



**TOWN OF WINCHENDON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
NOVEMBER 8, 2021  
7:00pm – Murdock High School**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SUMMARY SHEET**

<b>ARTICLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COS</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>
1	Committee Report	N/A	N/A
2	Payment of Prior Year Bills	\$1,621.25	Free Cash
3	Central Street Municipal Lot Construction	\$65,000	Free Cash
4	DPW Replacement Truck Purchase	\$66,735.2	Free Cash
5	Fund FY21 Water Budget Deficit	\$81,562.6	Free Cash
6	Fund FY21 Wastewater Budget Deficit	\$154,131.	Free Cash
7	Fund FY22 Water Budget Deficit	\$114,406	Free Cash
8	Fund FY22 Wastewater Budget Deficit	\$199,217	Free Cash
9	Fund FY22 Veterans Service Director Personnel Account Deficit	\$1,553.30	Free Cash
10	Fund OPEB Trust Account	\$50,000	Free Cash
11	Fund Contractual Separation Pay-outs	\$50,000	Free Cash
12	Fund Stabilization Account	\$130,000	Free Cash
13	Cracksealer Authorization	\$93,000/3 Yr. Lease	Raise/Appropriate and/or Transfer
14	Accept Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure – Beech St.	N/A	N/A
15	Transfer Beech St. to WRA	N/A	N/A
16	Transfer Parcel 153 to Bull Spit	N/A	N/A
17	Street Acceptance – Madison Ave	N/A	N/A

**FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium, 109 Front Street**

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
November 8, 2021**

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 8, 2021  
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

*Met at the Murdock Middle/High School at 7pm at which time the quorum was not met. Quorum was achieved with 80 voters present and meeting was opened at 7:13pm by Moderator Dr. Coral Grout. Attorney Brian Riley was present representing Town Counsel Kopelman and Paige.*

**REPORTS AND COMMITTEES**

**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: RECOMMEND 5-0    FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 6-0**

*Finance Chair Tom Kane read the Finance Committee Report.*

***VOTED: Approved (Majority) that the Town vote to hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee.***

***Yes: 99%    No: 1%    Passed at 7:25pm***

**ARTICLE 2**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,621.25 for the payment of bills of a prior fiscal year as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b><u>Invoice Amount</u></b>
FY2019	Votacall	\$500.00
FY2019	eCity Systems, LLC	\$515.00
FY2020	eCity Systems, LLC	\$104.00
FY2020	Votacall	\$125.00
FY2020	Votacall	<u>\$377.25</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,621.25</b>

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

(Nine tenths vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 6-0

***VOTED: Approved (9/10ths) that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,621.25 for the payment of bills of a prior fiscal year as presented.***

***Yes: 99% No: 1% Passed at 7:27pm***

### CAPITAL ARTICLES

#### **ARTICLE 3**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$65,000 for the construction of a Municipal Parking Lot to be located on Town-owned Parcel 5B2-0-300.

(submitted by the Town Manager)

(Majority Vote Required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 6-0

***VOTED: Approved (Majority) that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$65,000 for the construction of a Municipal Parking Lot to be located on Town-owned Parcel 5B2-0-300 as presented.***

***Yes: 86% No: 14% Passed at 7:28pm***

#### **ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$66,735.27 for the acquisition of a replacement 1 Ton Truck for the DPW.

(submitted by the Town Manager)

(Majority Vote Required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 6-0

***VOTED: Approved (Majority) that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$66,735.27 for the acquisition of a replacement 1 Ton Truck for the DPW as presented.***

***Yes: 96% No: 4% Passed at 7:30pm***

### FINANCIAL ARTICLES

#### **ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$81,562.65 to fund the FY21 operating deficit of the Water Department, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Town Manager)

(Majority Vote Required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 6-0

***VOTED: Approved (Majority) that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$81,562.65 to fund the FY21 operating deficit for the Water Department as presented.***

***Yes: 85% No: 15% Passed at 7:34pm***

**ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$154,131.98 to fund the FY21 operating deficit of the Wastewater Department, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Town Manager) (Majority Vote Required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 6-0

***VOTED: Approved (Majority) that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$154,131.98 to fund the FY21 operating deficit for the Wastewater Department as presented.***

