

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
Phillipston Memorial School  
March 30, 2016  
7:00 PM**

**The Special Town Meeting was called to order pursuant to a warrant duly posted and returned by the Moderator, Timothy Haley, at 7:00pm**

**The Moderator asks if the Town has any objections to Town Council speaking on Town Meeting floor. There is no objection.**

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$38,350 for the purchase of a new fire command vehicle for use by the Fire Department and Emergency Management Director, or act in relation thereto.

**Motion made that the Town Transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purchase of a used fire command vehicle for the use by the Fire Department and Emergency Management Director, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Motion made to amend the main motion by adding “Said command vehicle will stay in the Town of Phillipston except for official Fire Department business or maintenance, and the vehicle will never be kept overnight at the residence of any Fire Department personnel.”**

**Town Council speaks and it is stated that it is at the discretion of the Moderator to determine if the amendment is in the scope of the article. The Moderator decides to allow the amendment.**

**The Moderator asks permission for the Fire Chief to speak on Town Meeting floor, and there are no objections.**

**A motion is made to take the vote for the amendment only by secret ballot vote, 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Moderator calls for a standing counted vote  
Yes – 21 No – 36 The motion to vote by secret ballot is defeated.**

**There is a lot of discussion about the amendment and a motion is made to move the question, 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**A standing vote is taken to move the question Yes – 56 No – 0**

**Discussion is ended.**

**A standing counted vote is taken for the amendment Yes – 19 No – 38  
The Amendment is not passed.**

**Back to the original motion with more discussion and a motion is made to move the question, 2<sup>nd</sup>.** A point of order is made noting or questioning the procedure of moving the question, it is asked if the Moderator not the audience decides if the question should be moved. Town Council states it is the discretion of the Moderator on whether to acknowledge a motion to move the question or continue discussion.

**Motion to move the question voted not unanimous.** Discussion is ended

**Main motion**

Motion made that the Town Transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purchase of a used fire command vehicle for the use by the Fire Department and Emergency Management Director, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**So voted not unanimous. – Motion passes**

**Motion made to dissolve the Special Town Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**So voted unanimously at 7:43pm meeting is dissolved.**