



**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
FIFTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, 2014**

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 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 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or 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 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds, a supplemental sum or sums of money to the various operating budgets for Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014), and to see what budgets for Fiscal year 2014 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 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, 2014 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, 2014 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 raise and 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 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum or sums of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the fund known as the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB) as authorized by Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, 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, 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 12 : 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 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer 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 or to take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 14 : 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; 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 15: 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 design, permitting and construction of a new water storage tank in the Old Post Road pressure zone. or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commission)

ARTICLE 16: 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 17: 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, 2014 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:

FUND	REVENUE SOURCE	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS	USE OF FUND	SPENDING LIMIT	RESTRICTIONS And/or Comments
Council on Aging Programs	User Fees	Council on Aging	COA Programs and Services	\$100,000	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	Recreation	Recreational Programs &	\$448,000	None

	recreational programs	Committee	Services, including salaries & expenses.		
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
Turco Field Maintenance & Turf Replacement Fund	User Fees & Gifts	Parks Department	Turf replacement and Field maintenance, repairs, equipment and supplies including salaries and expenses	\$508,584	None
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	\$45, 000	None

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

ARTICLE 18: 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 FY2015, or take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Assessors)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$36,500 for technical services of a consultant, appraisal firm, and/or hiring temporary personnel, along with related expenses to assist the Board of Assessors in meeting the certification standards by the Department of Revenue for the valuation of Business Personal Property, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Assessors)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5N, enabling the Board of Selectmen to establish a program allowing Veterans to provide services to the town in exchange for a reduction in real estate tax obligations on their tax bill of such volunteer, in accordance with the provisions and limitations of said section 5N, said program be available no sooner then fiscal year 2015, or take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 21: 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, 2014 through a term to be determined, 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 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, 2014 through a term to be determined, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 23: 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, 2014 through a term to be determined, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 24: 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, 2014 through a term to be determined, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 25: 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, 2014 through a term to be determined, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a Home Rule petition with the General Court for special legislation to expand the Town's quota for liquor licenses as set forth in the proposed petition below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the public purposes of the petition.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Walpole may grant one (1) additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of General Laws chapter 138, and one (1) additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to Section 12 of General Laws chapter 138, both of which will be located at the shopping plaza known as Walpole Place, 555 Providence Highway, Walpole, Massachusetts, upon approval of and under conditions set by the licensing authority of the Town. The license shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the licenses issued pursuant to this act to any other location, but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location; provided, however, that the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue indicating that the license is in good standing with the department and that all applicable taxes have been paid.

If any license granted pursuant to this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority which may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location and under the same conditions as specified in this act. (Petition of Donnell Murphy et al.)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, any and/or all of the parcels of land located on South Street and Common Street, which parcels are identified more particularly on Assessors Map 33 as Lots 120, 121, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, and 137 and on Assessors Map 41 as Lot 53, for general municipal purposes, and any and/or all of the parcels of land shown on Map 33 as Lots 123 and 174, for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conveyance and/or lease, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey or lease (which lease may be for a term of ninety-nine years or more) any and/or all of the parcels of land shown on Map 33 as Lots 123 and 174 or any portions thereof on such terms and conditions as the Board may deem in the best interest of the Town, and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant such easements and/or restrictions on all of the foregoing 11 parcels or portions thereof as may be required by the Department of Environmental Protection and/or the Environmental Protection Agency; or to take any action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way the roadway known as Deerfield Drive, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Lincoln Farm Estates Plan of Land in Walpole, Mass.," dated February 27, 1984, prepared by Norwood Engineering Co., Inc., recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 311, Page 632, and on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on behalf of the Town by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement to use Deerfield Drive for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Walpole, and drainage, utility, access, and/or other easements related thereto; and further to appropriate a sum of money for the foregoing acquisition and any and all costs related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on behalf of the Town by gift, purchase or otherwise permanent and/or temporary rights and easements, for public way purposes, including, without limitation, for traffic control purposes in, on, and under the parcels of land now or formerly owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shown on a plan entitled "EASEMENT PLAN (concept) HIGH PLAIN STREET (ROUTE 27) WALPOLE, MA," dated 11/30/12, and on a plan entitled "WALPOLE ROUTE 27 (HIGH PLAIN STREET) AT WALMART SITE DRIVE PRELIMINARY RIGHT OF WAY PROPERTY PLAN SHEET 1 OF 1", Scale 1"= 40' and on a plan entitled "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Plan of Road in the Town of Walpole Norfolk County Altered and Laid Out as a State Highway by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division" prepared by McMahon Associates, 300 Myles Standish Boulevard, Suite 201, Taunton, MA 02780, as stamped by PLS A. John Lloyd on January 29, 2014, and a plan entitled "Walpole Wal-Mart Route 27 (High Plain Street) prepared by McMahon Associates, 300 Myles Standish Boulevard, Suite 201, Taunton, MA 02780, dated March 5, 2013, as stamped by PLS A. John Lloyd, showing Parcel 1-1 containing about 3,827 s.f. ± of land to be included within the altered layout and further showing Parcel TE-1 containing about 1,301 s.f. ± being a temporary easement, which plans are on file with the Town Clerk, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money for the foregoing acquisition and costs related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote, under G.L. c.82, §23 to accept the alteration by the Board of Selectmen of the existing layout of High Plain Street, a public way in the Town of Walpole, as shown on a plan entitled "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Plan of Road in the Town of Walpole Norfolk County Altered and Laid Out as a State Highway by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division" prepared by McMahon Associates, 300 Myles Standish Boulevard, Suite 201, Taunton, MA 02780, as stamped by PLS A. John Lloyd on January 29, 2014, and a plan entitled "Walpole Wal-Mart Route 27 (High Plain Street) prepared by McMahon Associates, 300 Myles Standish Boulevard, Suite 201, Taunton, MA 02780, dated March 5, 2013, as stamped by PLS A. John Lloyd, showing Parcel 1-1 containing about 3,827 s.f. ± of land to be included within the altered layout and further showing Parcel TE-1 containing about 1,301 s.f. ± being a temporary easement (which plans are on file with the Town Clerk's Office), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any right, title and interest in the said 3,827 s.f. ± parcel of land, including the fee, as necessary to perfect alteration of said altered layout as a public way, whether by a gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise for use for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Walpole, and to acquire a temporary easement for access and construction purposes in the said 1,301 s.f. ± parcel of land, together with any related drainage, slope or utility easements, or take any action relative thereto.(Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on behalf of the Town by gift, purchase or otherwise a perpetual right and easement, for traffic control purposes in, on, and under the parcel of land now or formerly owned by Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust, as shown on a plan entitled "WALPOLE ROUTE 27 (HIGH PLAIN STREET) AT WALMART SITE DRIVE PRELIMINARY RIGHT OF WAY PROPERTY PLAN SHEET 1 OF 1", Scale 1"= 40, which plans are on file with the Town Clerk, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money for the foregoing

acquisition and costs related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to accept Hummingbird Lane from its beginning at STA 0+00 +/- to its end at STA 7 + 57.05 +/- including any easements and utilities appurtenant thereto, and to appropriate the sum of \$379.00 for recording of documents at the Registry of Deeds or act or do anything 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 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 fourteen.

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