***Yes: 81% No: 19% Passed at 7:39pm***

**ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to raise or transfer from available funds the additional sum of \$114,406 to fund the anticipated revenue shortfall of the Water Budget voted under Article 7 of the May 17, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, and to decrease the FY2022 Water Budget \$70,000 from \$1,113,978 to \$1,043,978, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Town Manager) (Majority Vote Required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 3-2 FINANCE COMMITTEE: NOT RECOMMEND 6-0

***VOTED: Approved (Majority) that the Town vote to transfer from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds the sum of \$51,664.02 to fund the projected FY22 operating deficit for the Water Department, and to decrease the FY22 Water Budget as voted in Article 7 of the May 17, 2021 Annual Town Meeting by \$70,000 from \$1,113,978 to \$1,043,978 as presented.***

***Yes: 70% No: 30% Passed at 8:11pm***

**ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the additional sum of \$199,217 to fund the anticipated revenue shortfall of the Wastewater Budget voted under Article 8 of the May 17, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, and to decrease the FY2022 Wastewater Budget \$100,000 from \$1,512,166 to \$1,412,166 or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Town Manager) (Majority Vote Required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 3-2 FINANCE COMMITTEE: NOT RECOMMEND 6-0

***Voted: Approved (Majority) that the Town vote to transfer from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds the sum of \$26,127.33 to fund the projected FY22 operating deficit for the Wastewater Department, and to decrease the FY22 Wastewater Budget as voted in Article 8 of the May 17, 2021 Annual Town Meeting by \$100,000 from \$1,512,166 to \$1,412,166 as presented.***

***Yes: 71% No: 29% Passed at 8:17pm***

#### **ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the additional sum of \$1,553.30 to be added to the Vets Service Director Personnel Account voted under Article 6 of the May 17, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, for a total appropriation for FY2022 of \$18,928.30, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Town Manager) (Majority Vote Required)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE: NOT RECOMMEND 6-0**

***Voted: Approved (Majority) that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,553.30 to the FY22 Veteran's Service Director Personnel Account as presented.***

***Yes: 81% No: 19% Passed at 8:21pm***

#### **ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000 to the OPEB Trust Account that was established to mitigate the Town's liability for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Finance Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 6-0**

***Voted: Approved (Majority) that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000 to the OPEB Trust Account as presented.***

***Yes: 92% No: 8% Passed at 8:23pm***

#### **ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000 to a Reserve Account established to mitigate the Town's liability for Contractual Separation Pay-outs, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Finance Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 6-0**

***Voted: Approved (Majority) that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000 to a reserve Account established to mitigate the Town's liability for Contractual Separation Pay-outs as presented.***

***Yes: 93% No: 7% Passed at 8:24pm***

#### **ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$130,000 to the Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Finance Committee) (Majority Vote Required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0      FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 6-0

*Voted: Approved (Majority) that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$130,000 to the Stabilization Account as presented.*

*Yes: 99% No: 1% Passed at 8:26pm*

### GENERAL BUSINESS ARTICLES

#### ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager, in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C to enter into a lease purchase agreement for a term of three years for the acquisition and equipping of a Cracksealer for use by the Department of Public Works, or act in relation thereto.

(Purchase is already funded for year 1 through Annual Operating Budget at \$31,000 a year, no additional cost. Year 2 and 3 will be the same amount and proposed at the Annual Town Meeting)

(submitted by the Town Manager)

(Two-thirds Vote Required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 with Amendment to include the total cost of the lease to be \$93,000.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 6-0 with Amendment to include the total cost of the lease to be \$93,000.

*Voted: Approved (2/3rds) that the Town authorize the Town Manager, in accordance with the provisions of MGL c.44, s21C to enter into a lease purchase agreement for a term of three years for the acquisition and equipping of a Cracksealer for use by the Department of Public Works at a total cost of \$93,382.16.*

*Yes: 99% No: 1% Passed at 8:28pm*

### REQUEST TO AQUIRE PROPERTY

#### ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed(s) in lieu of foreclosure from Michael L. Therrien and Bonnie Therrien, or from the then current owner(s), pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C, two (2) parcels of land, with the improvements thereon, identified as (i) Assessors Map 5C3-0-20, located at 3 Beech Street, and Assessors Map 5C3-0-220, located at 11 Beech Street, which properties are subject to tax takings held by the Treasurer/Collector for unpaid real estate taxes, said parcels to be under the care, custody, control and management of the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and record the deed or deeds therefor, provided the Board of Selectmen determines that the deed or deeds and the acceptance shall comply with the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Town Manager)

