

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the TOWN OF WESTMINSTER in the County of Worcester, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the

**WESTMINSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
9 ACADEMY HILL ROAD
WESTMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS
on
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015
AT 7:30 P.M.**

then and there to vote on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money from available funds to pay any unpaid bills (or portions thereof) from a prior fiscal year, or act in relation thereto. (9/10 vote required)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to establish a part-time (per diem) Computer Specialist position, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote on Article 7 of the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting (department operating budgets) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to establish the full-time position of Council on Aging Administrative Assistant to replace the current part-time position, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds an additional \$20,000 to supplement the amount appropriated under Article 25 of the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting for road maintenance, specifically, for the purpose of hiring a consultant to perform engineering services for repairs and improvements to Bathrick Road, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds to be spent under the direction of the Police Chief to purchase a generator and related equipment for the public safety building, or act in relation thereto.

(Requesting \$35,000)

DATED Nov 3, 2015

Worcester, s.s.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I HAVE NOTIFIED AND WARNED THE
INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF WESTMINSTER BY POSTING ATTESTED COPIES OF THE
SAME AT:

TOWN HALL, 11 SOUTH STREET
U.S. POST OFFICE, NICHOLS STREET

14 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE TOWN MEETING, AS WITHIN DIRECTED.


CONSTABLE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Town Administrator to upgrade the Town's existing data backup systems, or act in relation thereto.

(Requesting \$20,000)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Town Clerk to purchase two new voting tabulators, to include related equipment and training, or act in relation thereto.

(Requesting \$13,200)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to convert the position of Treasurer/Collector from an elected position to an appointed position, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding an appropriately numbered section to Chapter 1-General Provisions, Article I-General Rules, to read as follows:

“The Town Clerk shall hereby be authorized to assign appropriate numbers to bylaw sections, subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs, where none are approved by Town Meeting, and, if such are approved by town Meeting, after consultation with the Town Administrator, to make non-substantive, editorial revisions to ensure consistent and appropriate sequencing and numbering, provided that such editorial revisions shall be identified by a footnote or other convention.”

Further, that the Town Clerk be authorized to correct the duplicate numbering appearing in the Zoning Bylaws at Article VIII, §205-35 and §205-36, as amended under Article 41 of the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, by renumbering these sections as §205-34.1 and §205-34.2, respectively.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Town Planner to hire a consultant to evaluate various options for the potential reuse of the property located at 5 Bacon Street (Old Town Hall), including costs associated with each option and related administrative costs, or act in relation thereto.

(Requesting \$11,000)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20 to allow the Town to establish an “Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, and to transfer a sum of money from available funds into said Trust Fund, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act in the form set forth below, establishing a private road maintenance revolving account relative to Chapter 173, Article V of the Town Code; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and, provided further that

the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE REVOLVING FUND IN THE TOWN OF WESTMINSTER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Westminster may establish a Private Road Maintenance Revolving Fund into which shall be deposited sums of money from time to time in accordance with this act. The director of public works, subject to the authority of the board of selectmen, shall control and administer the fund and render annual accounts of the receipts, disbursements and balances relating to the revolving account. The treasurer of the town shall be the custodian of the fund

SECTION 2. The fund shall be established, consistent with section 6N of chapter 40 of the General Laws, to provide, without expense to the town, for the maintenance and upkeep of certain private ways serving the town's inhabitants. Maintenance may also be performed on a private way's drainage facilities and associated features, but in accordance with said section 6N of said chapter 40, work shall be of a temporary nature and shall not include construction, reconstruction or resurfacing of private ways.

SECTION 3. When private way maintenance is desired, the town shall enter agreements with the parties requesting the work and the director shall determine the cost of that work. The town may charge a reasonable administrative fee for its services and the fee shall be deposited into the General Fund. The interested parties shall pay the costs in advance of the work, and that amount shall be deposited into the road maintenance revolving fund. The director shall expend these funds for only the maintenance and upkeep work for which they were deposited unless the town and the original interested parties otherwise agree. If, for any reason, the maintenance work is not performed, the deposited sums shall be returned to the interested parties.

SECTION 4. By a town meeting vote, the town may close this account and transfer to the General Fund any balance not needed to complete previously agreed maintenance.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the General Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto. (2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Information Technology and Telecommunications Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto. (2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Capital Equipment and Improvements Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto. (2/3 vote required)

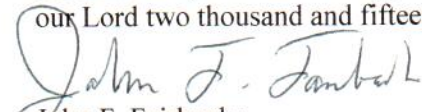
ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Building Maintenance and Repair Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto. (2/3 vote required)


ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto. (2/3 vote required)

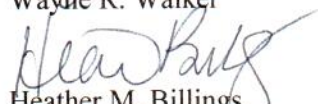
ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Road Maintenance Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto. (2/3 vote required)

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and the U.S. Post Office in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 2nd day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen.


John F. Fairbanks


Wayne R. Walker


Heather M. Billings

BOARD OF SELECTMEN