

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**JUNE 26, 2017**

Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Town Moderator, Wayne C. Perkins, who declared a quorum present in the Middleborough High School Auditorium.

The Moderator introduced Reverend Steven DelSignore, Pastor of St. Andrew's Traditional Episcopal Church who offered the invocation. The Veterans' Council led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator acknowledged and thanked the members of the Middleborough High School Student Council for acting as pages and counters for the evening and their leader Paul Branagan for allowing them to participate.

Voted unanimously for approval of taking a voice vote first on those votes requiring a super majority.

The Moderator reminded those in attendance to turn off all cell phones and pagers. The Moderator also stated as in keeping with past practice, a motion to amend must be in writing for the record allowing time for those to write out the amendment if needed; anyone who would like to address the meeting to use the microphone stating their name and address to be recognized by the Moderator; debate and questions are healthy but to maintain order should be directed through the Moderator and as always maintain civility as Town Meeting is not the place for personal attacks or derogatory comment.

The Moderator certified that the warrant had been posted, served and returned in a proper fashion by Police Chief Joseph M. Perkins.

The following action was taken:

*Prior to moving Article 1, Robert M. Desrosiers, Chairman of the School Building Committee made the following remarks:*

*The School Building Committee would like to thank everyone for coming to Town Meeting tonight to vote on the acquisition of the Wood Street parcel to improve the High School Building Project.*

*In evaluating the shortcomings of the present project site, the Building Committee recognized the potential value that the parcel have in addressing some long-term traffic problems and new challenges created by the construction of the proposed new building.*

*The benefits of the acquisition include:*

- 1. A permanent second access to the school to separate faculty/ bus traffic from student/parent traffic.*
- 2. A construction access to keep construction vehicles and materials from disrupting school operations during construction.*
- 3. Additional space to arrange the proposed parking and building further from the existing high school and to facilitate better traffic flow and parking on the overall site.*
- 4. To facilitate the placing of athletic fields strategically to best utilize the available space.*
- 5. To offer the possibility of an additional practice/ lacrosse field.*
- 6. To locate a maintenance building in an ideal location.*
- 7. To reserve 6-7 acres with 380' of Wood Street frontage for future town use.*

*The Special Town Meeting vote is required now because it is essential that the land be under Town control in order for it to be considered by the MSBA as part of the High School Project that will be voted on this fall. The land will be put under the control of the School Department. The purchase price of \$285,000 was negotiated based upon the Fair Market Value established by an independent real estate appraisal commissioned by the Building Committee.*

*Robert Desrosiers,  
Chairman School Building Committee*

**ARTICLE 1:** Voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase property on Wood Street in Middleborough shown as Lot 1777 on Assessors Map 065 containing 8.9 acres more or less and believed to be owned by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston for public school purposes to be under the management and control of the School Committee, to appropriate the sum of \$285,000.00 by borrowing under General Laws Chapter 44 to purchase the property, and to meet this appropriation to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow \$285,000.00 and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all documents or take any other action necessary in connection with such purchase.

*Board of Selectmen Recommended Favorable Action  
Finance Committee Recommended Favorable Action  
School Committee Recommended Favorable Action*

Voted unanimously to dissolve the meeting at 7:18 PM.

A true copy, attest:

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ALLISON J. FERREIRA  
Town Clerk