

TOWN OF BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND
AGENDA – IN-PERSON
FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024, AT 7:00PM
BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM
220 Lincoln Avenue

1. Call to order **7:00PM** and announcement of quorum: **104**
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Reading of the call: **Motion to dispense - Voice Vote - Passed.**
4. Report of the Committee on Appropriations: **Motion to dispense - Voice Vote - Passed.**
5. Resolution authorizing issuance of emergency notes to fund emergency appropriations not to exceed \$5,000,000.
Voice Vote - Passed.
6. Resolution authorizing issuance of tax anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.
Voice Vote - Passed.
7. Resolution with regard to the Town's property located at 25 Watson Avenue, Assessor's Plat 7, Lot 4, formerly known as the Carmelite Monastery (the "Property"), to authorize the Town Council to redevelop the Property conditioned upon substantial conformance with the site plan layout approved by the Planning Board on October 3, 2023, and Town Council on January 8, 2024, and thereby demolish the structures formerly known as the Carmelite Monastery; sell one lot for development of twelve cottages as a "pocket neighborhood" (all units of which will be age restricted to residents 55 or older, and five units of which also will be affordable to low-and-moderate-income residents) for one dollar (\$1); sell six single-family lots (individually and subject to deed restrictions that each lot may not be further subdivided or merged with any other lot) at fair market value; and create an approximately two-acre public park. **Voice Vote - Passed.**
8. Resolution of the Financial Town Meeting appropriating funds to finance the Athletic Fields Project and the Annawamscutt Brook Culvert Project and all other costs incidental or related thereto, through the issuance of bonds and/or notes in a principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000. **Voice Vote – Passed.**
9. Motion: I, Thomas A. Rimoshytus of 1 Howard Street, Barrington, RI move to add a new line-item to the Capital line-items and Reserve for Field/Turf Maintenance and Reconstruction to all fields in Town. I propose an amount of \$750,000.00 to be established at this Financial Town Meeting held in May of this year. This fund will fall in line with the Fields Study Report of 2023 to get some of our fields back in shape. Respectfully submitted on March 13, 2024.
Motion withdrawn.
10. Motion: I, Thomas A. Rimoshytus of 1 Howard Street, Barrington, RI move to remove the following line-item GF-51 Affordable Housing out of Capital Improvement. I would like to remove the funds of \$501,577.89 plus accruable interest that is in the account to the following new line-item GF-43 Athletic Field Improvements. Respectfully submitted on April 15, 2024. **Voice Vote – Defeated.**
11. Resolution adopting the report of the Committee-on-Appropriations. **Voice Vote – Passed.**
Budget at: \$95,844,395.00 FY ending June 30, 2025; Sewer Enterprise Fund \$4,247,191.00
12. Any other business affecting appropriations.
Motion by Magnus Thorsson and seconded by a voter from the floor to fund a conceptual design for public open space on South Lake Drive, aimed at revitalizing the blighted area not to exceed \$25,000.
The proposed open space would connect the bike path to Sowams Woods and include facilities for fishing, biking, walking, and outdoor environmental education.
Funds will be allocated to hire a professional landscape architect, conduct environmental assessments, and engage the community through the design phase.
Work overseen by Town in collaboration with boards and commissions, BPS, Barrington Land Conservation Trust, and any town-based organizations of interest. **Voice Voted – Defeated.**
13. Resolution ordering the levy and collection of a tax and dealing with kindred matters. **Voice Voted – Passed.**
Not less than \$72,081,803.00 nor more than \$72,279,128.00.
14. Resolution to establish tax rates: **\$14.75 per \$1,00.00 valuation.**
15. Resolution electing a Committee-on-Appropriations: **James Sanderson and Michael Raia to serve for two years May 2026.**
16. Dissolution: **10:55pm**

All items on this agenda are subject to action.

This order of business is prepared by the Town Clerk in accordance with the vote of the Financial Town Meeting on May 24, 2023.

The Town of Barrington will provide accommodations needed to ensure equal participation in all meetings. Please contact the Town Clerk's office prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance. A request for accommodations can be made in writing to 283 County Road or by calling 401-247-1900, Ext. 301 (voice). Hearing impaired callers can dial 711 "Relay" for additional assistance. The Barrington High School is accessible to the disabled.
Posted on May 16, 2024, (2), at Barrington Town Hall, Barrington Public Library, Barrington High School, and Secretary of State Web Site. (We are asking you to bring a Rhode Island Driver's License/ID with you for registration.)