

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Hardwick
Warrant for Special Town Meeting**

County of Worcester s.s.

To the Town Clerk and Constables, Town of Hardwick

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hardwick, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Hardwick Elementary School, 76 Schoolhouse Drive, Gilbertville, Massachusetts on Monday, March 16th, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds in the treasury to meet overdrawn and unprovided for accounts in the Fiscal Year 2019, pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 64; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds in the treasury to meet overdrawn and unprovided for accounts in the current Fiscal Year 2020, pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 64; or to take any other action relative thereto.


Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the costs to plan, design, permit and construct improvements and upgrades to the Town's public sewer system, including the Gilbertville Water Pollution Control Facility, the Wheelwright Water Pollution Control Facility and the Route 32A Sewer Line Extension Upgrade from Eagle Hill School to the Gilbertville Water Pollution Collection System, said costs to include but not be limited to, the costs of project managers, designers and/or engineers, treatment facility improvements, chemical systems upgrades, control building renovation, construction of an operations building, electrical facilities improvements, and payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 and/or 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the

payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20, as amended, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, and any other appropriate officials of the Town, to apply for and accept any forms of financial assistance that may be available to the Town on account of this project including from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and its Rural Development programs, and in connection therewith to enter into any necessary agreements with the USDA for a loan, and otherwise to contract with the USDA with respect to any such loan or loans; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any action necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Article, including but not limited to entering into all agreements and executing on behalf of the Town any and all documents as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purposes of this Article; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Sewer Commissioners

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to (a) authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or permanent and/or temporary easements, for public way purposes, including without limitation, for the construction, alteration, installation, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of rights of way, sidewalks, walkways, driveways, drainage, utilities, driveways, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, and other appurtenances and/or facilities, to enable the Town to undertake the Route 32 and 32A Reconstruction Project and for any and all purposes and uses incidental or related thereto, in, on and under certain parcels of land located on or near Route 32 and 32A and approximately shown on plans entitled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Gilbertville Sections of Route 32 & 32A," dated October 24, 2019, prepared by CHA Consulting Inc., on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended and/or incorporated into an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels; (b) transfer the care, custody, and control of a portion or portions of the Town-owned property or properties shown on the aforesaid plans from the board or officer having custody of the same for the purposes for which such properties are currently held to the Board of Selectmen for the purposes set forth herein, and further to dedicate said portions of the Town-owned properties to the purposes set forth herein, and, if applicable, authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit petitions to the General Court to allow the foregoing under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution or otherwise; (c) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the foregoing and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land/easement acquisitions, appraisals and surveys; and, further, (d) authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take any

Given under our hands this 24th day of February 2020.



Kenan P. Young

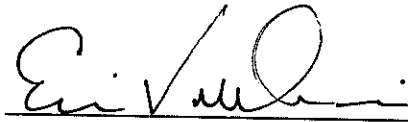


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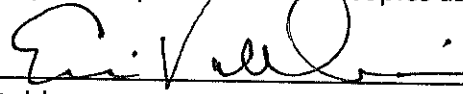
This is a true copy attest:



Constable

Date: Feb 25, 2020

This day I have posted attested copies as directed:



Constable

Date: 2/25/20