

**TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT -- ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021 @ 10:00am**

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 at the Bandstand located behind the Town Annex, 379 Main Street, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, 2021 to act upon or take any other action relative to all of the following articles.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS

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 the sum of \$397,325 from the School Stabilization Fund to pay a portion of the Town share of debt service associated with the building of the new Middle/High School. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

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. 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.*

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, in anticipation of Water Department revenue, the sum of \$863,649 of which \$280,038 for salaries and wages which include \$1,700 for Water Commissioners' stipends; \$47,248 for insurances; \$339,399 for expenses; \$124,068 for debt service; \$20,000 for extraordinary and unforeseen expenses; and \$52,896 for indirect costs, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Board of Water Commissioners.*

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$500,000 to be placed in the water stabilization fund in order to fund capital expenditures for water related projects, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Board of Water Commissioners.*

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$270,000 for all costs and expenses pertaining to improvements to the Pipestave Hill Water Tank. *By request of the Board of Water Commissioners.*

APPROPRIATIONS

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$76,261 for the Pension Liability Stabilization Fund, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 for the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Stabilization Fund, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,363 from the Septic Loan Revolving Account for the repayment of debt service. *By request of the Board of Health.*

ARTICLE 11. 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 Fiscal Year 2022, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Community Preservation Committee.*

- Appropriate \$28,704 from FY 2022 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses.
- Reserve \$57,408 from FY 2022 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve.
- Reserve \$57,408 from FY 2022 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve.
- Reserve \$57,408 from FY 2022 estimated revenues for Open Space & Recreation Reserve.
- Reserve \$373,160 from FY 2022 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Community Preservation Act funds the sum of \$25,000 to conduct an historic sites survey, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Community Preservation Committee and the Historical Commission.*

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Community Preservation Act funds, Open Space and Recreation Reserve, the sum of \$30,000 for costs and expenses

pertaining to the design of an all access trail and associated features at the Mill Pond, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Community Preservation Committee and the Open Space Committee.*

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from Community Preservation Act funds, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, the sum of \$175,000 to purchase the following: 1) a conservation restriction on approximately 30 acres of real estate located to the rear of property located at 28 Coffin Street, being generally described on West Newbury Assessors Map 23 as Lot 4; and, 2) a conservation restriction in conjunction with Essex County Greenbelt Association, Inc on two parcels of real estate located to the rear of the property located at 28 Coffin Street, being generally described on West Newbury Assessors Map 23 as Lots 11 and 12 consisting of approximately 11 acres and 10 acres respectively; said purchases to be subject to approval of the conservation restriction by all parties; and that the Board of Selectmen is to be authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver all grants, agreements and such other instruments, including, but not limit to, the conservation restrictions in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 184 and any other applicable statute or regulation, as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of West Newbury to effectuate the purchases herein mentioned: and to take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Community Preservation Committee, the Open Space Committee and Essex Country Greenbelt Association, Inc.*

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$700,000 into the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$600,000 for costs and expenses pertaining to the Town’s share for the reconstruction of the Middle Street Bridge, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$95,000 for all costs and expenses pertaining to roof repairs to Town buildings, 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 \$35,000 for the purchase of a Jaws of Life or similar equipment, or take any other action related thereto. *By request of the Board of Fire Engineers.*

BY-LAWS – OTHERS

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the layout of Cortland Lane, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown more particularly on a plan

entitled "Street Acceptance Plan for Cortland Lane," dated October 4, 2004, prepared by Apple Associates, Inc., a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen 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 Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section VI of the Town Bylaws, Animal By-Law in order to establish a new Disposal of Waste section, to establish requirements related to the disposal and removal of dog waste, including the establishment and enforcement of fines for violations, and other related amendments. *By request of the Board of Selectmen.*

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section XL of the Town Bylaws by adding sections 5.5.1 thru 5.5.5 in order to establish a revolving fund for revenues and expenses associated with electric vehicle (EV) charging stations located on Town-owned property including existing stations at 381 Main Street and at 694 Main Street, West Newbury, and including any stations as may be installed on Town-owned property in the future:

5.5.1 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Revolving Fund.

5.5.2 Department. There shall be a separate fund called the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Revolving Fund.

5.5.3 Revenues. The town accountant shall establish the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all the monies received in connection with use of EV charging stations located on Town-owned property, donations, and any other source.

5.5.4 Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Town may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Revolving Fund for the operations and maintenance of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations located on Town-owned property in West Newbury.

5.5.5 Fiscal Years. The Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2021 and shall continue until such time as Town Meeting votes to eliminate the fund.

By request of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section XL of the Town Bylaws by adding sections 5.6.1 thru 5.6.5 in order to establish a revolving fund for revenues and expenses associated with curbside collection of trash, recycling and food waste:

5.6.1 Curbside Collection of Trash, Recycling and Food Waste Revolving Fund.

5.6.2 Department. There shall be a separate fund called the Curbside Collection of Trash, Recycling and Food Waste Revolving Fund.

5.6.3 Revenues. The town accountant shall establish the Curbside Collection of Trash, Recycling and Food Waste Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all the monies received in connection with fees charged for trash or recycling carts, trash stickers and bulk item stickers, donations, and any other source.

5.6.4 Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Town may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Curbside Collection of Trash, Recycling and Food Waste Revolving Fund for the payment of expenses for trash or recycling carts and stickers and related expenses.

5.6.5 Fiscal Years. The Curbside Collection of Trash, Recycling and Food Waste Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2021 and shall continue until such time as Town Meeting votes to eliminate the fund.

By request of the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 23. 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	\$ 44,350
▪ 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	\$150,000

By request of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to delay any additional expenditure on the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building (Carr Post). project until a defined productive use for this building is identified and approved. *By citizen 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 Bylaws.


LOCATIONS TO POST WARRANT:

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

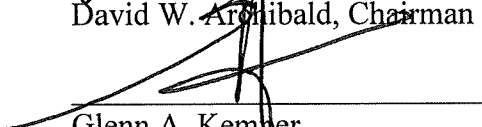
Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 29 day of April, 2021.


BOARD OF SELECTMEN



David W. Archibald, Chairman



Glenn A. Kemper



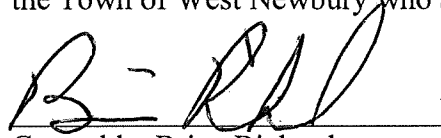
Richard Parker

A true copy, attested:



Michael P. McCarron, Town Clerk

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.



Constable, Brian Richard

4-30-21
Date of Posting