

**TOWN OF SHREWSBURY  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. in the Oak Middle School auditorium when Moderator Christopher G. Mehne announced a quorum of town meeting members in attendance. The official checklist showed 154 town meeting members present, including the moderator. As the first order of business the moderator examined the warrant and the constable's return and asked for and received unanimous consent to waive the reading of the warrant.

The audience remained standing for a moment of silence to honor two distinguished individuals who left us since the last town meeting.

Alice Brennan, town meeting member from Precinct Seven since 1976, passed away on April 7. In addition to her 40 years of service as town meeting representative, Alice was an accomplished and beloved educator in the Shrewsbury School System for over 20 years specializing in early childhood education. She taught at Coolidge School and Beal Early Childhood Center before becoming Curriculum Specialist and eventually Principal at Beal until her retirement in 2012.

Clifford Jefferson, a long time community leader, volunteer and husband of our fellow town meeting member, Viola Jefferson, passed away on December 19 of last year. Cliff served the town in many roles, most notably as a member of the Electric Light Commission for over 30 years, 27 of them as Chairman. Cliff also served as a member of the Finance Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals and provided financial planning advice to seniors at the Shrewsbury Senior Center.

Both of these individuals will be sorely missed by the community.

The moderator then recognized town officials seated on the stage starting with Selectmen, Town Manager, Finance Committee, Assistant Town Manager, Town Counsel and Town Clerk. Also recognized were officials seated in the auditorium.

An asterisk indicates articles recommended by the Finance Committee.

**\*Article 1:                   Spring St. School and Walter J. Paton School  
                                  Repair and Replace Heating Systems**

**VOTED BY A DECLARED 2/3rds MAJORITY** a motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500,000.00 to fund the repair and replacement of the heating systems and all related appurtenances or any other costs incidental or related thereto including professional fees at the Spring Street School and Walter J. Paton School; to authorize the Town to apply for and accept any grants or loans available for the project; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$3,500,000 by issuance and sale of bonds or notes of the Town in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(3A), as amended.

**\*Article 2:                   Beal Early Childhood Center  
                                  Establish Building Committee**

**VOTED** a motion to end debate and vote the printed motion under Article 2.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to establish a building committee for the repair, renovation, expansion and/or replacement of the Beal Early Childhood Center consisting of nine members as follows; a member of the Board of Selectmen designated by the Board of Selectmen, a member of the School Committee designated by the School Committee, the Town Manager, the Superintendent of Schools, the Superintendent of Public Buildings, a school principal designated by the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations and two residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen and to transfer \$25,000.00 from Free Cash to cover the operational expenses associated with the work of the committee.

**VOTED** a motion to adjourn at 7:40 P.M.

ATTEST:

Sandra E. Wright  
Town Clerk