

**TOWN OF SHREWSBURY  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 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 153 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 moderator led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and remained standing for a moment of silence in honor of two former town meeting members who recently passed away. John Morrissey, long time town meeting member who was recently re-elected to represent Precinct Two at the Annual Town Election in May, passed away June 9 of this year. In addition to his town meeting service, John was a long time patron and supporter of the Shrewsbury Public Library and a member of the Shrewsbury Friends Men's Club. Dorbert Thomas, town meeting member representing Precinct Seven since 1970, passed away November 11. Dorby served the town in many ways over the years as a member of the Conservation Commission, member and past President of the Historical Society and Precinct Warden for the Board of Elections. In addition to this, Dorbert was also the Assistant Librarian at the Worcester County Law Library for over 20 years.

The moderator then recognized town officials seated on the stage and in the auditorium. Procedural rules were reviewed.

An asterisk indicates articles recommended by the Finance Committee.

**\*Article 1:                   Transfer Funds to Public Buildings  
                                  Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Renovation**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to transfer \$15,000.00 from the Sewer Surplus Account and \$15,000.00 from the Water System Improvements Account to account 01-0192-10-585223 Public Buildings - Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Renovation to supplement funds previously appropriated to fund this work.

**\*Article 2:                   Transfer Funds to Town Counsel  
                                  Professional Services**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Sewer Surplus Account and \$20,000.00 from Free Cash to account 01-0151-04-520130 Town Counsel – Professional Services to supplement funds previously appropriated.

**\*Article 3:                   Drainage Easement  
                                  429 Main Street**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, under such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, a drainage easement located in the vicinity of 429 Main Street as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Property Surveyed for 429 Main Street, LLC" dated October 5, 2010, on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk during regular Town Hall hours.

**\*Article 4:                   Transfer Funds  
                                  Water System Improvements Account**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to transfer \$300,000.00 from the Water System Improvements Account for the flushing, cleaning, rehabilitation, maintenance and incidental repairs and improvements including new construction and related design engineering services to water mains, wells, hydrants and related water system appurtenances.

**\*Article 5:                   Beal Early Childhood Center**

**VOTED** a motion to end debate and vote the printed motion under Article 5.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** a motion to appropriate the amount of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study and schematic design for the renovation, expansion and/or replacement of the Beal Early Childhood Center located at 1-7 Maple Avenue, as shown on Assessor's Tax Map Plate 22, Lot 158000, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Beal Early Childhood Center Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by like amount.

**VOTED** a motion to adjourn at 8:44 P.M.

ATTEST:

Sandra E. Wright  
Town Clerk