

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021

Moderator: George Miller  
Attendance: 113

Town Clerk: Heather J. Almy

Called to order 7:07PM

Moderator started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Moderator, George Miller made a motion and it was seconded to read the warrant as printed in its entirety, so moved

**Article 1** Selectman Cochrane made a motion and it was seconded to hear the report of the Finance Committee.

Report was read by Joe Freitas, Chairman of Finance Committee

**Finance Committee**

**Town of Berkley Special Town Meeting**

**November 29, 2021**

**Good Evening,**

With this evenings Special Town Meeting the 2022 Budget season will be completed. The Finance Committee, Board

of Selectmen and the entire Financial Team propose the following additions to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. The

increased funds allotted the Town of Berkley came from difference in projections of new growth of 34,362.

This occurred due to our budget being passed at the Annual Town meeting in June 2021.

- 5700.00 allocated for assistant ACO
- 1000.00 allocated for Certification for the Collector of Taxes
- 1718.00 allocated for Town Clerk consultation
- 25,944 allocated to the MSBA – Article 3 (Leaves a shortfall of 174,892 this will need further discussion upon opening Article 3.

The Finance Committee supports passage of the following Articles 1, 2,3, 4, 6.

The Finance Committee doesn't support the non – binding question to leave the Bristol Plymouth Technical High School agreement.

The Finance Committee is honored to have served the Town of Berkley.

Joe Freitas, Chairman

Michelle Hamilton, Secretary

Nancy Gajoli, Member

Tabitha McCrohan

Matthew Chabot

**Article 2** Selectman Larabee made a motion and it was seconded that the Town transfer and appropriate from available FY22 funds the following amounts:

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| 1. Town Collector Certification    | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 2. Town Clerk Consultant           | \$1,718.00  |
| 3. Animal Control Officer Salaries | \$5,700.00  |

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| Totaling out of Taxation | \$8,418.00 |
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No discussion, Motion carried unanimously

**Article 3** Selectman Cochrane made a motion and it was seconded that the Town own appropriate and transfer the amount of Five Hundred Thousand(\$500,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study for the repair project including but not limited to the roof, windows, concrete and gym floor at, Berkley Community School, 59 South Main St, Berkley MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of Berkley Community School MSBA Building Committee, with the Town acknowledging that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and that 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.

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| For a Total out of MSBA Fund | \$299,164 |
| For a Total out of Free Cash | \$174,892 |

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| For a Total out of Taxation | \$25,944  |
| Totaling                    | \$500,000 |

Selectman Cochrane and Superintendent Ryan explained further  
Call for vote, Motion carried unanimously

**Article 4** Selectmen Larabee made a motion and it was seconded to indefinitely postpone Article 4.

Selectmen Cochrane and Town Administrator explained further. Article Tabled  
Called for vote, motion carried unanimously

**Article 5** Selectmen Cochrane made a motion and it was seconded that the Town vote to adopt a non-binding resolution supporting the Town's withdrawal from that certain Agreement with Respect to the Establishment of a Vocational Regional School District, dated May 17, 1967, as amended, which Agreement created what is now known as the Bristol-Plymouth School District.

Town Administrator explained further and Moderator George Miller explained a yay & nay vote. Finance Committee Chairman J. Freitas stated the finance committee does not support this.  
Called for vote, motion carried unanimously Nay Vote

**Article 6** Selectman Larabee made a motion and it was seconded that the Town vote to accept the following Resolution to endorse the 2021 Berkley Master Plan: as printed in the Special Town Meeting warrant.

No discussion, Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made to adjourn and it was seconded.  
Time adjourned 8:08 PM

*A True Copy Attest*

*Heather J. Almy*  
*Interim Town Clerk*