

PLYMPTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 18, 2023

Moderator, Barry DeCristofano, declared there being a quorum present (35) and preparation and posting of the warrant and the procedure was accomplished in accordance with the law and, therefore, the Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Dennett Elementary School. The Moderator asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to Allegiance to the American Flag. He also thanked Mr. Veneto and the custodial staff for their work in preparing for tonight's meeting, Area 58 for recording, and asked everyone to silence their phones.

Mr. DeCristofano introduced the Board of Selectmen Chairman, Christine Joy, Selectman, Mark Russo, and Selectman John Traynor, Town Administrator, Elizabeth Dennehy and Town Clerk, Patricia Detterman, Town Accountant, Lisa Hart, the Finance Committee Chairperson, Marilyn Browne, and Finance Committee Members, Nathaniel Sides, and Steven Lewis, and Michael Lemieux. Also present were Assistant Town Clerk/Teller Nancy Magnussen and Teller Patricia Mustacaros. The Peace Officers were Sargent John Simon and Chief Matthew Ahl.

Mr. DeCristofano made a motion to include non-resident participation for Elizabeth Dennehy, Town Administrator, Gregg Corbo, Town Council (to be reached by phone), SLRS Councilor Russell Dupere, Superintendent Jill Proulx, School Business manager Christine Healy and Police Chief Matthew Ahl.

(Kathryn Shepard from the Finance Committee arrived slightly late)

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Mr. DeCristofano gave an overview of the procedural rules as outlined in the Town Meeting Time book.

There were 61 registered voters present and 7 non-registered citizens present.

ARTICLE 1 To see if the town will vote to adopt the amended Silver Lake Regional School District Agreement, a copy of which is on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's office and on the Town's website at: town.plympton.ma.us or take any other action relative thereto.

Silver Lake Regional School Committee Recommended by BOS (3-0)

ARTICLE 1 VOTE (On the motion of Jason W. Fraser, Plympton School Committee Chair, 66 Maple St. and seconded.) to approve of the Article as printed in the Warrant.

Jason Fraser, 66 Maple St., stated the reasons for the amendment to the regional agreement.

1. The agreement needs to be updated to include the State's current education laws.

2. The number of votes for Plympton should be adjusted for the population from the 2020 federal census.
3. Best practice is to review the agreement every 10 years.
4. Most pressing is that although SLRS has provided a pre-K program for children with moderate special needs for 50 years, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is requiring the agreement to be codified and have a Silver Lake principal to oversee 17 staff members for the 151 students enrolled. The shared cost for our Town would be about \$40,000.00. If we were to provide the service at the Dennett the cost would be closer to \$135,000.00.

The way the agreement is being presented has been approved by DESE.

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Patricia L. Detterman, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk