



Minutes of the Special Town Meeting September 23, 2014

The moderator, Michael Valanzola opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Joanne Higgins spoke briefly about why she drew the possibility of the purchase to the attention of the Selectmen. Selectman Jeff Vannais spoke about the opportunity the property represented and dispelled some misconceptions that people had about the property.

The moderator recognized a number of residents who voiced their opinions, or asked questions, which were answered by various Town officials.

There was a motion made and seconded to end debate and vote on the article. The motion to end debate passed resoundingly on a voice vote. Jennifer Cawley, George Ferraro, Keri Pitcher, and Bridget Ward volunteered to serve as counters for the vote on Article One. Since there was some question about the tally of the hand count, a resident made a request for a secret ballot.

Because the article was to purchase land and also to appropriate from the General Stabilization Fund it required a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority, which would have been 72 yes votes, to pass. The final total of the vote on the written ballot being Yea 78, Nay 31, the article passed.

So the Town of Wales voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or by purchase, the property located at 5 Main Street as described in a deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 9228, page 448, for general municipal purposes, and to appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand dollars (\$110,000.00), for purchasing the property located at 5 Main Street and costs related thereto, said sum to be funded by transfer of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) from the General Stabilization Account and transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Norcross Gift Account.

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I certify that these are the actions taken by the voters at the Special Town Meeting.
Submitted,

Leis Phinney
Town Clerk