

# MOTIONS – 2025 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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## MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 1 2025 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Move to table the subject matter of Article 1.

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## MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 2 2025 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

That the Town appropriates the amount of one hundred thirty million, eleven thousand, seven hundred eighty three dollars (\$130,011,783) for the purpose of paying costs to design, construct, reconstruct, remodel, add to, equip, and furnish a new Pre-K through Grade Five Elementary School to replace the J.W. Killam Elementary School, with an approximate square footage of 122,941, located at 333 Charles Street, Reading, Assessors' Parcel 041.0-000-19.0, inclusive of the abatement and demolition of the existing school structures on said property, the design and construction of new parking lots and new multi-purpose fields, and all other costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of Killam School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-two and nineteen one-hundredths percent (52.19%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and provided further that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

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## **MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 3 2025 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

That the Town appropriates the amount of twenty-seven million, nine hundred thousand dollars (\$27,900,000) to design, construct, equip, and furnish a new community center, so called the Senior Center/Reading Center for Active Living, located on a portion of an approximately 15.2 acre parcel off of Symonds Way, also known as 0 E of Haverhill Street, Assessors' Map 35, Parcel 133, inclusive of the design and construction of new parking lots, improvements to Symonds Way, and all other costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), said funds to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee; and to meet this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; and provided further that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½).

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