

**RECORD
TOWN OF GRANBY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECONVENED
& SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 13, 2016**

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Granby qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met at the Granby Jr. Sr. High School on East State Street on June 13, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier opened the Reconvened Annual Town Meeting at 7:06 p.m. The ATM was called to order at 7:09 pm a quorum was present (30 or more) 209 were in attendance at the time of opening.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by Select Board Chair, Mark Bail, and the residents joined in.

The Moderator calls on the Town Clerk, Katherine A. Kelly-Regan, to certify that all the warrants were posted in accordance with the law.

The Clerk responds they have. The warrant for this portion of the Annual Town Meeting was declared to be in order.

The Committees and Boards present at this ATM/STM:

Select Board: Chairman, Mark L. Bail, and Stephen A. Chojnacki, Not Present ,Louis Barry. Sitting with the Select Board; Town Counselor, Edward Ryan, Jr. and Town Administrator, Christopher Martin,

Finance Committee: Chair, John Libera, Jr., Members, Robert Glesmann, III, and Scott Wilson, Not Present, Robert Cannon, and James Hartley.

School Committee: Chair, Emre Evren, Members, Jennifer Curran, P. Marie McCourt, Deanne Payne-Rokowski, James Pietras, All Present.
Sitting with the School Committee was the schools new Superintendent Sheryl Stanton.

Others presenting Articles: Acting Fire Chief, Bruce Carpenter, Highway Superintendent, David Desrosiers, and Police Chief, Alan Wishart.

Vote Counters & Checkers: Maureen Bail, Patricia Banas, Jeanne Crosby, Maureen Costello, Richard Gaj, Sr., Elaine Lafleur, Jeanne Merrill, and Earl Owen.

Filmed by: Tricia Woods

Microphone runners: Oliver Mercier

Police Officer on Duty: Stephen Marion

The Moderator Lynn Snopek Mercier, introduces all committees and boards that are sitting up front, the School Committee, the Finance Committee, the Select Board, the Town Administrator, the Town Counselor, and Town Clerk.

Madame Moderator:

She now informs the voters that at 7:10 p.m. we are to take a short recess from the reconvened ATM in order to do the STM that is scheduled for 7:10 p.m., as posted accordingly by our Town By-laws as written in the Special Town Meeting Warrant
She calls for a Motion. *Motion 2nd*

The Moderator, Lynn Snopek Mercier, opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:09 p.m. with a quorum present, 209 were in attendance at the time of opening the STM.

The Moderator calls on the Town Clerk, Katherine A. Kelly-Regan, to certify that all the warrants were posted in accordance with the law.

The Clerk responds they have.

The warrant for this Special Town Meeting was declared to be in order.

She mentions to the voters that the three articles for this Special Town Meeting Requires only a Majority Vote.

The Moderator calls for Article 1 of the STM at 7:10 P.M.

Motion 2nd

ARTICLE 1. move the Town vote to transfer \$22,885 from account 01-192-5300 000 to account 01-192-5111-000 for the purpose of funding the Public Buildings Personal Services budget for FY2016.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

Passed by Majority-Show of Hands
Declared by Moderator

ARTICLE 2. move the Town vote to transfer from Retained Earnings \$39,000 for the purpose of funding the Ambulance Department Personal Services budget for FY2016.

Short Discussion

Passed Unanimous-Show of Hands

The Moderator asks the voters for permission to have the Acting Fire Chief speak on Article 2 of the STM. The Acting Fire Chief, Bruce Carpenter is not a Granby resident therefore; the voters must agree to let him speak.

Motion 2nd

Bruce Carpenter mentions that the wages were running in the red, and we needed this money to keep the ambulance Department functioning.

ARTICLE 3. move the Town vote to transfer the remaining balance in the Cable Receipts Reserved For Appropriation account as of June 30, 2016 to the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund.

Short Discussion

Passed by Majority-Show of Hands
Declared by Moderator

Madame Moderator moves to adjourn:

MOTION: move to adjourn this Special Town Meeting Motion 2nd
Passed- Unanimous- Show of Hands

The business for this STM is completed and the Moderator officially dissolves the STM at 7:17 P.M.

At this time the Moderator reopens the reconvened Annual Town Meeting.
This portion of the Annual Town Meeting is officially resumed for business at 7:17 P.M.

She first calls on any committees or boards who have reports to give.

