



Town of *Dracut*
MASSACHUSETTS

**2024 Fall Annual
Town Meeting
VOTE**

November 18, 2024

FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING VOTE

TOWN OF DRACUT

NOVEMBER 18, 2024

The Annual Fall Town Meeting for the Town of Dracut was held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at the Lester G. Richardson Center for the Performing Arts, Dracut High School, 1540 Lakeview Avenue, Dracut, MA.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:17 P.M. with a quorum certified by the Town Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of:

John Kaczmarski	07/20/2024	Retired DPW Worker
Suzanne Cloutier	08/12/2024	Retired School Employee
Margaret Deslaurieis	08/16/2024	Retired School Principal
Janice Maclean	08/18/2024	Retired Town Accountant
John Florence	09/23/2024	Retired School Teacher
Lillian Johnson	11/09/2024	Retired Town Employee

ARTICLE #1

READING OF TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Unanimously, the Town Voted waive the reading of the Town Meeting Articles as printed in the warrant.

Submitted by: Jayne Boissonneault, Town Clerk

Recommendations: Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE #2

READING OF REPORTS

Unanimously, the Town voted to hear the report of the Town Accountant, the Board of Selectmen, and any other committee having a direction from previous Town Meetings.

Submitted by: Jayne Boissonneault, Town Clerk

Recommendations: Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE #2-1

DEFERRED FROM JUNE 3, 2024 SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - ARTICLE #30

ACCEPTANCE MGL CHAPTER 140 SECTION 139

Unanimously, the Town voted to dismiss Article #30 (ACCEPTANCE MGL CHAPTER 140 SECTION 139) From the June 3, 2024.

Submitted by: Colleen Moorese, Animal Control Officer

Recommendations: Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen

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ARTICLE #3

RETIREMENT OF BOND AUTHORIZATION

Unanimously, the Town voted to withdraw Article #3 – Retirement of Bond Authorization.

Submitted by:

Greg M. Hanley, Town Manager

Recommendations:

Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Approval recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE #4

FREE CASH TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND

Unanimously, the Town voted to withdraw Article #4 – Free Cash Transfer to General Fund.

Submitted by:

Greg M. Hanley, Town Manager

Recommendations:

Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Approval recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE #5

PRIOR YEAR BILLS

By 4/5’s Majority, (Yes 295, No 28) the Town voted to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$8,988.10 to pay unpaid bills of prior fiscal years; as printed in the Warrant.

Submitted by:

Greg M. Hanley, Town Manager

Recommendations:

Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Approval recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE #6

SCHOOL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

By Majority, the Town voted to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the School Department for reimbursement of Capital Expenditures made by said department in the amount of two hundred eighty eight thousand nine hundred forty and 41/100 (\$288,940.41) dollars and other expenses incidental or related thereto, as printed in the Warrant.

Submitted by:

Steven Stone - Superintendent of Schools

For the Dracut School Committee

Recommendations:

Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Approval recommended by the Finance Committee

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ARTICLE #7
SCHOOLS CHAPTER 70 FUNDING

Unanimously, the Town voted to supplement the sums appropriated by the 2024 Spring Annual Town Meeting, in Article 5, to make appropriations for expenditures in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and transfer from available funds \$285,306.00 in order to expend additional Chapter 70 Funds received in the interim, as printed in the warrant.

Submitted by:

Steven Stone - Superintendent of Schools
For the Dracut School Committee

Recommendations:

Approval recommended by Board of Selectmen
Approval recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE #8
WETLAND PROTECTION ENFORCEMENT

Unanimously, the Town voted to amend Chapter 18 and Chapter 19 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Dracut, to add enforcement procedures and set fine amounts as printed in the Warrant.

Submitted by:

Jackie Anderson, Conservation Agent

Recommendations:

Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE #9
ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS
MBTA COMMUNITIES OVERLAY DISTRICT (MBTA)

By Majority, (Yes 184, No 186) the following amendment submitted from the floor for Article #9 failed.

“I, Elizabeth Foster, of 65 Coach Drive of Dracut, move that the Town vote to defer the subject matter of this Article to the 2025 Spring Annual Town Meeting.”

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Foster

By Majority, (Yes 168, No 175) Article #9 failed.

Submitted by:

Alison Manugian, Community Development Director

Recommendations:

Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Approval recommended by the Finance Committee
Approval recommended by Planning Board

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ARTICLE #10
ROAD ACCEPTANCE – SPRUCE LANE

Unanimously, the Town voted to accept Spruce Lane and Parcel 13 Detention Area, as shown on a plan entitled “Acceptance Plan of Land” Green Acres Estates, Spruce Lane prepared by Village Surveying dated June 14, 2023, as printed in the warrant.

Submitted by:

Petitioners’ Article – Brian Lussier

Recommendations:

Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Approval recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE #11
ACQUIRE THE SEWER PUMP STATION, HONEYBEE ROAD AND
A RELATED UTILITY EASEMENT

By Majority, (Yes 216, No 42) the Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on behalf of the Town a fee interest in the existing sewer pump station and a related easement, as printed in the Warrant.

Submitted by:

Alison Manugian, Community Development Director

Recommendations:

Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE #12
ROAD ACCEPTANCE – HONEYBEE ROAD AND ACQUISITION OF LOT 72 ON
HONEYBEE ROAD

By 2/3rds Majority, (Yes 224, No 30) the Town voted to accept Honeybee Road and to acquire for no consideration Lot 72 on Honeybee Road, as printed in the Warrant.

Submitted by:

Petitioners’ Article – Brian Lussier

Recommendations:

Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Approval recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE #13
ACQUIRE SUNSET HILL OPEN SPACE

By 2/3rds Majority, (Yes 214, No 24) the Town voted to acquire for no consideration, under the care, custody, management and control of the Conservation Commission, the open space parcel known as Lot 21 as shown within the Sunset Hill Open Space Subdivision as printed in the Warrant.

Submitted by:

Alison Manugian, Community Development Director

Recommendations:

Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen

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ARTICLE #14
ACQUIRE BERUBE FARMS OPEN SPACE

By 2/3rds Majority, (Yes 218, No 29) the Town voted to acquire for no consideration, under the care, custody, management and control of the Conservation Commission, the open space parcel shown as Lot 39 (Open Space) on Plan Book 248 Plan 34 Sheets 2-5 created by O’Hara Engineering Services and dated September 13, 2019, as printed in the Warrant.

Submitted by:

Alison Manugian, Community Development Director

Recommendations:

Approval recommended by the Board of Selectmen

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to adjourn the November 18, 2024 Annual Town Meeting at 9:19 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Jayne Boissonneault, Town Clerk