



**TOWN OF BILLERICA  
SELECT BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

**Members Present:** Chair Michael Riley, Vice Chair Kimberly Conway (Remote), Secretary Andrew Deslaurier, Michael Rosa, and John Burrows

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Town Manager John Curran, Assistant Town Manager Clancy Main and Director of Administrative Services Robert Maynard

Chair Riley stated that the meeting is a hybrid meeting with a Zoom option. Since Vice Chair Conway is remote, all votes will be taken by roll call.

Chair Riley called for an attendance roll call: Member Rosa present, Secretary Deslaurier present, Member Burrows present, Vice Chair Conway present, and Chair Riley present.

**Call to Order 6:30 PM**

Chair Riley called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**1. Open Microphone**

There was no one in the audience or online for open microphone.

**2. Discussion and Vote on Final Special Town Meeting Warrant**

Mr. Curran stated that there are three articles for the Special Town Meeting warrant.

**Article 1**

Mr. Curran stated that Town Counsel provided the language. This will create a special stabilization fund for the National Opioid Settlement funds and transfer the sum equal to what has been received and any future funds will be transferred automatically to this special stabilization fund.

Member Rosa asked if the \$200,873.40 is what the Town has received so far. Mr. Curran replied yes.

**MOTION** - Secretary Deslaurier made a motion to recommend Article 1 to the Special Town Meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Rosa and unanimously voted 5-0-0. On a roll call vote: Member Rosa voted Aye, Secretary Deslaurier voted Aye, Vice Chair Conway voted Aye, Member Burrows voted Aye and Chair Riley voted Aye.

**Article 2**

Member Rosa stated that this article was on the Spring 2023 Town Meeting warrant but he unfortunately was not able to attend due to a death of a friend. The article did not pass but it was supported 4-0-0 by the Select Board on April 24, 2023. Vice Chair Conway had left the meeting prior to the vote to support. This article amends the current bylaw and it's important to note that Mr. Curran already does this but it is not documented. This would bring the school side in line with what the Town does.

Mr. Curran stated that this was put forward last spring but it did not get the support of Town Meeting.

Secretary Deslaurier stated that this was not recommended by the Select Board last time. Mr. Curran stated that he believes it was originally recommended by the Board. Chair Riley stated that he did initially recommend it but changed his mind. Secretary Deslaurier stated that he will not support this and this is submitted by an individual not the Select Board. Member Rosa stated that he is a member of the Select Board.

Member Burrows stated that this does not seem like a heavy lift. Mr. Curran does it know so the School Department should do this also. The residents should be able to see where their money is being spent and be able to compare line items, not just the bottom line.



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Vice Chair Conway asked if there is a wait period to bring an article back if it fails at Town Meeting. Mr. Curran replied that there is for a zoning article, but not a regular article. Vice Chair Conway stated that this has not been vetted and Town Meeting already said no. She will vote to remove this from the warrant. Mr. Curran stated that this article was submitted by a member of the Select Board, so it will stay on the warrant. The Select Board can vote to support it or not support it but it will remain on the warrant.

Chair Riley stated that he originally supported this article but then he spoke with members of the School Committee and agreed to work with them on the budget process and did not support it at Town Meeting.

Member Rosa read the minutes from April 24, 2023 regarding the action taken on this article in the spring.

Vice Chair Conway stated for clarification, if the Board votes against this, it will still move forward. Mr. Curran replied that is correct.

**MOTION** - Secretary Deslaurier made a motion to recommend Article 2 to the Special Town Meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Rosa and voted 2-3-0. On a roll call vote: Member Rosa voted Aye, Secretary Deslaurier voted No, Vice Chair Conway voted No, Member Burrows voted Aye and Chair Riley voted No. The motion did not pass.

**Article 3**

Mr. Curran stated that at the last meeting, it was determined that the Select Board could not issue the easement for National Grid. When the warrant opened for this Special Town Meeting, we were able to get this article done. This will be for the Masonic Temple that is a Town project.

Member Rosa stated that it was a good idea to open this Special Town Meeting.

**MOTION** - Secretary Deslaurier made a motion to recommend Article 3 to the Special Town Meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Rosa and unanimously voted 4-1-0. On a roll call vote: Member Rosa voted Aye, Secretary Deslaurier voted Aye, Vice Chair Conway voted Aye, Member Burrows voted No and Chair Riley voted Aye.

**MOTION** - Secretary Deslaurier made a motion to adjourn the Select Board meeting of September 18, 2023 at 6:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Member Rosa and unanimously voted 5-0-0. On a roll call vote: Member Rosa voted Aye, Secretary Deslaurier voted Aye, Vice Chair Conway voted Aye, Member Burrows voted Aye and Chair Riley voted Aye.

*Respectfully Submitted by Dawn McDowell,  
Recording Secretary*

**Exhibits for the Select Board Meeting – September 18, 2023**

**Call to order 6:30 PM**

1. **Open Microphone – No Exhibits**
2. **Discussion and Vote on Final Special Town Meeting Warrant – Final Warrant for October 5, 2023  
Special Town Meeting**

**Approved On: October 16, 2023**