

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Hardwick
Warrant for Special Town Meeting
September 25, 2020
Hardwick Elementary School**

Ryan J. Witkos, Moderator called this Special Town Meeting to order at 6:00pm at 76 Schoolhouse Drive in the village of Gilbertville.

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 Friday, September 25, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

The Moderator read the call of the beginning and end of the warrant and declared this warrant has been called and posted in accordance with town by-laws.

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the articles and to take them up in their order as they appear on the warrant.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2021 budget as voted under Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 29, 2020, and further to determine if said appropriation shall be raised by taxation or transfer from available funds or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Motion made, seconded and motion was passed by a vote of 21 in favor and 17 opposed that the Town vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2021 budget wherein the Town voted to raise and appropriate a sum of \$5,488,335.18 under Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 29, 2020 by amending the following sums of money in certain line items by raising and appropriating the sum of \$5,487,748.13 in the following manner: FCA

DEPARTMENTS	VOTED BUDGET	BUDGET REDUCTION	AMENDED BUDGET
MODERATORS SALARY	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$325.00
SELECTMEN'S SALARIES	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00	\$0.00
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	\$3,000.00	\$225.00	\$2,775.00
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY (Contracted)	\$71,027.26	\$0.00	\$71,027.26
ADMIN ASST (reflects 18 hrs @ \$20/hr for FY21)		\$0.00	\$0.00
REG ECO DEV COOR SALARY & EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ALL BOARDS EXPENSE	\$8,000.00	\$98.05	\$7,901.95
EMERGENCY SERVICES (Intermunicipal Agrmt.)	\$77,000.00	\$0.00	\$77,000.00
IT SERVICES/OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$18,000.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ACCOUNTANTING SERVICES (Contracted for FY21-FY23)	\$52,000.00	\$0.00	\$52,000.00
INDEPENDENT AUDIT	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
ACCOUNTANT EXPENSE	\$3,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$1,000.00
ACCOUNTANT SOFTWARE CONTRACT	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
ASSESSORS SALARIES	\$6,300.29	\$0.00	\$6,300.29
ASSESSORS CERTIFIED COMP	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
ASSESSORS FULL TIME SALARY	\$56,239.77	\$0.00	\$56,239.77
ASSESSORS PROPERTY UPDATE	\$10,000.00	\$1,302.75	\$8,697.25
ASSESSORS EXPENSE	\$9,976.88	\$1,302.75	\$8,674.13
TREASURER SALARY	\$42,665.00	\$0.00	\$42,665.00
BANK FEES & INTEREST EXPENSE	\$2,000.00	\$325.00	\$1,675.00
TREASURER EXPENSE	\$4,000.00	\$500.00	\$3,500.00
TREASURER PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$3,900.00	\$450.00	\$3,450.00
TREASURER TAX TAKING EXPENSE	\$4,000.00	\$525.00	\$3,475.00
TOWN COLLECTOR SALARY	\$42,665.00	\$0.00	\$42,665.00
TOWN COLLECTOR EXPENSE	\$9,800.00	\$1,838.95	\$7,961.05
TOWN COLLECTOR TAX TITLE	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00
LEGAL SERVICES - GENERAL	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	\$30,987.84	\$0.00	\$30,987.84
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK SALARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	\$6,000.00	\$735.00	\$5,265.00
TOWN CLERK CERTIFIED SALARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ELECTION & REGISTRATION SALARY	\$6,000.00	\$735.00	\$5,265.00
ELECTION/REGISTRATION EXPENSE	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
CONSERVATION CLERK SALARY	\$9,685.00	\$1,614.00	\$8,071.00
CONSERVATION EXPENSE	\$555.00	\$55.00	\$500.00
PLANNING BOARD CLERK SALARY	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
CENTRAL MASS. REGIONAL EXPENSE	\$877.65	\$0.00	\$877.65
BOARD OF APPEALS CLERK SALARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOWN BUILDING (TOWN HOUSE) EXPENSE	\$8,000.00	\$240.00	\$7,760.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS. EXPENSE	\$33,600.00	\$2,000.00	\$31,600.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDING FUEL EXPENSE	\$14,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$13,000.00
GEO. GILBERT BUILDING EXPENSE	\$3,000.00	\$590.00	\$2,410.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS REPAIRS	\$5,000.00	\$150.00	\$4,850.00
TOWN REPORT EXPENSE	\$462.00	\$0.00	\$462.00
<i>TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T</i>	\$596,216.69	\$21,036.50	\$575,180.19
POLICE CHIEF SALARY (Contracted)	\$91,728.96	\$0.00	\$91,728.96
POLICE LT. SALARY (Contracted)	\$72,992.00	\$0.00	\$72,992.00
CLERK SALARY	\$10,404.00	\$1,100.00	\$9,304.00
POLICE PATROLMAN SALARIES:		\$0.00	\$0.00
POLICE PATROLMAN SALARY #1	\$66,537.92	\$0.00	\$66,537.92
POLICE PATROLMAN SALARY #2	\$58,228.80	\$0.00	\$58,228.80
POLICE PATROLMAN SALARY #3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEW FULL-TIME OFFICER - OFFICER UNKNOWN (NBT)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS SALARY	\$58,950.00	\$5,400.00	\$53,550.00
POLICE OVERTIME	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00
POLICE TRAINING EXPENSE	\$19,000.00	\$3,775.00	\$15,225.00
POLICE CRUISER REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE/ EXP	\$13,345.38	\$1,075.00	\$12,270.38
POLICE 2017 F350 SUPERCAB LEASE PAYMENT	\$14,630.60	\$0.00	\$14,630.60
POLICE 2017 FORD INTERCEPTOR LEASE PAYMENT	\$11,506.02	\$0.00	\$11,506.02
POLICE 2017 FORD INTERCEPTOR LEASE PAYMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
POLICE 2016 FORD INTERCEPTOR LEASE PAYMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HARDWICK POLICE CRUISER(S) FUEL	\$16,000.00	\$1,462.46	\$14,537.54
BUILDING EXPENSE (402 LOWER ROAD)	\$4,225.00	\$0.00	\$4,225.00
POLICE EXPENSE	\$25,500.00	\$2,250.00	\$23,250.00
POLICE UNIFORMS	\$8,000.00	\$200.00	\$7,800.00
POLICE PROTECTIVE VESTS	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00
<i>SUB TOTAL HARDWICK POLICE</i>	\$508,748.68	\$15,262.46	\$493,486.22
NEW BRAINTREE POLICE AGREEMENT			
CHIEF SALARY	\$15,296.00	\$0.00	\$15,296.00
LT. SALARY	\$7,275.00	\$0.00	\$7,275.00
FULL TIME OFFICER ACCOUNT	\$53,446.16	\$0.00	\$53,446.16
RESERVE OFFICER ACCOUNT	\$12,982.84	\$0.00	\$12,982.84
EXPENSE ACCOUNT	\$16,130.35	\$0.00	\$16,130.35
<i>SUB TOTAL NEW BRAINTREE POLICE</i>	\$105,130.35	\$0.00	\$105,130.35
<i>TOTAL POLICE</i>	\$613,879.03	\$0.00	\$598,616.57

