

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 School House Drive, Gilbertville, Massachusetts on Thursday the twenty first day of March, 2019 A.D. at six o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof, a sum of money to pay any outstanding prior fiscal year's invoices; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof, a sum of money to Gilbertville Expense Account # 600.000.5700.0001 and Gilbertville USDA Loan Account # 001.710.5910.0000 to pay any outstanding prior fiscal year's invoices for the Gilbertville Wastewater Pollution Control Facility; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Sewer Commission

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof, a sum of money for unprovided for accounts in the current fiscal year FY2019; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to the Reserve Fund Account # 001.132.5700.0000; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof, a sum of money to fund the Inflow and Infiltration Plan for the Waste Water Pollution Control Facility at the Wheelwright location as required by DEP; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Sewer Commissioners

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof, a sum of money to fund the Mold and Asbestos Remediation at the Municipal Office Building 307 Main Street; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof, a sum of money to fund the repairs to the Hardwick Center Water System; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof, a sum of money to fund the purchase of a two-yard Compactor for the Recycling Center; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Recycling Commission

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof, a sum of money to fund the purchase of SCBA air packs for the Fire Department; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Fire Department

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof, a sum of money to fund the purchase of a Camera and Locator for Collection System and a Ventilator Blower for the Highway Department; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Highway Department

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof, a sum of money to fund the purchase of tasers, and for the Police Department; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Police Department

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury or borrow or any combination thereof, a sum of money to fund 25% of a Feasibility Study on the Waste Water Pollution Control Systems; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund Account # 250.000.1040.0000; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hardwick Zoning Bylaw Section 9.0 – Solar Energy Facilities by adding the following section:

9.2.1 - A six-month moratorium will be in effect on all applications for ground mounted solar energy facilities over 10 kilowatts referenced in the Use Regulations Section 3.2.6.1.3; or take any action in relative thereto.

Sponsor: Planning Board

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws under ARTICLE XII – Financial Affairs - by **deleting** Section 1 – “An audit of the accounts of the Town shall be made annually under the supervision of the State Division of Accounts as provided by section 35 of Chapter 44 of the MGL” and **replacing** it with a new Section 1 as follows:

Section 1 – An audit of the Accounts of the Town shall be made annually in accordance with the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, section 35, which audit shall be compliant with any standards established by the Department of Revenue, Director of Accounts pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, section 38; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Town Clerk

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws under ARTICLE XII – Financial Affairs - by **deleting** Section 2 – Each officer, board or committee authorized to spend money shall, on or before December 15 of each year, transmit to the town accountant all unpaid bills outstanding as of that date” and **replacing** it with a new Section 2 as follows:

Section 2 – Each officer, department, board and committee authorized to spend money shall, on or before June 15 of each fiscal year transmit to the Town Accountant all unpaid bills outstanding as of that date; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Town Clerk

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws as voted at the Special Town Meeting of September 9, 2003 under Article #8 by **deleting** Section 5 of ARTICLE XII – Financial Affairs - as follows:

Section 5- All monies received by any Town Officer or Department excluding the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Fire Chief shall be paid upon their receipt into the Treasury and shall be kept in a fund separate from all monies, and shall be expended without further appropriation to compensate the employee or person for such services provided; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Town Clerk

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws as voted at the Annual Town Meeting of June 13, 2015 under Article #19 by **deleting** the words “4 dogs or less” from ARTICLE III – Animal Control – Section 4. FEES – KENNEL and **replacing** it with the words “more than 4 dogs”; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Town Clerk

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws as voted at the Annual Town Meeting of June 18, 2011 under Article #8 by **deleting** from ARTICLE XI – Finance Committee the second sentence of Section 2 – “The terms of office of said members shall commence immediately upon qualification and shall expire at the final adjournment of the annual town meeting at which time their successors are appointed” and **replace** the second sentence with a new second sentence as follows:

“The terms of office of said members shall commence immediately upon qualification and shall expire at the close of the fiscal year at which time said expiring member terms may be reappointed or a new member shall be appointed”.

Section 2 will read:

During the transition, the terms of the appointed members in office on the effective date of the town meeting vote reducing the membership of the Finance Committee from six to five members shall remain

in force and no vacancy on said committee, whether the result of expiration of a term or by removal or resignation before the expiration of a term, shall be filled until the membership of said board shall have reached five. The terms of office of said members shall commence immediately upon qualification and shall expire at the close of the fiscal year at which time said expiring member terms may be reappointed or a new member shall be appointed". Said committee shall choose its own officers and shall serve without pay, and it shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Town Clerk

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws under ARTICLE XXII – Town Meetings - by **deleting** Section 2 as follows: "All business of the Annual Town Meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered at an adjournment of such meeting to be held at one o'clock PM on the first Saturday in May of each year.", and further **replacing** it with a new Section 2 as follows:

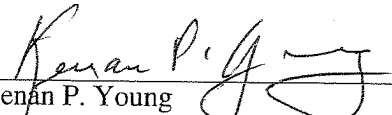
Section 2 – The Annual Town Meeting shall be held at one o'clock PM on the first Saturday in May of each year, provided however, that, notwithstanding the provisions of MGL, Chapter 39, section 9, the town by a vote of its Selectmen may delay the Annual Town Meeting, provided further, that a delayed Annual Town Meeting shall complete its business on or before June thirtieth, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Town Clerk

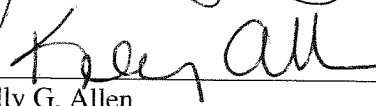
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each of the Post Offices in said Hardwick, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof and fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 7th day of March 2019.

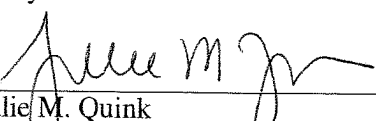
HARDWICK BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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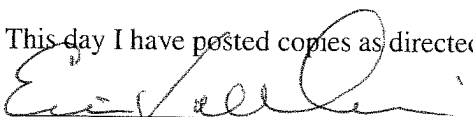
This is a true copy attest:



Date: March 7, 2019

Constable

This day I have posted copies as directed.



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Constable