

SPECIAL 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
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024
AT 6:30 P.M.**

then and there to vote on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to pay any unpaid bills (or portions thereof) from a prior fiscal year, or act in relation thereto. (9/10 vote required)

(Amount TBD)

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to the Capital Equipment Stabilization, or act in relation thereto. (majority vote required).

(Amount Requested: TBD)

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to the Pension Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto. (majority vote required).

(Amount Requested: TBD)

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Giles Fund to support the Emergency Home Heating Assistance Fund, or act in relation thereto.

(Amount Requested: \$12,000)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$12,000 from Free Cash to be spent under the direction of the Board of Assessors for a professional industrial appraisal, or act in relation thereto. (majority vote required).

(Amount Requested: \$12,000)

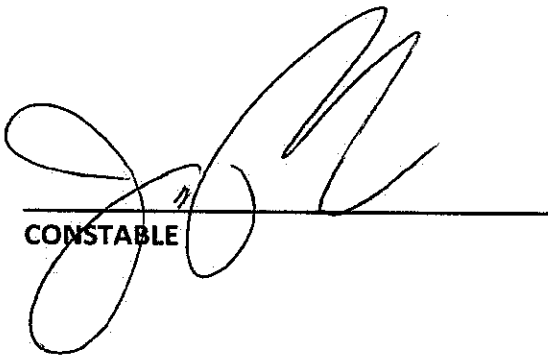
DATED 11/5/2024

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 NICHOLS STREET**

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



A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, is written over a solid horizontal line.

CONSTABLE

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,027 from Free Cash to the Opioid Stabilization Fund, or act in relation thereto. (majority vote required).

(Amount Requested: \$10,027)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for a special act in the form set forth below, providing for the dissolution of the Holmes Park Water District and placing said water service under the jurisdiction of the Town of Westminster; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and, provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition. (majority vote required)

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISSOLUTION OF THE HOLMES PARK WATER DISTRICT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

- SECTION 1. Except as expressly provided below, chapter 788 of the acts of 1963 is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 2. As of the effective date of this act, the town of Westminster shall assume the rights, duties and responsibilities formerly held by the Holmes Park Water District to supply water to inhabitants within the boundaries of said former District for all purposes set forth in chapter 788 of the acts of 1963. All infrastructure, equipment, facilities, funds, assets, liabilities and property of the District shall be assumed by the town of Westminster, and said infrastructure shall become part of the town's water supply system under the care, custody and control of the town's public works commission.
- SECTION 3. As of the effective date of this act, any rates, taxes or other charges due and owing to said District by any inhabitants of said District shall become due and payable to the town of Westminster. The town, by and through its public works commission, shall have all legal rights of enforcement and collection of such rates, taxes and charges.
- SECTION 4. Any funds held by the District as of the effective date of this act shall be transferred to the custody and control of the Town of Westminster. Such funds shall be used first to pay any and all debts of the District. Any excess funds shall be credited to the town's water enterprise fund established under section 53F½ of chapter 44 and shall be used for purposes of said enterprise.
- SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Westminster General Bylaws, Section 161-4, entitled "Notification of new or changed discharge required," as follows (new language in bold, deleted language in strikethrough), or take any other action in relation thereto. (majority vote required).

161-4 Notification of New or Changed Discharge Required

A. Any person proposing a new discharge into the system or a ~~substantial~~ change in the volume of or character of pollutants that are being discharged into the system shall notify the **Sewer Public Works Commission** at least forty-five (45) days prior to the proposed change or connection.

B. The Department of Public Works may allow for increased flow allocation for the change of use or expansion of use, which results in an increased wastewater design flow, in existing facilities within the system, subject to available capacity and subject to the assessment of fees by the Public Works Commission under Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 83, Sections 17 and 20. A change of use or expansion of a preexisting use shall be defined as any undertaking on a property, whether involving material changes to structures or not, which results in an increase of design flow on the property from the existing conditions pursuant to Massachusetts State Sanitary Code 310 CMR 15.000 (Title 5).

