

**TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT -- ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018 @ 7pm**

Essex, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of West Newbury:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of West Newbury, who are qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Annex at 379 Main Street, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2018 to act upon or take any other action relative to all but the first of the following articles.

Also, to meet in the Annex at 379 Main Street on Monday, May 7, 2018 to act on Article 1 which calls for the election of Town Officials. Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

ARTICLE 1. To give their votes to the election of the following offices:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>
Selectman (1)	Three Years
Assessor (1)	Three Years
Water Commissioner (1)	Three Years
School Committee (1)	Three Years
Library Trustees (3)	Three Years
Planning Board (1)	Five Years
Park & Recreation Commissioner (1)	Three Years
Park & Recreation Commissioner (1)	One Year
Board of Health (1)	Three Years
Constable (1)	Three Years
Moderator (1)	Three Years

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act upon the reports of Town officers and committees.

ARTICLE 3. To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for defraying the expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year and for the payment of Town debt. By request of the Board of Selectmen.

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, in anticipation of Water Department revenue, the sum of \$793,518.00 of which \$189,241.00 for Salaries and Wages which include \$1,700.00 for Water Commissioners stipends, \$41,931.00 for Insurances, \$393,590.00 for Expenses, \$103,747.00 for Debt Service, \$15,000.00 for Extraordinary and Unforeseen and \$50,009.00 for Indirect Cost. By request of the Board of Water Commissioners.

ARTICLE 5. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 38 of the Acts of 1936, to see what instructions, rules and regulations the town may wish to impose on the Board of Water Commissioners. By request of the Board of Water Commissioners.

APPROPRIATIONS

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 for the Pension Liability stabilization fund, or take any other action related thereto. By request of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$22,827.09 from the Septic Loan Revolving Account for the repayment of debt service. By request of the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$102,900 to pay the debt service associated with the Dunn Property Acquisition. By request of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$315,000 to be placed in the special purpose municipal stabilization fund established pursuant to MGL Chapter 40 §5B in order to fund future capital expenditures for school related building projects, or take any other action related thereto. By request of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$140,000 to add to the special fund established in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, §53I for a celebration of West Newbury's Bicentennial in 2019. By request of the Bicentennial Committee.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to limit the total amount that may be expended from each revolving fund established pursuant to Section XL of the Bylaws of the Town of West Newbury, to wit:

Section 5.1 Summer Recreation Revolving Fund	\$42,000
Section 5.2 GAR Library Fines and Penalties Revolving Fund	\$10,000
Section 5.3 Police Vehicle Revolving Fund	\$20,000

By request of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000 to fund improvements and repairs to the Page School, Children's Castle and Town Buildings. By request of the DPW Director.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to allocate and/or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues, the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for Community Preservation Projects, Committee Administrative Expenses, and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2019, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation or take any other action relative thereto. By request of the Community Preservation Committee.

Allocate Reserves:

From FY 2019, estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve:	\$39,998.00
From FY 2019, estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve:	\$39,998.00
From FY 2019, estimated revenues for Open Space & Recreation Reserve:	\$39,998.00
From FY 2019, estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses:	\$19,999.00
From FY 2019, estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve:	\$259,987.00

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$31,000 to fund a utility pole transfer for the existing municipal fire alarm service. By request of the Board of Fire Engineers.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,500 to fund the Town's share of the cost of the replacement of the 1984 tanker truck in connection with a 2017 FEMA Assistance to Firefighter's Grant. By request of the Board of Fire Engineers.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$115,000 to fund the purchase of firefighting personal protective gear. By request of the Board of Fire Engineers.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000 for the town manager's expenses. By request of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,500 to fund new chairs for the Senior Center. By request of the Council on Aging.

BY-LAWS – OTHERS

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws by deleting Section VII (the Finance Director Bylaw) in its entirety and by changing the reference to “Finance Director” in Sections IV (Capital Improvement Committee Bylaw), VIII (Finances) XXXVI (Community Preservation Committee Bylaw) to “Town Manager”. By request of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of West Newbury to include within the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation (LGSPI) Overlay District approximately 20 acres of land located at 28 Coffin Street and identified as [“Proposed LGSPI Overlay District”] on the attached plan. By request of the land owner John Beaucher.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Board of Assessors, to negotiate and enter into a 20 year payment in lieu of tax agreement or similar agreement pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59, § 38H(b) or other applicable authority, on such terms and conditions that the Board deems necessary and advisable, with SWEB Development or its affiliate, with respect to a proposed solar energy project at 28 Coffin Street. By Petition.

