

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS**

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Article 2: Town Meetings, Section 1 changing the date of the Annual Town Meeting from the first Monday in April to the fourth Monday in April or take any other action relative thereto.

**PASSED**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$30,000 for the purpose of paying for enhanced security to the Town's computer network or take any other action relative thereto.

**PASSED**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$80,000 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of an operational audit of the School District aimed at determining if there are additional opportunities for greater efficiencies and cost savings or take any other action relative thereto.

**FAILED**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by amending the language in the Table of Uses, Item #E 7 and Note 13 removing the limitation that existing outbuildings can only be occupied by an employee of the parcel owner or take any other action relative thereto.

**FAILED**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$916 to pay for prior fiscal year expenses or take any other action relative thereto.

**PASSED**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the purchase of a new sport utility vehicle for the Fire Department for a cost of \$64,000 and to fund this purchase from unused funds in the appropriation for the Fire Department's new ladder truck as approved at the June 2023 Special Town Meeting or take any other action relative thereto.

**PASSED**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to reallocate funds in the amount of \$35,000 in the FY24 Conservation Commission salary budget to a new Professional Services account within the Conservation Commission budget and to reallocate funds in the amount of \$10,000 in the FY24 Planning Department salary budget to the Professional Services account within the Planning Department Budget to accommodate changes from in-house employees to contracted services for the Conservation Agent and Town Planner or take any other action relative thereto.

**PASSED**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease agreement for up to 10 years with Harbor Points Associates for the use of the Community Center building for various community needs and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for expenses related to the use of the building or take any other action relative thereto.

**PASSED**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town’s General Bylaws Article XIV Resident Parking by deleting the location resident vehicle stickers are to be placed, amending the process for obtaining stickers, clarifying where parking placards may be used, and authorizing the Select Board to designate streets for resident only parking instead of listing these in the bylaw or take any other action relative thereto.

**PASSED**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town’s General Bylaws, Article X Police and Other Regulations, Section 30A No Parking Zones by allowing a certain number of parking spaces along Beach Street east of Tappan Street to compensate for parking spaces removed to create a new crosswalk at Reed Park or take any other action relative thereto.

**PASSED**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be utilized and spent for the purpose of acquiring by purchase, or acquisition by eminent domain land, buildings, spaces and or fixtures making up a portion of the property currently occupied by the Manchester Community Center, whatever its corporate form, adjacent to the railroad tracks and an easement for the right to pass and repass, and to authorize the Selectmen to so acquire by purchase or eminent domain, said property currently and rights occupied by the Manchester Community Center for the purpose of operating a Community Center, by the Manchester Community Center, whatever its corporate form, or its non-profit successor, and to direct the Selectmen to take steps to procure by purchase or eminent domain the fee simple to the land underlying the Community Center, where located as of September 1, 2023, or to see what action it will take thereon.

**TOOK NO ACTION**

**ARTICLE 12:** To add to the General Bylaw of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea, a new section reading as follows:  
Any zoning amendment adopted by the Town Meeting shall not go into effect without submission to the ballot in accordance with St. 1991, c. 270, Section 1.

**FAILED**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize, and direct, the Selectmen to convey and reconvey, from the Town of Manchester by the Sea to the Town of Manchester by the Sea, subject to the dictates of Article 97 of Amendment of the Massachusetts State Constitution, certain land held by the Town making up Powder House Hill Reservation, including parcels identified by the Assessors as Parcel 42-0-4, Parcel 42-0-10, Parcel 41-0-96, and Parcel 41-0-59.

**PASSED**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize, and direct, the Selectmen to convey and reconvey, from the Town of Manchester by the Sea to a charitable corporation or trust whose purpose includes the preservation of land or water, under perpetual conservation deed restrictions prohibiting building structures, roads or signs and prohibiting the removal or destruction of trees and other vegetation, and prohibiting actions detrimental to water and soil conservation or other activities detrimental to water and soil conservation or other activities detrimental to the land to the retention of land or water conservation areas, under G.L. c. 184, Section 31-33, as are necessary to protect the green open space, certain parcels of land currently held by the Town making up the Powder House Hill Reservation, including parcels identified by the Assessors as Parcel 42-0-4, Parcel 42-0-10, Parcel 41-0-96, and Parcel 41-0-59.

**FAILED**

**ADJOURNED 9:34PM – 449 VOTERS**