

ARTICLE 30
AUTHORIZE DISPOSITION OF TOWN OWNED LAND: HINKLEY
NORTH

WARRANT COMMITTEE MEMBER: ED VOZZELLA

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of, by sale or ground lease, a parcel of Town-owned land shown as “parcel B” (Hinkley North) on a plan of land captioned “Approval Not Required (ANR) Survey Medfield Senior Center Medfield, Massachusetts” prepared by DiPrete Engineering, 990 Washington Street, Suite 101A, Dedham, MA 02026 dated June 26, 2018 and recorded at Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 672 at Page 75, containing 4.80 acres, according to said plan, together with a twenty foot wide access easement over, under, and through abutting land, as shown on said plan, to a private developer, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30B, Section 16, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board determine to be in Town’s interests, and, if deemed necessary or desirable, to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact special legislation to authorize said disposition, and/or construction; or do or act anything in relation thereto.

POSITIVE MOTION.

Move that Select Board be authorized to dispose of Town-owned land shown as Parcel B (Hinkley North), as set out in the Warrant.

Warrant Committee Report: *The Special Town Meeting in September, 2000 voted to appropriate \$1,115,000 to purchase the 10.28 acres of property most commonly known as the “Hinkley Property”. The property was acquired for municipal purposes and had long been planned as a potential location for senior housing. In 2019, the Annual Town Meeting voted to subdivide 5.48 acres of the property to create a new parcel most commonly known as “Hinkley South” for the development of senior housing. Now that the senior housing has been developed on Hinkley South, the Select Board are seeking the authority to dispose of the “Hinkley North” property by sale.*

The Warrant Committee believes that the goal the Town hoped to achieve with the purchase of the Hinkley property is now complete. The Town should now explore capturing any remaining financial benefit from the portion of the original Hinkley lot the Town still owns.