

Town of Sumner Select Board  
Special Town Meeting  
September 21, 2023 6:00 pm

Joel Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**Article 1: Terry Hayes was elected moderator.**

**Article 2:** To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for legal fees.

The recommendation is the amount of \$50,000.

The motion is to accept the recommendation.

\*Cyndy Norton with permission from moderator shared that Mark Silber from the budget committee would not recommend this expenditure.

\*Select board member Jesse Wallingford said that this spending was voted on by the former Select Board. Town Clerk Sherry Sullivan said that Bernstein Shur was hired to do fact finding.

\*These bills are between \$45,000-\$50,000 and will be taken out of the general fund. This year's budget only includes \$15,000.

\* Tom Standard questioned if this bill is really the town's bill.

**The motion of Article 2 carried.**

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to spend an amount not to exceed 1/12 of the budgeted amount from the most recently approved annual budget in each budget category of the budget until the budget is finalized at the Town Meeting.

The article was moved and seconded as read.

**Motion on Article 3 carried.**

**Article 4:**

To see if the Town will vote to schedule the Town Meeting in June for future meetings.

\*Cyndy Norton stated a June schedule creates a situation in which we are guessing on school budget, state revenue sharing, and the Transfer Station budget in order to authorize the amount to spend. Norton added that a majority decision should be voted at a full Town Meeting instead of this very slim attendance.

**Motion on Article 4 carried.**

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to allocate all reimbursement funds from EMA (FEMA or SEMA) that directly relate to road and bridge maintenance and repairs to be allocated to the capital roads project fund.

**Motion on Article 5 carried.**