



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON**

Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday June 4, 2024 at 7 pm
Hubbardston Center School

WORKING DRAFT

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Hubbardston in the County of Worcester In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hubbardston qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the **Center School located at 8 Elm Street in said Hubbardston on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at the time of 7 o'clock** in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into agreements with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to accept educational grants and aid for Fiscal Year 2025, to be expended for authorized purposes by the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School and the Quabbin Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of the Holden Hospital Account #2481-000-5780-0000 for Fiscal Year 2025, to be used for the purposes specified in the trust fund settlement; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6.

To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal Year 2025 beginning on July 1, 2024, for the revolving funds established pursuant to Chapter IV, Section 6 of the Hubbardston General By-Laws-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers as follows, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½; or take any other action relative thereto.

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Department, Board, Committee or Officer</u>	<u>FY24 Spending Limit</u>
Con Com Fund	Conservation Committee	\$3,000
Temporary Driveway Permit Fund	DPW Director	\$2,500
Grave Fund	Cemetery Commission	\$10,000
Hubbardston Special Events Fund	Town Administrator	\$50,000
Late Fee Dog License Fund	Town Clerk	\$10,000
MART Trans. Manage. Fund	Executive Assistant	\$35,000
Open Burn Pit Fund	Fire Chief	\$11,000
Planning Board Fund	Planning Board	\$20,000
Recycling Fund	Board of Health	\$5,000
Septic Fund	Board of Health	\$20,000

BUDGET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 7.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to meet the salaries and compensation of Town Employees, and Town Officers, as provided by MGL Ch. 41 §108, expenses, and outlays of the Town Departments, and other sundry and miscellaneous, but regular, expenditures necessary for the operation of the Town for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) as printed in the attached Appendix A, but not including funding for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District assessment or the Quabbin Regional School District budget and debt, and further, to accept and expend Federal and State Funds to offset certain salaries or expenses and outlay; or take any other action relative thereto.

PURPOSE	AMOUNT
General Government	\$677,923
Public Safety	\$155,2762
Public Works	\$905,481
Human Services	\$31,454
Culture and Rec	\$92,544
Debt	\$146,862
Indirect Costs	\$943,442
TOTAL	\$4,350,469

Note: The detailed FY25 Operating Budget included in Appendix A is only a guide and non-binding as to the raise and appropriate vote of the category totals shown above and/or as a motion.

ARTICLE 8.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$357,138 for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District assessment for Fiscal year 2025; or to take any other action relative thereto

ARTICLE 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,343,869 to pay its share of the Quabbin Regional School District budget for FY 2025; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$56,318 to pay its share of the Quabbin Regional School Debt for FY 2025; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the salaries, benefits, committee stipends and other operating expenses of the Hubbardston Cable Advisory Committee for Fiscal Year 2025, and to meet said appropriation, that the sum of \$30,000 be transferred from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$271,235 from Free Cash to pay for the following Fiscal Year 2024 cash capital expenses, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Department	New Obligation	Amount
DPW	Gasboy Fuel Pump	\$13,235
DPW	Additional Road Repair (Annual)	\$100,000
Library	Heat Pump Grant Match	\$12,000
DPW	John Deere Z920M Mower	\$9,000
Town Clerk	Vault Organization and Management	\$10,000
Police	Police Cruiser (cycle)	\$87,000
Town Administration	Town Office IT Replacements (Annual)	\$20,000
Fire	SCBA Replacement	\$20,000

ARTICLE 13.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$15,000 from Free Cash to fund an overnight on-call stipend program for the Hubbardston Fire Department's ambulance service or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$75,000.00 from Free Cash to the General Stabilization Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000.00 from Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$65,000.00 from the Capital Stabilization account to complete the funding for the purchase of a new boiler at Hubbardston Center School, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for a mail machine, for a term not to exceed five years, or take any other action relative thereto.

CPA ARTICLES

ARTICLE 18.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$10,000 from the accrued Community Preservation Act Open Space reserve account as a portion of the required town matching contribution toward an \$85,000 state MassTrails grant. This appropriation will be combined with ARPA funds and community labor to form the full match amount. The grant will fund a fully accessible trail to the Dottie Rock scenic vista at Malone Conservation area.

ARTICLE 19.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$31,260 from accrued Community Preservation Act Undesignated Reserve account to fund the FY2025 debt service obligation for the Rainbow's End playground improvement project as previously approved under Article 18 of the June 23, 2020 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenue the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, to set aside from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenue for later spending for historic resources, community housing and open space, for community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2025, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or take any other relative there to:

Appropriations:

From FY 2025 estimated revenue for Community Administrative Expenses (5%) \$5,000

Reserves:

From FY 2025 estimated revenue for Historic Reserves (10%) \$10,000

From FY 2025 estimated revenue for Community Housing Reserves (10%) \$10,000

From FY 2025 estimated revenue for Open Space Reserves (10%) \$10,000

From FY 2025 estimated revenue for Undesignated Reserves (65%) \$65,000

Zoning Articles

Article 21. - Hold - Agricultural Zoning Bylaw Amendments

Article 22. - Hold - Battery Energy Storage Systems Zoning Bylaw Amendment

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Place of Meeting, Hubbardston Center School, Hubbardston One Stop Shop convenience store, the Town Office and the Post Office fourteen days, at least, before the day of 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 aforementioned.

Given under our hands this XXth day of May 2024:

HUBBARDSTON SELECT BOARD

Jeffrey L. Williams

Kathryn V. Young

Heather M. Munroe

Kris E. Pareago

Peter J. Walker

A true copy, Attest:

Hubbardston, Town Clerk

Date of Posting: _____

Method: _____

By: _____, Constable

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