Special Town Meeting (October 21, 2019)

Article 1 (FY2020 Operating Budget Transfers) *Passed Unanimously	Yes - This would decrease the total operating budget by \$120, 169, but important transfers are being made to several accounts. More notably, these transfers will fund the hiring of 4 more firefighters and their equipment, as well. Because of Shrewsbury's great bond rating, \$4 million will be saved due to a lower interest rate that the Town will have to pay for the Beal project.
Article 2 (To create a Water System Special Purpose Stabilization Fund) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 3 (To transfer \$1,940,000 to fund water quality improvement initiatives in the Town) *Passed Unanimously	Yes - This Article is an important step in the right direction in addressing our water issues in Town, and although this will not fix all of its problems, it surely will help alleviate some of the concerns that persist.
Article 4 (To transfer \$35,000 to SYFS to purchase counseling and education services) *Passed	Yes
Article 5 (To transfer \$33,000 to the Town Manager's office to conduct a survey of historical buildings/structures in town) *Passed	Yes
Article 6 (To appropriate \$16,018 for sidewalk, crosswalk, pedestrian mobility initiatives, and other programs to support alternative modes of transportation) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 7 (To amend the Zoning By-law) *Passed Unanimously	Yes - This eliminated an obsolete reference in the Zoning By-laws
Article 8 (To amend the Zoning By-law) *Passed Unanimously	Yes - This created a clearer and more comprehensive definition of gross floor area in the Zoning By-law
Article 9 (To amend the Zoning By-law) *Passed Unanimously	Yes - This added a definition for contractor's yard ans storage yard, adding clarity.
Article 10 (To amend the General By-laws to raise the maximum fine of violations from \$200 to \$300) *Passed	Yes