

## ANNUAL 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  
SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018  
AT 1:00 P.M.**

then and there to vote on the following articles:

### CUSTOMARY ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation or other appropriate state agency for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the ensuing fiscal year, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 40, section 4 of the General Laws to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all contracts on behalf of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year unless otherwise provided by law, on such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interests of the Town, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To hear reports of any committees appointed to act on Town affairs or in its behalf.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to:

- 1.) Amend the Code of the Town of Westminster, Section 28-9 "Revolving Funds" by adding a revolving fund in Paragraph A for the repair of private ways, as follows, or act in relation thereto:

#### **§28-9. Revolving Funds.**

	Revolving Fund	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Use of Fund
4	Private Road Maintenance pursuant to Chapter 173 of Town Code	Director of Public Works	Costs paid by residents of private roads who have asked the town to conduct repairs and maintenance to their roads	Pay expenses incurred for private road maintenance projects requested and paid for by residents of private roads

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- 2). And further, to see if the Town will set the following spending limits for each authorized Revolving Fund for FY2019, or act in relation thereto:

DATED April 10, 2018

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.

  
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CONSTABLE

- 1 Hazardous Materials Recovery - \$12,000
- 2 Agricultural Commission Programs - \$10,000
- 3 Public Health Clinic and Emergency Response - \$25,000
- 4 Private Road Maintenance - \$10,000

#### OPERATING BUDGETS

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to establish the equivalent of one full-time Computer/Information Systems Director position, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of appointed and elected officers, provide for a Reserve Fund, and determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the ensuing fiscal year, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: tbd )

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$1,219,906)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$658,209))

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Solid Waste Transfer Facility Enterprise, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$273,300)

#### CUSTOMARY MONEY ARTICLES

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, sums of money for the following purposes:

Westminster Cultural Council

Conservation Fund, as provided in Section 8C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws

(Amounts requested: \$3,000 for Cultural Council; \$1,000 for Conservation Fund)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund a portion of the cost of retaining a professional consultant to perform the revaluation of real and personal property in the Town as required under Massachusetts General Laws, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$50,000)



ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2019 tax rate, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$230,000)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the OPEB Stabilization Account, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$300,000)

#### NON-CAPITAL MONEY ARTICLES

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay for legal fees, filing fees, court costs, advertising and other related costs of tax titles through foreclosure, including but not limited to the process of foreclosure through the land of low value method, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$50,000)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to hire a preservationist to assist the Historical Commission in documenting historically architecturally significant homes in Westminster, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$3,000)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the "Giles Fund" for the purpose of funding the Emergency Home Heating Assistance Program, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$5,000)

ARTICLE 17. 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 Conservation Commission to hire a consultant/forester to develop and administer a forest management plan for the Muddy Pond conservation area, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$4,000)

#### CAPITAL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Public Works Commission for oiling, sealing, resurfacing, installing drainage and guardrail, removing trees/brush, or other such activities related to the maintenance of town roads, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$275,000)

ARTICLE 19. 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 Public Works Commission for the reconstruction and improvement of town roads, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$500,000)

ARTICLE 20. 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 Public Works Director for the following capital equipment and/or projects, including related incidental costs, or act in relation thereto.

ITEM/PROJECT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCE
Road compaction roller	\$45,000	Raise and appropriate
6-wheel truck with plow and related equipment (including trade-in)	\$235,000	Capital Stabilization
Combination dump/sander body	\$60,000	Capital Stabilization
Public Works office and maintenance building siding and window replacement	\$35,000	Building Stabilization
Hire consultant for Phase II Inspection of Upper Reservoir Dam (Whitney Street)	\$40,000	Overlay Surplus

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Public Works Commission for the replacement of the Water Tank located on Ellis Road, including engineering, bidding, tank removal, construction, and all other related costs, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$1,700,000)

ARTICLE 22. 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 Police Chief for the following capital equipment, including related incidental costs, or act in relation thereto.

