

**TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WARRANT – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024 @ 7:00pm**

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 at the **Page School, located at 694 Main Street, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday April 29, 2024**, to act upon or take any other action relative to all of the following articles:

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

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**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to revoke its acceptance of the fourth paragraph of Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 40 Sec. 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund established under Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 40 Sec. 5B, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2024, 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/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$44,000.00 to fund the replacement of Well Pump #1, including distribution lines, valves, and related equipment to produce water at the Well Field, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Water Commissioners.*

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$60,000.00 to fund costs associated with identification and evaluation of sites with potential to support development of public well fields, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Community Preservation Act funds, Undesignated Reserve, the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of funding a Pickleball Court Site Feasibility and Design study, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Community Preservation Committee.*

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Community Preservation Act funds, Undesignated Reserve, the sum of \$10,000.00 for administrative and legal costs associated with the acquisition and protection, by conservation restriction, of certain parcels of land containing a total of 32 acres, more or less, which parcels are located on Poor House Lane, shown on

Assessors' Map R14 as Parcels 30 and 30F (also known as "Sawmill Brook Conservation Area"), or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Community Preservation Committee.*

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Community Preservation Act funds, Historical Preservation Reserve, the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purpose of funding the removal of trees and brush from the Quaker Cemetery, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Community Preservation Committee.*

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$75,000.00 to fund costs for consulting and/or legal services related to planning and drafting of zoning amendments, as may be necessary to remain in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3A (the "MBTA Communities Act," so-called), which may include drafting and proposing one or more zoning overlay districts pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40R ("Smart Growth Zoning," so-called), or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$82,000.00 to fund unbudgeted personnel costs, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$8,265.00 to fund mandatory environmental testing at the former Steele Landfill and adjacent sites, as required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection under the former landfill's post-closure monitoring plan, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Health.*

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$50,000.00 to fund the removal of high hazard trees within public roadway rights-of-way, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$18,000.00 to fund engineering and surveying services for the permitting of the Page School/Pipestave/Route 113 intersection and crosswalk, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$50,000.00 to fund engineering and permitting expenses for the replacement of culverts on Coffin Street, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$50,000.00 to fund assessments of and repairs to the Page School elevators, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$62,000.00 to fund the replacement and repair of the flooring at the Town Annex, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$50,000.00 to fund the replacement and repair of a portion of the Page School flooring, including all incidentals and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$23,835.00 to fund maintenance and repairs to the Public Safety Complex, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum to fund the replacement of the telecommunications systems in the Town Offices, the Public Safety Complex, and the G.A.R. Memorial Library, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$28,000.00 to fund the purchase and installation of an electronic keyless entry system for the Town Offices, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$560,000.00 to fund the replacement of a Fire Pumper truck, including all equipment and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Board of Fire Engineers.*

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$350,000.00 to fund the purchase and equipping of a Plow Truck, including all incidental and related expenses, for use by the Department of Public Works, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$33,500.00 to fund the purchase and equipping of a Zero-Turn Mower, including all incidental and related expenses, for use by the Department of Public Works, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate the sum of \$3,846.12 from Free Cash into a Special Revenue Fund pursuant to Chapter 77, Section 197 of the Acts of 2023, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$7,841.02 to fund the payment of unpaid bills incurred during prior fiscal years, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum to fund the existing year snow and ice deficit for fiscal year 2024, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Highway Superintendent.*

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to:

1. extend the sunset clause as adopted under the Motion for Article 16 of the Annual Town Meeting on May 22, 2021, which authorized \$600,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund for costs and expenses pertaining to the Town's share of the reconstruction of the Middle Street Bridge, for three (3) additional years, until June 30, 2027;
2. and further to eliminate the sunset clause as adopted under the Motion for Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting on May 14, 2022, which appropriated \$28,000.00 from Free Cash for costs associated with the preparation of a Historic Preservation Restriction, and costs associated with disposition, for the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building, located on Assessors' parcel R10-34, located at 363 Main Street;
3. and further to extend the sunset clause as adopted under the Motion for Article 18 of the Annual Town Meeting on May 14, 2022, which authorized \$65,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund for all costs and expenses pertaining to the replacement of the Town Offices telecommunications system for one (1) additional year, until June 30, 2025;
4. and further to extend the sunset clause as adopted under the Motion for Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting on May 14, 2022, which authorized \$47,845.00 from Free Cash to fund several facility improvements throughout the town, for one (1) additional year, until June 30, 2025;
5. and further to extend the sunset clause as adopted under the Motion for Article 17 of the Annual Town Meeting on May 14, 2022, which appropriated \$35,900.00 from the Stabilization Fund for all costs and expenses pertaining to the relocation of the Department of Public Works (DPW) work station from the Highway Divisions Garage, for one (1) additional year, until June 30, 2025;

or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Select Board.*

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.

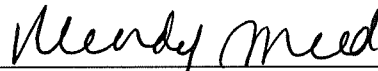
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Public Safety Building


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Town Hall

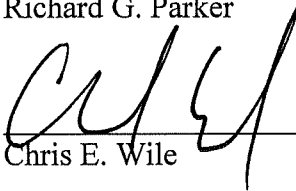
Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 12th day of April, 2024.

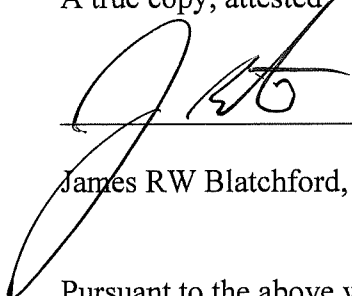
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

  
Wendy J. Reed, Chair

  
Richard G. Parker


  
Chris E. Wile

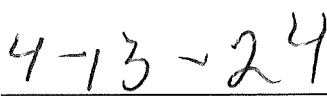
A true copy, attested:

  
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James RW Blatchford, Town Clerk

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

  
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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4-3-24  
Date of Posting