

Special Town Meeting (September 29, 2020)

Article 1 (To approve the borrowing authorization of \$42 million in order to fund the construction and other expenses related for a new Shrewsbury Police HQ)

*Passed

Yes - Although the timing of this project is not ideal in terms of our ongoing conversations regarding policing in America, the Town must take advantage of a very favorable interest rate for this project. We must also recognize that the current building simply is inadequate to meet the needs of the community. I believe that we are able to reimagine our institutions while we move forward with this project. Further, I appreciate that this will be brought forth to the community at large for them to weigh in. Voting this forward today will grant the citizens of this town the opportunity to tell us whether or not this is a good investment for us. I also believe that the radio system certainly needs a replacement in order to ensure that our first responders are able to effectively and quickly communicate with one another if/when a tragedy were to occur.