*At this time the Moderator calls on Mark Bail, the Select Board's Chairman:
Mr. Bails reminds the voters of our town's fiscal problems, and part of this is due to tax cuts and state funding "As a town we have no control over this situation, and we will have some very difficult decisions to make". He mentions that our local Senator and Reps are aware of these problems, and that they are trying to help in anyway they possibly can.*

The Moderator calls on John J. Libera, Jr., Finance Chairman:

Mr. Libera mentions Granby has a balance budget for FY 2017. He talks about State Aid and how it will decrease for this coming fiscal year by \$60,667. He speaks about Chapter 90 income that pays for road repairs and improvements, and that too is to decrease for this fiscal year. He mentions that a State Budget has not been finalized and some of these figures could change.

He speaks on things to consider for the future, that Granby has the largest financial commitment in its history, voting to build a 34.2 m school complex, which will cost close to 27million in cash and repayments of the borrowing. He mentions how important it is not to use up the Stabilization Funds that we must keep those funds for the town's savings to cushion hard times.

Conclusion:

The financial pressures on the Granby citizens of the near future have been known for quite some time. Nothing really has changed.

Granby's approach to the future has always seemed to be: wait and see. Nothing really has changed.

Difficult decisions have to be made.

*****To read the full Finance report please refer to the Finance Committee and Capital Improvement Committee Reports 2016-2017 or by going on the Website www.granby-ma.gov***

The Moderator now calls on Police Chief Alan Wishart, Mr. Wishart is the Chairman for the By-Law Committee, and explains to the voters that this five member committee is working on updating the General By-Law, and hopes that they will get through this process, and present the changes by next year. These changes have to be voted on by the Town voters, and then finalized and approved by the AG's office before the changes can take affect.

No other reports were given from any other Boards or Committees.

The first portion of this years ATM was held on May 09, 2016, Articles voted on were Articles 1- 16.

Article 17 will be the first Article to be called on for the second half of this ATM that is Reconvened on June 13, 2016.

ARTICLE 17: move the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$281,047 authorized under Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2004 for highway construction and improvements defined under Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Motion 2nd

No Discussion

**Passed-Majority-Show of Hands
Declared by Moderator**

ARTICLE 18: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$39,701 for the purpose of purchasing a marked cruiser for the Police Department.

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion

**Passed by Majority-Show of Hands
Declared by Moderator**

Chief Wishart explains the old cruiser would be reused as the dog officers vehicle.

ARTICLE 19: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for the purpose of purchasing engineering services for engineering study of the West Street School building.

Short Discussion

Motion 2nd

FAILED -Show of Hands

Declared by Moderator

It was question why we need to do another study on the West Street School? Selectman, Mark Bail said that it's part of the requirement that a plan has to be set for the existing building once the new building is made.

The voters felt this was premature, and thought we should have a committee to determine what would be the next step. Whether we would refurbish the building for the use of another town building, to sell, or to demolish, but the consensus was to wait on the funding until a committee comes up with a plan.

A motion is taken, and Article 19- FAILS by Majority-Declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 20: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$368,548 as its apportioned share of the fiscal year 2017 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

Short Discussion

Motion 2nd

Passed- Majority-Show of Hands

Declared by Moderator

A question is asked" how many students attending Pathfinder"? Selectman, Mark Bail, "at this time I'm not sure between 20-30 students. He also mentions that this is a requirement by law to offer students a vocational school as an option for their education.

Another question asked;" are they looking into other vocational schools that may be more cost effective"? The answer was that the School Superintendent is looking at Dean Vocational as another option.

ARTICLE 21: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds \$379,919 to operate the municipal solid waste department.

<i>Wages</i>	\$ 5,000
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<i>Expenses</i>	<u>374,919</u>
	\$379,919

and that \$16,878 be raised from municipal solid waste receipts and \$363,041 be raised from Tax Levy.

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion

Passed- by Majority- Show of Hands

Declared by Moderator

A question was asked" Is the third year contract over yet"? Mr. Bail, the third year is now started as of June 2016.

ARTICLE 22:move the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds \$216,677 to operate the sewer department.

<i>Wages</i>	<i>\$11,560</i>
<i>Expenses</i>	<i>126,792</i>
<i>Capital</i>	<i>20,000</i>
<i>Debt</i>	<i><u>58,325</u></i>
	<i>\$216,677</i>

and that \$196,677 be raised from sewer receipts and \$20,000 transferred from Retained Earnings .

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion

**Passed-by Majority- Show of Hands
Declared by Moderator**

There was a change to Article 22- it's noted that a change is between article and the motion, to add" Capital \$20,000 to be transferred from Retained Earnings", and it was mentioned that the Article also had a Typo in the handouts, and it should be refer to the" sewer department" not the ambulance.

