

**TOWN OF SHREWSBURY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2018**

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 151 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 to remember two former town meeting members who passed away since town meeting last convened in September. Mark Harris, who represented Precinct One from 1987 to 2016 passed away on October 13, 2017. Mark also served on the Finance Committee from 1988 to 1992. John Donahue, a Shrewsbury resident for over 60 years passed away on January 5 of this year. John represented Precinct Three from 2002 to 2015.

The moderator welcomed new Town Treasurer, Laurie Gaudet to town meeting and then recognized town officials seated on the stage and in the auditorium.

An asterisk indicates articles recommended by the Finance Committee.

***Article 1: Transfer Funds Building Inspector Salaries to
 Building Inspector Expenses**

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to transfer \$21,350 from Building Inspector Salaries <1-2-3> to Building Inspector Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget.

***Article 2: Transfer Free Cash
 Water System Improvements Account**

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to transfer \$1,241,000 from Free Cash to the Water System Improvements Account.

***Article 3: Transfer Funds – Sewer Surplus Account
 Water System Improvements Account**

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to transfer \$30,000 from account 01-0192-10-585223 which was appropriated under Article 1 at the December 5, 2016 Special Town Meeting as follows:

\$15,000 to the Sewer Surplus Account
\$15,000 to the Water System Improvements Account.

***Article 4: Home Rule Petition
 Lake St. Property**

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact legislation to provide for the following real estate transactions, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

(i) Authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey approximately 13.48 acres of land located along the westerly side of Lake Street in Shrewsbury, shown as Parcel A on a plan on file at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 905, Plan 90, to Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Association, Inc., a Massachusetts non-profit corporation, provided that the use of said property is restricted to public recreational uses;

(ii) Authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey approximately 49.6 acres of land located on the easterly side of Lake Street in Shrewsbury, shown on the plan referenced in part (i) above, as Parcel B, to the Town, provided that the use of said property is restricted to agricultural and recreational uses;

(iii) Authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey two parcels of land, being formerly known as the Irving A. Glavin Regional Center, located at 214 Lake Street in Shrewsbury, containing approximately 18 acres located on the westerly side of Lake Street and 2.38 acres located on the easterly side of Lake Street, respectively, the 18 acre parcel on the exhibit plan entitled "Land Owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be Conveyed to the Town of Shrewsbury and Shrewsbury Youth Soccer" dated December 12, 2017, and the 2.38 acre parcel shown as "Parcel 2" on a plan on file at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 917, Plan 63, to the Town, provided the use of said properties is restricted to general municipal purposes;

(iv) The consideration for the conveyance of Parcel A to the Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Association, Inc. shall be one dollar. The consideration for the conveyance of Parcel B to the Town shall be one dollar. The consideration for the sale of the properties described in part (iii) above, shall be the value of the properties as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance based upon an independent professional appraisal report, taking into consideration the restriction on the use of the properties;

(v) The instrument conveying the property described in part (i) above, shall state that if the property is no longer used for public recreational purposes or if Shrewsbury Youth Soccer Association, Inc. ceases to exist, then the Town shall have an enforceable option to purchase the property for one dollar and the Town may then use the property only for recreational purposes; and

(vi) The Commissioner of the Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance may retain or grant right of ways or easements for access, egress, utilities and drainage across the properties described herein, as the commissioner deems necessary and appropriate.

***Article 5: Deed in lieu of Foreclosure
Land and Easements
Intersection of Prospect St. and North St.**

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to accept, a deed in lieu of foreclosure from Cherele L. Gentile, as Trustee of Giselle Realty Trust, dated September 19, 2017, conveying a parcel containing approximately 3,664 sq. ft. of land, shown as "Parcel A", and four easements for public street purposes, shown as "8.5' Wide Highway Easement" and "8.5' Wide Highway and Sight Distance Easement", located along Prospect Street and North Street and at the intersection of said ways, as shown on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Shrewsbury, MA", on file at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 806, Plan 104, and to transfer said property from the care, custody and control of the Town Treasurer, as Tax Title Custodian, to the Board of Selectmen, for public street purposes.

***Article 6: Alteration of North St. and Prospect St.**

VOTED a motion to accept the alteration of the public street layout of North Street and Prospect Street and the intersection of said ways, as voted by the Board of Selectmen on December 12, 2017, to include the areas shown as "Expanded Roadway Layout" Numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, and "Parcel A – Acquired for Public Street Purposes", within the layout of said ways, as shown on a plan entitled, "Plan Showing Alterations to Widen the Public Street Layout of Prospect Street and North Street in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts", prepared by the Town of Shrewsbury Engineering Department, dated October, 2017.

***Article 7: Transfer Bond Proceeds to Library Project**

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY a motion to transfer \$464,963.35 to the Library Project bond proceeds from the Sherwood Middle School Project, which was completed in 2013.

***Article 8: Stoney Hill Road Drainage Easement**

VOTED BY DECLARED 2/3RDS MAJORITY a motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey, upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town, an easement for drainage purposes in, under, and across Stoney Hill Road to Hartford Realty Trust of Shrewsbury, its successors or assigns, said drainage easement area to consist of approximately 1,000 square feet of land as show on a plan entitled “Drainage Easement Plan, Stoney Hill Road, Shrewsbury, MA”, dated December 5, 2017, prepared by WDA Design Group.

VOTED a motion to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

Sandra E. Wright
Town Clerk