(Majority Vote Required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0      FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-1

***Voted: Approved (Majority) to accept a deed(s) in lieu of foreclosure from Michael L. Therrien and Bonnie Therrien, or from the then current owner(s), pursuant to the provisions of MGL c.60, s77C, two (2) parcels of land, with the improvements thereon, identified as (i) Assessors Map 5C3-0-20, located at 3 Beech Street and Assessors Map 5C3-0-220, located at 11 Beech Street as presented.***

***Yes: 87% No: 13% Passed at 8:33pm***

## **REQUEST TO SELL/TRADE TOWN PROPERTY**

### **ARTICLE 15**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the Town-owned property located at 3 Beech Street and 11 Beech Street, as shown as Assessors Map 5C3 Parcel 0-20, and Assessors Map 5C3 Parcel 0-220 respectively, for such consideration, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, and to take such additional action as may be needed to effectuate the purposes of this vote, including but not limited to execution of instruments and documents to convey said property, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Town Manager)

(Two-thirds Vote Required)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 6-0**

***Voted: An amendment was made and voted to include "to the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority"***

***Yes: 97% No: 3% Amendment was Passed at 8:35pm***

***Voted: Approved (2/3<sup>rd</sup>) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the Town-owned property located at 3 Beech Street and 11 Beech Street, as shown as Assessors Map 5C3 Parcel 0-20, and Assessors Map 5C3 Parcel 0-200, respectively to the Winchendon Redevelopment Authority, for such consideration, including nominal consideration, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, and to take such additional action as may be needed to effectuate the purposes of this vote, including but not limited to execution of instruments and documents as presented.***

***Yes: 97% No: 3% Passed at 8:39pm***

### **ARTICLE 16**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the Town-owned property located at 4 Summer Drive, and shown as Assessors Map 5B3 Parcel 0-153, for such consideration, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, and to take such additional action as may be needed to effectuate the purposes of this vote, including but not limited to execution of instruments and documents to convey said real property or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Town Manager)

(Two-thirds Vote Required)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 6-0**

***Voted: An amendment was made and voted to include "to Bull Spit Brewing Company"***

***Yes: 93% No: 7% Amendment was passed at 8:42pm***



***Voted: Approved (2/3rds) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the Town-owned property located at 4 Summer Drive, and shown as Assessors Map 5B3 Parcel 0-153 to Bull Spit Brewing Company, for such consideration, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, and to take such additional action as may be needed to effectuate the purposes of this vote, including but not limited to execution of instruments and documents to convey said real property as presented.***

***Yes: 95% No: 5% Passed at 8:44pm***

**ARTICLE 17**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Madison Avenue as a public town way, for all purposes customary as a public way including maintenance and repair, in the location laid out by the Board of Selectmen, on plan noted as Madison Avenue Subdivision Plan, dated October 14, 2008, and drawn by Hamwey Engineering Inc., said plan having been placed on file with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such all necessary property interest, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Town Manager)

(Majority Vote Required)

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 6-0**

***Voted: Approved (Majority) to accept Madison Avenue as a public town way, for all purposes customary as a public way including maintenance and repair, in the location laid out by the Board of Selectmen, on plan noted as Madison Avenue Subdivision Plan, dated October 14, 2008, and drawn by Hamwey Engineering Inc., said plan having been placed on file with the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept all such necessary property interest for said public way as presented.***

***Yes: 97% No: 3% Passed at 8:46pm***

***The Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm***

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 notice with information on how and where a copy of the warrant can be obtained and where it can be viewed (electronically and/or in person) to be mailed to each household owned or occupied by a registered voter of the Town. Immediately upon posting of the warrant, copies shall be provided to citizens on request and the warrant shall be posted on any Town electronic bulletin board and on the Town website 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 12th day of October 2021.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Audrey LaBrie, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Ward, Vice-Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Anderson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Danielle LaPointe

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Salter

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

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PRINT CONSTABLE NAME

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SIGN CONSTABLE NAME

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DATE:

**FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM**  
**Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium, 109 Front St.**

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