

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – June 18, 2024**

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<b><u>WARRANT ARTICLE NO. &amp; DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION TAKEN</u></b>	<b><u>ATTY. GENERAL APPROVED</u></b>
1. Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget Transfer from Free Cash	Disapproved	
2. Fiscal Year 2025 School Department Operating Budget	Approved	
3. Finance Committee Reserve Fund Appropriation	Approved	

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

Agreeably to a Warrant signed by the Select Board on May 28, 2024 to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet and assemble at the Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, in said Andover, on

**TUESDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, 2024**

at seven o'clock P.M. to act upon the following articles:

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I the subscriber, one of the Constables of the Town of Andover, have notified the Inhabitants of said Town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes stated in said Warrant, by posting a true and attested copy of the same on the Town Hall, on each school house and in no less than five other public places where bills and notices are usually posted and by publication in the *Eagle Tribune*. Said Warrants have been posted and published fourteen days.

Ronald Bertheim, Constable  
May 30, 2024

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The meeting was held at the J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Andover High School, 100 Shawsheen Road, in said Andover.

Voters were checked-in with the aid of PollPad computing devices, and Seven Hundred Thirty-four (734) voters were admitted to the meeting.

Sheila M. Doherty, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Laura Gregory, chair of the Select Board.

The invocation was given by Peter Gori of St. Augustine Church.

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to admit non-voters to the meeting, some of whom may be speaking. Twenty One (21) non-voters were admitted during the meeting.

The Moderator asked that all cell phones be silenced so as not to disturb the meeting.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED by majority consent to dispense with the reading of the Warrant and return of service of the Constable and to refer to the Warrant Articles by number and subject matter.

The Moderator announced the various voting sections in the J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts auditorium.

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The Moderator introduced the stage participants to meeting members.

The Moderator introduced Peter Caruso as the Town Meeting “Ombudsman,” and reminded meeting members that she would help them with questions regarding Town Meeting procedures and amendments to articles.

The Moderator outlined the Rules and Procedures of Town meeting to the members, including that voters must be seated to be counted and must have their voter stickers visible. The Moderator also explained the use of Pro and Con microphones during the meeting.

The Moderator took a vote to limit presenters of articles to five minutes of speaking time and speakers to three minutes, subject to her discretion. The Motion passed by a majority vote.

The Town Manager, Superintendent of Schools, and chair of Finance Committee provided separate statements about all three articles on the warrant as an introductory overview of the matters before Town Meeting.

The Moderator conducted two “tests” of the electronic voting devices to ensure that the system was operating correctly and that residents understood how to vote with their devices.

The Moderator then took up the Warrant.

<b>ARTICLE 1</b>	<b>FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATING BUDGET TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH</b>
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To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available free cash the supplemental sum of \$1,591,913 to the FY2025 Operating Budget, as previously voted under Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 29th, 2024, to fund the amounts previously appropriated for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for a total amount of \$104,353,334 for the Andover School Department; or take any other action related thereto.

*On request of the Select Board*

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to transfer from free cash and appropriate the sum of \$1,591,913 to the Andover School Department for a total amount of \$104,353,334 for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

**VOTE: A simple majority vote required for passage, the Motion Failed in an electronic vote of 240 in favor, 476 against, and 4 abstaining.**

Select Board Report:           Disapproval  
Finance Committee Report:   Disapproval  
School Committee Report:    Disapproval

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<b>ARTICLE 2</b>	<b>FISCAL YEAR 2025 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET</b>
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To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, the sum of \$102,761,421 for the Andover School Department; or take any action related thereto.

*On request of the Select Board*

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, the sum of \$102,761,421 to the Andover School Department for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

**VOTE: A simple majority vote required for passage, the Motion Passed in an electronic vote of 496 in favor, 180 against, and 8 abstaining.**

Select Board Report:           Approval  
Finance Committee Report:   Approval  
School Committee Report:   Approval

<b>ARTICLE 3</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATION</b>
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To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$121,323 to the Finance Committee Reserve Fund; or take any action related thereto.

*On request of the Select Board*

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to appropriate the sum of \$121,323 to the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

**VOTE: A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a majority vote.**

Select Board Report:           Approval  
Finance Committee Report:   Approval  
School Committee Report:   Approval

**On motion of Town Counsel, Douglas Heim, made and duly seconded, it was voted by a majority vote to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 8:31 P.M.**

A true record  
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Austin P. Simko  
Town Clerk