

TOWN OF TOWNSEND
In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2026, 7:00 pm

The Annual Town Meeting began at 7:13 pm at the North Middlesex Regional High School, 19 Main Street, Townsend, MA 01469. Quorum was met with 169 voters present and 9 visitors present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scouts of Troop 10. Moderator John Barrett introduced the Town Clerk Harrison Mayotte; Interim Town Administrator Kieran Meehan; Town Counsel Adam J. Costa; and Select Board Members Valerie Goodrich, Laura Shifrin, and Sarah Logan. The Moderator then introduced Finance Committee members Donald Hayes, Maryjane Churchville, Carol Hoffses, David Walker, Jerrilyn Bozicas, and Sam Grant, as well as officials in the audience: Town Treasurer Melissa Dunnet, Police Chief James Sartell, Nashoba Valley Technical School District Superintendent Dr. Denise Pigeon, and North Middlesex Regional School District Superintendent Brad Morgan. Counters were chosen by the Moderator and sworn in by the Town Clerk prior to the start of the meeting: Karen Rapoza, Richard Shuford, Bill Rideout, and Tom Beals. The Moderator instructed those present on the processes of Town Meeting according to Town Meeting Time and our own traditions. The Town Clerk then read the return of the Town Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator nominated Gene Rauhala as Deputy Moderator; the motion to appoint passed unanimously. Motion was made and passed to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting and open the Special Town Meeting. Return of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting was read by the Town Clerk. The Annual Town Meeting was adjourned, and the Special Town Meeting was opened.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
(MAJORITY VOTE)

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash or other available funds in the treasury, the sum of \$312,817 or any other sum for the purpose of offsetting FY26 Snow and Ice Deficits under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 31D, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$312,817.00 for the purpose of offsetting FY26 Snow and Ice Deficits under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 31D.

READ BY: Sarah Logan

VOTED: Passed unanimously.

MOTION was made and seconded on the floor to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

VOTED: Passed unanimously.

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved by motion on the floor, and Annual Town Meeting Reopened by motion on the floor, both of which passed unanimously.

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
REPORTS
(MAJORITY VOTE)**

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to hear the reports of Boards, Committees or Commissions; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to hear the reports of Boards, Committees or Commissions.

READ BY: Laura Shifrin

VOTED: No vote taken.

**APPOINTMENTS
(MAJORITY VOTE)**

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint all Town Officers unless other provisions are made by Massachusetts General Law, by Town Charter, or by vote of the Town; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint all Town Officers unless other provisions are made by Massachusetts General Law, by Town Charter, or by vote of the Town.

READ BY: Valerie Goodrich

VOTED: Passed.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to elect three (3) members to the James H. Tucker Trust Fund Committee, consisting of three (3) members from the West Townsend Village elected by Annual Town Meeting for staggered terms, to oversee and administer the James H. Tucker Trust Fund, including the acceptance, management, and expenditure of funds in accordance with the terms of the trust and applicable law, and to authorize the Select Board to adopt rules and procedures necessary for its operation; or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to elect three (3) members to the James H. Tucker Trust Fund Committee in accordance with the Town Charter.

READ BY: Sarah Logan

Three West Townsend Village residents nominated themselves on the floor: Susan Gerken, Jacob Justman, and Julia Stockwell.

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VOTED: Susan Gerken, Jacob Justman, and Julia Stockwell are elected unanimously to the James H. Tucker Trust Fund Committee by voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS (MAJORITY VOTE)

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for Committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2027, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

- From FY 2027 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$8,121.50

Reserves:

- From FY 2027 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$16,243
- From FY 2027 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$16,243
- From FY 2027 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$16,243
- From FY 2027 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$105,579.50

or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for fiscal year 2027, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, as printed in the warrant.

READ BY: Laura Shifrin

MOTION TO AMEND: By Maria Millikin, and seconded on the floor, to amend the motion under Article 4 by striking the proposed FY 2027 Community Preservation Committee budget amounts and inserting the following:

Appropriations:

- From FY 2027 estimated revenues, for Committee Administrative Expenses: \$9,550.

