

OCTOBER 2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MOTIONS

Move that the Reading Town Meeting commence business at this meeting remotely using the video conferencing platform selected by the Moderator.

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 1 OCTOBER 2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Move to indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article 1.

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 2 OCTOBER 2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Move to lay Article 2 on the Table.

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 3 OCTOBER 2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Move that the Town vote to amend the FY 2022-32 Capital Improvements Program as provided for in Section 7-7 of the Reading Home Rule Charter and as previously amended, by making these changes:

General Fund

FY22: +\$385,000 net changes

\$185,000 DPW Snow holder #2 c480 2103 – move up one year and add \$5k
\$140,000 Window safety film to supplement the Building Security Project budget
\$ 60,000 GIS flyover (move up one year to meet new State project schedule)

Debt

Energy Improvements II (add \$0.5mil – FY23 cost)

Police Station Improvements (add \$1.5mil – FY23 cost)

FY23: +\$56,000 net changes

\$111,000 DPW Snow Primoth SW4S (move up 1yr)
+\$100,000 Lowell Street paving project (increased to \$500k)
\$100,000 Strout Avenue Improvements (safer Town Forest access)
\$100,000 Memorial Park rock wall repairs (move up 5 yrs)
\$ 35,000 Fire Hose replacement (move up 1yr)
+\$ 25,000 DPW Mower TORO gang 2007 (increased to \$150k)
-\$ 50,000 Fire Passenger Car #1 – move out one year to FY24
-\$ 50,000 PBC Funding (reduced from \$100k)
-\$ 55,000 DPW Ford Pickup for P/F/C moved out one year to FY24

-\$ 60,000 Adm Svc: GIS Flyover – planimetrics (moved up one year to FY22)
-\$200,000 Birch Meadow ES site improvements (move out one year to FY24)

Debt

Community Sustainability (add \$1.0mil – FY24 cost)

FY24+

Various other changes made

Enterprise Funds – Water

FY22: +\$435,000

\$400,000 Emerson Avenue Water Main work (increased – fund at November TM)

\$ 35,000 Unidirectional flushing program (moved up three years – fund at November TM)

FY23: +\$57,500

\$40,000 Replace W-20 Trailer (1999)

\$35,000 Unidirectional flushing program (moved up three years)

-\$17,500 Engineering vehicle shared with Sewer moved out one year and +\$12,500 for hybrid

Note: Auburn Water Tank increased by \$2.5 million of 20yr debt/grants/reserves

FY24+

Various changes made

Enterprise Funds – Sewer

FY22: +\$250,000

+\$250,000 Sturges Sewer Station project (increased – fund at November TM)

FY23: -\$17,500

-\$17,500 Engineering vehicle shared with Water moved out one year and +\$12,500 for hybrid

FY24+

Various changes made

Enterprise Funds – Storm Water

FY22: None

FY23: None

FY24+

Various changes made

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 4 OCTOBER 2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2021, as adopted under Article 16 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 26,

2021; and to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to be added to the amounts appropriated under said Article, as amended, for the operation of the Town and its government:

Background:

General Fund – Wages and Expenses

<u>Account Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
B99 – Benefits	Health Insurance Premiums -\$375,000	\$375,000	
C99 - Capital	Please see Article 3 for details		\$385,000
G92 – Administrative Services Expenses	Non-Union Pay & Class Study		\$40,000
H91 – Public Services Wages	Economic Development Liaison -\$15,000	\$15,000	
H92 – Public Services Expenses	Economic Devel. expenses +\$15,000 Veteran’s Benefits -\$25,000	\$10,000	
J91 Public Safety Wages	Animal Control -\$30,000	\$30,000	
J92 Public Safety Expenses	Regional Animal Control +\$25,000		\$25,000
K94 – DPW Street Lights	Street/Traffic Lights -\$20,000	\$20,000	
	Subtotals	\$450,000	\$450,000
	Net Operating Expenses		\$0
	From Free Cash		\$0

