

**Town of Whately
Annual Town Meeting
June 15, 2021**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
FRANKLIN, SS.**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Whately in the County of Franklin,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet on the grounds of the **Whately Elementary School, 273 Long Plain Road in Whately on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of June next, at six o'clock in the evening** then and there to act on the following articles:

The following are rain dates if the Annual Town Meeting cannot be held on the date listed above and will be taken in the order listed:

1. June 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm
2. June 29, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Article 1.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Annual Reports of the Officers of the Town, and to hear any other reports of the Boards and Committees, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Selectboard

Article 2.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021, in accordance with the provisions of G.L., c. 44, § 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 44, § 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Selectboard

Article 3.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts for goods and services with a duration in excess of three years, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 30B, § 12 (b), or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Selectboard

Article 4.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to enter into compensating balance agreements with banking institutions having their principal offices in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts during the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021, as permitted by G.L. c. 44, § 53F, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Selectboard

Article 5.

To see if the Town will vote to apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state or private grant monies on behalf of the Town and to authorize the Town Treasurer with approval of the Selectboard to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Selectboard

Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to establish spending limits for the Town's Revolving Funds as established by the Town's General Bylaws, Chapter 46 – Revolving Funds, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021 as follows:

Revolving Fund Name	FY22 Spending Limit
Dog Licensing and Control Revolving Fund	\$2,000
Recreation Revolving Fund	\$20,000
Library Revolving Fund	\$1,000
Public Hearing Revolving Fund	\$10,000
Cordwood Sales Revolving Fund	\$2,500
Cemetery Commissioners Revolving Fund	\$4,000
Trench Permit	\$1,000
Recycling and Solid Waste Revolving Fund	\$15,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Recommended by the Selectboard

Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries or compensation of the elected officers of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021 as follows:

Position	Amount (2.0% COLA)
Moderator	\$134.76
Selectboard - Chair	\$2,055.04
Selectboard - Member	\$1,886.59
Town Clerk	\$31,064.68
Assessors - Chair	\$2,055.04
Assessors - Member	\$1,886.59
Water Commissioner	\$808.55
School Committee	\$389.56
Elector: Oliver Smith Will	\$11.60
Board of Health - Chair	\$976.98
Board of Health - Member	\$808.55
Constables	\$15.28 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners - Sextons	\$15.65 per hour
Opening Graves Fee	\$650 per opening

or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Recommended by the Selectboard

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$406,909** or any other sum or sums of money from the Water Department Enterprise Fund to finance the operation of the Water Department for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021 as follows:

Enterprise Fund - Water Department (EF)	<u>Fiscal Year 2021</u> Enterprise Fund	<u>Fiscal Year 2022</u> Enterprise Fund	Change (\$) FY21 to FY22	Change (%) FY21 to FY22
I. Revenues (estimated)				
Water Receipts	\$170,000.00	\$189,000.00	\$19,000.00	11.18%
Hook-up Fees	\$225,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Other Fees & Charges	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Estimated Revenue	\$397,500.00	\$416,500.00	\$19,000.00	4.78%
II. Expenses				
Direct Expenses				
Salaries	\$52,037.00	\$52,999.00	\$962.00	1.85%
Operations	<u>\$289,700.00</u>	<u>\$297,267.00</u>	<u>\$7,567.00</u>	<u>2.61%</u>
Subtotal Direct Expenses	\$341,737.00	\$350,266.00	\$8,529.00	2.50%
Indirect Expenses				
Selectboard & Administration	\$2,430.00	\$2,476.00	\$46.00	1.89%
Legal Counsel/Financial Advisor	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Audit	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	#DIV/0!
Town Building Operations	\$2,464.00	\$2,604.00	\$140.00	5.68%
Town Accountant	\$756.00	\$810.00	\$54.00	7.14%
Harper's Payroll	\$107.00	\$107.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Treasurer/Collector	\$6,642.00	\$7,684.00	\$1,042.00	15.69%
Property/Liability Insurance	\$6,180.00	\$6,800.00	\$620.00	10.03%
Health Insurance	\$25,211.00	\$25,212.00	\$1.00	0.00%
Medicare & Social Security	\$1,540.00	\$1,540.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$925.00	\$1,147.00	\$222.00	24.00%
Life Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Retirement	\$5,967.00	\$6,218.00	\$251.00	4.21%
Town Vehicles Fuel	<u>\$1,400.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>7.14%</u>
Subtotal Indirect Expenses <i>(appropriated to the General Fund)</i>	\$53,942.00	\$56,643.00	\$2,701.00	5.01%
Total Estimated Expenses	\$395,679.00	\$406,909.00	\$11,230.00	2.84%

or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Water Commissioners*

Article 9.