FIRE CHIEF SALARY (CONTRACTED)	\$29,230.45	\$0.00	\$29,230.45
FIRE CLERK SALARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FIREFIGHTERS LABOR	\$23,000.00	\$0.00	\$23,000.00
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	\$920.75	\$0.00	\$920.75
FIRE TRAINING EXPENSE	\$3,700.00	\$0.00	\$3,700.00
FIREMEN TRAINING SALARY	\$9,000.00	\$2,875.54	\$6,124.46
FIRE DEPT. EXPENSE	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$24,000.00
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
TOTAL FIRE	\$95,851.20	\$2,875.54	\$92,975.66
REGIONAL BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES ASSESSMENT	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
BUILDING INSP/SALARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BUILDING COMMISSIONER SALARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BUILDING INSP EXPENSE	\$1,400.00	\$200.00	\$1,200.00
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR EXPENSE	\$300.00	\$44.00	\$256.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR SALARY	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXPENSE	\$3,500.00	\$497.00	\$3,003.00
TOTAL PROTECTION	\$24,700.00	\$741.00	\$23,959.00
K-12 ASSESSMENT INCREASE= \$62,180.32	\$2,424,336.35		\$2,486,516.67
PATHFINDER ASSESSMENT	\$255,979.00	\$0.00	\$255,979.00
SMITH VOCATIONAL	\$60,200.00	\$0.00	\$60,200.00
SMITH VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	\$36,000.00
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT BUILDING DEBT ASSESS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT ASSESS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ATRIUM /GREEN REPAIR PROJECT	\$21,649.75	\$0.00	\$21,649.75
TANTASQUA REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL SCHOOLS	\$2,798,165.10	\$62,180.32	\$2,860,345.42
HIGHWAY SURVEYOR (Contracted)	\$79,257.68	\$0.00	\$79,257.68
HIGHWAY PAYROLL - ITEMIZED BELOW:	\$174,538.00	\$0.00	\$174,538.00
FOREMAN	\$45,760.00	\$0.00	\$45,760.00
TR. DRIVER/LABORER 1	\$41,600.00	\$0.00	\$41,600.00
TR.DRIVER/LABORER 2	\$41,600.00	\$6,000.00	\$35,600.00
CLERK	\$8,138.00	\$0.00	\$8,138.00
MOWING & LABORER Full-Time	\$37,440.00	\$1,000.00	\$36,440.00
HIGHWAY OVERTIME	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$13,000.00
HIGHWAY GENERAL EXPENSE	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00
TOWN ROADS EXPENSE	\$28,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$23,000.00
SNOW & ICE SALARY	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
SNOW & ICE EXPENSE	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00
HIGHWAY FUEL	\$28,000.00	\$0.00	\$28,000.00

