

REPORT OF THE CLERK

COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING MAY 4, 2024

In accordance with the by-laws of the District, the Special District Meeting of the Cotuit Fire District was held Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Cotuit Federated Church, Community Room, 40 School Street, Cotuit, 02535 at one o'clock PM. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator with the Moderator certifying a quorum. The Moderator led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. He also certified the meeting's return of service. The Moderator then explained how the meeting was to be run. The following action was taken:

Article 1: Upon motion duly made and seconded by the Prudential Committee to borrow \$1,100,000.00 to demolish the Cotuit Elementary School Building located at 140 Old Oyster Road, Cotuit, Massachusetts. A 2/3 majority is required for all borrowing articles. The Moderator requested a hand count because he could tell if the 2/3 majority was met.

Did Not Pass (128 Yeas to 90 Nays)

Article 2: Upon motion duly made by Patty Daley and seconded, requesting the District vote to transfer and appropriate a sum, not to exceed the sum previously allocated and unexpended under Article 17 in 2021, from Certified Free Cash to:

- (1) to study the feasibility and estimate the cost of restoring and rehabilitating all or a portion of the former Cotuit Elementary School at 140 Old Oyster Road (the "School Property") for the use of District residents, funding a professional analysis of the building for potential reuse and potential recreational and other uses of the grounds, and for the author(s) of said study to present the finding of the completed study to the voters of the District at a public meeting; and,
- (2) to study the cost of demolition of the School Property and the restoration of the site to a natural state; and,
- (3) to hold a Special District Meeting to allow voters to determine the District course of action related to the School Property, by request of a Citizen Petition.

Patty Daley then requested to amend the Article by dropping "transfer and appropriate" in the first sentence and replacing it with "expend".

The first sentence now reads "Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District votes to expend a sum, not exceed the sum previously allocated and unexpended under Article 17 in 2021, from Certified Free Cash to:" The amendment was then moved. The voters were then asked to vote on just the amendment to the article.

The amendment Passed by a Majority

District Counsel, Mark Bourdeau declared the article as written and amended would require an act not lawfully permitted. He suggested dropping section 3 of Article 2. Patty Daley then requested to make a second amendment. Patty Daley then requested Section 3 be removed from Article 2.

Again, the voters were requested to vote on just the amendment of the article.

The Amendment Passed by a Majority

The Article now reads "Upon motion duly made and seconded, the District votes to expend a sum, not exceed the sum previously allocated and unexpended under Article 17 in 2021, from Certified Free Cash to:

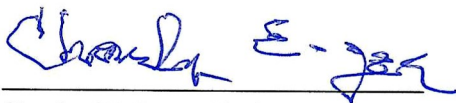
- (1) to study the feasibility and estimate the cost of restoring and rehabilitating all or a portion of the former Cotuit Elementary School at 140 Old Oyster Road (the "School Property") for the use of District residents, funding a professional analysis of the building for potential reuse and potential recreational and other uses of the grounds, and for the author(s) of said study to present the finding of the completed study to the voters of the District at a public meeting; and,
- (2) to study the cost of demolition of the School Property and the restoration of the site to a natural state."

The voters were now requested to vote on the Article as amended. The Moderator requested a hand count because he couldn't determine the majority on the voice voter.

Passed by a Majority (92 Yeas and 91 Nays)

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to dissolve the meeting.

A True Copy, attest:



Charles W Eager, Clerk
Cotuit Fire District