To act on the report of the Finance Committee on the Fiscal Year 2022 Town Operating Budget and to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, money for the operation of the Town's departments, boards, committees, agencies and officers, for the payment of debt service and for all other necessary and proper expenses for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021 as follows:

(Note: Water Department Enterprise Fund costs are appropriated in Article 8)

Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

The Finance Committee recommends that the amounts shown in the column captioned "Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget" be raised or appropriated or transferred from available funds for Fiscal Year 2022 operating purposes, debt service and other Town expenses.

Fiscal Year	2021	2022	\$ Change (FY21 to FY22)	% Change (FY21 to FY22)
General Government (GG)	Operating Budget	Operating Budget	(Operating Budget)	(Operating Budget)
Selectboard & Administration	\$119,084.00	\$121,345.00	\$2,261.00	1.90%
Legal Counsel/Financial Advisors	\$15,680.00	\$15,680.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Town Offices-Supplies	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Audit	\$0.00	\$7,275.00	\$7,275.00	#DIV/0!
Town Report	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Town Building Operations	\$79,666.00	\$84,208.00	\$4,542.00	5.70%
Town Clerk	\$47,159.00	\$47,300.00	\$141.00	0.30%
Town Accountant	\$24,438.00	\$26,189.00	\$1,751.00	7.17%
Harpers Payroll	\$5,243.00	\$5,243.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Accounting Software	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Treasurer/Collector	\$53,743.00	\$62,172.00	\$8,429.00	15.68%
Tax Takings	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Assessors	\$38,594.00	\$50,449.00	\$11,855.00	30.72%
Planning Board	\$2,211.00	\$2,615.00	\$404.00	18.27%
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Finance Committee	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Moderator	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Conservation Commission	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Historical Commission	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Agricultural Commission	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Computer - IT	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Connect CTY	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Website & Email Hosting	\$4,350.00	\$4,350.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Housing Committee	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Municipal Building Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Community Development	\$0.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	#DIV/0!
GG Subtotal	\$416,968.00	\$508,626.00	\$91,658.00	21.98%

Fiscal Year	2021	2022	\$ Change (FY21 to FY22)	% Change (FY21 to FY22)
Cultural, Recreation, Services (CRS)	Operating Budget	Operating Budget	(Operating Budget)	(Operating Budget)
Tri-Town Beach District	\$4,131.00	\$5,396.00	\$1,265.00	30.62%
Recreation Commission	\$10,570.00	\$10,770.00	\$200.00	1.89%
Cemetery Commission	\$8,637.00	\$8,800.00	\$163.00	1.89%
Library	\$74,629.00	\$75,860.00	\$1,231.00	1.65%
South County Senior Center	\$23,670.00	\$24,229.00	\$559.00	2.36%
Veterans	\$9,170.00	\$9,729.00	\$559.00	6.10%
Local Council on Aging	\$1,400.00	\$1,050.00	-\$350.00	-25.00%
CRS Subtotal	\$132,207.00	\$135,834.00	\$3,627.00	2.74%

Fiscal Year	2021	2022	\$ Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)	% Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)
Public Health (PH)	Operating Budget	Operating Budget		
Board of Health	\$3,046.00	\$3,447.00	\$401.00	13.16%
Health Agent - Foothills Health District	\$19,071.00	\$24,536.00	\$5,465.00	28.66%
Solid Waste	\$56,975.00	\$57,480.00	\$505.00	0.89%
Hazardous Waste	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Franklin County Solid Waste Management District	\$7,412.00	\$7,237.00	-\$175.00	-2.36%
PH Subtotal	\$87,704.00	\$93,900.00	\$6,196.00	7.06%