Reserves:

- From FY 2027 estimated revenues, for Historic Resources Reserve: \$19,100.
- From FY 2027 estimated revenues, for Community Housing Reserve: \$19,100.
- From FY 2027 estimated revenues, for Open Space Reserve: \$19,100.
- From FY 2027 estimated revenues, for budgeted reserves (balance): \$124,150.

Total FY 2027 estimated revenues: \$191,000

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Town Counsel inquired as to whether the amendment was consistent with the vote of the Community Preservation Committee, and Vice Chair of the CPC Maria Milikin stated that the amendment was consistent.

VOTED: Amendment passed. Amended main motion passed.

REVOLVING FUND ARTICLES (MAJORITY VOTE)

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, § 53E½, to amend Chapter 104 of the Town's General Bylaws by amending Section 1(F) thereof, entitled "Authorized revolving funds," adding thereto the following revolving fund, and to assign the following Fiscal Year 2027 expenditure limit thereto:

REVOLVING FUND	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS	REVENUE SOURCES	USE OF FUNDS	SPENDING LIMITS
Police Detail Administrative Fee	Police Department	Fees collected for the administrative coordination, scheduling and oversight of police details	Administering police details, including but not limited to personnel time, payroll processing, software and related expenses	\$10,000.00

or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, § 53E½, to amend Chapter 104 of the Town's General Bylaws, Section 1(F), entitled "Authorized revolving funds," as printed in the warrant.

READ BY: Valerie Goodrich

VOTED: Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, § 53E½, and in accordance with Chapter 104 of the Town's General Bylaws, to authorize the following Fiscal Year 2027 spending limits for the following revolving funds:

	REVOLVING FUND	FY 27 SPENDING LIMITS
1	Recycling	\$45,000.00
2	Recreation Programs	\$100,000.00
3	Facilities Maintenance	\$4,000.00
4	Cemetery	\$35,000.00
5	Fire Alarm	\$4,000.00
6	Animal Care Program	\$1,000.00
7	Fire/EMS (for Fire/EMS services)	\$5,000.00
8	Conservation	\$20,000.00

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9	Fire/EMS (for hazardous materials supplies replacement)	\$10,000.00
10	Firearms Licensing	\$6,000.00
11	Police Public Records Requests	\$3,000.00
12	Detail Cruiser Fees	\$6,000.00
13	Town Hall Public Records Request	\$5,000.00

or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, § 53E½, and in accordance with Chapter 104 of the Town's General Bylaws, to authorize the Fiscal Year 2027 spending limits for the revolving funds as printed in the warrant.

READ BY: Sarah Logan

VOTED: Passed unanimously.

FY27 OPERATING BUDGET (MAJORITY VOTE)

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected Officers of the Town as provided by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, and as appropriated in this warrant; or take any other action in relation thereto.

- TOWN CLERK, \$71,795.00

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town fix the salary and compensation of the Town Clerk at \$71,795.00 for Fiscal Year 2027.

READ BY: Laura Shifrin

VOTED: Passed.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds in the treasury*, such sums that may be necessary to defray the charges and expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2027 pursuant to a detailed budget totaling \$28,819,885 or any other sum on line 805; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Transfer From:

* FUND	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Title 5 MWPAT	MWPAT Debt Repayment	\$20,879
Ambulance Receipts Reserved	Operate EMS	\$700,000
Solid Waste Indirect	Solid Waste Overhead	\$17,169
Water Enterprise	Water Dept Overhead	\$482,225

