

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the TOWN OF WESTMINSTER in the County of Worcester, GREETINGS:

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

**WESTMINSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
9 ACADEMY HILL ROAD
WESTMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS**

on

**SATURDAY, May 7, 2022
AT 1:00 P.M.**

then and there to vote on the following articles:

CUSTOMARY ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation or other appropriate state agency for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the ensuing fiscal year, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 40, section 4 of the General Laws to authorize the Select Board to enter into any and all contracts on behalf of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year unless otherwise provided by law, on such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interests of the Town, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To hear reports of any committees appointed to act on Town affairs or in its behalf.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to set the following spending limits for each Revolving Fund authorized under Chapter 28-9 of the Town Bylaws for FY2023, or act in relation thereto:

- 1 Hazardous Materials Recovery - \$12,000
- 2 Agricultural Commission Programs - \$10,000
- 3 Public Health Clinic and Emergency Response - \$25,000
- 4 Private Road Maintenance - \$10,000

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to establish two (2) full-time Police Officer positions in the Police Department, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to establish two (2) full-time Firefighter positions in the Fire Department, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to establish two (2) full-time Firefighter positions in the Fire Department contingent on the receipt of grant funding, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to establish one (1) full-time Cemetery Foreman position in the Cemetery Department, or act in relation thereto.

DATED

4/11/2022

Worcester, s.s.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I HAVE NOTIFIED AND WARNED THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF WESTMINSTER BY POSTING ATTESTED COPIES OF THE SAME AT:

TOWN HALL, 11 SOUTH STREET
U.S. POST OFFICE, 6 NICHOLAS STREET

FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE TOWN MEETING, AS WITHIN DIRECTED.



CONSTABLE

OPERATING BUDGETS

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of appointed and elected officers, provide for a Reserve Fund, and determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the ensuing fiscal year, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$24,389,472)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise for Fiscal Year 2023, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$1,280,252)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise for Fiscal Year 2023, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$659,707)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Solid Waste Transfer Facility Enterprise for Fiscal Year 2023, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$273,500)

CUSTOMARY MONEY ARTICLES

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, sums of money for the following purposes, or act in relation thereto:

Westminster Cultural Council

Conservation Fund, as provided in Section 8C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws

(Amounts requested: \$4,000 for Cultural Council; \$5,000 for Conservation Fund)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund a portion of the cost of retaining a professional consultant to perform the revaluation of real and personal property in the Town as required under Massachusetts General Laws, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$25,000)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2023 tax rate, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$230,000)

NON-CAPITAL MONEY ARTICLES

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for professional trail maintenance assistance and supplies, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$3,000)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Forbush Memorial Library Trustees to conduct appraisals for Town owned historical artifacts, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$5,000)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Historical Commission for continued work with a historic preservationist, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$2,000)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to supplement vehicle fuel and building utility expenses for the various town departments; said sum to be spent under the direction of the Town Administrator, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount requested: \$50,000)

CAPITAL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be spent for the following capital equipment and/or projects, including related incidental costs, or act in relation thereto. (2/3 vote required)

	Department	Item/Expense	Amount Requested	Proposed Funding Source
20-1	DPW	Maintenance of Town roads (including oiling, sealing, re-surfacing, drainage, guardrails, removing trees/brush, and other such activities.)	\$300,000.00	Raise and appropriate
20-2	DPW	Road Improvement Program	\$500,000.00	Road Maintenance Stabilization
20-3	DPW	Storm Water Permit	\$50,000.00	Capital Equipment Stabilization
20-4	DPW	Replace 2005 John Deere Loader 544J	\$250,000.00	Capital Equipment Stabilization
20-5	DPW	Replace 2012 JCB Backhoe	\$150,000.00	Capital Equipment Stabilization
20-6	DPW	Water Pressure Reducing Valves (4 locations)	\$20,000.00	Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund
20-7	DPW	Water Storage Tank - Shady Ave	\$450,000.00	Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund
20-8	Police	Body Worn Cameras for Police Officers	\$68,280.00	Capital Equipment Stabilization
20-9	Police	Replace 2017 Ford Interceptor	\$59,700.00	Capital Equipment Stabilization
20-10	Fire	KME Ladder Truck (refurbishment Tower I)	\$100,000.00	Capital Equipment Stabilization
20-11	Fire	Replace 2013 Chevy Pickup	\$45,000.00	Capital Equipment Stabilization
20-12	Fire	Chest Compression Machine	\$45,000.00	Ambulance Receipts
20-13	IT	Computer Replacement Program	\$44,000.00	Technology Stabilization
20-14	Town	Engineering Study for Colony Rd Fields	\$77,200.00	Capital Equipment Stabilization
20-15	Cemetery	Replace 2008 Ford F250 Utility Truck	\$50,000.00	Capital Equipment Stabilization
20-16	School Dept	Districtwide Capital Projects Oakmont RHS - \$65,253 Overlook MS - \$35,072 District - \$81,068	\$181,393.00	Building Maintenance Stabilization
20-17	School Dept	Westminster Capital Projects Meetinghouse - \$130,000 Westminster - \$92,000	\$222,000.00	Building Maintenance Stabilization

MISCELLANEOUS AND ZONING ARTICLES

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the parcels listed below, from the Tax Custodian to the Select Board for general municipal purposes and to authorize the Select Board to convey said property on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Select Board deem appropriate, or act in relation thereto. (2/3 vote required).

<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Parcel Size</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
Shady Avenue	86/23	1.5 Acres	R-1
Ellis Road-Rear	132/2	6.3 Acres	R-2
East Main Street	111/2-1	3,930 SF	R-1
50 State Road West	101/6	3.8 Acres	R-1
State Road West	84/2	17,424 SF	C-2
Roper Road	74/5	1.6 Acres	R-2

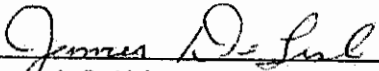
ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to grant a utility easement to National Grid for Pole 14-4, that is located on the property owned by the Town at 12 Goodridge Drive for modifications and upgrades to the electric equipment, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept as gifts two framed pastel watercolor paintings done by John Roscoe Ballou c. 1910, one of the Forbush Memorial Library building, another of a New England seashore, given by John and Lynda Christian May 14, 2021 and accepted by the Library Board of Trustees July 20, 2021, or act in relation thereto.

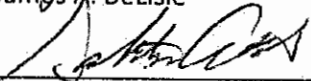
ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town, as it is established and referenced in Article III, Section 205-6 (Zoning Map) to change the zoning for 8 Worcester Road from Commercial-I to Residential-I or act in relation thereto. (2/3 vote required)

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and the U.S. Post Office in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

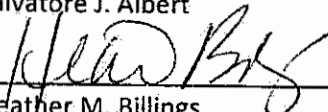
HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 11th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.


James A. DeLisle

4/11/22
Date


Salvatore J. Albert

4/11/22
Date


Heather M. Billings

4/11/22
Date

SELECT BOARD