Fiscal Year	2021	2022	\$ Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)	% Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)
Public Safety (PS)	Operating Budget	Operating Budget		
Fire Department	\$63,365.00	\$72,211.00	\$8,846.00	13.96%
Ambulance - South County EMS	\$97,023.00	\$100,144.00	\$3,121.00	3.22%
Police Department	\$209,150.00	\$213,663.00	\$4,513.00	2.16%
Quinn Bill Incentive	\$5,533.00	\$5,643.00	\$110.00	1.99%
Animal Control	\$4,952.00	\$5,004.00	\$52.00	1.05%
Animal Inspection	\$537.00	\$546.00	\$9.00	1.68%
Emergency Management	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Franklin County Inspection Services	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
PS Subtotal	\$389,110.00	\$405,761.00	\$16,651.00	4.28%

Fiscal Year	2021	2022	\$ Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)	% Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)
Public Works (PW)	Operating Budget	Operating Budget		
Highway Salaries	\$142,114.00	\$147,784.00	\$5,670.00	3.99%
General Highways	\$78,700.00	\$80,200.00	\$1,500.00	1.91%
Winter Roads	\$137,068.00	\$139,316.00	\$2,248.00	1.64%
Road Machinery	\$26,000.00	\$26,500.00	\$500.00	1.92%
Garage Maintenance	\$8,100.00	\$8,400.00	\$300.00	3.70%
Trees	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
PW Subtotal	\$398,482.00	\$408,700.00	\$10,218.00	2.56%

Fiscal Year	2021	2022	\$ Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)	% Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)
Insurance & Benefits (IB)	Operating Budget	Operating Budget		
Property & Liability Insurance	\$71,070.00	\$78,200.00	\$7,130.00	10.03%
Group Health Insurance	\$408,789.00	\$404,788.00	-\$4,001.00	-0.98%
Medicare & Social Security	\$33,460.00	\$33,460.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$24,075.00	\$29,853.00	\$5,778.00	24.00%
Life Insurance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Unemployment Insurance	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Franklin County Retirement	\$192,949.00	\$201,065.00	\$8,116.00	4.21%
Police & Fire Injured on Duty Insurance	\$11,100.00	\$11,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
OPEB Liability	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	#DIV/0!
Division of Medicaid Assistance	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	0.00%
IB Subtotal	\$760,243.00	\$802,266.00	\$42,023.00	5.53%

Fiscal Year	2021	2022	\$ Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)	% Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)
Unclassifieds (U)	Operating Budget	Operating Budget		
Temporary Loan Interest	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Reserve Fund	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Franklin Regional Council of Governments	\$19,881.00	\$18,453.00	-\$1,428.00	-7.18%
Physicals & Tests	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Town Vehicles Fuel	\$26,600.00	\$28,500.00	\$1,900.00	7.14%
Educational Incentives	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
U Subtotal	\$70,981.00	\$71,453.00	\$472.00	0.66%

Fiscal Year	2021	2022	\$ Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)	% Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)
Schools (\$)	Operating Budget	Operating Budget		
Whately Elementary School				
Operating & Transportation Budget	\$1,785,184.00	\$1,829,786.00		
Subtotal Whately Elementary School	\$1,785,184.00	\$1,829,786.00	\$44,602.00	2.50%
Frontier Regional				
Operating Budget	\$954,419.00	\$889,523.00	-\$64,896.00	-6.80%
Capital Budget	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transportation Budget	\$26,405.00	\$27,292.00	\$887.00	3.36%
Subtotal Frontier Regional	\$980,824.00	\$916,815.00	-\$64,009.00	-6.53%
Franklin County Technical School				
Operating Assessment	\$223,341.00	\$193,067.00	-\$30,274.00	-13.56%
Capital Assessment	\$6,201.00	\$5,802.00	-\$399.00	-6.43%
Subtotal Franklin County Technical School	\$229,542.00	\$198,869.00	-\$30,673.00	-13.36%
Smith Vocational High School				
Tuition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Subtotal Smith Vocational High School	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Fiscal Year	2021	2022	\$ Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)	% Change (FY21 to FY22) (Operating Budget)
Debt (D)	Operating Budget	Operating Budget		
Long Term Debt				
None	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Long Term Debt Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Short Term Debt				
Excavator Lease Purchase	\$0.00	\$37,298.00	\$37,298.00	
Woodchipper Lease Purchase	\$0.00	\$11,362.00	\$11,362.00	
Short Term Debt Subtotal	\$0.00	\$48,660.00	\$48,660.00	

