



TOWN OF WINCHENDON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 23, 2015**

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, NOVEMBER 23, 2015
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

Met at Murdock Middle/High School at 7 p.m. Meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard L. Morin Sr. with a quorum present. Lauren Goldberg was present representing Town Counsel Kopelman and Paige.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to use the electronic voting devices at this Special Town Meeting for voting.

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the reports of the Finance Committee, and any other Board or Committee, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (unanimously) the Finance Committee Report.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to borrow, pursuant to Chapter 448 of the Acts of 2014, "An Act Relative to the Financial Condition of the Town of Winchendon", the Town's so-called deficit legislation, a sum of \$550,000.00 for the purpose of funding the deficit within the Town's Health Insurance Trust Fund, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Acting Town Manager.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (2/3rds) to appropriate the sum of \$550,000 for the purpose of funding the deficit within the town's health insurance trust fund, and as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sums pursuant to Chapter 448 of the Acts of 2014, "An act relative to the financial condition of the Town of Winchendon", or any other enabling authority and issue bonds and notes therefor.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$130,000.00 for the purpose of funding the deficit within the Town's FY15 Health Insurance account, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Acting Town Manager.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (2/3rds) to transfer and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$130,000 for the purpose of funding the deficit with the town's FY15 Health Insurance account.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$35,000 to be added to the School Transportation Budget voted under Article 14 of the May 18, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, for a total appropriation for FY 2016 of \$1,387,865.00, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Acting Town Manager.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (2/3rds) to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$35,000 to be added to the school transportation budget voted under Article 14 of the May 18, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, for a total appropriation for FY2016 of \$1,387,865.00

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY16 Operating Budget as voted under Article 7 of the May 18, 2015 Annual Town Meeting by making the following changes:

Pension (Retirement Assessment)	Decrease by \$23,488
Health Insurance-Employer	Decrease by \$100,000
DPW Highway Personnel	Decrease by \$63,000
Workers Compensation	Decrease by \$20,000
Community Development Personnel	Increase by \$46,000
Board of Selectmen Expenses	Increase by \$9,000
Property/Liability Insurance	Increase by \$3,000
Accounting Expenses	Increase by \$15,000
Collector/Treasurer Personnel	Increase by \$440
Accounting Personnel	Increase by \$6,500
Pension (Non-Contributing)	Increase by \$110
Council on Aging Personnel	Increase by \$2,973
Police Department Personnel	Increase by \$40,500

Fire Department Personnel
Technology Personnel

Increase by \$5,000
Increase by \$10,000

thereby decreasing the amount to be raised and appropriated under said Article 7 by the net amount of such revisions to the budget as set forth herein, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Acting Town Manager.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0-1 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (2/3rds) to amend the FY16 Operating Budget as printed in this article.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for expenses related to Animal Control otherwise not budgeted for FY16; or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Acting Town Manager.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (2/3rds) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for expenses related to Animal Control otherwise not budgeted for FY16.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200.00 for the FY16 Montachusett Regional Planning Commission assessment, which amount was not otherwise budgeted for FY16; or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Acting Town Manager.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (2/3rds) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200.00 for the FY16 Montachusett Regional Planning Commission assessment, which was not otherwise budgeted for FY16.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to cover deficits, as follows:

\$432.89 to the Special Revenue Account established for Town Hall boiler repairs
\$225.00 to the Special Revenue Account established for College Board Testing

or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Acting Town Manager.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (majority) to raise and appropriate sums to cover deficits as printed in this article.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Water Enterprise as voted under Article 8 of the May 18, 2015 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the appropriation from water receipts by \$12,000.00 for salaries thereby bringing the total appropriation to \$773,003.54, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Acting Town Manager.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (majority) to amend the Water Enterprise Fund budget as voted under Article 8 of the May 18, 2015 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the appropriation from water receipts by \$12,000.00 for salaries thereby bringing the total appropriation to \$773,003.54.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wastewater Enterprise as voted within Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 18, 2015 by increasing the appropriation from sewer receipts by \$32,000.00 for salaries thereby bringing the total appropriation to \$1,050,546.00, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Acting Town Manager.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (majority) to amend the Wastewater Enterprise as voted under Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 18, 2015 by increasing the appropriation from sewer receipts by \$32,000.00 for salaries thereby bringing the total appropriation to \$1,050,546.00

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$20,000.00 for roof replacement at the Fire Department's Central Street headquarters, including all incidental and related costs; or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Acting Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 4-0-1 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (2/3rds) to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$20,000.00 for roof replacement at the Fire Departments, Central Street headquarters, including all incidental and related costs.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following authorized, but unissued borrowings:

<u>Town Meeting</u>		<u>Article</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	
<u>Amount</u>				
June 9, 1997	19	Belt Press	\$ 275,000	
May 11, 1998	17	Wastewater	\$ 49,048	
Sep. 10, 2001	4	Wastewater	\$1,856,817	
June 14, 2006	20	Landfill	\$ 293,053	
May 18, 2009	11	Water System Improvements	\$1,098,000	

May 24, 2010	5	Chapter 90 Projects	\$ 348,162
May 24, 2010	5	Rt. 140 Improvements	\$ 675,000
May 17, 2012	5	Chapter 90 Projects	\$ 451,348

or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Acting Town Manager.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (2/3rds) to rescind the authorized, but unissued borrowings as printed in this article.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the School Committee for school purposes to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, the property located at 89 Ash Street, formerly housing the Murdock Academy, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Supt. of Schools.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (2/3rds) to transfer from the School Committee for school purposes to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, the property located at 89 Ash Street, formerly housing the Murdock Academy.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to establish the following revolving account as provided for under the provisions of section 53E ½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the purposes specified and not to exceed \$25,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2016:

After School Activities Program Revolving Fund - The Winchendon Public Schools shall be authorized to expend said fund for establishing and operating the After School Program, including maintenance, supplies, and wages of personnel of the After School Program. Any remaining balances of the FY15 program fees may be credited to this fund, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Supt. of Schools.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (2/3rds) to establish the following revolving account as provided for under the provisions of Section 53E ½ of Chapter 44 of the MGL, for the purposes specified and not to exceed \$25,000.00 in fiscal year 2016:

Extended Day Program Revolving Fund – the Winchendon Public Schools shall be authorized to expend said fund for establishing and operating the Extended Day Program, including maintenance, supplies and wages of personnel of the Extended Day Program. Any remaining balances of the FY15 program fees may be credited to this fund.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, for general municipal purposes, the land located at Shady Glenn Terrace, and shown as Assessors Map 17 Block 0 Lot 38, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager, as may be appropriate, to execute documents or take any further actions necessary to effectuate the acquisition of said parcel, or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Acting Town Manager.)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (2/3rds) as printed in this article.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Winchendon by deleting in its entirety the title and text of Article 37, "Sex Offender Residency Bylaw", or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by the Acting Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 5-0 Recommend

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED: APPROVED (2/3rds) to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Winchendon by deleting in its entirety the title and text of Article 37, Sex Offender Residency Bylaw.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to close the Special Town Meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Attest:

Judy A. LaJoie

Winchendon Town Clerk

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 9th day of November 2015.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Michael Barbaro, Chairman

Barbara Anderson, Vice Chairwoman

Austin Cyganiewicz, Selectman

Audrey LaBrie, Selectwoman

Amy Salter, Selectwoman

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

PRINT CONSTABLE NAME

SIGN CONSTABLE NAME

DATE:

**FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015
AT 7:00 PM
SECOND FLOOR AUDITORIUM, TOWN HALL**

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