

2017
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 **Johnson Middle School, 111 Robbins Road** in said Walpole on the

FIRST MONDAY IN MAY, IT BEING THE
FIRST DAY OF SAID MONTH, 2017

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 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 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a supplemental sum or sums of money to the various departmental operating budgets for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017), and to see what departmental budgets for Fiscal Year 2017 may be reduced to offset said appropriations or reduced due to any reductions in funding, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4: 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, 2017 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, 2017 not otherwise provided for, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5: 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 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commissioners)

ARTICLE 6: 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 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commissioners)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve the monetary items in an agreement between the Town of Walpole and the Massachusetts Coalition of Police (IUPA, AFLCIO) Local 115 Walpole and to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum or sums of money to defray the cost of said agreement for the period of July 1, 2017 through a term to be determined, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to approve the monetary items in an agreement between the Town of Walpole and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, State Council 93, Local 1957 Department of Public Works Employees and to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money to defray the costs of said agreement for the period July 1, 2017 through a term to be determined, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to approve the monetary items in an agreement between the Town of Walpole and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, State Council 93, Local 1957 Town Hall Clerical Union and to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money to defray the costs of said agreement for the period July 1, 2017 through a term to be determined, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to approve the monetary items in an agreement between the Town of Walpole and the Walpole Permanent Firefighters Association and to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum or sums of money to defray the cost of said agreement for the period of July 1, 2017 through a term to be determined, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to approve the monetary items in an agreement between the Town of Walpole and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, State Council 93, Local 1957 Library Employees and to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money to defray the costs of said agreement for the period July 1, 2017 through a term to be determined, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds 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 do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to offset the financial impact of the snow and ice deficit on the current year tax levy, or do or act anything 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 professional and other contractual services associated with the design, permitting and rehabilitation of the .5 MG steel water storage tank located in the Old Post Road pressure zone, including all incidental and related costs, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commission)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money as may be required for the design, permitting and construction of water mains, including all incidental and related costs, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commission)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money as may be required for legal and professional services to conduct a pilot treatment study for the removal of 1,4 dioxane from the Town's water supply, including all incidental and related costs, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commission)

ARTICLE 17 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds 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 do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds 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, and, as appropriate, the equipping thereof, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds a sum or 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, including all incidental and related costs, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the improvements to various streets and/or sidewalks within the Town, consisting of the construction, reconstruction or resurfacing of public ways or the extension or widening thereof, including land damages and the cost of concrete, macadam or other pavement or road material of similar lasting character and sidewalks constructed or reconstructed in connection with such improvements or independently, including all incidental and related costs; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to pay costs of architectural design and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Vehicle Maintenance Garage, along with any and all work and costs incidental and related thereto, including costs of project management and other incidental and related costs, as well as demolition of any existing building or structure and other necessary site improvements; to authorize use of the construction management at risk delivery method pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.149A, §§1-13; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or any combination of the foregoing; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend all funds received as gifts or state or federal grants associated with the project, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendments to the Personnel By-laws as recommended by the Personnel board as found on file in the office of the Town Clerk.(Petition of the Personnel Board)

ARTICLE 23: 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 from available funds a sum of money for required matches to such grants, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, as most recently amended, to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows:

Revolving Funds

There are hereby established in the Town of Walpole pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, the following Revolving Funds:

FUND	DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS TO BE CREDITED TO FUND	ENTITY AUTHORIZED TO SPEND FUND	PURPOSE/USE OF FUND
Council on Aging Programs	User Fees	Council on Aging	COA Programs and Services
Library Services	Receipts from copiers, the computer center, lost materials and instructional classes	Library Trustees	Support of copiers, computer center services and instructional classes
Senior Citizen Health Services	Medicare reimbursement of flu and pneumococcal	Council On Aging	Senior Citizen Health Related Expenses

	vaccines		
Compost Bins	Sale of Bins	Board of Health	Purchase of Compost Bins
Recreation	Receipts from recreational programs	Recreation Committee	Recreational Programs & Services, including salaries & expenses.
Fire Alarm Maintenance	Fire Alarm Master Box Charges	Fire Department	Maintenance of Town Fire Alarm System, including salaries & expenses.
Engineering Services & Inspections	Inspection Fees	Planning Board	Inspections Of roadways, drains, utilities, & related construction of site plans, subdivisions & roads, including salaries & expenses.
Turco Field Maintenance & Turf Replacement Fund	User Fees & Gifts	Parks Department	Turf replacement and Field maintenance, repairs, equipment and supplies including salaries and expenses
Turner Pond Fund	Fees, donations, sale of goods	Pond Management Com & Conservation Com	Upkeep, repairs, maintenance & utilities and services for Turner Pond & Turner Pond Lodge

Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c.44, §53E½.

