement Project as shown on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in the Town of Bedford, Massachusetts, Middlesex County, Showing the Locations of Takings and Easements for the Purpose of Constructing the Minuteman Bikeway Extension” dated January 14, 2022, prepared by VHB and a copy of which is filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, including abutting and underlying properties as necessary for clearing title for any interests in the railroad right-of-way, laying out a recreational path in that right-of-way, and providing access to the rail trail area for construction, maintenance, and repair purposes, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board may determine.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Motion Failed by Secret Ballot 537 in favor and 537 opposed</p>

Attendance: There were a total of 1,197 voters in attendance at the Town of Bedford’s 2022 Special Town Meeting.