



**ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**TOWN OF WALPOLE**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Norfolk, ss.

To any constable in the Town of Walpole

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Walpole, qualified to vote in elections in town affairs, to meet in the Auditorium of the **Walpole High School** in said Walpole on the

**FIRST MONDAY IN MAY, IT BEING THE  
FIRST DAY OF SAID MONTH, 2006**

at 7:30 p.m. then and there to see if the Town will vote to amend the By-laws and Zoning By-laws to said Town and act on the on the following articles

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear and act on the report of any committee or to choose any committee the Town may think proper and transact any other business that may legally come before the Town. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendments to the Personnel By-laws as found on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Personnel Board)

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum or sums of money to defray certain salary increases for non-union personnel recommended by the Personnel Board in the salary schedule or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Personnel Board)

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the new salary schedule as recommended by the Personnel Board as found on file in the office of the Town Clerk, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Personnel Board)

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Article V, Section 5-1(B) of the Walpole Charter, to approve the reorganization plan proposed by the Board of Selectmen on file with the Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen to create a Community Development Department that shall coordinate and oversee the daily administrative functions and staff of the Conservation, Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Departments, and to raise and appropriate, borrow, and/or transfer a sum of money to defray salary and/or expense costs for the implementation of this reorganization, or act or do anything in relation thereto. (Petition Of The Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation for elected officials of the Town as provided for by the General Laws, Chapter 41, section 108, for their services for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 and to see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to defray departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the fiscal year

commencing July 1, 2006 not otherwise provided for, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen )

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Water Service Enterprise fund to operate the Town of Walpole Water Service Department or to take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commissioners)

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Sewer Enterprise fund to operate the Town of Walpole Sewer Department or to take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commissioners)

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to borrow and/or transfer from available funds, a supplemental sum or sums of money to the various operating budgets for Fiscal Year 2006 (July 1, 2005 to June 30 2006) and to see what budgets for Fiscal year 2006 will be reduced to offset said appropriations or reduced due to reductions in local aid, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen )

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer a sum or sums of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the stabilization fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, or take any action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen )

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer such sum or sums of money as may be required for payment of unpaid bills of previous years, incurred by the departments, boards and officers of the Town of Walpole, or to take any action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer a sum of money to offset the financial impact of the snow and ice deficit on the current year tax levy, or to take any action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer a sum or sums of money to implement a Capital Improvement Program, to protect, improve, and/or modify the physical infrastructure, including but not limited to municipal buildings, facilities, parking lots, fields and other properties, of the Town of Walpole or to take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer a sum or sums of money as may be required for the purchase of capital equipment, including but not limited to vehicles, machinery, and computer/network systems, for the various departments of the Town of Walpole or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer a sum of sums of money to resurface, repair and /or reconstruct certain streets and/or sidewalks, to make drainage improvements in certain Town roads, and to rebuild certain manholes and catch basins in the Town or to take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 16 :** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer a sum or sums of money as may be required for the lease of equipment for the various departments of the Town of Walpole, or to take any action relative thereto. (Petition or the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer a sum or sums of money as may be required to construct a storage garage at the Public Works facility for water and sewer equipment owned by the Water Department, or to take any action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to accept awarded grants from State, Federal, private, and/or non-profit Agencies and to expend said funds without further appropriation and to raise and appropriate, borrow, and/or transfer a sum of money for required matches to such grants or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of the following revolving funds pursuant to G.L. c.44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits, respectively:

| <b>FUND</b>                        | <b>REVENUE SOURCE</b>  | <b>AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS</b> | <b>USE OF FUND</b>   | <b>SPENDING LIMIT</b> | <b>RESTRICTIONS COMMENTS</b> |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Early Childhood Ed. Program        | Tuition Payments   | School Committee                | Expenses & Salaries for Early Childhood Program  | \$105,000             | None                         |
| Student Transportation             | Bus Fees   | School Committee                | Expenses related to student transportation   | \$309,000             | None                         |
| Library Services                   | Receipts from copiers, the computer center, lost materials and instructional classes | Library Trustees                | Support of copiers, computer center services and instructional classes   | \$35,000              | None                         |
| Senior Citizen Health Services     | Medicare reimbursement of flu and pneumococcal vaccines                              | Council On Aging                | Senior Citizen Health Related Expenses   | \$20,000              | None                         |
| Compost Bins                       | Sale of Bins   | Board of Health                 | Purchase of Compost Bins   | \$10,000              | None                         |
| Recreation                         | Receipts from recreational programs  | Recreation Committee            | Recreational Programs & Services, including salaries & expenses.   | \$360,000             | None                         |
| Fire Alarm Maintenance             | Fire Alarm Master Box Charges  | Fire Department                 | Maintenance of Town Fire Alarm System, including salaries & expenses.  | 20,000                | None                         |
| Engineering Services & Inspections | Inspection Fees  | Planning Board                  | Inspections Of roadways, drains, utilities, & related construction of site plans, subdivisions & roads, including salaries & expenses. | 100,000               | None                         |

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of **\$39,000** to the Walpole Public Schools Budget as money received from parking fees, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the School Committee)

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, amending Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986; for those who qualified under Chapter 59, Section 5; additional real estate tax exemption of 50% of exemptions for which said taxpayer qualify under the provisions as set forth therein for FY2007, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of Board of Assessors)

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town of Walpole, will, in accordance with G.L. c. 40, Section 4A, authorize the Board of health to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an InterMunicipal Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units, take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Health)

