



TOWN OF PAXTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm. The Town Moderator, Roger J. Brunelle, declared that a quorum was present. 59 registered voters were signed in by the Board of Registrars. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The return of the warrant showed that it had been properly posted.

As the first item of business, the Moderator requested that Town Meeting adopt a rule of this Special Town Meeting to provide that any motion requiring a two-thirds favorable vote, by statute or otherwise, shall be determined and declared by the Town Moderator and a count shall not be taken unless requested by the Town Moderator or requested by seven or more voters in attendance. The majority of those in attendance voted favorably.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE RULE HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

Article 1. Fire Truck Repair To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of transporting, repairing and inspecting the Fire Department's 2002 KME Ladder/Pumper Combination Truck, or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr., Board of Selectmen chair, moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of transporting, repairing and inspecting the Fire Department's 2002 KME Ladder/Pumper Combination Truck.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 2. Reserve Account Transfer To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$20,000 to the Reserve Account, or act in anyway thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr., Board of Selectmen chair, moved that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Reserve Account.
The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.
Finance Committee recommended disapproval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 3. Dog Control & Licensing Bylaws To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 140, Section 173, of the General Laws to amend the Dog Control and Licensing Bylaw by deleting Section 6: Late Fees/Fines in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

Section 6: Late Fees/Fines

- (a) Any person who is the owner or keeper of a dog in the Town of Paxton and who fails to license said dog by the April 1st deadline in any year, shall be subject to a late fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per dog. If a dog is not licensed by July 1st, a late fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per dog is to be payable to the Town Clerk upon demand by the Animal Control Office, in addition to license fee.
- (b) Except as otherwise noted in sections 136A through 174E of chapter 140 of the General Laws, any owner found in violation of Section 4 shall be subject to a non-criminal violation enforced by the Animal Control Officer, according to the following schedule:
 - 1. First Offense: \$50.00 if not paid by July 1st
 - 2. Second Offense: \$25.00 if not paid by August 1st
 - 3. Subsequent Offense: \$50.00
- (c) Except as otherwise noted in sections 136A through 174E of chapter 140 of the General Laws, any owner found in violation of Section 2 shall be subject to a non-criminal violation, enforced by the Animal Control Officer, according to the following schedule:
 - 1. First Offense: \$25.00
 - 2. Second Offense: \$25.00
 - 3. Subsequent Offense: \$50.00
- (d) Except as otherwise noted in sections 136A through 174E of chapter 140 of the General Laws, any owner found in violation of Chapter 140 Section 145B (regarding rabies) of the General Laws shall be subject to a non-criminal violation, enforced by the Animal Control Officer, according to the following schedule:
 - 1. First Offense: \$25.00
 - 2. Second Offense: \$25.00
 - 3. Third Offense: \$50.00

Article submitted by the Town Clerk.

Richard Fenton, finance committee chair, moved that the Town vote pursuant to Chapter 140, section 173 of the General Laws to amend the Dog Control and Licensing Bylaw by deleting Section 6: Late Fees/Fines, in its entirety and inserting in its place the new Section 6 as contained in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 4. Restoration of Headstones in Center Cemetery To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots account for the purpose of restoring and preserving the headstones and monuments in the Paxton Center Cemetery, or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Cemetery Commission.

Judith Mancini, cemetery commission chair, moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots account for the purpose of restoring and preserving the headstones and monuments in the Paxton Center Cemetery.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 5. Pavement of Roads in Mooreland Cemetery To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots account for the purpose of paving roads in Mooreland Cemetery, or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Cemetery Commission.

Michael Putnam, Public Works Superintendent, moved that the town appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account for the purpose of paving roads in Mooreland Cemetery.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Article 6. MIS Account To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$10,000 to the MIS Account 0100-1155-5200-00; or act in any way thereon.

Article submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Peter Bogren Jr., Board of Selectmen chair, moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to the MIS Account 0100-1155-5200-00.

The motion was seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended approval.

Finance Committee recommended approval.

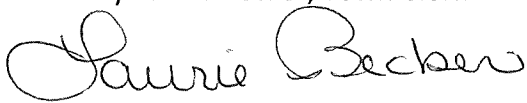
THE MODERATOR DECLARED THAT THE MOTION PASSED.

Glenn Sullivan, registered voter, made a motion to dissolve.

The motion was seconded.

The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 7:48 pm.

Submitted by Laurie Becker, Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Becker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.