STREET LIGHTING	\$15,000.00	\$450.00	\$14,550.00
TREE MAINTENANCE	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
HIGHWAY ROAD MACH MAINT	\$37,000.00	\$1,342.49	\$35,657.51
2019 F350 SUPERCAB LEASE PAYMENT	\$9,287.32	\$0.00	\$9,287.32
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$493,083.00	\$14,792.49	\$478,290.51
CEMETERY CONTRACT SERVICE	\$26,400.00	\$0.00	\$26,400.00
CEMETERY EXPENSE	\$1,500.00	\$837.00	\$663.00
TOTAL CEMETERY	\$27,900.00	\$837.00	\$27,063.00
BOARD OF HEALTH SALARY	\$2,066.52	\$0.00	\$2,066.52
BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT SALARY	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$13,000.00
BOARD OF HEALTH CLERK SALARY	\$7,914.40	\$1,012.57	\$6,901.83
BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSE	\$3,700.00	\$0.00	\$3,700.00
ANIMAL INSPECTOR SALARY	\$1,505.56	\$0.00	\$1,505.56
ANIMAL CONTROL SALARY	\$3,011.12	\$0.00	\$3,011.12
ANIMAL INSPECTOR EXPENSE	\$231.00	\$0.00	\$231.00
ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE	\$2,323.75	\$0.00	\$2,323.75
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	\$33,752.35	\$1,012.57	\$32,739.78
SR. CENTER INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT	\$19,645.00	\$0.00	\$19,645.00
NUTRITION CONTRACT SERVICE	\$2,500.00	\$664.35	\$1,835.65
COUNCIL ON AGING OFFICE EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
COUNCIL ON AGING RECREATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL COA	\$22,145.00	\$664.35	\$21,480.65
YOUTH CENTER PAYROLL - ITEMIZED BELOW	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$11,500.00
DIRECTOR/COORDINATOR SALARY	\$5,750.00	\$0.00	\$5,750.00
ASSISTANT COORDINATOR SALARY	\$5,750.00	\$0.00	\$5,750.00
NEW PARTIME ASSISTANT		\$0.00	\$0.00
YOUTH CENTER EXPENSE	\$2,000.00	\$405.00	\$1,595.00
TOTAL YOUTH	\$13,500.00	\$405.00	\$13,095.00
VETERAN AGENT SALARY	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
VETERAN AGENT EXPENSE	\$740.00	\$0.00	\$740.00
VETERANS BENEFITS	\$40,000.00	\$1,282.20	\$38,717.80
TOTAL VETERANS	\$42,740.00	\$1,282.20	\$41,457.80
PAIGE LIBRARY PAYROLL - ITEMIZED BELOW:	\$29,271.18	\$0.00	\$29,271.18
PAIGE LIBRARY DIRECTOR SALARY	\$16,456.00	\$0.00	\$16,456.00
PAIGE LIBRARY ASSISTANT	\$12,815.18	\$0.00	\$12,815.18