TOTAL TOWN OPERATING BUDGET	\$5,251,245	\$5,420,670	\$169,425	3.23%
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or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Proposed Financial Transfers

Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to transfer the sum of \$200,000 from available funds (FY20 Free Cash) to reduce the tax levy for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from available funds (FY20 Free Cash) to the Vehicle Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 40 § 5B, to create a separate Stabilization Fund to be known as the "Town Buildings Stabilization Fund," the purpose of which is to reserve such sums of money as Annual or Special Town Meeting shall vote to appropriate or transfer into it for expenses related to the construction and repair of existing or future Town-owned buildings and not for ordinary maintenance; and further vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from available funds (FY20 Free Cash) into the Town Buildings Stabilization Fund to be authorized by vote under this article, or take any other action relative thereto

2/3rds vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Proposed Capital Project Appropriations

Article 13.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$21,500 from available funds (FY20 Free Cash) to pay for the purchase of new communications equipment for the Police and Fire Departments, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee*

Article 14.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$30,000 from available funds (FY20 Free Cash) to pay for the purchase and installation of a back-up emergency generator for the Town Offices located at 4 Sandy Lane, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee*

Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$12,000 from available funds (FY20 Free Cash) to pay for the purchase of a new snowplow to be used by the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee*

Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$21,000 from available funds (FY20 Free Cash) to pay for the purchase and installation of a new commercial oven for the cafeteria of the Whately Elementary School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee
Recommended by the School Committee*

Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$45,000 from available funds (FY20 Free Cash) to pay for the milling and resurfacing of the driveway and parking lot at the Whately Elementary School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee
Recommended by the School Committee*

Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$29,000 from available funds (General Stabilization Fund) to pay for the milling and resurfacing of the driveway and parking lot at the Whately Elementary School, or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rds vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee
Recommended by the School Committee*

Article 19.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from available funds (FY20 Free Cash) to pay for the installation of new tile flooring and area rugs at the Whately Elementary School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee
Recommended by the School Committee*

Article 20.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from available funds (FY20 Free Cash) to pay for repairs and painting to the interior and exterior of the Police Station, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee*

Article 21.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the Water Department Enterprise Fund - Retained Earnings to pay for upgrades to the Westbrook Road pumping station, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Water Commissioners*

Proposed Miscellaneous Appropriations

Article 22.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$1,000** from available funds (FY20 Free Cash) to pay for crack sealing and repairs to the Town Offices driveway and parking lot, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Article 23.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$15,000** from available funds (FY20 Free Cash) to be expended for expenses incurred to comply with the Town's obligations under Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020, An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Article 24.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$20,000** from available funds (FY20 Free Cash) to be expended for the Whately 250th Anniversary Celebration, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the 250th Anniversary Committee*

Community Preservation Act Appropriations

Article 25.

To see if the Town will hear and act, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, on the report of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation Budget and vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other necessary and proper expenses in the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021, including debt service for any approved Community Preservation project, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY22 estimated revenues for committee administrative expenses **\$9,000**

Reserves:

From FY22 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve **\$20,500**

From FY22 estimated revenues for Affordable Housing Reserve **\$20,500**

From FY22 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve **\$87,000**

Debt Service

From FY22 estimated revenues for Town Hall Loan Debt Service **\$43,000**

or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee

Recommended by the Selectboard

Article 26.

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$75,000 from the Community Preservation Fund - Unreserved Fund Balance for handicapped accessibility improvements and other improvements to the S. White Dickinson Library, including but not limited to the installation of a lift, construction of a handicapped accessible restroom, upgrades to the fire alarm system and other accessibility improvements, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee

Recommended by the Selectboard

Recommended by the Library Trustees

Recommended by the Historical Commission

Article 27.

