Special Town Meeting (October 18, 2021)

Article 1 (To establish an Insurance Trust Fund) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 2 (To add funds to the Insurance Trust Fund in Article 1) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 3 (To make adjustments to the FY22 budget) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 4 (To transfer funds from the Water Enterprise Funds to the Water Quality Improvement Project and Initiative Account) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 5 (To transfer funds from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to the Sewer Pump Station Improvement Account) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 6 (To fund the replacement of the Toblin Hill Bridge and fund repairs and improvements) *Passed	Yes - I am happy to see this project finally moving forward since this bridge has been closed for several years. This will greatly improve the quality of life for residents in the area, and allow the streets to be accessed more easily rather than having two dead-end streets side by side.
Article 7 (To appropriate \$18,325.20 received from Transportation Network Companies for the purposes of improving/funding alternative modes of transportation projects/initiatives) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 8 (To fund the costs associated with the schematic design work for the replacement of the windows at Oak Middle School) *Passed Unanimously	Yes - I also am happy that this project is moving forward. The old windows were not energy efficient, and I am interested to see how much cost savings the new windows will have throughout the years. The Town should continue ensuring that all of the windows in our public buildings are energy efficient.
Article 9 (To expand the parameters of exemptions already offered under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 22-22F to include those who placed their property in a trust or conservatorship for estate planning purposes) *Passed Unanimously	Yes

Article 10 (To create a Special Purpose Stabilization Account for the benefit of the Sewer System Enterprise) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 11 (To transfer funds into the Special Purpose Sewer Stabilization Fund created in Article 10) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 12 (To amend the zoning map to account for changes to the Lake Street Right-of-Way due to construction of the new Beal School) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 13 (To expand access and streamline the process for outdoor dining throughout the town) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 14 (To update zoning regulations related to telecommunication facilities and associated infrastructure to conform with state and federal regulations) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 15 (To include the new Town Center Zoning District in the existing Inclusionary Housing regulations) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 16 (To authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire a parcel of land along Lake Street to improve a sharp curve on Lake Street) *Defeated Unanimously	No - I do not believe that purchasing the parcel along Lake Street is a good idea for the Town to purchase. While I understand that traffic and road safety is a priority for the Selectmen, this piecemeal approach to solving those issues is not effective. Traffic calming measures should have been implemented long ago if there was such a big concern for this road. I also would have liked more abutters and residents in the area to speak on this issue to get a better sense of the needs in the neighborhood. For the two residents that did speak on this, I thank them for making the Town really examine this before the Town Meeting voted on it.