PAIGE LIBRARY EXPENSE	\$23,553.00	\$1,584.96	\$21,968.04
GILBERTVILLE LIBRARY EXPENSE	\$23,553.00	\$706.36	\$22,846.64
<i>TOTAL LIBRARIES</i>	\$76,377.18	\$2,291.32	\$74,085.86
PARKS & RECREATION EXPENSE	\$925.00	\$28.00	\$897.00
MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
MATURING DEBT	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00
INTEREST	\$4,455.00	\$0.00	\$4,455.00
PRINCIPAL PAYDOWN ON B.A.N.	\$25,894.00	\$0.00	\$25,894.00
PRINCIPAL PAYDOWN ON B.A.N.	\$6,250.00	\$0.00	\$6,250.00
PRINCIPAL PAYDOWN ON B.A.N.	\$1,590.00	\$0.00	\$1,590.00
WORCESTER COUNTY RETIRE ASSESSMENT	\$210,913.00	\$0.00	\$210,913.00
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
HEALTH INS. TOWN SHARE	\$176,450.16	\$0.00	\$176,450.16
HEALTH INS. SEWER SHARE	\$26,366.16	\$0.00	\$26,366.16
TOWN SHARE LIFE INSURANCE - TOWN SHARE	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
TOWN SHARE MEDICARE - TOWN SHARE	\$21,165.00	\$0.00	\$21,165.00
SEWER SHARE MEDICARE	\$3,835.00	\$0.00	\$3,835.00
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INS.	\$18,341.00	\$0.00	\$18,341.00
GENERAL INSURANCE	\$46,643.31	\$0.00	\$46,643.31
POLICE & FIRE INSURANCE	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
<i>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED</i>	\$598,727.63	\$28.00	\$598,699.63
RECYCLING PAYROLL - ITEMIZED BELOW:	\$22,048.00	\$0.00	\$22,048.00
RECYCLING COORDINATOR SALARY	\$9,178.00	\$0.00	\$9,178.00
LABORER 1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LABORER 2	\$4,290.00	\$0.00	\$4,290.00
LABORER 3	\$4,290.00	\$0.00	\$4,290.00
LABORER 4	\$4,290.00	\$0.00	\$4,290.00
RECYCLING EXPENSES	\$4,250.00	\$788.94	\$3,461.06
<i>TOTAL RECYCLING</i>	\$26,298.00	\$788.94	\$25,509.06
	DEPARTMENT CUTS:	\$788.94	
WATER PAYROLL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WATER EXPENSE	\$25,000.00	\$750.00	\$24,250.00
<i>TOTAL HCWD</i>	\$25,000.00	\$750.00	\$24,250.00
<i>GRAND TOTAL OF BUDGETS</i>	\$5,488,335.18		\$5,487,748.13
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FY21 LEVY LIMIT	\$4,091,705.17		\$4,091,705.17
PLUS 2.5%	\$102,292.63		\$102,292.63
PLUS ESTIMATED NEW GROWTH	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00

DEBT EXCLUSION	\$25,894.00		\$25,894.00
FY 21 LEVY LIMIT	\$4,244,891.80		\$4,244,891.80
FY 21 BUDGET REQUEST	\$5,488,335.18		\$5,487,748.13
OVERLAY	\$65,000.00		\$65,000.00
STATE & COUNTY CHARGES	\$17,342.00		\$17,342.00
CHERRY SHEET OFFSETS (Public Libraries)	\$4,863.00		\$4,863.00
TOTAL FY21 R&A	\$5,575,540.18		\$5,574,953.13
MINUS			
ESTIMATED STATE RECEIPTS	\$616,844.00		\$616,844.00
ESTIMATED LOCAL	\$723,146.17		\$723,146.17
TAX TITLE LIEN SALE	\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,339,990.17		\$1,339,990.17
RAISE & APPROPRIATE FROM TAXATION	\$4,235,550.01	\$0.00	\$4,234,962.97
OVER/UNDER PROP 2-1/2	\$9,341.79	\$0.00	\$9,928.83

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, control and management of the property described below from the Historical Commission to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and the purpose of conveyance, any conveyance to be subject to the placement of a historical preservation restriction thereon, being that property commonly known as School House #6, located at 1674 Petersham Road, being Assessor's Map 12, Lot 4, and described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 53715, Page 221, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any deed and other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Historical Commission

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to transfer the care, custody, control and management of the property described below from the Historical Commission to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and the purpose of conveyance. Any conveyance to be subject to the placement of a historical preservation restriction thereon, being that property commonly known as School House #6, located at 1674 Petersham Road, being Assessor's Map 12, Lot 4, and described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 53715, Page 221, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any deed and other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing.

Article 3: 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 2020, pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 64; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to transfer the following sums of money from:

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
250-000-1040-0000	STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	\$5,562.11

to the following accounts of unpaid bills of the previous Fiscal Year 2020:

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
001-220-5700-0000	FIRE EXPENSES	\$5,562.11

FCA	TOTAL:	\$5,562.11
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Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds in the treasury to the Sewer Enterprise Account to meet overdrawn or unprovided for accounts in the Fiscal Year 2020, pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 64; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Sewer Commissioners

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town to table this article.

Motion made, seconded and voted unanimously to dissolve this meeting at 6:17 PM

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 9th day of September 2020.

Kenan P. Young
Kelly G. Kemp

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF HARDWICK**

This is a true copy. Attest: James D. Swett, Constable. Date: September 11, 2020

This day I have posted attested copies as directed. James D. Swett, Constable, Date: September 11, 2020.

51 Voters in attendance, 11 non-registered persons in attendance.

No quorum required by town by-law.

A true copy. Attest.

Ryan J, Witkos, Town Clerk
Town of Hardwick