

**TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021 @ 2:00pm**

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 outdoors behind the Town Annex (near the Bandstand), 379 Main Street, at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2021 to act upon or take any other action relative to all of the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act upon the reports of Town officers and committees. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the following Line Items:

- 7 – Special Counsel Legal Fees & Expenses;
- 8 – Town Clerk/Town Counsel Salary & Wages;
- 10 – Conservation Commission Salary & Wages, Expenses, Vehicle Allowance;
- 23 – Pentucket Regional School Assessment;
- 37 – Essex County Retirement Fund, Regional Retirement Assessment;

as set forth in the Fiscal Year 2022 Town Omnibus Budget adopted under the Motion for Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting on May 22, 2021 and vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2022, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$200,000.00 to reduce the current year tax rate, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under the Motion for Article 9 of the May 22, 2021 Special Town Meeting, which appropriated \$100,000.00 to fund unbudgeted costs associated with the operation and administration of public health clinics to administer the COVID-19 vaccine, to provide that such appropriation of the remaining funds from the \$100,000.00 may also be used to fund unbudgeted costs associated with the operation and administration of public health clinics to administer the seasonal flu vaccine and to conduct contact tracing for positive COVID-19 individuals, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Health.*

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for the purposes of funding the engineering and design

of approximately 7,700 linear feet of new 8-inch diameter ductile iron water main on Church Street and Prospect Street, as well as any incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Water Commissioners.*

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$47,000.00 from the Water Enterprise Fund Stabilization Account for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a ¾ ton 4WD pickup truck with plow, and to dispose of the existing pickup truck in accordance with the Town policy for disposition of surplus property, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Water Commissioners.*

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$150,000.00 from available funds for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new DPW backhoe to replace a 2010 John Deere backhoe with same or comparable equipment, and to dispose of the existing backhoe in accordance with the Town policy for disposition of surplus property, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,000.00 for all costs and expenses pertaining to identifying, mapping and remediating invasive species on public lands in the Town of West Newbury, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Climate Change Resiliency Committee.*

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000.00 to provide matching funds upon award of a Green Communities grant in the FY22 grant round, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 57A to allow for a single notice of preliminary or actual real estate or personal property taxes due for amounts not in excess of \$100.00, and if unpaid after the day of the first installment of the notice of preliminary tax or actual tax bill for the year is due, shall be subject to interest at the same rate and from the same date as any delinquent preliminary or actual tax first installment, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 33, Section 59 to allow Town employees who serve in the military to perform required military service without loss of seniority, accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time, or earned overtime, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 55C and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Trust, to be known as the West Newbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund, for the purpose of creating and preserving affordable housing in West Newbury for the benefit of low- and moderate-income households, and for the funding of community housing, or take any other action relative thereto, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Newbury Zoning Bylaw to amend Section 5.D. Floodplain Overlay District, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office, in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive, ministerial changes to numbering and formatting, so as to ensure consistency with the rest of the Zoning Bylaws, as necessary, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Planning Board.*

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Newbury Town Bylaws to adopt a new Section XLI Stormwater Management Bylaw, in compliance with the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Post Construction Stormwater Management requirements and the Town of West Newbury's MS4 General Permit [National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit ID #: MAR041231, Town of West Newbury], as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office, and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive, ministerial changes to numbering and formatting, so as to ensure consistency with the rest of the Town Bylaws, as necessary, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at least 14 days before the date of the Special Town Meeting, as provided within the Town Bylaws.

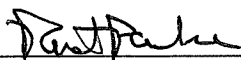
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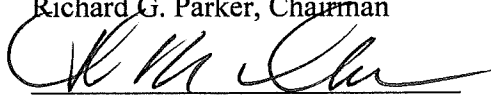
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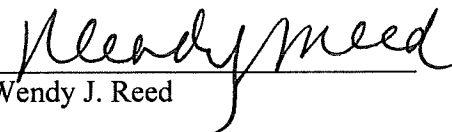
Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this ____ day of October, 2021.

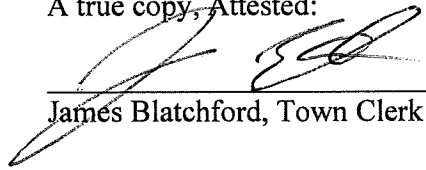
BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


Richard G. Parker, Chairman


David W. Archibald


Wendy J. Reed

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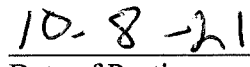


James Blatchford, Town Clerk

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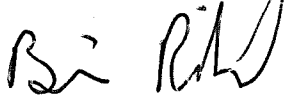


Constable, Brian Richard



Date of Posting

Pursuant to the above warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned all the inhabitants of the Town of West Newbury who are qualified to vote to meet at said time and place.



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10-8-21

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