

Town of Whately
Special Town Meeting Warrant
November 29, 2022
7:30 PM

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 at the **Whately Town Offices, 4 Sandy Lane, Whately, MA on the twenty-ninth (29th) day of November 2022**, next, at **seven-thirty (7:30) in the evening**, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1:

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, to appropriate and transfer the sum of **\$38,000** from the Community Preservation Fund, as follows, \$18,000 from the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Fund and \$20,000 from the Community Preservation Fund - Unreserved Fund Balance, for window restoration at First Congregational Church Whately, 177 Chestnut Plain Road, with such funding to be subject to a twenty (20) year grant agreement requiring compatibility with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historical Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (36 CFR 67) and a Town purchase right of first refusal in the event of a future sale, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority Vote Required

Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee
Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Historical Commission

Article 2:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$1,391** to pay for additional operating expenses of the S. White Dickinson Memorial Library, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority Vote Required

Recommended by the Library Trustees
Recommended by the Selectboard

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$3,464** from available funds to pay for the costs of accessibility improvements to the S. White Dickinson Memorial Library, including but not limited to construction administration services, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority Vote Required

*Recommended by the Library Trustees
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise the Opening Graves Fee from \$650 to \$750 per opening for casket burials, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority Vote Required

*Recommended by the Cemetery Commissioners
Recommended by the Selectboard*

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$7,869** from the Vehicle Stabilization Fund to pay for the purchase of a new hybrid police cruiser for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Two-thirds vote required

Recommended by the Selectboard

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, to establish a special purpose stabilization fund for money received from judgments or settlements in litigation or claims against opioid manufacturers or distributors (Opioid Stabilization Fund) and determine how the money from such fund may be spent; and, further, to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the fourth paragraph of Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws; and, further, to see if the Town will vote to dedicate all or a percentage, which may not be less than 25 percent, of money received from judgments or settlements in litigation or claims against opioid manufacturers or distributors to the special purpose stabilization fund established under this Article, effective for Fiscal Year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022, and further to dedicate 100% percent of the money received from judgments or settlements in litigation or claims against opioid manufacturers or distributors to said Opioid Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Two-thirds vote required

Recommended by the Selectboard

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Cannabis Impact Fees Stabilization Fund and, further, to see if the Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022, and further to dedicate 100% percent of the community impact fees by marijuana establishments operating within the Town collected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94G, section 3 to said Cannabis Impact Fees Stabilization Fund

established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022 or take any other action relative thereto

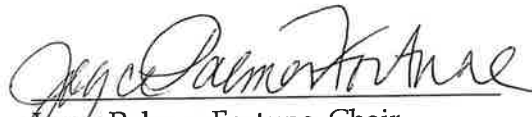
Two-thirds vote required

Recommended by the Selectboard

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Office Building, Whately Post Office, and the S.W. Dickinson Library in said Whately, fourteen 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 eighth (8th) day of November in the year two thousand and twenty-two.


Joyce Palmer-Fortune, Chair


Selectboard
of
Whately


Fred Baron, Vice Chair


Julie Waggoner, Clerk

A true copy.

Attest:


Constable

Date: 11-10-22

Franklin, SS:

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Whately by posting up attested copies of the same of the Transfer Station, Post Office, S. W. Dickinson Library and Whately Town Offices in said Town, seven days at least before the date of the meeting as within directed.



Constable of Whately