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners to enter into an intermunicipal or such other agreements as deemed appropriate among the Town of Walpole, Town of Foxboro, Demetrios Panagopoulos and Nicholas Panagopoulos, Trustees of D&N Realty Trust, Funway Café' and Christina's its successors and assigns, as may be applicable, for the purpose of furnishing Walpole sewer to these establishments said contracts to extend beyond three years, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to abandon an existing 20' Wide Utility Easement as shown on a plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land in Walpole, MA dated April 5, 1988, revised April 22, 1988 by R.F. Merrikin Associates, Consulting Engineers recorded as Norfolk Registry of Deeds Plan No. 197 of 1989 in Book 8249, Page 703 and to accept a new 25' Wide Utility Easement running along the easterly bound of Lot 5, a 30' Wide Utility Easement and 25' Wide Utility Easement running along the northerly bounds of Lot 5 and 15' Wide Utility Easement running along the portion of the northwesterly bound of Lot 5 all as shown on a plan entitled Relocation Easement Plan of Land drawn by Merrikin Engineering Co., Consulting Engineers, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commission)

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners to enter into an intermunicipal or such other agreement as deemed appropriate among the Town of Walpole, Town of Sharon, and Herb Chambers of Chicopee, Inc., its successors and assigns, as may be applicable, for the purpose of furnishing water and sewer to the property upon which a car dealership is to be constructed thereon, said contracts to extend beyond three years, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commission)

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer a sum of money to repair and/or rehabilitate various sewer lines as well as remove inflow and infiltration and/or apply for any MWRA grant/loans specifically for this purpose and to enter into any agreements in connection with such grant/loans, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commission)

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, upon such terms as said Board deems appropriate, to enter into an agreement with the Youth Soccer Association for the purpose of leasing one (1) Parcel on Mylod Street shown on the Assessors Maps as Map number 19 Parcel 38 to the Youth Soccer Association for consideration of one dollar (\$1.00) annually for a period of twenty (20) years, to be used for recreational purposes, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to accept an awarded grant from the Federal Government totaling four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the purpose of making improvements to Town owned fields, and to further appropriate said funds for the purpose of making improvements to and/or at Turco Field at Walpole High School including the purchase of supplies and equipment as needed, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any agreement which may include restrictions on the future use of the Turco Field property, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for architectural design and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new public safety facility; including the cost of a

project manager and other related costs; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer a sum or sums of money as may be required for payment of a project manager for the new public safety facility, or to take any action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer a sum of money for roof improvements to the Department of Public Works Garage or to take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer a sum of money for facility improvements to the Walpole Town Hall or to take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the technical services of a consultant, appraisal firm, and/or hiring temporary personnel, along with related expenses to assist the Board of Assessors in the implementation of the State mandated Assessment Certification Program, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Assessors)

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with Section 1 of Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005, amending Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, to set the rate of interest for elderly deferred tax accounts held by the Treasurer at (4%) per annum beginning with FY2007 or act on anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Assessors)

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or gift for general municipal purposes or eminent domain a certain parcel of land containing 3.0791 AC. Being a portion of Assessors Parcel Map 5, Lot 26 and shown as Parcel 7 on a Plan of Land drawn by Glossa Engineering Inc, 46 East Street, East Walpole, MA. Dated March 4, 2005 and last revised July 14, 2005 recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 547, Plan 83.

Also, to see if the Town of Walpole will vote to accept as a gift or take by eminent domain two approximately 20 foot wide walking path and trail easements, 15,322 s.f. and 8,066 s.f. as shown on the same plan, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-laws, Sections 4-D, Buffer Zone, subsections (1), (2), and (9), by: deleting the term "Board of Appeals" where it occurs and replace said terms with the term "Planning Board"

or to take any action in relation thereto.(Petition of the Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-laws, Section 9-I Subdivision Phasing, subsection (1) by deleting the sentence "This section of the Zoning By-Law shall be considered together with the Master Plan Update of 1985; the Water Master Plan of 1989; the Open Space Plan of 1987; the 201 Facilities Plan of 1981; and Metro Plan 2000 prepared by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council in order to: ..." and replacing it with "This section of the Zoning By-Law shall be considered together with the Master Plan; the Water Master Plan; the Open Space Plan; the 201 Facilities Plan; and Metro Plan prepared by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, as all may be amended from time to time, in order to: ..." and by further amending Section 9-I, Subdivision Phasing, subsection (3) by deleting the sentence: "This section of the Zoning By-Law shall be in effect until December 31, 2005, at which time it shall automatically cease to be effective, unless otherwise extended for a longer period of time in accordance with applicable provisions of Massachusetts law." and replacing it with "This section of the Zoning By-Law shall be in effect until December 31, 2010, at which time it shall automatically cease to be effective, unless otherwise extended for a longer period of time in accordance with applicable provisions of Massachusetts law." or to take any action in relation thereto.(Petition of the Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-laws by deleting Section 9-J, Growth Management By-Law.

or to take any action in relation thereto.(Petition of the Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 38 :** To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 1 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003, as amended by Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2005, providing for payment of the base salaries of employees in the military service called to active duty after September 11, 2001, after deduction of the military service allowance they received from the United States, excluding certain additional compensation and benefits, or take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 39:** To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 54, added by Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000, and to establish a minimum fair cash value requirement of \$1,000 for personal property accounts to be taxed effective the fiscal year beginning July first, Two Thousand and Six (7/1/06); or take any action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XVI Junk Dealers and Collectors, Section 1 of the Town of Walpole By-Laws by adding the following after the word “fencing” at the end of the paragraph.

“the adequacy and design of which shall be subject to review by the Planning Board”, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least two public places in each precinct in said Town not less than fourteen days before the day appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the day set for said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this Twenty first day of February in the year two thousand and six.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Walpole qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the time and place for the purpose mentioned in said warrant by posting attested copies thereof in at least two public places in each precinct of said town not less than seven days before the day appointed for said meeting.

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Constable of Walpole

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Date Posted

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