



# **TOWN OF WINCHENDON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
October 29, 2012**

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Winchendon, in the County of Worcester,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Winchendon qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the MURDOCK MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 3 Memorial Drive, off Elmwood Road in said Winchendon on

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012/NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2012  
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

*Due to a lack of quorum, it was moved by the Town Moderator, Richard L. Morin Sr. to postpone the Special Town Meeting to November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.*

*It was VOTED (Unanimously) with those present to postpone the Special Town Meeting to November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.*

*On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Richard L. Morin with a quorum of 105 present.*

**REPORTS AND COMMITTEES  
(majority vote required)**

**ARTICLE 1**

Committee Reports

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the reports of the:

Finance Committee, and  
Public Safety Development Committee

or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***Voted: (Unanimously) to passover, no reports presented at this time.***

## **FINANCIAL ARTICLES**

**(majority vote required)**

### **FY13 General Government Budget Reductions**

#### **ARTICLE 2**

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the FY13 General Government Operating Budget as voted at the May 21, 2012 Annual Town Meeting Article 8 from \$9,606,167 to \$9,448,167 by the amounts listed below :

\$ 35,000.00	Unemployment
\$ 12,000.00	Landfill Monitoring
\$ 9,000.00	Animal Control
\$ 5,000.00	Accounting Assistant
\$ 6,000.00	Communications Committee
\$ 3,000.00	Town Clerk
\$ 80,000.00	Public Works Percentage of Salaries to Water Dept.
\$ 8,000.00	Department of Public Works Highway Foreman
<u>\$158,000.00</u>	

or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Town Accountant and Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***VOTED: (Unanimously) approved as printed in the warrant.***

#### **ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the amount raised and appropriated in the FY13 General Government Operating Budget as voted at the May 21, 2012 Annual Town Meeting Article 8 by \$21,000 and increase the "other available funds" of the FY13 General Government Operating Budget as voted at the May 21, 2012 Annual Town Meeting Article 8 by \$21,000 (by reducing Wheeler Poland Poor Fund from \$7,000 to \$2,000, increasing Cemetery Sale of Lots from

\$1,000 to \$9,000 and Dog Fees from \$10,000 to \$28,000), or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Town Accountant and Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**            **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***VOTED: (Unanimously) approved as printed in the warrant.***

## **FY12 General Government Budget Deficit Reconciliation**

### **ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,165.73 to fund the following FY12 deficits as listed below:

#### **FY12 General Government Budget Expenditure Deficit**

\$ 63,424.26	Unemployment (School)
\$ 27,684.53	Veterans Benefits
\$ 47,222.35	Health Insurance
\$ 56,531.86	Snow and Ice
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\$194,863.00	

and,

#### **FY12 Transfer Station Revenue Deficit**

\$20,302.73.

Or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Town Accountant and Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**            **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***VOTED: (2/3rds) approved as printed in the warrant.***

## **Water Enterprise Fund Financial Articles**

### **ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from water enterprise retained earnings the sum of \$80,000.00 to the Water Enterprise Fund FY13 budget of the May 21, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Town Accountant and Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***VOTED: (unanimously) to approve the article.***

**ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from water enterprise retained earnings the sum of \$20,000.00 to the Water Enterprise Fund FY13 budget of the May 21, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Public Works Superintendent)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***VOTED: (unanimously) to approve the article.***

**School Department Financial Articles**

**ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an increase of \$62,567 ( increased Chapter 70 and local contribution) for the Town's required net school spending for the FY13 School Operating Budget as voted at the May 21, 2012 Annual Town Meeting Article 12, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by Town Accountant and Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***VOTED: (Unanimously) to approve the article.***

**ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,564.00 as reimbursement for expenses and revenue generated during fiscal year 2011 from the Municipal Medicaid Reimbursement Program, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the School Committee)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***VOTED: (Unanimously) to approve the article***

**ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to conduct an assessment of the condition of the slate roof at the Old Murdock Senior Center, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Council on Aging)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***VOTED: (unanimously) to postpone this article indefinitely.***

## **Non-Profit Financial Articles**

### **ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the water enterprise fund retained earnings the sum of \$10,000.00 as a grant to the Clark Memorial YMCA, toward the payment of their water bill, in consideration of the numerous services provided to the town, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:            FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***VOTED: (2/3rds) to approve the article.***

## **GENERAL ARTICLES**

**(majority vote required)**

### **ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to initiate the process to aggregate electrical load, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134, and further, to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry;

Whereas, citizens of Winchendon have a substantial economic and social interest at stake, and;

Whereas the Town of Winchendon hereby finds that it may be in the interest of the electric ratepayers, both residential and commercial/industrial, to enter into an aggregation agreement,

Be it therefore resolved that the Town of Winchendon hereby:

