

TOWN OF WINCHENDON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
DECEMBER 1, 2025

TOWN MEETING SUMMARY SHEET

ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	COST	SOURCE
	SPECIAL TOWN MEETING		
1	Lodging Excise Tax	N/A	N/A
2	Capital Improvements-Fire Station Addition	\$16,632,499	Borrow/Raise/Appropriate

FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Town Hall, 109 Front Street

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December 1, 2025**

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 Massachusetts, on

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025
AT 7:00 P.M.**

We met at the Murdock Middle/High School at 7:00pm. The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Moderator Glenn LaRochelle, with a quorum present of 243 registered voters. Attorney Tim Zessin was present representing Town Counsel-KP Law
then and there to act on the following articles:

LODGING EXCISE TAX ARTICLE

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of G.L. c. 65G, section 3A authorizing the imposition of a local excise tax upon the transfer of occupancy of any room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house, short-term rental, or motel in Town at a rate of 6% of the total amount of rent for each such occupancy to take effect on the first day of July 2026; or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Town Manager)

(Majority Vote Required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-1 RECOMMEND

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 5-0 RECOMMEND

Voted: An amended motion was made and seconded to amend the percentage to 3%. Amended motion Failed Yes-43% No-57% at 7:10pm

Voted: On a motion duly made and seconded, Failed by Majority to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 65G, section 3A authorizing the imposition of a local excise tax upon the transfer of occupancy of any room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house, short-term rental, or motel in Town at a rate of 6% of the total amount of rent for each such occupancy to take effect on the first day of July 2026.

Yes-44% No-56% 7:17pm

FIRE STATION ARTICLE

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow the sum of Sixteen Million Six Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$16,632,499) for the purpose of constructing, equipping, and furnishing a Fire Station Addition and Renovation project, including all costs incidental and related thereto; provided, however, that if the Town votes hereunder to borrow funds for this purpose, such vote shall be contingent upon approval by the voters at an election that the amounts required to repay the debt and interest on such borrowing shall be excluded from the limitations on the tax levy imposed by Proposition 2½, so called, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(k); or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Winchendon Fire Department)

(2/3 Vote Required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 RECOMMEND

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 4-1 RECOMMEND

Voted: An amended motion was made and seconded to postpone the article until the next Annual Town Meeting. Amended motion Failed Yes-47% No-53% 7:33pm

Voted: On a motion duly made and seconded, Failed by 2/3 vote that the Town appropriates Sixteen Million Six Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$16,632,499) to pay costs of constructing, equipping, and furnishing an addition to and the renovation of the Fire Station, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c.44, s7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that no amounts shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless the voters of the Town shall have voted at a Town election to exclude the amounts required to repay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote from the limitations on the tax levy imposed by G.L. c. 59, s21C (k) (also known as Proposition 2 ½).

Yes-50% No-50% 8:03pm

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:04pm

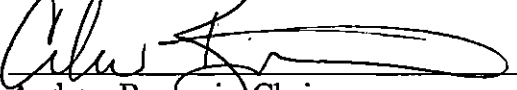
You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places designated by the bylaws of the Town of Winchendon fourteen days at least before the time of holding such meeting and by mailing a copy of this warrant to each household in Winchendon in which a registered 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 10th day of November 2025.

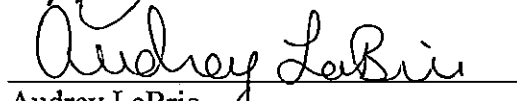
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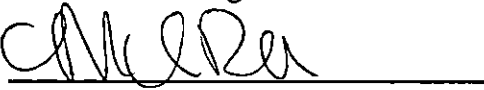
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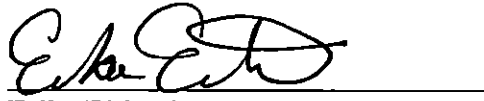
BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


Andrew Beauvais, Chairman


Tiffany Newton, Vice-Chairman


Audrey LaBrie

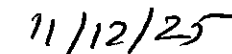

Melissa Blanchard


Erika Eitland

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


PRINT CONSTABLE NAME


SIGN CONSTABLE NAME


DATE:

WINCHENDON TOWN CLERK

I **CERTIFY** that I have posted the Special Town Meeting to be held on December 1, 2025 at the following locations:

Precinct 1 Hyde Park Community Building
67 Hyde Park Drive

Precinct 1A Winchendon Town Hall
109 Front Street

Beal's Memorial Library
50 Pleasant Street

Precinct 2 Waterville Plaza
16 Main Street

Precinct 3 Ipswich Community Center
108 Ipswich Drive

CONSTABLE R. S. Mays Date 11/14/25