C. Any proposed change or expansion of property use (as defined above) which results in an increase in flow allocation or change in type of flow (i.e., residential to commercial, or commercial to industrial) for a property within the system shall be reviewed by the Public Works Commission. An application completed by the property owner, on a form approved by the Public Works Commission, shall accurately and completely indicate the existing use and the proposed use, and the associated flows calculated pursuant to Massachusetts State Sanitary Code 310 CMR 15.000 (Title 5). At the discretion of the Public Works Commission, applications may be approved based on available capacity.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provision of M.G.L. chapter 40, section 59 and M.G.L. chapter 23A, sections 3E and 3F to: (a) approve the Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") Agreement between the Town and Home Depot substantially in the form as on file with the Town Clerk (the "TIF Agreement"), for property located at 65 Theodore Drive, as shown on Assessor's Map 72/1 and as described more fully in the TIF Agreement, which TIF Agreement provides for real estate tax exemptions in accordance with the exemptions in accordance with the exemption rate schedule set forth therein; (b) authorize the Select Board to execute the TIF Agreement, and any documents relating thereto; and (c) authorize the Select Board to approve submission of the TIF Agreement and Certified Project Application, and any associated documents, to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council ("EACC"), all relating to the project as described in the TIF Agreement, and take such other action and authorize the Select Board to execute such other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to obtain EACC approval, implement these documents and carry out the purposes of this article; or to take any other action thereon. (majority vote required).

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provision of M.G.L. chapter 40, section 59 and M.G.L. chapter 23A, sections 3E and 3F to: (a) approve the Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") Agreement between the Town and Unified Global Packaging substantially in the form as on file with the Town Clerk (the "TIF Agreement"), for property located at 75 Theodore Drive, as shown on Assessor's Map 71/2, and as described more fully in the TIF Agreement, which TIF Agreement provides for real estate tax exemptions in accordance with the exemptions in accordance with the exemption rate schedule set forth therein; (b) authorize the Select Board to execute the TIF Agreement, and any documents relating thereto; and (c) authorize the Select Board to approve submission of the TIF Agreement and Certified Project Application, and any associated documents, to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council ("EACC"), all relating to the project as described in the TIF Agreement, and take such other action and authorize the Select Board to execute such other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to obtain EACC approval, implement these documents and carry out the purposes of this article; or to take any other action thereon. (majority vote required).

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation authorizing the issuance of an additional all-alcohol liquor license, to be exercised by a suitable business at 109 Main Street (Vincent's Country Store), and subject to all applicable laws, regulations, and rules pertaining to the issuance of such licenses in the Commonwealth, and further, to

authorize the Select Board to take such actions as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto. (majority vote required)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTMINSTER TO GRANT AN ADDITIONAL ALL-ALCOHOL LIQUOR LICENSE

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority of the Town of Westminster is hereby authorized to issue one (1) additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises pursuant to section 15 of said chapter 138 to the business located within the town at 109 Main Street, Westminster, MA 01473 and known as Vincent's Country Store, upon approval of and under conditions set by the licensing authority of the town of Westminster. The license shall be subject to all of the provisions of said chapter 138 except section 17.
- SECTION 2. The license granted under this act shall not be transferable to any other location, person, corporation, or organization.
- SECTION 3. If a license granted under this act is cancelled, revoked, or no longer in use, the license shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges, and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant under the same conditions as specified in this act.
- SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY CITIZEN'S PETITION

ARTICLE 12. The petition states; that we would like the voters of the town to keep the total amount of full liquor licenses (package store licenses) at 2 (two), until the population of Westminster exceeds 10,000 per the most recent federal census. (majority 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, 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 fourth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.


Melissa A. Banks, Chair


Salvatore J. Albert, Jr., Vice-Chair


Michael B. Cooley, Clerk

SELECT BOARD