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a member of town counsel said would mean the town takes no action and it could be put on a future town meeting, but that motion failed.

The vote then moved on to the original article, which failed by a vote of 31-41.

Budget amendments

Article 3 moved to amend article 11 of the annual town meeting by raising and appropriating about $3.9 million and transferring about $101,000 from free cash for a total of just over $4 million to meet the salaries and compensation of town employees and officers.

The motion was to reduce the amount previously raised through taxation by $46,629, and to transfer that amount from free cash plus another $54,500 to fund information technology for $20,000, $30,000 for the finance committee reserve fund and $4,500 to the department of public works for radios. That motion passed with nine voters opposed.

Article 4 was also to amend article 11 of the annual town meeting by raising and appropriating about $292,000, transferring about $78,800 from free cash and transferring $150,000 from stabilization for a total of about $520,000 to meet unclassified expenses for the town.

This motion reduced the amount previously raised through taxation for Worcester Regional Retirement by about $228,000 and the other transfers supplanted the funds previously raised through taxation.

Financial articles

Article 1 moved to pay outstanding invoices from prior fiscal years totaling $16,826 from free cash, and passed unanimously.

Article 2 was to create a $50,000 emergency utility stabilization account. Munroe asked why this article was not a reserve fund, saying doing it the way proposed creates a blank check for the town administrator's office.

Town Administrator Tim Bragan said it would only be allowed to be used for fuel, heating oil and electricity, and Seth Knipe from the Finance Committee said they voted to recommend the article. Article 2 passed with eight opposed.

Article 7 was to transfer $7,000 from free cash to upgrade and repair the town's emergency trailer, which passed unanimously. Articles 6 and 7 were Community Preservation Committee articles to conduct a historical and structural report for the First Meetinghouse for $15,000 and $26,500 respectively, funded from CPC undesignated reserves. These articles passed unanimously.

Bylaws

Articles 9 and 10 were passed over. Article 9 was a bylaw prohibiting overnight camping or temporary structures on municipal property, brought on by the Board of Health.

Moncoeur, who is the chair of the Board of Health said the bylaw is meant to protect the safety and health of the town, and to give the police department the authority to remove trash and protect the town, and the goal was not to remove people. He said temporary structures can be a fire risk for abutting properties.

Members of local land trusts including Francois Steiger and Mike Stoll asked if their boards of directors were notified of this bylaw. Munroe said it is a structural issue that these organizations hadn't been notified.

The member of town counsel also noted that this bylaw has been denied by the Attorney General in the past because it discriminates against the unhoused.

Article 10 was a bylaw to prohibit overnight parking on conservation property. Munroe said this article could lead to discriminatory policing.

Article 11 were changes to the zoning bylaw, but town counsel had recommended this article not be voted on because of some issues. This article was referred back to the Planning Board. Steiger of the Planning Board asked town counsel KP Law to provide their feedback in a timely manner, as he said this feedback came directly before the town meeting.

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about the biggest private donation ever in this district's history," Duda announced. "It was through a foundation from a private entity, and it's going to outfit the entire Cold Spring campus with new HVAC, mini splits, A/C, heat, and it's going to install an elevator there next year as well – all paid for without tax dollars."

Much of the evening's recognitions involved a presentation on the new Cold Springs campus, which opened in Belchertown at the start of the school year. Calling back to the announcement of the opening of the campus last year, Duda said there was a lot of risk in the proposal.

"We promised an awful lot. We had no money when we made that promise. It was all contingent upon getting grant funding, $5 million," Duda said. "When that announcement was made and I brought it to this advisory committee, I had droves of you coming over to me saying, 'How can I help?'"

The event recognized Electrical Teacher Eric Simard, who served a principal role in ensuring the campus was able to open on time. Duda credited the collaboration of local businesses and community partners toward making this project possible.

"On July 1, we got this school, and I had promised," Duda said. "We were opening up eight weeks later. That's what the promise was. And any business person, especially in construction, would say 'you are crazy.'"

However, Duda said he was able to make this promise with confidence because of his faith in the teachers and students who volunteered their time to make the necessary renovations to the new campus.

"This time we needed all the construction teachers, and then some," Duda said. "We started immediately. We started doing ceilings, we started doing electrical work, we started doing plumbing work. We put in sinks and drain lines and gas lines and electrical, and everything you could think of."



Cold Springs Principal Joseph Brewer (right) greeted guests at the door, alongside students (from left) Julieta and Anna.



Superintendent Eric Duda praised the work of Electrical Teacher Eric Simard to coordinate the work done to open the Cold Springs campus.

The school and Simard received a citation from the Senate and the House of Representatives, presented by state Sen. Jake Oliveira and state Rep. Aaron Saunders, who praised Duda for his work to ensure the opening of the campus.

