

FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT 2018
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 located at 275 Common Street in said Walpole on:

**THE THIRD MONDAY IN OCTOBER, IT BEING THE
FIFTEENTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, 2018**

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 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 raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer to and/or from FY 2019 accounts appropriated at the 2018 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 2019 commencing July 1, 2018. Or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3: 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 pay costs of architectural design and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing of new playing fields in the Town of Walpole, along with any and all work associated with and appurtenant thereto, including but not limited to demolition, site preparation, the cost of a project manager and all other incidental and related costs; and 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 take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for a feasibility study, to be expended contingent upon invitation into the Massachusetts School Building Authority grant program, and designed to address a lack of learning and collaborative areas and overcrowding at the secondary school buildings, and shall include, but not be limited to, providing options for the renovation and/or remodeling of existing buildings and/or new construction of buildings or additions, or recommending any other option found to be educationally appropriate and cost-effective, at or all of Bird Middle, School 625 Washington Street and/or Johnson

Middle School, 111 Robbins Road and/or Walpole High School, 275 Common Street, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a MSBA grant, and that the grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the School Committee)

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 Stabilization Fund as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws. Or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 6: 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 take any action in relation thereto (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum or sums of money to supplement the FY' 2019 School Budget in amounts equivalent to the following:

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

Or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the School Committee)

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

ARTICLE 9: 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 take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10: 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 take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money for 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, including all incidental and related expenses; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise. 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 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 and related expenses. Or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of the Sewer and Water Commissioners)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer a sum of money to repair and/or rehabilitate various sewer lines as well as remove inflow and infiltration, including all incidental and related expenses; and to authorize the Sewer and Water Commission and/or Board of Selectmen, 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 14: To see if the Town will vote in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 172 B½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to adopt a General By-law enabling the Police Department to conduct so-called “civil fingerprinting”, through state and federal fingerprint based criminal history databases, for individuals applying for the following licenses:

- Hawking and Peddling or other Door-to- Door Salespeople
- Manager of Alcoholic Beverage License
- Owner or Operator of Public Conveyance
- Dealer of Second-hand Articles
- Pawn Dealers,
- Hackney Drivers, and,
- Ice Cream Truck Vendors

And to authorize the Police Chief, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to adopt appropriate policies and procedures to effectuate the purposes of said by-law. Or take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Walpole General Bylaws, Chapter 5, Animal Control Officer, Article I Powers and Duties, by inserting the bold underlined italic text and deleting the strikethrough text, as follows:

§ 5-1. Appointment; acting Officer.

~~The Selectmen shall appoint one full time Animal Control Officer~~ **The Board of Selectmen shall appoint an Animal Control Officer, from amongst full time police officers, as recommended by the Chief of Police, that will serve as a full time police officer,** to enforce the Rules and bylaws concerning dogs and warm-blooded animals in the Town of Walpole **and perform such other duties as directed by the Chief of Police.** In the absence of the Animal Control Officer, the Police Department will act as the Animal Control Officer coordinating with the full time Animal Control Officer or such other Animal Control Officer(s) as the Town may from time to time employ, including Animal Control Officers from neighboring Towns.

§ 5-2. Job description and hours.

~~The Board of Selectmen~~ **Chief of Police** shall establish a job description for the Animal Control Officer, and shall also establish the hours that **the Animal Control Officer** shall be on duty and available to respond to complaints.

§ 5-3. Primary duties.

The main duties of the Animal Control Officer are to ~~insure~~ **ensure** that all dogs within the Town of Walpole are duly licensed and that all rules and Regulations are strictly enforced. This office shall also have control over all warm-blooded animals similar to the control exercised over dogs.

§ 5-4. Overnight coverage.

During the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. seven days per week, the Police Department will act as Animal Control Officer coordinating with the full time Animal Control Officer any messages or complaints received daily.

§ 5-5. Control over dogs running at large.

It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer to apprehend any dog found roaming at large in direct violation of § 252-6 of Chapter 252, Animals, Article **I**, Dog Control, the corresponding provisions throughout Chapter 252. The Animal Control Officer will impound said dog thereby making a complete registry, entering the breed, color and sex of the dog and whether it is licensed. If licensed, an entry of the name and address of the owner and the number of the license tag. The owner, if known, shall be notified as soon as possible that their dog has been impounded. The owner of any dog that has been impounded may claim said dog upon payment of all costs and charges levied by the Town including license fee, if unlicensed, and maintenance as provided by law.

§ 5-6. Preliminary hearing.

The Animal Control Officer may hold or conduct hearings preliminary to Selectmen's hearing to possibly evaluate or adjudicate any complaints that arise that may be settled informally out of court.

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

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Atlantic Court from its beginning at STA 6+95.67+/- to its end at STA 10+73.52 +/- including any easements and utilities appurtenance thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise an easement in said street 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 acquisition and all incidental and related costs, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Warren Lane from its beginning at STA 0+00+/- to its end at STA 7+50+/- including any easements and utilities appurtenance thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise an easement in said street 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 acquisition and all incidental and related costs, or do or act anything in relation thereto. (Petition of the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash a sum of money, in the amount of 25% of the certified Free Cash balance as of June 30, 2018, to reduce the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019, from available funds, a sum of money to reduce the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition of Ann Ragosta et al.)

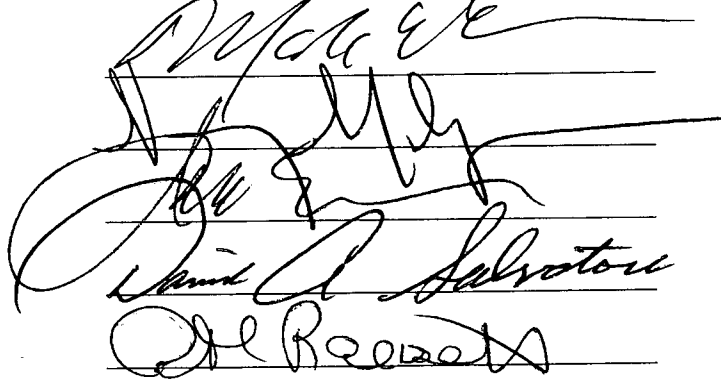
ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will allow Walpole residents to use for recreational purposes, Jarvis Pond, during the seasonal period that coincides with the summer pool schedule as determined by the Walpole Recreation Department and which will be limited to Saturdays, Sundays and Summer Holidays, or take any action relative thereto. (Petition of Kathryn Carroll et al.)

ARTICLE 20: To request the Building Inspector and Zoning Board send a second notice to Walpole property Abutters when changes are made to original building plans by Developers Builders to inform abutter of this change so they react to the changes or review new plans, or take any other action relative thereto. (Petition of William Carroll et al.)

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.

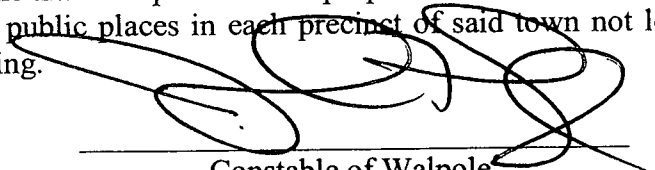
Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 4th day of September in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN


The signatures are written on four horizontal lines. From top to bottom, they appear to be: 1. A signature that looks like 'M. G. E.' 2. A signature that looks like 'J. M. L.' 3. A signature that looks like 'J. A. Salvatore' 4. A signature that looks like 'J. B. Brown'

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

9/5/2018
Date Posted