

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
FOURTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, 2009**

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 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 4: 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 5: 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 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30 2009) and to see what budgets for Fiscal year 2009 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 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, 2009 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, 2009 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 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, 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 11: 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 12: 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 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the improvements to various streets 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; 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 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for improvements to the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing, by transferring unexpended proceeds of prior Town borrowings, 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 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 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, 2009 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 /COMMENTS
Early Childhood Education	Tuition Payments	School Committee	Expenses & Salaries for Early Childhood Program	\$79,000	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.	\$448,000	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
Turco Field Maintenance Fund	User Fees	Public Works & Recreation	Field maintenance, repairs, equipment and supplies including salaries and expenses	\$50,000	None

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

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to charge for each written demand issued by the collector a fee of \$10.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 15, effective as of July 1, 2009.(Petition of Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 19: 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 FY2010. or take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Assessors)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money for 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 action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Assessors)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to increase the gross receipts that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under G.L. c. 59 5, Clause 41A from \$40,000 to 100% of the amount established annually by the Commissioner of Revenue as the income limit for single seniors who are not heads of households to qualify for “circuit breaker” state income tax credit for the preceding state tax year, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2009. (Petition of Council on Aging)

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 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, 2008 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 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, 2008 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 appropriate a sum of money for architectural design and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new public library facility, including the cost of a project manager and other related costs; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; to determine whether this appropriation shall be expressly conditioned upon the Town voting no later than authorized by the provisions of G.L. c.59, Section 21C, to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for any bonds issued in order to meet said appropriation; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Library Trustees)

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 nine.

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

Updated 2/9/09 per D. Johnson recommendation
Updated 2/10/09 per Town Counsel (Article 23 only)
Updated 2/12/09 per C. Stillman (remove article)
Updated 2/13/09 per Town Counsels Review
Updated 2/23/09 per Town Counsels Review
Updated 3/16/09 removal of zoning articles