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FUNCTIONAL SEGMENTS	FY 26	FY 27	% Change
General Government-	\$1,649,937	\$1,766,296	7.05%
Public Safety-	\$4,266,036	\$4,405,916	3.28%
Education-	\$16,765,463	\$17,227,323	2.75%
Highways and Streets-	\$814,893	\$918,762	12.74%
Solid Waste-	\$19,700	\$19,700	0.00%
Human Services-	\$507,284	\$503,664	-0.71%
Culture and Recreation-	\$534,249	\$540,078	1.09%
Debt Service-	\$405,480	\$443,282	9.32%
Insurances-	\$2,711,986	\$2,994,864	10.43%
Grand Total	\$27,675,026	\$28,819,885	4.14%

or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$28,644,820, to defray the expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2027, in the following functional segments:

FUNCTIONAL SEGMENTS	FY 27
General Government-	\$1,872,446
Public Safety-	\$4,235,110
Education-	\$17,117,414
Highways and Streets-	\$918,762
Solid Waste-	\$19,700
Human Services-	\$503,164
Culture and Recreation-	\$540,078
Debt Service-	\$443,282
Insurances-	\$2,994,864
Grand Total	\$28,644,820

READ BY: Valerie Goodrich

VOTED – GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Passed.

VOTED – PUBLIC SAFETY: Passed.

VOTED – EDUCATION: Passed.

VOTED – HIGHWAYS AND STREETS: Passed.

VOTED – SOLID WASTE: Passed.

VOTED – HUMAN SERVICES: Passed.

VOTED – CULTURE AND RECREATION: Passed.

VOTED – DEBT SERVICE: Passed.

VOTED – INSURANCES: Passed.

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VOTED – OVERALL BUDGET AND TRANSFERS IN: Passed.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate PFAS settlement monies received in calendar year 2025 in the amount of \$648,332.41 and allocate these funds to the PFAS Maintenance Fund to be used to pay off treatment plant debt, treatment media replacement, maintenance of the treatment plant and system improvements, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Water Department

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate PFAS settlement monies received in calendar year 2025 in the amount of \$648,332.41 and allocate these funds to the PFAS Maintenance Fund as printed in the warrant.

READ BY: Sarah Logan

VOTED: Passed unanimously.

**FY27 ENTERPRISE DEPARTMENT BUDGETS
(MAJORITY VOTE)**

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,497,508 or any other sum from Water Enterprise Fund revenues to operate the Water Department for Fiscal Year 2027, and in order to fund the cost of inter-municipal expenses that \$482,225 of this sum, or any other sum, be appropriated in the general fund; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Water Department

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,497,508 from Water Enterprise Fund revenues to operate the Water Department for Fiscal Year 2027, with \$482,225 of such fund transferred to the General Fund for the cost of inter-municipal expenses.

READ BY: Laura Shifrin

VOTED: Passed.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$797,237 or any other sum from Solid Waste Enterprise Fund revenues to operate the Solid Waste Department for Fiscal Year 2027, and in order to fund the cost of inter-municipal expenses that \$17,169 of this sum, or any other sum, be appropriated in the general fund; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Health

MOTION: I move that the Town appropriate \$797,237 from Solid Waste Enterprise Fund revenues to operate the Solid Waste Department for Fiscal Year 2027, with \$17,169 of such sum transferred to the General Fund for inter-municipal expenses.

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READ BY: Valerie Goodrich

VOTED: Passed.

**CAPITAL FINANCIAL ARTICLES
(TWO-THIRDS VOTE)**

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, and the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$268,620.00 or any other sum for the purpose of funding a portion of the FY27 Capital Plan as voted by the Capital Planning Committee as detailed below; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Item #	Department	Description	FY27 Cost	Funding Source
1	Highway	Cat Loader 930M, 5th year payment of 5-year lease	\$31,100	Capital Stabilization
2	Police	Lease Payment on four cruisers	\$102,520	General Fund
3	Fire	Bunker Gear	\$135,000	Sale of Properties
		Total	\$268,620	

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$268,620 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Plan, as presented in the May 5, 2026 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Item #	Department	Description	FY27 Cost	Funding Source
1	Highway	Cat Loader 930M, 5th year payment of 5-year lease	\$31,100	Capital Stabilization
2	Police	Lease Payment on four cruisers	\$102,520	General Fund
3	Fire	Bunker Gear	\$135,000	Sale of Properties
		Total	\$268,620	

READ BY: Sarah Logan

VOTED: Passed unanimously.

