

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Hardwick
Warrant for Annual 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, on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 9:00 AM 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, pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 64; or 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 prior Fiscal Years, pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 64; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain a permanent easement for the construction, operation and maintenance of a portion of the Mass Central Rail Trail on property identified as Assessor's Map 51, Parcel 1, and described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 60913, Page 81, said easement area approximately shown on a sketch plan on file with the Town Clerk, and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all officers and committees as printed in the 2022 Annual Report; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following FY2024 Revolving Funds in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, section 53E ½, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, to be credited with the receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits respectively:

REVOLVING FUND	DEPARTMENT, BOARD, COMMITTEE, AGENCY, OR OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SPEND FROM FUND	FEES, CHARGES OR OTHER RECEIPTS CREDITED TO FUND	PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY EXPENSES PAYABLE FROM FUND	RESTRICTIONS OR CONDITIONS ON EXPENSES PAYABLE FROM FUND	OTHER REQUIREMENTS OR REPORTS	FISCAL YEARS
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	INSPECTOR, ASST. INSPECTOR	PERMIT FEES & INSPECTIONS OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	WAGES	NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.	80% OF FEE PAID TO THE INSPECTOR, 20% RETAINED BY THE TOWN	FY/2021 & SUBSEQUENT YEARS
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	INSPECTOR, ASST. INSPECTOR	PERMIT FEES & INSPECTIONS OF COMMERCIAL SOLAR PROJECTS	WAGES	50/50	50% OF FEE PAID TO THE INSPECTOR, 50% RETAINED BY THE TOWN	FY/2021 & SUBSEQUENT YEARS
RECYCLING COMMISSION	RECYCLING COMMISSION	FEES COLLECTED FOR HHW ITEMS, BULK WASTE	DISPOSAL OF HHW ITEMS, BULK WASTE	NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500.	NONE	FY/2021 & SUBSEQUENT YEARS
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	INSPECTOR, ASST. INSPECTOR	PERMIT FEES & INSPECTIONS OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR	WAGES	NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000.	NONE	FY/2021 & SUBSEQUENT YEARS
GAS INSPECTOR	INSPECTOR, ASST. INSPECTOR	PERMIT FEES & INSPECTIONS OF GAS INSPECTOR	WAGES	NOT TO EXCEED \$750.	NONE	FY/2021 & SUBSEQUENT YEARS
YOUTH COMMISSION	YOUTH COMMISSION	USER FEES & CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE YOUTH COMMISSION RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF ITS PROGRAMS	TO MEET EXPENSES OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION	NOT TO EXCEED \$500.	NONE	FY/2021 & SUBSEQUENT YEARS

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION	AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION	USER FEES & CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF ITS PROGRAMS	TO MEET EXPENSES OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION	NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.	NONE	FY/2021 & SUBSEQUENT YEARS
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION	PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION	USER FEES & CHARGES COLLECTED BY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF ITS PROGRAMS	TO MEET EXPENSES OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION	NOT TO EXCEED \$500.	NONE	FY/2021 & SUBSEQUENT YEARS
CEMETERY COMMISSION	CEMETERY COMMISSION	FEES & CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE CEMETERY COMMISSION	TO MEET EXPENSES OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION	NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00	NONE	FY/2021 & SUBSEQUENT YEARS
TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE	TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE	RENTAL FEES & CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE	TO MEET JANITORIAL EXPENSES OF THE TOWN HOUSE	NOT TO EXCEED \$500.	NONE	FY/2021 & SUBSEQUENT YEARS
PLANNING BOARD	PLANNING BOARD	SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS/ SITE PLAN REVIEW	TO MEET THE PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES AND PAYROLL RELATED TO PROCESSING APPLICATIONS	NOT TO EXCEED \$3000.	NONE	FY/2021 & SUBSEQUENT YEARS

or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following FY2024 Revolving Fund in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, section 53E ½, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, to be credited with the receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits respectively:

BOARD OF HEALTH	BOARD OF HEALTH	PERMIT FEES AND INSPECTIONS	TO MEET THE BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSES AND PAYROLL RELATED TO PROCESSING APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS	NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.		FY/2024 & SUBSEQUENT YEARS
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or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Health

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve or disapprove the indebtedness authorized by the regional school district School Committee of the Quabbin regional School District to pay costs of replacing the chiller, a component of the HVAC system at the Quabbin Regional Middle/High School, the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Quabbin Regional School District

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Assessors to appoint one of its members to a full-time position under its supervision as allowed by MGL Chapter 268A; section 21A; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Assessors

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Sale of Lots Fund Account to the Cemetery Commission Expense Account for the care, improvement and embellishment or enlargement of Town cemeteries; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Cemetery Commission

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Sale of Lots Fund Account to the Perpetual Care Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Cemetery Commission

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise fund a sum of money for the Reserve Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Committee

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise fund a sum of money to be used in conjunction with, and in addition to, any funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, and/or improvement of town roads, as requested by the Board of Selectmen, in their discretion, to be returned to the Treasury when reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Superintendent of Streets

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from sewer revenues, a sum of money to the Water Pollution Control Facilities Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Gilbertville and Wheelwright Water Pollution Control Facilities and all supporting apparatus; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof a sum of money to pay the necessary Town charges for the Fiscal Year 2024 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof, a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof a sum of money for the Capital Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the date of the Town's Annual Election by amending the Town's general by-laws under Article XXII: Town Meeting; Section 1 by deleting the word "Monday" and substituting in its place the word, "Saturday;" and further by deleting the word "April" and substituting in its place the word, "May;" or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Town Clerk

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the date of the Town's Annual meeting by amending the Town's general by-laws under Article XXII: Town Meeting; Section 2 by deleting the section in its entirety and replacing with the following: "The annual town meeting shall be held on the second Saturday in June at a time and place subject to a warrant called by the Board of Selectmen" or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Town Clerk

Article 20. To see if the Town of will vote to amend the Town's General and Zoning Bylaws to change the name of the Board of Selectmen to the "Select Board," by striking out, in every instance in which they appear in reference to that body, the words "Board of Selectmen" or "Selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the words "Select Board"; and by striking out, in every instance in which they appear in reference to Board members individually, the word "Selectman" and "Selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the words "Select Board Member" or "Select Board Members"; and further to authorize the Town Clerk to make non-substantive, ministerial revisions to ensure that gender and numerical issues in related text is revised to properly reflect such change in title; or take any other action relative thereto

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each of the Post Offices in said Hardwick, seven days at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof and fail not and make do 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 12th day of June, 2023.

H. Robert Ruggles
H. Robert Ruggles, Chair

Kelly Kemp
Kelly Kemp, Vice Chair

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF HARDWICK**

Eric Vollheim
Eric Vollheim, Clerk

This is a true copy attest:

Constable Date: _____

This day I have posted attested copies as directed.

Eric Vollheim Date: 6/12/23
Constable