Publicly declares its intent to become an aggregator of electric power on behalf of its residential and business communities, and;

Will negotiate and enter into a contract for power supply independently. If such a contract is affected, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternatives they desire, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:            FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***VOTED: (Unanimously) to approve the article to initiate the process to aggregate electrical load, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134, and adopt the resolution printed in the warrant and authorize appropriate Town officials to enter into contracts for such purposes for terms of up to or in excess of three years upon such terms and conditions as are deemed to be in the best interests of the Town for such purposes, and further to take all other actions necessary to***

*effectuate the vote taken hereunder, including administering and implementing any such contracts.*

#### **ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 and establish the minimum value of personal property subject to taxation at \$10,000.00, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

***VOTED:** (Unanimously) to approve the article.*

#### **ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Commercial Drive, as laid out by the Road Commissioners and as on file with the Town Clerk, as a public way, or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Planning Board, the Redevelopment Authority and the Town Manager)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: FINANCE COMMITTEE: PLANNING BOARD:**

***VOTED:** (Unanimously) to approve the article*

### **ZONING ARTICLES** (two-thirds vote required)

#### **ARTICLE 14**

To see if the Town will vote to add a new line to the zoning bylaw, section 5.2.2, Commercial Uses:

	R80	R40	R10	C1	C2	I	PD
EE. Sales of Motor Vehicles as a	N	N	N	SP	SP	SP	SP

sideline use to motor vehicle repair shop or auto body shop

or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Planning Board)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: FINANCE COMMITTEE: PLANNING BOARD:**

***VOTED:** (Unanimously) to approve the article as printed.*

## ARTICLE 15

To see if the town will amend Section 9.3.3 of the zoning bylaw by inserting a new subsection F:

F. This section of the zoning bylaw is inserted to encourage customers to patronize local businesses during the current economic slump and shall expire automatically, unless renewed by future zoning amendment, on December 31, 2014. Temporary commercial off premise signs are allowed in all zones except in the Winchendon Historic District as delineated in Article 15 of the general bylaws under the following conditions:

(a) Signs under this provision must advertise or promote a business located in Winchendon.

(b) Signs are limited to 6 square feet area, are not illuminated and do not rise more than three feet above ground level but may be two-sided.

(c) Signs must not be placed so as to obstruct safe sight distances for any driveway or intersection.

(d) No more than three signs may be displayed in a cluster.

(e) Signs or clusters of signs must be at least 1000 feet from other off premise signs for the same business.

(f) Signs placed on or in front of private property must have permission of the property owner.

(g) Signs must have the permission of the Town Manager; for which permission he may charge a reasonable fee.

(h) Signs for the same business may be displayed for no more than 30 consecutive days in the same location and the same or similar signs may not be again displayed in that location for thirty days after removal of the earlier signs.

(i) All temporary signs must be removed within 32 days after erection and within 24 hours after the end of the event or sale.

or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Planning Board)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: PLANNING BOARD:**

***VOTED: (Unanimously) to refer back to the Planning Board for review.***

***Moderator Richard L. Morin Sr. stepped down as Moderator for the following Article, and turned the gavel over to Coral M. Grout.***

## ARTICLE 16

To see if the town will revise its zoning map for the south side of Spring Street by extending the C1 (Highway Commercial) zone westward a distance of approximately 261 feet so as to include the parcel designated on Assessors' map 5C4 as parcel 25 which is numbered as 421 Spring Street. Depth from Spring street is to be approximately 450 feet to match the depth of the C1 zone to the east. This will also include a small part of a large parcel shown on map 5C4 as parcel 29. This land is now zoned R10 (Residential); or act in relation thereto. (submitted by the Planning Board)



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: PLANNING BOARD:**

***VOTED: (Unanimously) to postpone this article indefinitely.***

***Meeting Adjourned on motion at 8:00 p.m.***

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places designated by the bylaws of the town of Winchendon fourteen days at least before the time of holding such meeting and by mailing a copy of this warrant to each household in Winchendon in which a registered voter resides or by publication of the same in a newspaper of local distribution as required by said bylaws.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of said warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

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Robert M. O'Keefe, Chairman

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Elizabeth R. Hunt, Vice Chairwoman

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C. Jackson Blair, Selectman

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Keith R. Barrows, Selectman

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Guy C. Corbosiero, Selectman

I have this day posted the within warrant as therein directed:

Frederick A. Cloutier

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**PRINT CONSTABLE NAME**

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Town of Winchendon, Massachusetts  
Special Town Meeting Warrant  
October 29, 2012/Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

	10/15/12
SIGN CONSTABLE NAME	DATE:

**FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012  
AT 7:00 PM  
SECOND FLOOR AUDITORIUM  
TOWN HALL**

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