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 5
OCTOBER 2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000)** to pay costs of making police station improvements, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Town Manager; and, for the purpose of meeting such appropriation, to the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority; that the Select Board, Town Manager, or any other agency or official of the Town, is authorized to apply for a grant or grants, to be used to defray the cost of all, or any part of, said project; and that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into any and all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article. Any premium received 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. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 6
OCTOBER 2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **five million dollars (\$5,000,000)** to pay costs of making energy and water conservation and other similar improvements to Town owned properties, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto to pay costs of this project, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Town Manager, the School Committee and/or the Superintendent of Schools; and, for the purpose of meeting such appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority; that the Select Board, Town Manager, or any other agency or official of the Town, is authorized to apply for a grant or grants, to be used to defray the cost of all, or any part of, said project; and that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into any and all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article. Any premium received 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. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 7 OCTOBER 2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000)** to pay costs of replacing the Auburn Water Tank, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, which amount will supplement funds previously appropriated under Article 17 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of this project, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Town Manager; and, for the purpose of meeting such appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §8(4), or any other enabling authority; that the Select Board, Town Manager, or any other agency or official of the Town, is authorized to apply for a grant or grants, to be used to defray the cost of all, or any part of, said project; and that the Town Manager is authorized to enter into any and all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article. Any premium received 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. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 8 OCTOBER 2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Move that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board shall determine, an easement over a portion of Gazebo Circle, as shown on a plan entitled "Easement Plan, Proposed Access Easement, Hopkins Street, Reading, MA" dated October 13, 2021, and prepared by LandTech, for the purpose of accessing 160 Hopkins Street (Accessor's Parcel 8-61), and, further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisition and other acts authorized herein.

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 9 OCTOBER 2021 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Motion Option A (Acquire all five lots):

Move that the Town votes to (1) authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase or eminent domain, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board shall determine, a portion of land shown as Assessors Map 44 as Parcel 24 and is more specifically shown as Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 on an Approval Not Required Plan prepared by Sullivan Engineering Group, LLC entitled "Plan of Land Off of Grove Street Located in Reading, Massachusetts, Prepared for Meadowbrook Golf Club" dated December 4, 2020 with a revision date of December 9, 2020 and which plan is on file with the Town Clerk, for not more than \$2,250,000.00 (Two Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be used for general municipal purposes; (2) appropriate the sum of \$2,257,500 (Two Million Two Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to pay costs of acquiring said land, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation

[Option A] the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and provided further, that any premium received 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 G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount;

[Option B] \$ [REDACTED] shall be transferred and appropriated from Free Cash and \$ [REDACTED] shall be transferred from the [NAME] fund, and further, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow \$ [REDACTED] under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and provided further, that any premium received 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 G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount,

and provided, however, that any amount borrowed/appropriated/transferred from Free Cash/ [name] fund be reduced by any amount appropriated from available American Rescue Plan Act funds as authorized by the Select Board for this purpose,

NOTE: We will need to specify where the reduction is to occur – i.e., from the borrowed amount, from the free cash amount, or the fund. We cannot leave it vague.

And (3) authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisition and other acts authorized herein.

Motion Option B (Acquire Lot 5 Only):

Move that the Town votes to (1) authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase or eminent domain, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board shall determine, a portion of land shown as Assessors Map 44 as Parcel 24 and is more specifically shown as Lot 5 on an Approval Not Required Plan prepared by Sullivan Engineering Group, LLC entitled "Plan of Land Off of Grove Street Located in Reading, Massachusetts, Prepared for Meadowbrook Golf Club" dated December 4, 2020 with a revision date of December 9, 2020 and which plan is on file with the Town Clerk, for not more than \$450,000 (Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be used for general municipal purposes; (2) appropriate the sum of \$450,000 to pay costs of acquiring said land, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation:

[Option A] the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and provided further, that any premium received 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 G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount;

[Option B] \$ [REDACTED] shall be transferred and appropriated from Free Cash and \$ [REDACTED] shall be transferred from the [NAME] fund, and further, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow \$ [REDACTED] under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and provided further, that any premium received 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 G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount,

and provided, however, that any amount borrowed/appropriated/transferred from Free Cash/ [name] fund be reduced by any amount appropriated from available American Rescue Plan Act funds as authorized by the Select Board for this purpose.

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and (3) authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisition and other acts authorized herein.