

**RESULTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
January 30, 2017**

The meeting was televised by Amherst Community Television and shown on the government channel.

There were 249 town meeting members. 125 checked in and a quorum was declared. The January 30, 2017 Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, James W. Pistrang at 7:02 p.m. The call and return of the warrant was read by Assistant Town Clerk, Susan Audette.

ARTICLE 1. Petition – Bond Authorization for Co-located Elementary School Project on Wildwood site (Churchill et al)

DEFEATED Yes 123, No 92

[That the Town of Amherst appropriate the sum of \$66,369,000 to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee to construct, originally equip and furnish two co-located elementary schools on the Wildwood site, to educate all Amherst students in grades 2-6, including the cost of architectural design, project management and other incidental and related costs, as well as demolition of the existing building and other necessary site improvements, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and to meet such appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 68.34 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA and further, 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 Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.]

Action taken 1/30/17.

The business of the warrant having been completed, Town Meeting voted to dissolve at 8:46 p.m. 226 town meeting members were checked in.

Attest:

**Sandra J. Burgess
Town Clerk**