**GENERAL FINANCIAL ARTICLES
(MAJORITY VOTE)**

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash or other available funds in the treasury, the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of funding the Assessors' FY27 Periodic Inspections and Property Data Verification Program as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Bureau of Local Assessments; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$8,000 for the Fiscal Year 2027 Assessor's Periodic Inspections and Property Data Verification Program.

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READ BY: Laura Shifrin

VOTED: Passed.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the PEG Access Receipts Reserved Account the sum of \$152,844, funds equal to five percent (5%) of Comcast's Gross Annual Revenues in Townsend for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Quarters of FY26 and 4th Quarter of FY25, subject to receipt and availability, and authorize the Select Board and Town Administrator to expend and distribute said funds to Townsend Community Access Media, Inc. on a quarterly basis for the purpose of annual funding of the production and broadcast of Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) access television on terms contained in a certain Grant Agreement between the Town of Townsend, MA and Townsend Community Access Media, Inc., effective January 1, 2026; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$152,844 from PEG Access Receipts Reserved Account and authorize the Select Board and Town Administrator to expend and distribute such funds to Townsend Community Access Media, Inc. on a quarterly basis for the purpose of funding PEG access television production and broadcast in accordance with a January 1, 2026, Grant Agreement with the Town.

READ BY: Valerie Goodrich

VOTED: Passed.

ZONING BYLAWS AND ADOPTIONS

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 124 the General Bylaws, entitled "Town Meeting," Section 6, entitled "Service of the Warrant," by striking said Section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

§ 124-6 Service of the warrant

Notice of all Town Meetings shall be given by posting an attested copy of the warrant thereof at such locations as may be designated from time to time by vote of the Select Board, in accordance with the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws.

The list of official posting locations shall be maintained by the Select Board and kept on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Posting on the Town's official website may be used as a supplemental method of notice but shall not replace posting in the locations designed by the Select Board, as aforesaid.

or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

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MOTION: I move that the Town amend Chapter 124, Section 6, of the General Bylaws regarding service of the warrant, as presented in the May 5, 2026, Annual Town Meeting warrant.

READ BY: Sarah Logan

MOTION TO TABLE: By Christopher Thurott, and seconded on the floor, to table the main motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE (TWO-THIRDS REQUIRED): 92 Yes, 47 No. Failed.

MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION: On the floor, a motion was made and seconded to move the question on Article 15.

VOTE ON MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION: Passed by two-thirds as declared by the Moderator.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Passed.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to declare available for disposition and authorize the Select Board, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, if and as applicable, to dispose of the property at 264 Dudley Road, Townsend, a.k.a. the West Townsend Reading Room, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, whether by sale through public auction, sealed bid, request for proposals or otherwise, as recommended by the Townsend Properties Committee, and to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer(s) thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town declare the property at 264 Dudley Road available for disposition and authorize the Select Board to dispose of it in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, and to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate its transfer.

READ BY: Laura Shifrin

MOTION: By Maryjane Churchville and seconded by Julia Stockwell to indefinitely postpone the main motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY: Passed.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to declare available for disposition and authorize the Select Board, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, if and as applicable, to dispose of the following property or properties shown in the table below, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, whether by sale through public auction, sealed bid, request for proposals or otherwise, as recommended by the Townsend Properties Committee, and to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer(s) thereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