ARTICLE 22: To amend the Town of West Newbury Zoning Bylaw by inserting the following as new Section 5.G.5.c:
“c. All Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (LGSPI) located in Residence A, B or C districts shall not exceed a nameplate capacity of 500 kW DC.” By Petition.

ARTICLE 23: To amend the Town of West Newbury Zoning Bylaw by inserting the following as new Section 5.G.5.c.:

c. Setbacks in Residence A, B and C Districts. For Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (LGSPI) located in Residence A, B, and C Districts, front, side and rear setbacks shall not be less than 200 feet on the applicant’s property. LGSPI shall be provided with 200-foot setbacks on all lot lines abutting a Residence A, B, or C District, regardless of the zoning designated for the proposed site. Vegetated screening shall be provided for a minimum of 50% of the specified setback.

Every abutting property located in a Residence A, B, or C District shall be visually and acoustically screened from the installation through either existing vegetation or new plantings of not less than 8 feet in height at the time of planting staggered at a spacing of no more than 8 feet apart throughout the required setback dimensions. All required plantings shall be maintained throughout the project's life, and replaced as necessary. As an alternative to providing the required screening through vegetation, the applicant may increase the setback to 600 feet on the applicant's property while providing an acceptable alternate screening such as a stockade fence and single row of vegetation in close proximity to the installation.

Security fences, roadways, and equipment shall not be placed within the required setback, except for that which is required to access the site from an adjacent roadway, or to transmit the generated power to the grid. Access roads and transmission lines shall be placed in such a manner as to not create an unobstructed view of the project from adjacent property lines.
By Petition.

ARTICLE 24: To amend the Town of West Newbury Zoning Bylaw by inserting the following as new Section 5.G.4.d.:

“d. All Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation (LGSPI) project proponents shall submit the following information to the Planning Board prior to the Public Hearing required under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, § 5, for a proposed change to this Bylaw to designate a location as a LGSPI Overlay District:

- i. A plan prepared and signed by a Registered Land Surveyor licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of the proposed Overlay District and the Solar Photovoltaic Installation showing the proposed layout of the system and a description of the boundaries of the Overlay District delineated by metes and bounds; and
- ii. Documentation sufficient to show that the proposed Overlay District and LGSPI are consistent with the Site Plan Review Guidelines in Section 8.B.6. of this Bylaw.

These materials shall be made available for public inspection not less than fourteen days before the day of the public hearing.” By Petition.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at least 14 days before the date of the Annual Town Meeting, as provided within the Town By-Laws

LOCATIONS TO POST WARRANT:

Town Hall
1910 Town Office Building
G.A.R. Memorial Library
Post Office
Laurel Grange

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of April, 2018.

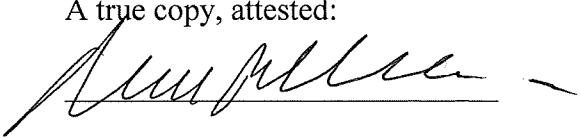
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A true copy, attested:


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4-6-18
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ARTICLE 1. To hear and act upon the reports of Town officers and committees.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Community Preservation Act Funds, Unrestricted Fund Balance the sum of \$200,000 for work to be performed at the Page School to replace the emergency generator or to take any other action relative thereto. By request of Board of Selectmen and DPW Director.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$110,000.00 from the Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash Account and \$40,000.00 from the Water Enterprise Stabilization Fund Account to install underground electric service and Comcast internet from Hilltop Circle to the new Brake Hill Water Tank. By request of the Board of Water Commissioners.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,000 to pay for salaries and expenses pertaining to the operation of early voting for the 2018 state election. By request of the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000.00 to fund the snow and ice deficit. By request of the Director of Public Works.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,991.35 for the cost of equipment for the Dispatch Center. By request of the Police Chief.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$36,000 to fund the first year of the police officers' new contract (2018). By request of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$34,000.00 for the purchase of a new police vehicle. By the request of the Police Chief.

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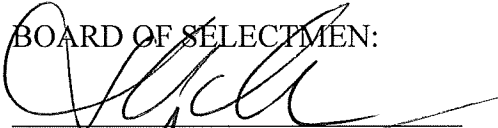
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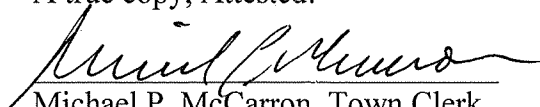
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