

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

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TOWN OF TOWNSEND
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To either of the Constables of the Town of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the legal voters of the Town of Townsend, qualified to vote at Town Meetings for the transaction of Town affairs, to meet at the Memorial Hall, Great Hall, 272 Main Street, Townsend, MA for the Special Town Meeting on **December 13, 2022, at 7:00 PM**, then and there to act on the following articles:

**REPORTS
(MAJORITY VOTE)**

ARTICLE 1:

To see if the Town will vote to hear the reports of Boards, Committees or Commissions; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL ARTICLES
(MAJORITY AND/OR TWO-THIRDS VOTE)**

ARTICLE 2:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the PEG Access Receipts Reserved Account funds equal to five percent (5%) of Comcast's Gross Revenues for the fourth (4th) quarter of FY 2022 (April-June 2022) and authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator to expend and distribute said funds to Townsend Community Access Media, Inc.; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: TCAM and the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote to amend its vote under Article 15 of the May 3, 2022 Annual Town Meeting warrant, by changing the sum reallocated to the Capital Stabilization Account from "A7 ATM 5/8/21 Retroactive Salary Adjustments" from \$21,775.52 to \$11,071.97 and, in accordance therewith, by adjusting the total sum allocated under said Article 15 from \$41,663.75 to \$30,960.20; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to reallocate \$28,258, the sum voted under Article 9 of the May 7, 2019 Annual Town Meeting warrant, from:

DEPT.	ITEM	FY20	FUNDING SOURCE
Recreation	Recreation Building Roof Replacement (274 Main St.)	\$28,258	Capital Stabilization Fund

to:

DEPT.	ITEM	FY23	FUNDING SOURCE
Recreation; Selectmen	Recreation Building Stairs/Town Hall Roof and Exterior Repairs/Maintenance	\$28,258	Capital Stabilization Fund

as approved by the Capital Planning Committee; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash or other available funds in the treasury the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of repairing the Town Hall elevator as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash or other available funds in the treasury the sum of \$29,000 for the purpose of paying unbudgeted increases in the Town's General Insurance costs; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash or other available funds in the treasury the sum of \$75,000, for the purpose of paying unbudgeted increases in energy costs; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash or other available funds in the treasury the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of paying expenses for Accountant Services; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash or other available funds in the treasury the sum of \$7,500 for the purpose of installing a new heating/AC unit in the Town Clerk's vault; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash or other available funds in the treasury the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of paying expenses for the repair of the COA/Library roof and insulation; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash or other available funds in the treasury the sum of \$11,000 for the purpose of paying one-time expenses and the first year annual fee to revamp the Town website; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 12:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sales of Lots Cemetery Fund the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of ongoing upgrades, maintenance and repairs to the Cemeteries and any other related expenses; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Cemetery and Parks Commissioners

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to reallocate the \$25,000, the sum voted under Article 12 of the May 3, 2022 Annual Town Meeting warrant, from:

DEPT.	ITEM	FY23	FUNDING SOURCE
Water Dept.	HDPE Pipe Fusing Machine	\$25,000	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

to:

DEPT.	ITEM	FY23	FUNDING SOURCE
Water Dept.	Dump Trailer	\$15,000	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings
Water Dept.	Ground Penetrating Radar Unit	\$10,000	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Water Department

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to reallocate \$2,797.37, a portion of the sum voted under Article 12 of the May 3, 2022 Annual Town Meeting warrant, from:

DEPT.	ITEM	FY23	FUNDING SOURCE
Water Dept.	36 inch Plotter Printer Scanner	\$2,797.37	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

to:

DEPT.	ITEM	FY23	FUNDING SOURCE
Water Dept.	Ground Penetrating Radar Unit	\$2,797.37	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings

or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Water Department

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Enterprise retained earnings the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of paying the remaining purchase price for a ground penetrating radar; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Water Department

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Enterprise retained earnings the sum of \$50,000 to repair and maintain the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) System; or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Water Department

**GENERAL BYLAWS AND ADOPTIONS
(MAJORITY VOTE)**

ARTICLE 17:

