Town of Scituate Special Town Meeting April 29, 2024

WARRANT

ARTICLE 1. New Consolidated Cushing Hatherly Elementary School

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, the amount of One Hundred Nineteen Million Four Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Three (\$119,433,943) Dollars to be expended under the direction of the Hatherly School Building Committee for the design, construction and equipping of a new consolidated Cushing Hatherly Elementary School on the site of the existing Hatherly School at 72 Ann Vinal Road including the demolition of the existing Hatherly Elementary School on that site and the demolition of the existing Cushing Elementary School at 1 Aberdeen Drive, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), 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 for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's 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. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 47.72 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

Sponsored By: School Committee/Select Board

MOTION ARTICLE 1.

Select Board-Maura Curran

I move that the Town of Scituate appropriate the amount of One Hundred Nineteen Million Four Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Three (\$119,433,943) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of the design, construction and equipping of a new consolidated Cushing Hatherly Elementary School on the site of the existing Hatherly School at 72 Ann Vinal Road in Scituate, including the demolition of the existing Hatherly Elementary School on that site and the demolition of the existing Cushing Elementary School at 1 Aberdeen Drive, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, and for which the Town of Scituate may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Hatherly School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town of Scituate acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a nonentitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town of Scituate incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Scituate; provided further that any grant that the Town of Scituate may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 47.72 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½); 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 of Scituate and the MSBA

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and further the amount borrowed shall be reduced by a transfer of \$1,834,671.01 from Article 2 of the December 3, 2014 STM New Middle School.

Quantum of vote: 2/3rds

Motion approved by Bond Counsel 4/11/2024

Discussion and presentation by

Superintendent, Bill Burkhead who introduces the School Building Committee members. Mr. Burkhead also introduced the school project manager and architect.

Scott Williams, Principal of Cushing School and Kristine Sheehan, Principal of Hatherly School spoke in support of the new school.

Dr. Thomas Raab, Director of School Business & Finance spoke about the design and funding of the school project.

Discussion by Nicole Brandolini, Chair of the School Committee shared her thoughts on the project and the need for a new school.

Jerry Kelly from the Advisory Committee reported that the committee voted unanimously in support of this article.

Chris Carchia, Chair of Capital Planning Committee reported that the committee voted unanimously in support of this article.

Maura Curran, Chair of the Select Board reported that the Select Board unanimously in support of this article.

There were several voters who spoke at the microphones on Town Meeting floor in support of this article.

After discussion at the microphones, Madison Klein of 30 Indian Trail made a motion to move the question. The motion was seconded and voted by a declared 2/3s vote in favor to move the question.

VOTE-Declared 2/3s in Favor

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a True Copy Attest.

Kathlen A Gardner

Town Clerk

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