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OWNER	ACREAGE	LOCATION	ASSESSOR'S MAP	USE	COMMENTS
TOT	2.50	New Fitchburg Rd	10-20-0	Vacant	
TOT	0.47	Laurel Lane	16-49-130	Vacant	
TOT	0.46	Laurel Lane	16-49-131	Vacant	
TOT	0.48	Laurel Lane	16-49-132	Vacant	
TOT	0.46	Tamarack Lane	16-49-140	Vacant	
TOT	0.46	Sumac Dr	16-50-52	Vacant	
TOT	0.46	Sumac Dr	16-50-53	Vacant	
TOT	0.46	Sumac Dr	16-50-54	Vacant	
TOT	0.46	Sumac Dr	16-50-55	Vacant	
TOT	0.46	Sumac Dr	16-50-56	Vacant	
TOT	0.49	Proctor Rd	42-1-29	Vacant	
TOT	0.49	Proctor Rd	42-1-30	Vacant	
TOT	0.49	Proctor Rd	42-1-31	Vacant	
TOT	0.49	Proctor Rd	42-1-32	Vacant	
TOT	0.49	Proctor Rd	42-1-33	Vacant	
TOT	0.50	Proctor Rd	42-1-34	Vacant	
TOT	0.18	Off Shirley Rd	39-18-0	Vacant	
TOT	9.00	Shirley Rd	40-2	Vacant	
TOT	0.15	6 Elm St	51-21-0	Vacant	
TOT	1.30	Main St	3-6-0	Vacant	
TOT	0.50	276 Main Street	51-1-0	Old Library	
TOT	11.94	182 Warren Road	31-36-0	Bungalow	
TOT	1.00	264 Dudley Road	11-67-0	WTRR	

SUBMITTED BY: Select Board

MOTION: I move that the Town declare certain properties available for disposition and authorize the Select Board to dispose of them in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, and to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate their transfer, said properties being listed in the May 5, 2026 Annual Town Meeting warrant, excluding 264 Dudley Road.

READ BY: Valerie Goodrich

MOTION TO AMEND: By Maryjane Churchville and seconded on the floor to remove 276 Main Street.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT: By Gary Shepherd and seconded on the floor to also remove 6 Elm Street, assessor's map 51-21-0.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT: Passed.

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VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION TO AMEND: Passed.

VOTE ON AMENDED MAIN MOTION: Passed by two-thirds as declared by the moderator.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Townsend Zoning Bylaws to change Ch 145-88D(2) from “Buffer Zone. No medical marijuana treatment and dispensing facilities use, or commercial marijuana cultivation activities shall be located within a five-hundred-foot radius from” to “Buffer Zone. No medical marijuana treatment and dispensing facilities use or commercial marijuana cultivation activities shall be located within a one-hundred-foot radius from”, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Citizen Petition

MOTION: I move that the Town pass Article 18 as presented in the May 5, 2026, Annual Town Meeting warrant.

READ BY: Colby Streeter

MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION: By Bill Rideout and seconded on the floor to take no action.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION: Passed.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Townsend Zoning Bylaws to change Ch 145-88D(1) from “General. Any medical marijuana treatment center or marijuana cultivation activities permitted shall be located only in the Industrial Zoning District.” to “General. Any medical marijuana treatment center or marijuana cultivation activities permitted shall be located in the Industrial Zoning District or Outlying Commercial District.”, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: On the floor, it was moved and seconded that the Town pass Article 19 as presented in the May 5, 2026, Annual Town Meeting warrant.

MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION: By Bill Rideout and seconded on the floor to take no action.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION: Passed.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Townsend Zoning Bylaws to change Ch 145-88D(3) from “Cultivation. Cultivation is allowed in all districts by right if applicant is eligible for protection under MGL c. 40A, § 3. Any cultivation is required within a building and will require a special permit. Cultivation of marijuana or marijuana-based products shall not be considered an agricultural use.” to “Cultivation. Cultivation is allowed in all districts by right if applicant is eligible for protection under MGL c. 40A, § 3. Any cultivation will require a special permit.”, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Citizen Petition

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MOTION: On the floor, it was moved and seconded that the Town pass Article 20 as presented in the May 5, 2026, Annual Town Meeting warrant.

MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION: By Bill Rideout and seconded on the floor to take no action.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION: Passed.

MOTION was made and seconded to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting. **VOTED:** Passed.

The meeting dissolved at 9:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harrison C. Mayotte
Town Clerk