

FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2022

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 THIRD MONDAY IN OCTOBER, IT BEING THE
SEVENTEENTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, 2022**

at 7:30 p.m. then and there to see if the Town will vote to amend the By-laws and Zoning By-laws of said Town 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 2023 accounts appropriated at the 2022 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 2023 commencing July 1, 2022. 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 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 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 Select Board, as may be appropriate. Or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commission)

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 or make improvements at various locations to the Town’s sewer system, including all incidental and related expenses; and to authorize the Sewer and Water Commission and/or Select Board, 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 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 12: 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 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum or sums of money to supplement the FY 2023 School Budget in amounts equivalent to the following:

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

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

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, to amend Section 187-2(B) of the Town of Walpole General Bylaws to make the following changes to the various Revolving Funds established under Section 187-1, with text to be inserted shown in bold and text to be deleted shown in strikethrough, and with such increased expenditure limit to remain applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year until further amended:

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
Synthetic Field Maintenance & Turf Replacement Fund	\$508,584 \$1,500,000
Turner Pond Fund	\$45, 000
<i>Net Metering Fund</i>	\$1,300,000

Veterans Agreement Fund	\$50,000
Vehicles and equipment	\$200,000
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station	\$50,000
Adams Farm Fees	\$20,000

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

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following changes to the Town of Walpole's General Bylaws:

1. Chapter 22 – Building Maintenance Advisory Committee - delete entire Chapter
2. Chapter 88-2 – Revise section to read as follows:

§ 88-2 Election of officers.

The Finance Committee shall, at its first regularly scheduled meeting following the annual Town election, elect from its membership a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary and shall keep a true record of its proceedings. If such elections are not made promptly by the Committee itself, the Moderator shall cause a meeting of said board to be held for the purpose of conducting said elections.

3. Chapter 125-1 – Revise section to read as follows:

§ 125-1 Open sessions of meetings of multimember boards to be available for broadcast by cable television.

All elected and appointed boards within the Town shall make open sessions of their meetings available for recording and broadcast by cable television, subject to availability of the cable provider and of the space needed in a Town building for such purposes, and subject to the reasonable requirements of the board chair as to the number, placement and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. At the beginning of each meeting, the chair shall inform attendees of any such recordings and/or broadcast.

4. Chapter 177 -1 Revise section to add reference to section 18-25

§ 177-1 Records.

[Amended 10-21-2019 FATM, Art. 20]

All boards, standing committees and officers of the Town shall cause records of their doings and accounts to be kept in suitable books in compliance with MGL c. 30A, §§18-25 and associated regulations. Said books shall be kept in their respective places in the Town offices and shall not be removed therefrom. Said record books shall be open to the inspection of citizens of the Town at any reasonable time, but shall remain during such inspection under the supervision of the board, committee or officer designated to keep charge thereof. In the case of any board or committee that does not have a paid clerk or secretary, the Town Clerk, pursuant to MGL c. 66, § 7, shall have custody of copies of their respective records made available for public inspection. The Select Board shall enforce this section.

5. Chapter 182 -2 & 3 Revise sections to read as follows:

§ 182-2 Powers and duties.

The Recreation Committee shall have full responsibility for and full charge of all recreation activities sponsored by the Town of Walpole, excluding only those under the jurisdiction of the School Department. The Committee shall have superintendence over all recreational plans to be sponsored, both short term and long range and they shall make a report of their activities in the Annual Town Report.

§ 182-3 Recreation Director.

The Recreation Director, shall be appointed by the Town Administrator and shall work in collaboration with the Recreation Committee.

6. Chapter 219 – 1 Edit section to read as follows:

§ 219-1 Publication and posting of Warrant.

[Amended 10-21-2019 FATM, Art. 20]

The Select Board members shall give notice of Town Meeting, except adjourned Town Meetings, by publication in a locally distributed newspaper and by posting attested copies of the warrant calling the same at the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Library not less than seven days before the day appointed for an Annual Town Meeting and not less than 14 days before any Special Town Meeting. The warrant for an annual or a special town meeting shall also be posted forthwith after execution on the Town's website, and may be posted in any additional locations at the request of the Select Board, provided, however, that the postings described in this sentence shall be deemed to be "unofficial" and shall not affect the validity of the notice for calling Town Meeting under the preceding sentence.

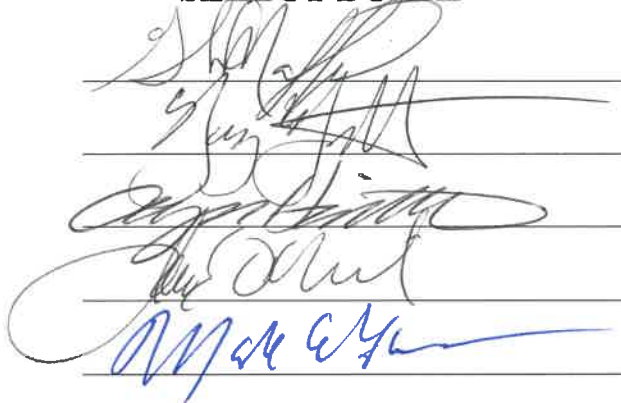
Or take any action in relation thereto (Petition of the Bylaw Review Committee)

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 23 day of AUGUST in the year two thousand and twenty two.

SELECT BOARD



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.



Constable of Walpole

9/13/22
Date Posted