

**TOWN OF ACTON
ABSTRACT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD
OCTOBER 15, 2002**

AT THE ACTON-BOXBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
Number of Registered voters attending Town Meeting 360

**THE MODERATOR, DONALD MACKENZIE, CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER
AT 7:05 PM**

The Moderator requests the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen William (Trey) Shepert to introduce the officials present:

Board members; F. Dore Hunter, Peter Ashton, Walter M. Foster and Pamela Harting-Barrat, Town Clerk Edward Ellis, Town Counsel Mike Callaghan.

Finance Committee; John Ryder, Herman Kabakoff, Rheta Roeber, John Prendivelle and Jonathan Chinitz. Police Chief Frank Widmayer, Fire chief Robert Craig.

The Moderator reads the article

ARTICLE 1 Public Safety Facilities Building
(2/3 Vote Required)

To see if the Town will appropriate \$6.4 million for designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a Public Safety building including costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$6.4 million under Chapter 44 of the General Laws; and that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project, including but not limited to, demolition of the existing police station and applying for and accepting any governmental or private monies; provided however this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2 1/2) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized under this article, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION:

(1) **Mr. Shupert** moves the Town appropriate \$6.4 million for designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a Public Safety Building including costs incidental and related thereto;

(2) and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$6.4 million under Chapter 44 of the General Laws;

(3) and that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project, including but not limited to, demolition of the existing police station and applying for and accepting any governmental or private monies;

(4) provided however this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2 1/2) amounts

required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized under this article.

Motion:

Mr. kadlec moves to amend the motion by deleting the word “ \$6.4 million” in line one of section one and line two section two and replacing them with the word “\$6.0 million “

AMENDED MOTION IS LOST

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIES

VOTE Yes 225 No 12

ARTICLE 2 Home Rule Petition to the General Court concerning the Towne School Building
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will petition the General Court to adopt a home rule act authorizing the Board of Selectmen to lease, for a term of up to 50 years, the historic Towne School building and so much land surrounding and providing access to it as has been agreed by the School Committee and Board of Selectmen, for the purpose of preserving the building and rehabilitating it for low and moderate income housing, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may determine, in substantially the form set forth below:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Acton is hereby authorized to lease the historic Towne School building and so much land surrounding and providing access to the building as is set forth in the votes of the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen, for a term of not more than 50 years, for the purpose of preserving the building and adapting it for residential use, including but not limited to low and moderate income housing use.

Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, including General Laws Chapter 30B, the Board of Selectmen is authorized to issue a request for proposals for such purposes, to determine the terms and conditions of such request, to accept any proposal or negotiate changes in any proposal, or to reject all proposals, as they determine to be in the best interests of the Town, and to take all others actions as may be necessary or desirable to carry out such project.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

MOTION:

Mr. Ashton moves the Town to petition the General Court to adopt a home rule act in substantially the form set forth below:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Acton is hereby authorized to lease the historic Towne School building and so much land surrounding and providing access to the building as is set forth in the votes of the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen, for a term of not more than 50 years, for the purpose of preserving the building and adapting it for residential use, including but not limited to low and moderate income housing use.

Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, including General Laws Chapter 30B, the Board of Selectmen is authorized to issue a request for proposals for such purposes, to determine the terms and conditions of such request, to accept any proposal or negotiate changes in any proposal, or to reject all proposals, as they determine to be in the best interests of the Town, and to take all others actions as may be necessary or desirable to carry out such project.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

VOTE Yes 165 No 3

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION:

Mr. Shupert, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, moves to dissolve this meeting at 9:00 PM

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Tellers

William Cady Head Teller	Jack Whittier
Anne Kadlec	Gail Sawyer
Ann Chang	Jeff Bergart
Brewster Conant	Charles Kadlec
Carolyn Gray	