

**TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WARRANT -- ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022 @ 9am**

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), located at 379 Main Street, at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2022, to act upon or take any other action relative to all but the first of the following articles:

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**GENERAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS**

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**ARTICLE 1:** To hear and act upon the reports of Town officers and committees, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$397,325 from the School Stabilization Fund to pay a portion of the Town share of debt services associated with the building of the new Middle/High School, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 3:** To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for defraying the expenses of the Town for ensuing fiscal year and for the payment of Town debt, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

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**WATER ENTERPRISE FUND**

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**ARTICLE 4:** 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 Commissions, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Water Commissioners.*

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, in anticipation of Water Department revenues, the sum of \$1,050,948 of which \$319,297 for salaries and wages, which include \$1,700 for Water Commissioners' Stipends; \$73,196 for insurances; \$340,313 for expenses;

\$144,188 for debt services; \$100,000 for transfer to Water Stabilization; \$20,000 for extraordinary and unforeseen expenses; and \$53,954 for indirect costs, 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 \$7,500 from the Water Enterprise Fund Free Cash Account to the Water Enterprise Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Water Commissioners.*

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APPROPRIATIONS

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**ARTICLE 7:** 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 Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Sec. 53E1/2, and Section XL of the Bylaws of the Town of West Newbury, will fix the maximum amounts that may be spent during the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022 for the revolving funds established in town bylaws, as set forth below for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers, with such expenditure limits to be applicable for each fiscal year until such time as Town Meeting votes, prior to July 1 for the ensuing fiscal year, to revise the same; or take any other action relative thereto:

▪ Section 5.1 Summer Recreation Revolving Fund	\$ 75,000
▪ Section 5.2 GAR Library Fines and Penalties Revolving Fund	\$ 10,000
▪ Section 5.3 Police Vehicle Revolving Fund	\$ 20,000
▪ Section 5.4 Pipestave/Mill Pond Care and Maintenance Revolving Fund	\$ 5,000
▪ Section 5.5 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Revolving Fund	\$ 10,000
▪ Section 5.6 Curbside Collection of Trash, Recycling and Food Waste Revolving Fund	\$ 50,000

*By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,364 from the Septic Loan Revolving Account for the repayment of debt service, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Board of Health.*

**ARTICLE 10:** 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 committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

- Appropriate \$35,765 from FY 2023 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses.
- Reserve \$71,530 from FY 2023 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve.
- Reserve \$71,530 from FY 2023 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve.
- Reserve \$71,530 from FY 2023 estimated revenues for Open Space & Recreation Reserve.
- Reserve \$464,942 from FY 2023 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve.

or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Community Preservation Committee.*

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$75,000 to fund unbudgeted personnel costs, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 to fund a feasibility study for the generation of solar electricity at several town-owned parcels, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Energy and Sustainability Committee.*

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,500 to provide matching funds for the next phase of a Historic Property Survey/Inventory, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Historical Commission.*

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to fund an evaluation/audit of the brick exterior/lintels of the Page School, located on Assessors parcel R23-23, at 694 Main Street, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the DPW Director.*

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$85,000 to fund a Structural Safety and Component Assessment Study for Page School, located on Assessors parcel R23-23, at 694 Main Street, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the DPW Director.*

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$27,500 to fund roof replacement at the former Highway Garage, located on Assessors parcel R23-23, at 694 Main Street, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the DPW Director.*

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$35,900 to fund the Department of Public Works (DPW) work station relocation from the Highway Divisions Garage, located on Assessors parcel R22-3, located at 693 Main Street to the former Highway Garage, located on Assessors parcel R23-23, at 694 Main Street, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the DPW Director.*

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$65,000 to fund the replacement of the Town Offices telecommunications system, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the DPW Director.*

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$56,000 to fund the replacement of a pickup truck for the Facilities Division of the Department of Public Works (DPW), or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the DPW Director.*

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$80,000 to fund the replacement of an F-350 Dump Truck with a new F-550 Dump Truck for use by the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works (DPW), or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the DPW Director.*

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$39,000 to fund the purchase of new Public Safety Emergency Communication equipment and removal of outdated equipment, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Board of Fire Engineers.*

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 to fund the replacement/purchase of a new rescue air bag system for use by the Fire Department, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Board of Fire Engineers.*

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,500 to fund the replacement/purchase of two (2) new saws and power tools for use by the Fire Department, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Board of Fire Engineers.*

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$342 to reimburse prior fiscal year expenses incurred by Town Committee members, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Town Manager.*

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**BY-LAWS – OTHERS**

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**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Newbury Town Bylaws, by inserting a new Section X, for the purpose of wetlands protections, with the proposed bylaw 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 to ensure consistency with the remainder of the Bylaws; or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Conservation Commission.*

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 139, to waive the dog license fees for residents over the age of 70, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Town Clerk.*

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to accept Sullivans Court Extension as a public way, as shown on a plan entitled “‘Sullivans Court Extension’ Street Acceptance Plan,” dated March 9, 2022, prepared by The Morin-Cameron Group, Inc., a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk’s Office, and to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, the fee simple title to or a permanent easement in said roadway for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of West Newbury, including utility purposes, and any drainage, access, utility and other easements related thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Newbury Zoning Bylaw by revising Section 5.F.2(h) thereof, to update the local preference section of the Inclusionary Housing Requirements Bylaw, with the proposed amendments on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk’s office, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Planning Board.*

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Newbury Town Bylaws, by inserting a new bylaw as Section X, as follows, for the purpose of establishing a Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund Bylaw, with the proposed bylaw 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 to ensure consistency with the remainder of the Bylaws; or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Newbury Town Bylaws, by inserting a new bylaw as Section X, as follows, for the purpose of regulating the numbering of buildings and the naming of streets, with the proposed bylaw 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 to ensure consistency with the remainder of the Bylaws; or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Building Inspector.*

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will amend the West Newbury Town Bylaws, by revising Section 1 of Article XXXVI (Community Preservation Committee Bylaw) thereof, as follows, to designate that a permanent member of the Community Preservation Committee be a member of the West Newbury Open Space Committee, with the proposed amendments on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk’s office; or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Open Space Committee.*

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 Bylaws.


LOCATIONS TO POST WARRANT:

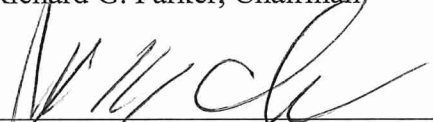
- Town Hall
- 1910 Town Office Building
- G.A.R. Memorial Library
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Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 25 day of April, 2022.

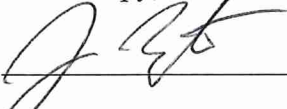
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

  
 Richard G. Parker, Chairman

  
 David W. Archibald

  
 Wendy J. Reed

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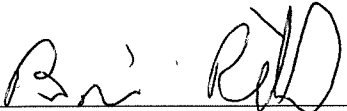
  
 James RW Blatchford, Town Clerk

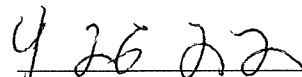
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 Constable, Brian Richard

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 Date of Posting

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