"When you close a building, you don't know what you're going to do with it," Oliveira said. "A lot of districts have to either demolish that building because it's too expensive to breathe new life. Pathfinder chose a different course; Pathfinder chose to take a school that was coming offline in Belchertown to invest the money with the help of the state and with the help of your talented staff, and because of that, that school will live on for the future."

"Every step of the way, this is a two-way street," said Saunders. "We have an obligation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and this is from our school committee members, our state legislators, our governor, to ensure that every kid who lives in our communities has access to the right education for them."

Simard said that he shared the honor with the many teachers in carpentry, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, horticulture and other departments, as well as the students.

"I wish there was more time this evening for credit to be given to the teachers and the kids that did the work," Simard said. "They would tell me what needed to be done, and I just needed to try to keep them moving forward.

"For teachers to do what normally is done by adult professionals, and to do that with young, eager, and talented – but still very green – student workers; that's where the remarkable side of this miracle happened," Simard said. "That's usually a job for highly skilled professionals, and to be able to do that with kids is really amazing. I was awestruck by watching it all unfold." If you'd like to learn more about what's going on at Pathfinder Tech, you can visit their website at PathfinderTech.org.

Obituary

Vivian E. (Patterson) Ackerman, 88



Vivian E. (Patterson) Ackerman, 88, of Manville, Rhode Island, died Nov. 2, 2026 in The Holiday Retirement Home. She was the wife of the late Bruce Ackerman, whom she married Sept. 10, 1960. Born in Ware, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Hazel (Anstey) Patterson. She grew up in Barre, Massachusetts.

Vivian was a graduate of the Worcester Hahnemann Hospital School of Nursing. She worked for Worcester State Hospital and Mill Pond Rest Home.

Vivian was a member of the 4-H Club and the East Douglas United Methodist Church. She volunteered at the Burrillville Senior Center and Food Pantry. Vivian enjoyed gardening, sewing and knitting, having knitted over 100 sweaters for children around the world that she donated to the World Vision Organization.

She leaves her sons, Owen Ackeman and his wife, Jill, of Ashland, Massachusetts and Byron Ackerman and his wife, Barbara, of Butler, Ohio; her siblings, Frank Patterson, Ruth Coutu and Wanda Dickson; three granddaughters; two great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, Roland and Ralph Patterson.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to The Holiday Retirement Home and Hope Hospice, for the care they gave Vivian.

Private funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Holt Funeral Home, 510 South Main St., Woonsocket, Rhode Island. www.holtfuneralhome.com

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Vivian E. (Patterson) Ackerman, please visit our floral store.

DEATH NOTICE

Ackerman, Vivian E. (Patterson)
Died Nov. 2, 2026
Funeral arrangements are private.

Public Notices

Town of Hubbardston
Professional Planning Services
Zoning Bylaw and Subdivision Regulation Revisions

The Town of Hubbardston is seeking professional planning services to conduct substantive revisions to its Zoning Bylaw and a rewrite of its Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land. Hubbardston is a rural community of approximately 4,500 residents in Worcester County.

The Town's land use regulations have not been fully recodified since their adoption in the 1980s, and are inconsistent, difficult to administer, and misaligned with current planning practice.

While the Town is not prepared to undertake a total recodification of it's bylaws, due to an ongoing E-Codification, this work is considered imperative to the Town's advancement.

This project is funded through the Community Planning Grant program. The total project budget shall not exceed $120,000, and all work must be substantially complete no later than June 15, 2027.

The Town intends to present zoning articles for adoption at the Spring 2027 Annual Town Meeting. To ensure a transparent and expeditious process, the Town seeks qualified consultants.

Sealed bids are due **November 23, 2026 at 1 p.m.** at which time proposals will be open publicly and read. Please mark sealed envelopes, "**Bid for Pofessional Planning Services**" and address them to:

Travis Brown
68 Worcester Road
Hubbardston MA 01452.

The RFB are also on Commubys and Central Register.
11/05/2026

Red Door Fayre on Nov. 14

NORTH BROOKFIELD – Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, 133 North Main St., will host its Red Door Fayre on Saturday, Nov.14, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be raffles, an Exquisite table, a Christmas table, bake table, pies, interior plants and a craft table. A homemade luncheon of soups, sandwiches and apple crisp will be served.

Tri-Parish hosts tree lighting and market on Nov. 28

HARDWICK – On Saturday, Nov. 28 from 3-5:30 p.m. on the Hardwick common, the Tri-Parish Community Church will be hosting a Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony and a Pop-up Thrift Market for the town of Hardwick's "Christmas on the Common" celebration.

These activities will be a few of the many activities planned for that day by various organizations.

Come kick off the holiday season with the church members as they participate in this Christmas tradition.

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