

**FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2021**  
**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 at the Walpole High School located at 275 Common Street in said Walpole on:

**THE FOURTH SATURDAY IN OCTOBER, IT BEING THE  
TWEENTY THIRD DAY OF SAID MONTH, 2021**

at 10:00 a.m. then and there to see if the Town will vote to amend the By-laws and Zoning By-laws and act 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 Select Board)

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer to and/or from FY 2021 accounts appropriated at the 2021 Spring Annual Town Meeting, and/or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to defray departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the fiscal year 2022 commencing July 1, 2021. Or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money 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 do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money for the purpose of supplementing the Stabilization Fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws. Or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to confirm the Town's vote in 1968 to create a special purpose "capital" stabilization fund, and, to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money for the purpose of supplementing the Capital Stabilization Fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws. Or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 6:** 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 Select Board)

**ARTICLE 7:** 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 and/or lease purchase of capital equipment, including but not limited to vehicles, machinery, and computer/network systems, for the various departments of the Town of Walpole, including all incidental and related expenses, and, as

appropriate, the equipping thereof, and to authorize lease purchase agreements in excess of three years in connection therewith. Or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 8:** 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 parking lots 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 expenses. Or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purchasing of equipment for and making improvements to various streets, parking lots 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, including all incidental or related costs; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise. Or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer a sum of money to purchase equipment and repair and/or rehabilitate the Town's water system, including all incidental and related expenses; and to authorize the Sewer and Water Commission and/or Board of Selectmen, as may be appropriate. Or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commission)

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer a sum of money to purchase equipment and repair and/or rehabilitate various sewer lines as well as remove inflow and infiltration if necessary, including all incidental and related expenses; and to authorize the Sewer and Water Commission and/or Select Board, as may be appropriate, to apply for, accept and expend, in accordance with G.L. c.44, §53A, any MWRA grant/loans specifically for this purpose, or other grants/loans that may be available through any other federal or state grant or loan programs, 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 12:** 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 make water system and /or pipeline improvements at various locations throughout the Town, including all incidental or related expenses. Or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commission)

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum or sums of money to supplement the FY' 2022 School Budget in amounts equivalent to the following:

- Funds collected from Medicaid Reimbursements;
- Funds paid into the General Fund for student parking;

Or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the School Committee)

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Middle School Building Committee for constructing and furnishing a new grades 6-8 combined Middle School to be located at 625 Washington Street, Walpole, MA, the same parcel of land as the current Bird School, including demolition, site preparation and the payment of all other costs incidental or related thereto, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"); said amount to be expended under the direction of the Middle School Building Committee and further to authorize the Middle School Building Committee to execute all documents and agreements necessary to effectuate the purpose of this vote; the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-two and twenty two hundredths of a percent (52.22%) of eligible approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder

shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by G.L. 59, §21C (Proposition 2½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA; provided, further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed by a like amount, or take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the School Committee)

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following roads as public ways, listed from A through B, which ways may be voted together, separately, or in any combination, provided, however, that the approval of any or all such ways as public ways shall be treated as if each item were voted as a separate article:

A. Emerald Way from its beginning at STA 0+00+/- to STA 8+76.73 +/-

B. Olmsted Lane from its beginning at STA 0+00+/- to its end at STA 4+36 +/-

and, for each, including any easements and utilities appurtenant thereto, and to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise an easement in said streets for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Walpole, and any associated drainage, utility, access or other easements, and further to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the foregoing acquisitions and all incidental and related costs. Or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Select Board)

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to move land owned by the Town of Walpole with an address of 2400 Main Street and identified by the Assessors as Map 55, Block 99, Lot 1, consisting of 63.73 acres, plus or minus, from R (Rural District) to PSRC (Park, School, Recreation, and Conservation District), and to update the Zoning Map accordingly or do anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Planning Board)

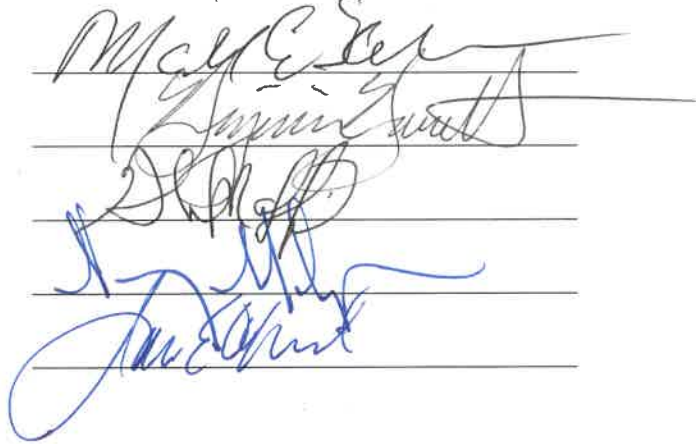
**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court to authorize the Board of Selectmen [sic] to grant one (1) additional Wine and Malt Package Store License in the East Walpole Center Parking Relief Overlay District. (Petition of Thomas F. Curran Jr.)

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.


Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this **14** day of **SEPTEMBER** in the year two thousand and twenty one.

**SELECT BOARD**

  
The Select Board members' signatures are written in black and blue ink over five horizontal lines. The signatures are: 1. M. E. [unclear] in black ink; 2. [unclear] in black ink; 3. [unclear] in black ink; 4. [unclear] in blue ink; 5. [unclear] in blue ink.

A true copy:

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.

  
A handwritten signature in black ink is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text "Constable of Walpole" is printed.

9-20-2021  
Date Posted