

Town of Egremont, MA
Special Town Meeting

March 27, 2018

The Egremont Special Town Meeting of March 27, 2018 at the Thomas A. Consolati Performing Arts Center at Mount Everett Regional High School in Sheffield, Mass. was called to order at 7:00 pm by Moderator Stephen Cohen. The Moderator attested to the proper service of the warrant and the presence of a quorum. Town officials were introduced, the pledge was recited, and a moment of silence was observed. The Moderator gave instructions for the meeting.

ARTICLE 1: Motion made and seconded to transfer \$5,000 from Unemployment account and transfer \$9,700 from Free Cash for a total of \$14,700 to the Police Chief Salary account.

Finance Committee reported support of 5 yes, 1 absent.

Motion carried by unanimous show of hands vote.

ARTICLE 2: Motion made and seconded to transfer \$2,365 from Election Wages to Town Clerk Expenses to purchase a vote count tabulator.

Finance Committee reported support of 5 yes, 1 absent.

Motion carried by unanimous show of hands vote.

ARTICLE 3: Motion made and seconded to transfer \$75,000 from Free Cash to the South Egremont School House repairs account.

Finance Committee reported a majority support of 3 yes, 2 no, 1 absent.

After vigorous debate, motion carried by majority hand vote.

Article 4: Planning Board Chairman Donald Pulfer made motion to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw, **4.3.6.2 Common Driveway Requirements**. Motion seconded from the floor.

After debate, motion failed to achieve the necessary 2/3 votes by hand count.

Article 5: Planning Board Chairman Donald Pulfer made motion to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw, **5.6.3 Large-scale Ground-mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation (LGSPI) Overlay District, Requirements**. Motion seconded from the floor: The change is as follows:

5.6.3

- Nothing in Section 5.6 shall be construed to alter the Egremont Zoning Bylaw regarding the installation of solar photovoltaic systems in areas outside of the LGSPI Overlay District.

Motion to amend passed by individual hand count of 65 yes, 25 no.

Article 6: Planning Board Chairman Donald Pulfer made motion to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws by adding a new bylaw creating a Recreational Overlay District (ROD). Motion was seconded.

Vigorous debate ensued.

The following motion to amend came from the floor:

Amend Section 5.7.4 Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses Permitted in the ROD by adding the following sentence at the end of the section:

- This Section 5.7.4 shall not include overnight lodging, such as hotels or motels; housing facilities, any type of residence or ownership units including condominiums, timeshares, or fractional ownership; or any other form of residence or overnight guest accommodations.

Motion to amend was seconded.

Vote to amend passed 59 yes, 34 no by individual hand count.

A motion was made to refer the proposed By-law with the approved amendment to the Planning Board for further review and report back to the Board of Selectmen by October 31, 2018.

Motion was seconded.

Vote passed unanimously.

Moderator dissolved meeting at 9:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Juliette S. Haas
Egremont Town Clerk
March 28, 2018

A true copy Attest.
Juliette S. Haas
Egremont Town Clerk