ARTICLE 23: move the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds \$512,074 to operate the ambulance department.

<i>Wages</i>	<i>\$388,964</i>
<i>Expenses</i>	<i>50,350</i>
<i>Capital</i>	<i>15,300</i>
<i>Debt</i>	<i><u>57,460</u></i>
	<i>\$512,074</i>

and that \$276,844 be raised from ambulance receipts, \$52,000 be raised from Retained Earnings, and \$183,230 be raised from Tax Levy

Motion 2nd

Short Discussion

Passed-Unanimous- Show of Hands

Madame Moderator informs the voters on how Article 24 will be presented: Article 24 will be read and discussed in sections, there are 41 Items listed in Article 24. They are presented as follows: Item 1, Item 2, Items 3-6, Items 7-10, Items 11-14, Items 15-18, Items 19- 22, Items 23-26, Items 27-30, Items 31-34,and Items 35 -41. She will ask the voters after each section if there are any discussions on those items, once those discussions are completed the voters will vote on each Item separately.

ARTICLE 24: move the Town vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expense of the Town including debt and interest for the ensuring year and to carry out any vote passed under this article.

Item 1- At 8:12 p.m., Emre Evren School Committee Chairman, asks the voters to support funding the Public Schools in an amend to Article 1:

Amendment 1: “I would like to amend article 24, Item 1, related to the school budget, to change the total amount to \$7,940,600 through transfer of funds from the General Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$345,938.”

He explains that State Funding has lack of funds and the school had major cut backs and needs financial help from the town to maintain a quality education for the children. Mr. Evren speaks about the schools problems.

Another amendment is proposed, Diana Peltier, of 8 Karen Drive, she respectfully requests to amend Mr. Evren’s Amendment to read:

Amendment 2: I move the Town to amend Article 24 Item 1- the school budget (7,594,662) I respectfully ask that we amend the article and add an additional \$546,537 to be transferred from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund so that the total amount for the Item article 24 Item 1- school budget, equals 8,141,199

Lynn Mercier, Moderator, explains that this is now a second Amendment, and we must take a vote to add this to the previous amendment. She mentions to the voters that if this passes it will swollen the first amendment, and it would be attach to the motion, if it Fails then it would go back to Mr. Evren’s amendment.

Mr. Evren thanks Diana for her efforts but request that it goes back to the original amendment he presented. The Moderator calls for a vote on Diana Peltiers Amendment 2, a vote is taken to accept the Amendment:

*I move the Town to amend Article 24 Item 1- the school budget (7,594,662)
I respectfully ask that we amend the article and add an additional \$546,537 to be transferred from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund so that the total amount for the Item article 24 Item, 1- school budget, equals 8,141,199*

Motion 2nd

Amendment 2- on Article 24, Item 1- Presented by Diana Peltier, Fails to Amend-

FAILS- by Majority-Declared by Moderator

It now goes back to Emre Evren’s Amendment 1. It’s now 9:12 pm one hour into this discussion.

Finance Chairman, John Libera, Jr. presents another Amendment 2, this Amendment reads:

I move the Town vote to amend the previous amendment (offered by Emre Evren) by striking out” to be transferred from the General Purpose Stabilization Fund” and inserting “ to be contingent upon the successful passage of a Proposition 2-1/2 override vote.”

Thus:

I move the Town vote to amend Article 24 Item 1- the school budget (\$7,594,662)

I respectfully ask that we amend the article and add an additional \$345,938 to be contingent upon the successful passage of a Proposition 2-1/2 override vote so that the total amount for item article 24 item 1- school budget, equals \$7,940,600.

After further discussion the Moderator calls for a vote to see if the voters will vote on Amendment 2 from Mr. Libera to take this funding contingent of a Prop 2 ½ override.

The Moderator calls for a vote, Amendment 2- on Article 24, Item 1- Presented by John Liberia, Jr. Fails to Amend-

Fails by Majority vote-Show of Hands- Declared by Moderator

It now is 9:40, and voters are asking to move this question.

The Moderator now asks the voters if they are willing to Amend Article 24, Item 1- as Mr. Evren proposed. A vote is taken to see if the voters are willing to Amend Article 24, Item 1.

A hand count is taken and it passes by Majority- Yes 154- No-69 to Vote on Article 24, Item 1 as Emre Evren's proposed Amendment 1.

