

Town of West Boylston

Senior Center Project and Amendment of Wage Schedule in Personnel Bylaw

Special Town Election – February 27, 2018

Special Town Meeting – February 28, 2018

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FEBRUARY 28, 2018**

Worcester ss.

To the Constables of the Town of West Boylston,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of West Boylston qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Auditorium of the Middle/High School, 125 Crescent Street in said Town on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1 – SENIOR CENTER PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to construct a new senior center facility, and purchase any related equipment, as well as architect and owners project management costs, including all costs incidental or related thereto, and, to meet said appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the full sum of said appropriation under G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 and/or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that the appropriation authorized hereunder shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a ballot question to exclude the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes issued for such project from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2 – AMEND WAGE SCHEDULE IN PERSONNEL BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Boylston General Bylaw Article XXI, section 5.AA Classification and Compensation Plan, by replacing the existing Grade 7 compensation line for the Town Clerk in Section AA 2) Compensation Plan with the new language as follows in italicized text:

		<i>Step 1</i>	<i>Step 2</i>	<i>Step 3</i>	<i>Step 4</i>	<i>Step 5</i>
<i>Grade 7</i>	<i>Town Clerk</i>	<i>\$42,421.68</i>	<i>\$46,594.14</i>	<i>\$50,895.60</i>	<i>\$55,126.28</i>	<i>\$59,364.85</i>

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the place of said meeting as aforesaid and at the Post Office in said Town fourteen (14) days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 12th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

A true copy attest:

Elaine Novia
Elaine Novia, Town Clerk

John W. Hadley
John W. Hadley, Chairman

Christopher A. Rucho
Christopher A. Rucho, Vice Chairman

B. R. Rajeshkumar
Bartur R. Rajeshkumar, Clerk

Patrick J. Crowley
Patrick J. Crowley, Selectman

Siobhan M. Bohnson
Siobhan M. Bohnson, Selectman
Board of Selectmen
Town of West Boylston

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have served this Warrant by posting duly attested copies thereof at the following places:

Municipal Office Building _____
West Boylston Middle/High School _____
West Boylston Post Office _____
Pruneau's Barber Shop _____
Municipal Lighting Plant _____
Beaman Memorial Library _____

Constable

Date

Time and Place at which the Town Meeting was convened

Quorum Requirement

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Article 1, Section 3 of the Town of West Boylston's General Bylaws states that "One Hundred (100) legal voters, including the presiding officer and the clerk, shall constitute a quorum, provided that a number less than a quorum may vote an adjournment; and that not more than Seventy-five (75) shall be required to maintain a quorum once the meeting has been called to order by the Moderator and that a quorum of Seventy-five (75) be required to reconvene any adjourned session of any such meeting."

Elaine S. Novia, Town Clerk, informed Moderator Jonathan Meindersma that 392 registered voters were in attendance and that the quorum requirement as set out in the General Bylaws has been met. At 7:11 pm the meeting was called to order in the auditorium of West Boylston Middle/High School. At this time, voters still in line to enter the meeting continued to be admitted.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

True Copy Attest:

Elaine S. Novia

Town Clerk

Certificate of Vote

Special Town Meeting

February 28, 2018

Certificate of Vote

A legal meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of West Boylston was held in the Auditorium of the West Boylston Middle/High School on February 28, 2018.

Senior Center Project Special Town Meeting Results

Question 1 –

By hand count vote of 285 in favor and 130 opposed, it was voted by 2/3rds majority to appropriate \$4,600,000 to construct a new senior center facility, and purchase any related equipment, as well as architect and owners project management costs, including all costs incidental or related thereto, and, to meet said appropriation, authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the full sum of said appropriation under G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 and/or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that the appropriation authorized hereunder shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a ballot question to exclude the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes issued for such project from the provisions of Proposition 2-1/2, so called.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the vote taken at the Special Town Meeting held on February 28, 2018 in the Town of West Boylston, MA.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of West Boylston.

Attest

Elaine S. Novia

Town Clerk

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Amend Wage Schedule in Personnel Bylaw

Question 2 –

It was unanimously voted to amend the West Boylston General Bylaw Article XXI, section 5.AA Classification and Compensation Plan, by replacing the existing Grade 7 compensation line for the Town Clerk in Section AA 2) Compensation Plan with the new language as follows in italicized text:

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Elaine S. Novia

Town Clerk

Counters/Tellers were asked for their service as they arrived at Town Meeting.

In anticipation of a large number of voters, an overflow room, additional counters and a second Moderator – Peter Iannachino of 17 Emily Drive, were in place.

At 7:11 pm, 392 voters had been checked in by Four (4) Check-In Clerks:

Barbara Deschenes

Lynn Harding-Smith

Linda Ritter

Jayne Ryan

At this point, having satisfied our quorum requirement, Jonathan Meindersma, Moderator, called the meeting to order.

Voters continued to arrive and were checked in after the start of the meeting. A total of 444 voters were ultimately checked in. Of these, 415 voted.

Eight counters serving the auditorium:

Whitney Barnard

Franklin Daigneau

Patricia Barrie

Mary Girard

Gordon Cocks

Jeanne Mallett

Mary Ellen Cocks

Jack McCormick, III

Four counters serving the Cafeteria (overflow):

Janet Bricault

Myra Fortugno

Mary Noyes

Robert Noyes

Procedure for Hand-Count at Town Meeting

As residents arrive at Town Meeting, they are asked whether or not they are willing to serve as a counter/teller in the event of a hand-count.

Eight counters are needed for the Auditorium. If there is an overflow room, such as the cafeteria, an additional four are needed.

When it is time to take a hand-count, the counters assemble for instructions from the 'head teller' and town clerk. Each counter is assigned a section to count. The auditorium is divided into four sections: the right side, the left side, the front half of the middle section and the rear half of the middle section. Two counters count each section and bring their total to the head teller. If there is a discrepancy between the two counts of the same section, they are asked to count again. Often, the count is repeated even if the numbers match, just to be certain no mistakes are made.

The head teller adds up the totals, brings the total to the town accountant who checks the addition and then determines whether the article passes or fails.

Elaine S. Novia

Town Clerk

3/8/18

Summary of Public Comment:

Dolores Chisholm – 91 Hillside Village Drive – spoke to the conditions of the current Senior Center and the need for a better, larger, brighter place for WB Seniors.

Robert Chisholm – presentation attached

Barbara Deschenes – presentation attached

Philip Mallett – presentation attached.

Dr. Thomas Mullen – spoke of telemedicine and the health benefits of congregate meals and activities

Grace Leslie – Applewood Road – Teaches exercise classes at the Senior Center. Has high regard and praise for Lisa Clark-Vickland (director) and Doris Johnson but concludes that the physical space is “the pits.”

Monica April – refers to the Boston Globe article about Plymouth, MA and costs for their 2 new schools and active living center being close to our proposed senior center.

Sandy Meindersma – Maple Street – Spoke about Morgan Freeman’s view on society that the integrity of a society can be measured by how we treat our seniors. Now, after basketball courts, track, tennis courts, schools, town hall and police station.....it is the Seniors’ Turn.

Joe Belsito –

He is a resident of 15 years and sees this as a tragedy. The price is exorbitant and the location is very undesirable. Location, location, location.