And, further, to set annual spending limits for such revolving funds as follows:

FUND	SPENDING LIMIT
Council on Aging Programs	\$100,000
Library Services	\$35,000
Senior Citizen Health Services	\$20,000
Compost Bins	\$10,000
Recreation	\$700,000
Fire Alarm Maintenance	\$20,000
Engineering Services & Inspections	\$100,000
Turco Field Maintenance & Turf Replacement Fund	\$508,584
Turner Pond Fund	\$45,000

or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund authorized by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾ a sum of money as a grant to the Walpole Media Corporation to operate the Walpole Cable Access and PEG Channels. or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to accept Hancock Court from its beginning at STA 0+00 to its end at STA 6+70.66+/-, including any easements and utilities appurtenance there to., Or to act or do anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to accept Arlington Lane from its beginning at STA 0+00 to its end at STA 11+53.72+/-, including any easements and utilities appurtenance there to., Or to act or do anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to accept Evergreen Lane from its beginning at STA 0+00 to its end at STA 2+70.97+/-, including any easements and utilities appurtenance there to., Or to act or do anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, the access easements and other rights granted to the Town pursuant to the Covenant recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 26419, Page 445, encumbering the parcels of land shown as “Parcel A”, “Lot 2,” “Lot 3”, and “Lot 4” on a plan entitled “Definite Subdivision Plan Lot Layout Commerford’s Corner Summer Street,” recorded with said Deeds in Plan Book 591, Page 9, and to amend said Covenant as said Board may deem appropriate; or take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, an easement for public way purposes, including, without limitation, for traffic sight line purposes, in, on and under portions of the parcels of land shown as “Lot 1”, “Lot 2”, and Lot 4” on a plan of land entitled “Definitive Subdivision Plan Lot Layout Commerford’s Corner Summer Street” and recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 591, Page 9, as set forth more particularly in the Traffic Signal Easement recorded with said Deeds in Book 26419, Page 409; or take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw, Section 6-C. Special Conditions 4. Number of Buildings per Lot A. Residential, by deleting the strikethrough text and adding the bold text as follows:

Except where specifically provided elsewhere, in all residential zoning districts not more than one (1) principal building constructed as a dwelling or so used shall be located on each lot. However, in **the** General Residence Districts, the Board of Appeals may by Special Permit allow more than one (1) principal building on a lot where the applicant has also shown that the design and placement of the

buildings will be in harmony with the general character of the neighborhood streetscape, driveways, building placement, setbacks, volume and spacing.

Each dwelling shall conform to the minimum dimensional requirements for the General Residence District noted in Table 6-B.1. Table of Dimensional Regulations and shall be connected to public sewer.

Applications for this Special Permit shall provide the information specified in Section 2 of the Zoning Bylaw and if applicable, all information required for Site Plan Review as specified in Section 13 of the Zoning Bylaw and said projects shall be subject to all other applicable provisions of the Zoning Bylaw, as determined by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Or to act or do anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Planning Board).

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue and abandon all right, title and interest in and to the "10' WIDE WALKING EASEMENT" acquired by the Town by Conveyance of Passive/Pedestrian Easement dated February 27, 2002 and recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 16517, Page 539, which easement is shown on a plan entitled, "Common Driveway Easement Plan for 'Granite Estates' a Portion of A.P. 23, Lots 21 & 23, Subdivision Lots 3 & 4, Timberline Drive, Walpole, Massachusetts," Scale 1" = 60', dated 12/10/01, Owner/Applicant: Brideko Homes By: Commonwealth Engineers & Consultants, Inc., 400 Smith St., Providence, Rhode Island 02908, which plan is recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 494, Plan No. 196, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign all necessary deeds, or other documents, necessary to record such discontinuance and abandonment with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. Or take any action relative thereto. (Petition of Christopher P. Hummel et al.)

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 seven 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 ____ day of _____ in the year two thousand and Seventeen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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.

Constable

Date Posted