



**SELECTBOARD**  
**TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**1 SOUTH ROAD**  
**WESTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01027**

Minutes of January 26, 2021  
Meeting held via ZOOM

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Present from Selectboard were Phil Dowling (Chair), Maureen Dempsey, and Teri Anderson. Others present were Dave Antosz, Shirl Morigan, and Lauren LeBel. Minutes were taken by Cheryl Provost.

Public Safety Complex Building construction bids and timeline

- Reviewed general bids, copy attached. Phil reported the Public Safety Complex Building Committee voted to accept lowest bid plus 2 alternates. He explained one alternate is two rear overhead doors to allow for drive-thru, the other is a fourth bay.
  
- Reviewed project budget, copy attached.
  
- Reviewed town meeting article and motion for the construction of a new public safety building. Phil motioned to approve the article and motion as written, with figures to be added when available. Second by Teri. So moved by roll call vote:  
Phil-aye  
Teri-aye  
Maureen-aye

ARTICLE \_\_: To see if the Town will vote to borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money to pay costs of constructing, equipping and furnishing a new public safety complex to be located at 48 Stage Road in Westhampton, the site of the current fire station, to pay costs of demolishing the current structure, and to pay all other costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION \_\_: That the Town appropriates \$\_\_\_\_\_ to pay costs of constructing, equipping and furnishing a new public safety complex to be located at 48 Stage Road in Westhampton, the site of the current fire station, to demolish the current structure, and to pay all other costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation, Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum of money, under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. 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. No amounts shall be borrowed or expended pursuant to this vote unless the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts required to be raised to repay any borrowing pursuant to this vote from the limitations on local property taxes set forth in M.G.L. c. 59, §29C (also known as Proposition 2½).

- Reviewed ballot question for the construction of a new public safety building. Phil motioned to approve the ballot question as written and submit to the Town Clerk. Second by Teri. So moved by roll call vote:

Phil-aye

Teri-aye

Maureen-aye

#### BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the Town of Westhampton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of constructing, equipping and furnishing a new public safety complex to be located at 48 Stage Road in Westhampton, the site of the current fire station, to demolish the current structure, and to pay all other costs incidental and related thereto?

- Phil motioned to submit budget to Finance Committee. Second by Maureen. So moved by roll call vote:

Phil-aye

Teri-aye

Maureen-aye

- Discussed town meeting logistics, date, time, location. Agreed to hold meeting outdoors. Phil motioned to schedule a Special Town Meeting for 1:00 p.m., February 27, 2021 and a Special Town Election for March 13, 2021. Second by Teri. So moved by roll call vote:

Phil-aye

Teri-aye

Maureen-aye

Adjourned meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Approved by vote of the Selectboard at virtual meeting held February 1, 2021.

Phil Dowling

Maureen Dempsey

Teri Anderson