

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 15, 2011
AT 7:30 P.M.**

then and there to vote on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 8 of the May 7, 2011 Annual Town Meeting (department operating budgets) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 9 of the May 7, 2011 Annual Town Meeting (Sewer Enterprise operating budget) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Overlay Surplus to the FY2007 Overlay Account, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from free cash to pay any unpaid bills of the prior fiscal year, or act in relation thereto. (9/10 vote required)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to provide LED lighting for the exterior of the public safety building, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief, or act in relation thereto.

(Proposed amount: \$5,000)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account to purchase patient care reporting software for the Town's ambulances, or act in relation thereto.

(Proposed amount: \$25,000)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purchase and installation of a columbarium at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, or act in relation thereto.

(Proposed amount: \$47,000)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to the Commonwealth, for the purpose of relocating, realigning and reconstructing the layout of South Street and the intersection of Academy Hill Road, South Street, Leominster Street, and Main Street, permanent easements and temporary construction easements for nominal consideration in, on, and under all or any portion of the parcels of land shown on a plan entitled “Plan of Highway Easements Inhabitants of the Town of Westminster South Street Westminster, Massachusetts,” dated June 24, 2011, prepared by WSP Sells, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.64L, §2(a) authorizing the Town to impose a local excise tax in the statutory amount of 0.75 percent on the sale of restaurant meals originating within the Town, with the intention that each year the Town shall raise and appropriate an amount equal to 25% of the local restaurant meals tax revenue received in the prior fiscal year for Town promotion purposes, including but not limited to programs and projects that enhance the beautification, recreational resources, public safety, promotional and marketing activities, events, services, and public improvements which are of clear mutual interest to the residents and visitors of the Town, and which strengthen the Town as an attractive center for tourism and related purposes of the visitor industry; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the “Stretch Energy Code” set forth in the State Building Code at 780 CMR 115.AA (i.e., Appendix 115.AA), a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, as may be amended from time to time, and to amend the Town of Westminster General By-laws by inserting a new appropriately numbered chapter or article, entitled “Stretch Energy Code” as set forth below:

____. **Stretch Energy Code**

____-1. **Adoption.** The Town of Westminster has adopted the provisions of 780 CMR 115.AA (i.e., Appendix 115.AA of the State Building Code or the “Stretch Energy Code”), as may be amended from time to time, in place of the provisions set forth under 780 CMR 13.00, 34.00, 61.00 and 93.00.

____-2. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Stretch Energy Code shall be to provide the Town with a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code otherwise set forth under the State Building Code.

or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westminster Zoning Bylaw and the Zoning Map by rezoning the property on 64 Main Street (Map 100, Parcel 93) from Residential-I (R-I) to Commercial-III (C-III), or act in relation thereto. (Submitted by Citizens’ Petition) (2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the following parcel of property from the Board of Selectmen for the purposes for which it is currently held to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of renting, conveying, or otherwise disposing of said property; further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to rent, convey or otherwise dispose of said property upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall deem advisable, or act in relation thereto:

72 Davis Road (Assessors’ Map 160, parcel 6), consisting of approximately .88 acres, as conveyed to the Town by Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts, Inc., recorded with the Worcester Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 7463, Page 58.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to rent, convey or otherwise dispose of the following property to a non-profit organization or agency for affordable housing purposes, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall deem advisable, and to accept an affordable housing restriction on said property on behalf of the Town, or act in relation thereto:

Frog Hollow Road (Assessors' Map 135, parcel 8), consisting of approximately 2 acres, as conveyed to the Town by Treasurer's deed recorded with the Worcester Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 3759, Page 238.

(Note: Care, custody, management and control of property previously transferred to Board of Selectmen under Article 18, November 27, 2007 Special Town Meeting.)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the 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)

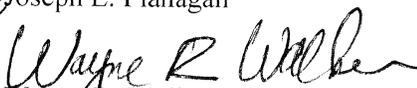
ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to balance the budget, or act in relation thereto.

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 31st day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven.


Laila J. Michaud


Joseph E. Flanagan


Wayne R. Walker

BOARD OF SELECTMEN