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Special Town Meeting August 21, 2014 Memorial Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Moderator Peter J. Adams following the Registrar's announcement that a quorum was present.

Reading of the Return of the Warrant was waived. Meeting was posted in accordance with the law.

The Moderator spoke briefly to the attendees:

Tonight we consider one question, the Regional School District Budget. It has a dual importance for you and your families. First, it represents about 40% of all Town spending; and, secondly, it honors a commitment this town made to its citizens and progeny with its approval of the Constitution of the Commonwealth in 1780. This constitution, the oldest functioning written constitution in continuous effect in the world, declares that "Wisdom, and knowledge, as well as virtue, diffused generally among the body of the people, being necessary for the preservation of their rights and liberties; and as these depend on spreading the opportunities and advantages of education in the various parts of the country, and among the different orders of the people, it shall be the duty of legislatures and magistrates, in all future periods of this Commonwealth, to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences, ...especially...[in] public schools and grammar schools in the towns..." Sixty years after his father had crafted these words, John Quincy Adams wrote, "Let us impress it on our own minds; let us impress it to the extent of our ability on others, that education is the business of human life."

The Moderator introduced to attendees; himself, members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Town Clerk. Chairwoman Mary Braney introduced the Finance Committee members present.

The Moderator thanked Spencer Cable Access for broadcasting the meeting and reviewed the ground rules and parliamentary procedure for Town Meetings.

The following article was acted upon:

The Moderator declared a unanimous vote that the Town, as a block, provided that any amount stated herein shall be for the use of the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District for Fiscal Year 2015 in accordance with any conditions stated herein and further provided that any stated amount shall be reduced to any lesser amount which shall subsequently be certified by the school committee and certified to the Town, to:

1. raise and appropriate the sum of Five Million, Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$5,725,754.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Minimum Local Contribution;
2. raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Thirty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$1,037,905.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Transportation;
3. raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$252,394.00) for the purposes of paying the costs of Debt Service and Capital Assessments Account #11300-56010 for previously approved building and design projects;
4. raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred One Thousand, Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars and No Cents (\$601,790.00) for the Operating Assessment Account #11300-56000 which represents the amount required for Additional Local Assessment,

The following people spoke on this article: Anthony Pepe & Kevin Hayes.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Meeting.

Majority voted at 7:14 p.m. to dissolve this Meeting.

A total of 84 registered voters attended.

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