

2015
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, 2015**

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 recommended by the Personnel board as found on file in the office of the Town Clerk. (Petition of the Personnel Board)

ARTICLE 3: 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 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum or sums of money to defray cost to any changes, if any, to the Personnel By-laws. (Petition of the Personnel Board)

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 2015 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015), and to see what budgets for Fiscal year 2015 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, 2015 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, 2015 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, 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 11 : 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 12 : 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 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 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 16 : 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 17: 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 18 : 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, 2015 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	Library Trustees	Support of copiers, computer center services and instructional classes	\$35,000	None

	classes				
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 & 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)

ARTICLE19 : To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5C ½, granting additional real estate tax

exemptions in the amount of 50% for those who qualified under Chapter 59, Section 5, beginning FY2016 or take action in relation 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 accept M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54, added by Chapter 159, Section 114, of the Acts of 2000, and to establish a minimum fair cash value requirement of \$10,000 for personal property accounts to be taxed effective the fiscal year 2016, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Assessors)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to accept Proposed Sight Distance Easement A and proposed Sight Distance Easement B, both as shown on a plan entitled Easement Plan Oakwood Estates, A Residential Subdivision Plan of land in Walpole, MA, dated August 28, 2007, and recorded with Norfolk Registry of Deeds as Plan no. 68 in Plan Book 576. The Easement is recorded at Norfolk Deeds, book 27341, page 516, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$76 for recording of documents at the registry of Deeds, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to accept Legacy Lane from it beginning at STA 0+00 to its end at STA 2+39.94 +/-, including any easements and utilities appurtenance thereto, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$376 dollars for recording of documents at the registry of Deeds, or take any action 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 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 25: To rescind the vote of the 1929 Annual Town Meeting under Article 33 by which the Town accepted the provisions of Section 37 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, thereby applying civil service laws, rules and regulations to all members of the regular or permanent police force of the Town of Walpole, so that members of the regular or permanent police force of the Town of Walpole shall no longer be subject to the provisions of civil service laws, presently found in Chapter 31 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and civil service rules and regulations; provided that such revocation shall not affect any contractual or civil service rights which have come into existence between the Town and any employee of the Walpole Police Department as a result of the original acceptance of Section 37 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$9,000,000 or any other amount, to pay costs of architectural design and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Police, along with any and all work associated with and appurtenant thereto, including the cost of a project manager and other related costs; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or any combination of the foregoing; 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 to take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 27 : To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$900,000 or any other amount, to pay costs of architectural design for a new Fire Station, along with any and all work associated with and appurtenant thereto, including the cost of a project manager and other related costs; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or any combination of the foregoing; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend all funds received as gifts or state or federal grants associated with the project; or to take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 28 : To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$410,000 or any other amount, to pay costs of architectural design for a new Council on Aging, along with any and all work associated with and appurtenant thereto, including the cost of a project manager and other related costs; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or any combination of the foregoing; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend all funds received as gifts or state or federal grants associated with the project; or to take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 29 : To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53F³/₄ (inserted by c.352 of the Acts of 2014) for the purpose of establishing a separate revenue account (a receipts reserved for appropriation account) to be known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, into which shall be deposited cable television license proceeds, which funds may be appropriated by Town Meeting for cable-related purposes in accordance with law, including, but not limited to: (1) support of public, educational, or governmental (PEG) access cable television services; (2) monitoring compliance of the cable operator with the cable television license(s); or (3) preparing for the renewal of the cable license(s); and to transfer from said fund or from previously received cable television license proceeds or otherwise fund a sum of money as a grant for PEG purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a grant agreement for the expenditure of such funds for cable-related purposes in accordance with law; or to take any other action relative 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 fifteen.

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

***Waiting for Town Counsel Review