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$21,000 from the Community Preservation Fund - Budgeted Reserves for improvements to the Veterans Memorial Park, including but not limited to installation of additional memorial stones/plaques, construction of a stone wall, and the installation of new granite benches and plantings, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee

Recommended by the Selectboard

Recommended by the Recreation Commission

Recommended by the Historical Commission

Article 28.

To see if the Town will vote to return the sum of \$274.23 of Community Preservation Act funds, being the amount of funds remaining from an appropriation of \$15,000 under Article 13 of the December 1, 2016 Special Town Meeting for the purchase of a secure storage vault for the Town Office building, to the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority Vote Required

***Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard***

Article 29.

To see if the Town will vote to return the sum of \$918.06 of Community Preservation Act funds, being the amount of funds remaining from an appropriation of \$49,000 under Article 13 of the December 1, 2016 Special Town Meeting for the purchase of a secure storage vault for the Town Office building, to the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Fund Balance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority Vote Required

***Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard***

Article 30.

To see if the Town will vote to return the sum of \$1,006 of Community Preservation Act funds, being the amount of funds remaining from an appropriation of \$4,500 under Article 27 of the April 30, 2019 Annual Town Meeting for the restoration of the circa 1938 advertising backdrop curtain owned by the Whately Historical Society and its mounting on the Town Hall stage, to the Community Preservation Fund Unreserved Fund Balance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority Vote Required

***Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard***

Proposed Scenic Road Designations

Article 31.

To see if the Town will vote to designate Poplar Hill Road as a scenic road pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15C, and further to amend the Whately General Bylaws, § 148-3 - Whately Scenic Roads Bylaw, paragraph (B) to include "Poplar Hill Road" as a designated scenic road, and to authorize the Town Clerk to insert those words in paragraph (B) in grammatically correct form, or to take any other action related thereto.

Majority vote required

***Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Historical Commission
Recommended by the Conservation Commission
Recommended by the Selectboard***

Article 32.

To see if the Town will vote to designate Strippe Road as a scenic road pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15C, and further to amend the Whately General Bylaws, § 148-3 - Whately Scenic Roads Bylaw, paragraph (B) to include "Strippe Road" as a designated scenic road, and to authorize the Town Clerk to insert those words in paragraph (B) in grammatically correct form, or to take any other action related thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Historical Commission
Recommended by the Conservation Commission
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Article 33.

To see if the Town will vote to designate Webber Road as a scenic road pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15C, and further to amend the Whately General Bylaws, § 148-3 - Whately Scenic Roads Bylaw, paragraph (B) to include "Webber Road" as a designated scenic road, and to authorize the Town Clerk to insert those words in paragraph (B) in grammatically correct form, or to take any other action related thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Historical Commission
Recommended by the Conservation Commission
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Proposed Zoning Amendments

Article 34.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Whately Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map, established under § 171-4, to rezone the following parcels from the Agricultural/Residential District 1 to the Commercial District, in order to allow for more commercial uses to be carried out on these parcels:

- Parcel # 1 - Assessors Map ID # 06-0-04-3 (on Egypt Road adjacent to the railroad tracks)
- Parcel # 2 - Assessors Map ID # 12-02-24 (address of 148 State Road)
- Parcel # 3 - Assessors Map ID # 12-0-24-1 (between State Road and Interstate 91)

or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rds vote required

*Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Article 35.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Whately Zoning Bylaw, § 171-8 Table of Use Regulations, by inserting a new commercial use designation of "Trucking and construction equipment" in the Commercial Uses category, as shown below:

NOTE: Text in *italics underlined* font is proposed as an addition to the Zoning Bylaw

Principal Use	Agriculture/ Residential 1	Agriculture/ Residential 2	Commercial 1	Commercial - Industrial	Industrial
Commercial Uses					
<i><u>Trucking and construction equipment</u></i>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>SP</u>	<u>SP</u>	<u>SP</u>

N = No, the use is not permitted in that zoning district.

SP = The use is allowed in that zoning district only after a special permit has been granted.

or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rds vote required

*Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Article 36.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Whately Zoning Bylaw, § 171-17 Site Plan Review and Review of Large Developments to modify the submission requirements for site plan documents as shown below:

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Text in ~~*italics*~~ ~~strikeout~~ is proposed as a deletion to the Zoning Bylaw

~ 171-17. Site plan review and review of large developments.

