

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 16, 2021
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)

(Amount TBD)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept as public ways the roadways known as Old Mill Circle (shown as Jamie Lane and Elizabeth Lane), Kimberly Lane, and Heritage Lane and shown on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision of the Village at Old Mill in Westminster, Massachusetts.", dated December 7, 2001, revised through May 23, 2002, prepared Eastern Land Survey Associates, Inc., recorded with the Worcester North Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 440, Page 13 and on file with the Town Clerk, as heretofore laid out by the Select Board, and authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or easements in Old Mill Circle, Kimberly Lane, and Heritage Lane for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Westminster and any drainage, utility and/or other easements related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Majority vote)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to: (a) authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift and for public way purposes, including, without limitation, for roadway, utility, access, drainage and related purposes and for the purpose of undertaking the Worcester Road (Route 140) reconstruction project, permanent and temporary easements in, on, under and over portions of certain parcels of land owned by the City of Fitchburg, identified by the Assessor's as Parcels 186-1 and 120-39 and described in deeds recorded with the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 55, Page 318; Book 211, Page 439; Book 259, Page 317; Book 334, Page 601; Book

DATED 11/2/2021

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, 6 NICHOLS STREET

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



CONSTABLE

363, Page 115; Book 376, page 425, or however the same may have been acquired, which portions are approximately shown on a plan entitled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Route 140 (Worcester Road) in the Town of Westminster Worcester County", as said plan may be amended from time to time and/or replaced by an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels; (b) authorize the Select Board to submit a petition to the General Court for a special act authorizing the conveyance of the foregoing easements to the Town under the provisions of Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution; and (c) transfer the care, custody and control of the Town-owned parcel of land located off Dawley Road, identified by the Assessor's as Parcel 123-19, containing 27,878 square feet, and acquired by the Town by instrument recorded in Book 9460, Page 187, from the tax title custodian for tax title purposes to the Select Board for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conveyance, and, further, to authorize the Select Board to convey said parcel to the City of Fitchburg, as consideration for the easements granted to the Town, for the same purposes for which the aforementioned City-owned parcels are currently held, or act in relation thereto.

(2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westminster Zoning Bylaw (Chapter 205 of the Code of the Town of Westminster, Massachusetts) and the rest of the Town Code to change all references to the "Board of Selectmen" or "Selectmen" wherever they appear to "Select Board," or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westminster Zoning Bylaw (Chapter 205 of the Code of the Town of Westminster, Massachusetts) to revise the Applicability section of the bylaw (Section 205-40.1) for large-scale solar photovoltaic installations as follows:

B. Applicability.

Subject to the requirements below, large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations are permitted by Special Permit in the residential zoning districts (R-I, R-II & R-III), *industrial zoning districts (I-1 & I-II)* and commercial zoning districts (C-I & C-II) and upon Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board. For this use, the Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA). Large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations are not allowed in the ~~industrial zoning districts (I-I & I-II)~~ or in the village center zoning district (VC).

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to Animal Control, to be spent under the direction of the Police Chief, to assist the City of Gardner in the purchase of a new Animal Control vehicle as outlined in the Intermunicipal Agreement, or act in relation thereto.

(Requesting \$13,500)

ARTICLE 7 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.

ARTICLE 8 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.

ARTICLE 9 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.

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Pension Liability Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12 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.

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 first day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.


James A. DeLisle


Salvatore J. Albert, Jr.


Heather M. Billings

SELECT BOARD