

**TOWN OF BUCKLAND  
RESULTS OF  
SPECIAL ELECTION  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
FRANKLIN SS:**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

The polls were officially opened by Town Clerk, Janice D. Purington, at ten o'clock a.m. and remained open until eight o'clock p.m.

Tellers who served were:

Robert Lawler  
Karen Dobosz  
Muriel Shippee  
Paula Parsons

Judy Lawler  
Sue Atherton  
Sandra Brown  
Patsy Hinds

Warden:  
Marion Scott

Election Clerk:  
Doratheia Carter  
Shirley Scott

Constables

Arthur Henry Phillips, Paul J. Herbert, Floyd Scott


There were 246 ballots cast.

**RESULTS OF THE VOTING FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the Town of Buckland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the Project Management, Design and Construction of a Highway Facility located at 2 Sears Street Extension in Buckland, Massachusetts?

YES 117

NO 129

Attest:   
Janice D. Purington, Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Moderator Phoebe Walker was working from a warrant posted by Constable, Arthur H. Phillips, dated January 3, 2017. The Moderator immediately called for a recess to allow the voters in line an opportunity to get checked into the meeting and find a seat.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:12pm. There were 92 Town of Buckland registered voters in attendance when the meeting reconvened.

**ARTICLE 1:** The Town voted not to appropriate and borrow \$3,500,000 for the Project . Management, Design, Construction, Equipping, and Furnishing of a Highway Facility located at 2 Sears Street Extension located in the Town and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized in G.L.c.44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, for a period not to exceed the maximum number of years authorized by law, provided, however that this appropriation and debt authorization be expressly contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under G.L.c.59, §21C(k); and further that 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 G.L.c.44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer the sum of \$300,000 from the Stabilization Fund to additionally fund said project; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any agreements and execute all documents, including but not limited to contracts for a term in excess of three years, necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Article.

**This Article required a 2/3rds vote to pass. The vote was a tie vote:      41 Yes      41 No**

**The article failed.**

*The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 to support this article.*

*The Finance Committee voted 4-0 (with one abstention) to support this article.*

**ARTICLE 2:** The Town voted and passed to expend the unspent balance of \$12,500 in the CDBG Match Account and \$3,500 in the CDBG Application Expense Account for engineering costs, including any costs incidental and related to the 2017 Community Block Grant.

*The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 to support this article.*

*The Finance Committee voted 5-0 to support this article.*

**ARTICLE 3:** The Town voted unanimously to transfer the sum of \$1,350 from FY2017 Recreation Area Expense to pay an unpaid FY2016 Recreation Area Bill.

**This Article requires a 9/10ths vote to pass**

*The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 to support this article.*

*The Finance Committee voted 5-0 to support this article.*

**RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**


**FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

A motion was made and seconded to reconsider Article 1. The motion to reconsider was voted and passed.

An amendment to change the amount of Article 1 from Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) to up to Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) passed.

**Article 1**, as amended, failed. The article needed to pass by a 2/3 vote. The final count on Article 1 as amended was:      **Yes 52**      **No 30**

**The meeting was dissolved at 9:16pm.**

Attest:   
Janice D. Purington, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
TOWN OF BUCKLAND  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, FRANKLIN SS.**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Buckland in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify to **meet at the Buckland Town Hall at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, then and there to act on the following articles:**

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) for the costs of the Project Management, Design, Construction, Equipping, and Furnishing of a Highway Facility located at 2 Sears Street Extension in Buckland, Massachusetts, including the payment of any costs incidental or related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided, however that this appropriation and debt authorization be expressly contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under G.L. c. 59, §21C(k); and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes hereunder, 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 project costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) from the Stabilization Fund to additionally fund said project; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any agreements and execute all documents including but not limited to contracts for a term in excess of three years, necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Article; or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to expend the unspent balances of \$12,500 in the CDBG Match Account and \$3,500 in the CDBG Application Expense Account for engineering costs, including any costs incidental and related thereto, for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money to pay unpaid FY2016 Recreation Area Expense, or take any action relating thereto. You are further directed to notify and warn said inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to **meet at the Town Hall, 1 William Street, in said Town on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 next at ten o'clock in the forenoon** then and there to act on the following ballot question:

**Question One:** Shall the Town of Buckland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the Project Management, Design and Construction of a Highway Facility located at 2 Sears Street Extension in Buckland, Massachusetts?

YES – or – NO

For this purpose the polls will be opened at **ten o'clock AM** and will be closed at **eight o'clock PM**.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the United States Post Office and Buckland Public Library, Buckland Center, and Town Hall, 17 State Street, in said town, fourteen days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

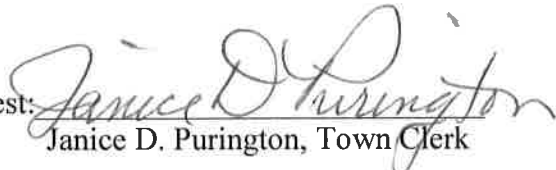
Thereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hand this 30th day of December, in the year two thousand sixteen

John R. Riggan, Chair  
Kevin P. Fox, Member  
Dena G. Wilmore, Member

CONSTABLE'S RETURN  
FRANKLIN, SS:

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Buckland by posting attested copies of same at three public places and fourteen days before the day hereof, as within directed.

CONSTABLE: Arthur H. Phillips  
DATE: January 3, 2017

Attest:   
Janice D. Purington, Town Clerk