Lynn Mercier, Moderator now explains that being this Amendment will be taken out of stabilization it will require a 2/3 vote on the whole school budget.

Ed Ryan, Jr. Town Counselor makes a Motion to suggest to bifurcate the vote, and that way you will not jeopardize the whole budget. What this means is the voters will vote on the original school budget for a Majority to pass, and take a second vote with the additional money from the General Stabilization with a two -thirds vote.

There is still some discussion, and the Moderator now calls for a vote on Article 24, Item 1. The vote is taken in two steps first vote as originally presented (Majority needed), and second vote as Emre Evren's Amendment 1 (2/3rd Required).

Below are the final accounts on Article 24- Items 1-41:

ARTICLE 24: move the Town vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expense of the Town including debt and interest for the ensuring year and to carry out any vote passed under this article.

Item1.

Item

	Budget
1 School Department	
Personal Services	\$5,885,543
Expenses	1,709,119
Capital Outlay	0
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	\$7,594,662

Long Discussion

This Item is voted in two sections; First portion of Article 24, Item 1, as originally presented

Passes by Majority-Declared by Moderator-Show of Hands

2nd Portion-as Amendment 1 by Emre Evren

Amendment 1: "I would like to amend article 24, Item 1, related to the school budget, to change the total amount to \$7,940,600 through transfer of funds from the General Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$345,938."

2/3 Vote required

Motion 2nd

Passes by 2/3 vote – Hand Count- Yes- 167 to No- 65

*In order for this Amendment1 to pass a required 2/3 would be 155 or more
Both Sections of Article 24-Item 1 Pass by the required amount*

Article 24, Item 2-41 are now being presented to vote on at 9:58 pm nearly two hours of discussion was on Article 24, Item 1.

2 School Department	
Transportation	\$740,005
Same Motion-No Discussion	
Item 2- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands	
3 Moderator	
Salary	\$175
Expenses	75
Items 3-6	<hr/>
Same Motion	\$250
No Discussion	
Item 3- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	

Item	4	Selectmen	
		Salary	\$9,321
		Personal Services	184,794
		Expenses	103,512
		Capital Outlay	30,000
		<i>Short Discussion</i>	<hr/>
		Item 4- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	\$327,627
			Budget
	5	Finance Committee	
		Expenses	\$1,744
		<i>No Discussion</i>	
		Item 5- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
	6	Town Accountant	
		Personal Services	\$22,500
		Expenses	26,660
		<i>No Discussion</i>	<hr/>
		Item 6- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	\$49,160
	7	Assessors	
		Salary	\$10,671
		Personal Services	33,810
		Expenses	17,969
		<i>Items 7-10</i>	<hr/>
		Same Motion	\$62,450
		<i>No Discussion</i>	
		Item 7- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
	8	Town Treasurer	
		Salary	\$47,976
		Expenses	5,300
		<i>No Discussion</i>	<hr/>
		Item 8- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	\$53,276
	9	Tax Collector	
		Salary	\$41,757
		Personal Services	10,000
		Expenses	20,543
		<i>No Discussion</i>	<hr/>
		Item 9- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	\$72,300
	10	Personnel Board	
		Expenses	\$500
		<i>No Discussion</i>	
		Item 10- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
	11	Town Clerk	
		Salary	\$51,135
		Personal Services	2,750
		Expenses	2,355
		<i>Items 11-14</i>	<hr/>
		Same Motion	\$56,240
		<i>No Discussion</i>	
		Item 11- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
	12	Board of Registrars	
		Personal Services	\$1,950
		Expenses	26,675
		<i>No Discussion</i>	<hr/>
		Item 12- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	\$28,625
	13	Board of Appeals	
		Expenses	\$1,580
		<i>No Discussion</i>	
		Item 13- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
Item			Budget