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws, Chapter 1, entitled "General Provisions," Article II, entitled "Noncriminal Disposition of Violations," Section 1-1, entitled "Fine schedule and enforcing officers," by adding a new Subsection "N" thereto, as follows:

"N. Public Lighting Bylaw

- (1) Enforcing officer: Inspector of Buildings.
- (2) Fine schedule:
 - (a) First offense: \$25.
 - (b) Second offense: \$50.
 - (c) Third offense: \$100.
 - (d) Fourth and each subsequent offense: \$200."

or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

**ZONING BYLAWS AND ADOPTIONS
(TWO-THIRDS VOTE)**

ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw, being Chapter 145 of the Town Code, Article IX, entitled "Special Provisions," Section 42, entitled "Site plan review special permit," as follows:

- (i) by adding the words "and scenic roadways" to Subsection A, entitled "Purpose," Item 2, after the word "neighborhood";
- (ii) by adding the words "and wellness" to Subsection A, entitled "Purpose," Item (3), after the word "health";
- (iii) by striking the number "12" and replacing it with the number "24" in Subsection B, entitled "Applicability," Item (1)(a);
- (iv) by adding the words "appropriate Town departments, including but not limited to" in Subsection B, entitled "Applicability," Item (1)(c), before the words "the Police Department";
- (v) by striking from Subsection B, entitled "Applicability," Item (d) in its entirety;
- (vi) by adding to Subsection C, entitled "Procedure," Item (1), at the end thereof, the following sentence: "Refer to § 175-44 Stormwater Management, erosion and sedimentation control plan (the stormwater plan) to determine requirements, with strict adherence to Chapter 85 of the Townsend General Bylaws, NPDES Phase II Stormwater Management, and its associated regulations."; and
- (vii) by striking from Subsection C, entitled "Procedure," Item (2) in its entirety;

or take any other action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Planning Board

REAL PROPERTY ARTICLES (TWO THIRDS VOTE)

ARTICLE 19:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a new twenty (20) year LEASE AGREEMENT with the North Middlesex Regional School District for the Spaulding School located at 1 Whitcomb Street, Townsend, Massachusetts, to include the land upon which the Spaulding School is located, but not to include the parcel of land referred to as the Fessenden Field, all in conformance with the terms of the North Middlesex Regional School District Agreement; and on such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem appropriate; or take any action in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

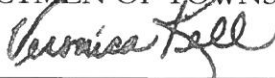
And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at MEMORIAL HALL, 272 MAIN STREET at the Center, WEST TOWNSEND FIRE STATION, 460 MAIN STREET in West Townsend, POLICE/COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, 70 BROOKLINE ROAD, NORTH

MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, 19 MAIN STREET, and HARBOR CHURCH, 80 MAIN STREET in said Town, at least FOURTEEN (14) days before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 15TH day of November, in the year TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO.

SELECTMEN OF TOWNSEND



Veronica Kell, Chairman



Chaz Sexton-Diranian, Vice Chairman



Theresa Morse, Clerk

A true copy. ATTEST:



CONSTABLE

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TOWN CLERK

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of TOWNSEND by posting up attested copies of the same at: MEMORIAL HALL, 272 MAIN STREET AT THE CENTER, WEST TOWNSEND READING ROOM, 264 DUDLEY ROAD IN WEST TOWNSEND, POLICE STATION, 70 BROOKLINE ROAD, HARBOR FIRE STATION, 47 MAIN STREET, and HARBOR CHURCH, 80 MAIN STREET, AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE MEETING, AS WITHIN DIRECTED.

Constable of TOWNSEND


SIGNATURE

LOCATION	TIME	MONTH	DAY	YEAR
MEMORIAL HALL	<u>2:00</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>2022</u>
HARBOR FIRE STATION	<u>2:40</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>2022</u>
WEST TOWNSEND READING ROOM	<u>2:10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>2022</u>
POLICE STATION	<u>2:20</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>2022</u>
HARBOR CHURCH	<u>2:30</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>2022</u>