A. (3) Procedures

- (a) An applicant for site plan review shall file a completed application with the Planning Board, at a regularly scheduled meeting. The application shall include *a digital file and six four* copies each of an application form, site plan and any narrative documents as necessary. The Planning Board Chairperson shall acknowledge receipt of the plans by signing and dating the application form. A copy of the completed application shall be filed with the Town Clerk by the applicant. The Planning Board shall transmit copies of the application to appropriate Town Boards and municipal officials. This may include the Special Permit Granting Authority if a Special Permit has also been applied for, the Conservation Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Board of Health, the Historical Commission, ~~*the Agricultural Commission*~~, the Highway Superintendent, the Fire Chief or the Building Inspector. These Town Boards and municipal officials shall have 45 days from the date the completed application is received from the Planning Board to report to the Planning Board their findings and recommendations. Failure to report in the allotted time shall constitute approval of the application submitted by that Board or municipal official.

or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rds vote required

*Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Article 37.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Whately Zoning Bylaw, § 171-28.6 Adult Use Recreational and Medical Marijuana Establishments, by inserting a definition for Indoor Marijuana Cultivation in subsection (B), Definitions, to authorize the Town’s ability to inspect and monitor operating facilities; and by inserting a new paragraph 16, “Inspections and Monitoring” in subsection D, Site Development, Permitting Standards & Application, and renumbering the remaining paragraphs in subsection D, as shown below:

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~ 171-28.6 Adult Use Recreational and Medical Marijuana Establishments

B. Definitions

Indoor Marijuana Cultivation – the growing of marijuana inside any Greenhouse or other fully enclosed structure and any subsequent drying of marijuana in such a facility.

D. Site Development, Permitting Standards & application

16. Inspections and Monitoring

The Marijuana Establishment may be inspected and/or monitored at various times during its construction and operation. The Zoning Board of Appeals, as special permit granting authority, or the Planning Board, pursuant to the Site Plan Review process, may hire an inspector with background and experience in marijuana cultivation, exterior odor control and measurement, stormwater management, or other expertise relative to Marijuana Establishments to provide inspection and monitoring services at the expense of the project proponent. Such required inspections may be specified in the Special Permit and/or Site Plan Review conditions.

or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rds vote required

*Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Article 38.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Whately's Zoning Bylaw, § 171-37 Terms Defined, to expand the definition of Accessory Apartment so as to allow a 600 square foot dwelling unit in a new accessory structure, as shown below:

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Text in ~~*italics*~~ ~~strikeout~~ is proposed as a deletion to the Zoning Bylaw**

~ 171-37. Terms Defined

Accessory Apartment -- An additional dwelling unit consisting of no more than four rooms and no more than 800 square feet of living area in a ~~*pre-existing*~~ single-family home. ~~*An Accessory Apartment may also be located in a pre-existing or an accessory structure such as a garage or barn provided there is no expansion of square footage of the accessory structure any existing structure and the structure has been in place for at least five years. An additional dwelling unit of no more than 600 square feet may be added in a new structure.*~~ The Accessory Apartment shall be occupied by no more than two people. The owner of the property shall permanently occupy the principal or accessory residence. Adequate off-street parking shall be provided and parking shall be to the side or rear of the principal structure to the maximum extent possible.

or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rds vote required

*Recommended by the Planning Board
Recommended by the Selectboard*

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Office Building, Post Office, and the S. W. Dickinson Library in said Whately, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

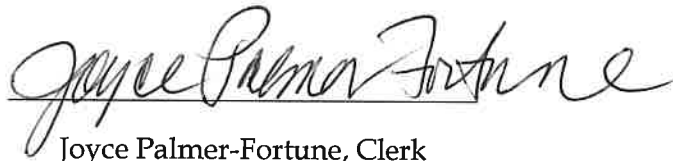
Given under our hands this 2nd day of June in the year two thousand and twenty-one.



Frederick Orloski, Chair



Jonathan Edwards, Vice Chair



Joyce Palmer-Fortune, Clerk

Selectboard
Town of Whately

A true copy.

Attest:

Constable