14	Public Buildings	
	Personal Services	\$103,727
	Expenses	453,788
	Capital Outlay	25,300
	Short Discussion	<u>\$582,815</u>
	Item 14- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
15	Police Department	
	Personal Services	\$871,953
	Expenses	52,100
	Capital Outlay	1,000
	Items 15-18	<u>\$925,053</u>
	Same Motion	
	Short Discussion	
	Item 15- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
16	Auxiliary Police	
	Expenses	\$1,687
	No Discussion	
	Item 16- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
17	Dispatch	
	Personal Services	\$192,853
	Expenses	32,728
	Short Discussion	<u>\$225,581</u>
	Item 17- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
18	Fire Department	
	Personal Services	\$134,000
	Expenses	37,600
	Capital Outlay	35,000
	Short Discussion	<u>\$206,600</u>
	Item 18- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
19	Preventive Inspections-Board of Health	
	Personal Services	\$11,000
	Expenses	3,071
	Items 19-22	<u>\$14,071</u>
	Same Motion	
	No Discussion	
	Item 19- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
20	Sealer of Weights & Measures	
	Expenses	\$2,730
	Short Discussion	
	Item 20- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
21	Emergency Management	
	Expenses	\$8,272
	No Discussion	
	Item 21- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
Item		Budget
22	Tree Warden	
	Salary	\$0
	Expenses	0
	Short Discussion	<u>\$0</u>
	Item 22- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands	
23	Highway Department	
	Personal Services	\$323,409
	Expenses	49,300
	Maintenance of Roads	171,600
	Items 23-26	<u>\$544,309</u>
	Same Motion	

	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 23- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
24	Snow & Ice Control	
	Personal Services	\$78,293
	Expenses	14,000
	Maintenance of Roads	113,500
	Capital	16,000
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<u>\$221,793</u>
	Item 24- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
25	Cemetery	
	Personal Services	\$16,720
	Expenses	2,580
	Capital	0
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<u>\$19,300</u>
	Item 25- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
26	Board of Health	
	Salary	\$2,754
	Personal Services	24,887
	Expenses	8,436
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<u>\$36,077</u>
	Item 26- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
27	Council On Aging	
	Personal Services	\$89,350
	Expenses	4,518
	<i>Items 27-30</i>	<u>\$93,868</u>
	Same Motion	
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 27- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
28	Senior Lunch Program	
	Personal Services	\$17,477
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 28- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
29	Veterans Services	
	Expenses	\$70,000
	<i>Short Discussion</i>	
	Item 29- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
Item		Budget
30	Public Library	
	Personal Services	\$113,544
	Expenses	38,526
	Less Grant In Aid	-10,407
	Net Expenses	<u>28,119</u>
	<i>No Discussion</i>	<u>\$141,663</u>
	Item 30- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
31	Historical Commission	
	Expenses	\$250
	<i>Items 31-34</i>	
	Same Motion	
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 31- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
32	250th Parade	
	Expenses	\$13,000
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 32- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
33	Retirement of Debt	
	Principal on Permanent Debt	\$354,200
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 33- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
34	Interest	\$34,345

	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 34- Passed: Majority-Show of Hands	
35	Casualty & Liability Insurance	\$194,545
	<i>Items 35-41</i>	
	<i>Same Motion</i>	
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 35- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
36	County Retirement	\$892,759
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 36- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
37	Workers Compensation	\$110,131
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 37- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
38	Council of Governments	\$2,318
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 38- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
39	Unemployment Compensation	\$42,603
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 39- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
40	Group Health/Life Insurance	\$1,401,701
	<i>Short Discussion</i>	
	Item 40- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
41	Reserve Fund	\$128,844
	<i>No Discussion</i>	
	Item 41- Passed: Unanimous-Show of Hands	
TOTAL BUDGET		\$15,274,411

**Item 1 of Article 24 (School Dept): adding Amendment 1, transferring funds from the General Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$345,938. would make the Total Budget \$15,620,349.*

ARTICLE 25: move the Town vote to transfer from the Capital Equipment Needs Stabilization Fund \$217,200 for the purpose of reducing the funding from tax levy for the fiscal year 2017 appropriations.

Motion 2nd

2/3 Votes Required

Short Discussion

**Passed-2/3 Majority –Show of Hands
Declared by Moderator**

ARTICLE 26: move the Town vote to assess the amounts raised and appropriated under these articles and warrants on the estates and personal property of the Town of Granby.

No Discussion

Motion 2nd

Passed-Unanimous-Show of Hands

The Moderator motions to adjourn this portion of the ATM

Motion 2nd

All in favor to adjourned the second half of this ATM:

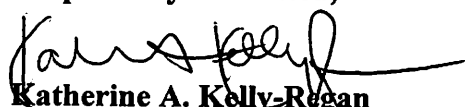
Passed- Unanimous-Voice!

The business for this portion of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 13, 2016, Articles 17 – 26, have been voted on, and completed (*first portion of the ATM was voted on May 09, 2016 Articles 1-16*).

The Moderator officially dissolves this years ATM at 10:35 P.M.

There were 254 voters and 13 non-voters who showed up to support and contribute to the second half of this Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


**Katherine A. Kelly-Regan
Town Clerk, CMMC**