ITEM/PROJECT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCE
Police vehicle and related equipment	\$47,000	Capital Stabilization
Police bullet-proof vests	\$30,000	Raise and Appropriate

ARTICLE 23. 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 Administrator for the following capital equipment and/or projects, including related incidental costs, or act in relation thereto.

ITEM/PROJECT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCE
Exchange server, Library 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor projection system, cameras, Public Safety radio equipment	\$57,500	Technology Stabilization
Scheduled computer system updates and technology-related items for the various town departments	\$35,000	Raise and Appropriate



ARTICLE 24. 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 Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District for the following districtwide capital projects; further, that said appropriation is subject to the Town of Ashburnham also voting to fund its share of the cost of this article, or act in relation thereto:

\$22,940	Exterior board replacement (Oakmont)
\$5,150	Floor replacement (Overlook)
\$42,320	Security System-Phase II (District)
\$18,025	Locker replacement-7 <sup>th</sup> grade wing (Overlook)
\$8,498	Ride-on floor scrubber (Overlook)
\$5,770	New generator fuel tank (Oakmont)

(Amount requested: \$102,703)

ARTICLE 25. 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 Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District for the following capital projects, or act in relation thereto.

\$15,000	Wireless upgrade (Meetinghouse)
\$13,200	New cafeteria tables (Meetinghouse)

(Amount requested: \$28,200)

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND ZONING ARTICLES

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to “install a streetlight on Pole #945/26, at the intersection of Worcester Road and West Princeton Road.” (Submitted by Citizens’ Petition)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Hager Park Commission to accept, on behalf of the Town and for park purposes, a parcel of land located off Worcester Road, which parcel contains 17 acres, more or less, is a portion of the property shown on Assessors’ Map 149 as Parcel 3, and is a portion of the property described in a deed recorded with the Worcester North Registry of Deeds in Book 761, Page 414; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift a framed presidential commission issued to Stanley Skamarycz, dated July 26, 1965, on becoming Postmaster in the Town of Westminster, Massachusetts, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westminster Zoning Bylaw (Chapter 205 of the Code of the Town of Westminster, Massachusetts) by amending the definition for Medical Marijuana Treatment Center/Registered Marijuana Dispensary found in ARTICLE II (Definitions) Section 205-4 (Terms Defined) to remove the requirement that such facilities be operated by a not-for-profit entity. The revised definition will read as follows:

"MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER/REGISTERED MARIJUANA DISPENSARY - A Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD) as defined in the regulations promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), 105 CMR 725.000. Such facilities shall be ~~operated and managed by a not-for-profit entity~~ registered with the state that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes, transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses or administers medical marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients and/or their personal caregivers."


ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westminster Zoning Bylaw (Chapter 205 of the Code of the Town of Westminster, Massachusetts) by amending Article III, Section 205-6 (Zoning Map) to change the zoning of 95 Aubuchon Drive (Tax Map 100, Parcel 78) from Commercial-I to Industrial-I.

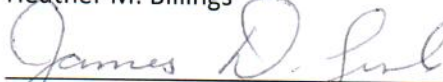
ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute Tax Agreements pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, and/or any other enabling authority and related regulations, for personal property taxes associated with the following proposed solar facility projects, each to be located on privately owned land, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town, and to take all actions necessary to implement and administer such agreements, or act in relation thereto:

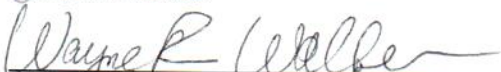
Entity	Location	Size	Term	Rate
26 Theodore Solar, NG, LLC	26 Theodore Dr. (Westminster Business Park)	.48 MW	20 yrs.	\$7,000/MW
Syncarpha Solar, LLC	Potato Hill Road	7 MW	20 yrs.	tbd

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, seven 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 9th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

  
Heather M. Billings

  
James A. DeLisle

  
Wayne R. Walker

BOARD OF SELECTMEN