

Town of Whately
Special Town Meeting Warrant
September 29, 2015

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 Elementary School, 273 Long Plain Road, Whately on the twenty-ninth day of September next, at seven in the evening**, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$75,000.00** to be added to Account # 001-450-5840, Emergency Mill River Stabilization, to pay the expenses related to the Mill River Stabilization Project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Finance Committee*

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to convey an easement, consisting of 4,600 square feet, more or less, on certain property, hereinafter described, for telecommunications purposes, said easement shown on the plan entitled "As-built Survey", dated June 26, 2013 and revised on June 28, 2013 and September 6, 2013, prepared by Joseph A. Coutu, on file with the Town Clerk, said property being those premises located on Christian Lane, shown as Assessors Map 19, Lot 9, and described in a deed recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 1096, Page 338, on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Selectboard shall deem appropriate, and further to grant such access, utility and related easements on said property as the Selectboard deems appropriate to serve the telecommunications tower and/or other facilities installed within the easement area, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Finance Committee*

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, the fee or lesser interest in a certain parcel of land on Egypt Road described in a deed recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 1235, page 175, and being Assessor's Parcel Map 5, Lot 39; and, as funding therefor and costs related thereto, raise and appropriate, transfer from

available funds, and/or borrow the sum of \$2,500.00; and further, to authorize the Selectboard to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the acquisition of such parcel of land, or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3 vote required

*Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Finance Committee*

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Account number 001-192-5830, Estimate for Town Office Conceptual Designs, the remaining unused amount of the appropriation voted under Article 9 of the February 10, 2015 Special Town Meeting, being \$33,000.00, to Account #001-192-5400, Town Building Operations, to pay for the costs associated with the purchase and re-design of the property located at #4 Sandy Lane for the purpose of consolidation of Town offices, including relocation and initial operations expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

*Recommended by the Selectboard
Recommended by the Finance Committee*

The following two (2) articles are recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve the sum of \$6,500 to fund the development of a plan by the Historical Commission for the Historic Center of Whately, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

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

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 14 of the Special Town Meeting of October 15, 2013, appropriating the sum of \$58,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Affordable Housing Reserves to be used for the purchase of land on State Road. Assessors' Parcel Map 19, Lot 14-2, for the purpose of creating affordable housing under the direction of the Selectboard, and transfer the sum of \$58,000 back to the Community Preservation Fund Affordable Housing Reserves, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

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

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under **Article #14** of the **April 28, 2015** Annual Town Meeting, and vote to borrow the sum of **\$400,000.00** for the purchase of a pumper truck for the Fire Department as part of the 2016 Capital Improvement Plan, *contingent on passage, at an election, of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion vote under General Laws Chapter 59, §21C*; and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to issue bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by General Laws Chapter 44, § 7 (9), or any other general or special law, for a period not to exceed 5 years, or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3 vote required

Recommended by the Selectboard

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** to repair the broken window on the façade of the Town Hall, located at 194 Chestnut Plain Road, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote required

Recommended by the Selectboard

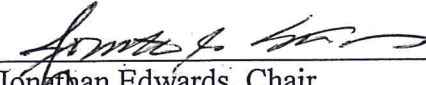
Recommended by the Finance Committee

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Center School Offices, 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 day of September in the year two thousand and fifteen.*

Selectboard
of
Whately


Jonathan Edwards, Chair


Paul Newlin, Vice Chair


Frederick Orloski, Clerk

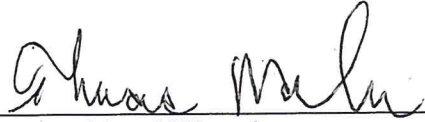
A true copy.

Attest:

Constable

Franklin, SS:

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



Constable of Whately

9-14-15

Date