

May 27, 2016

**WARRANT
TOWN OF ABINGTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

PLYMOUTH, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Abington ...

GREETINGS. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at:

**ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
201 RICHARD FRANCIS GLINIEWICZ WAY
IN PRECINCT FIVE IN SAID ABINGTON, ON MONDAY, THE 6TH OF June at
7:15
IN THE EVENING**

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and appropriate from available receipts such sum as necessary to defray salaries and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year 2017, including without limitation, enterprise and special revenue funds, all as set forth in the detail budget handout, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Sewer Enterprise available funds the sum of \$7,450.80 for sick leave and vacation buy back for the Administrative Clerk in the Sewer Department office who is expected to retire in fiscal year 2017, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,000.00 for student transportation services to Abington students attending out-of-district vocational schools as non-residents for the 2016-2017 school year, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund and implement the cost items retroactive to the first fiscal year of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Clerical Union, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee takes no action at this time

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund and implement the cost items retroactive to the first fiscal year of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Fire Union, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee takes no action at this time

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund and implement the cost items retroactive to the first fiscal year of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Library Union, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee takes no action at this time

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums as may be necessary to purchase, lease/purchase, equip and/or construct the following capital items and projects, and, as may be necessary therefore, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts for such purpose for terms of up to or exceeding three years, all as set forth below, or take any other action relative thereto.

Department	Cost	Funding Source
Sewer Department: Utility Truck	\$65,000	Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings
Sewer Department: SUV Truck	\$40,000	Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings

Water Department: Water Hydrants Replacement Program	\$25,000	Water Undesignated Fund Balance
Water Department: Heavy Duty Hauling Trailer	\$5,000 (with like amount from Town of Rockland)	Water Undesignated Fund Balance
Water Department: Heavy Duty Pickup Truck	\$17,500 (with like amount from Town of Rockland)	Water Undesignated Fund Balance
Water Department: Upgrade Filters at Myers Treatment Plant	\$30,000 (with like amount from Town of Rockland)	Water Undesignated Fund Balance
Water Department Meters	\$50,000	Water Undesignated Fund Balance
Repair/Upgrade Town Hall HVAC	\$13,995	Free Cash
Phone Upgrade Town Hall	\$30,000	Free Cash
10 Police Portable Radios	\$30,000	Free Cash
2 Police Cruisers	\$92,000	Free Cash

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E ½ to authorize new revolving funds for the Board of Health and Town Manager (labeled **L and M** on the chart below) and to re-authorize Revolving Funds for the purposes and subject to the limitations specified, all as set forth below, or take any other action relative thereto.

	Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Funds	FY16 Limit
A	Fire Department Fund 039	Fire Chief	Fees collected relative to the fire alarm system	Maintaining the fire alarm system in the Town	\$16,000.00
B	Library Fund 021	Board of Library Trustees	Fees from private groups using the meeting facilities after regular hours of operation	Maintaining the library public meeting rooms	\$1,000.00
C	Library Fund 038	Board of Library Trustees	Fines from lost, damaged or stolen library materials	Replace lost, damaged or stolen library materials.	\$2,000.00
D	Police Department Fund 017	Police Chief	Fines received by the Town relating to motor vehicle violations pursuant to MGL C.90	Matching funding requirements for police grants or the purchasing of equipment for the Police Department	\$60,000.00
E	Police Department Fund 040	Police Chief	Fines received from the Town relating to marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in MGL C.94c subsection 1, as amended)	Purchasing drug prevention materials	\$1,000.00

F	Board of Health Fund 028	Board of Health	Receipts received from CRT disposal permits, propane tank disposal permits, white good disposal permits, trash disposal permits, curbside collection fines and the sale of compost	Administrative and disposal costs associated with CRT's, propane tanks, white goods, waste or compost	\$7,500.00
G	Board of Health Fund 035	School Committee	Fines levied against Abington businesses, which violate state of local tobacco control laws, bylaws and regulations	Fund the smoking or substance abuse prevention programs	\$1,000.00
H	School Committee Fund 086	School Committee	Homeless Transportation	Fund the cost of transporting homeless student transportation	\$40,000.00
I	Planning Board Fund 022	Planning Board	Review fees paid to the Abington Planning Board	Paying costs related to engineering and supervision of proposed subdivisions and site plans within the Town	\$60,000.00
J	Town Manager Fund 034	COA Director	Fees received from the leasing/renting of the Senior Center	For the maintenance and operation	\$10,000.00
K	Building Department Fund 041	Building Inspector	65% of the permit fee collected from wiring, plumbing, gas or zoning permits	Wages for Wiring and Plumbing/Gas Inspectors	\$40,000.00

L	Board of Health	Board of Health	50% of revenue collected from rabies vaccinations	Fee charged by veterinary technician to provide vaccinations at rabies clinic	\$1,000.00
M	Town Manager	Town Manager	Rent received from the rental of house located at Strawberry Valley Golf Course	Town building repairs and maintenance	\$16,000.00
TOTAL					\$255,500.00

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval of A-L

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws in accordance with the recommendations of the Bylaw Review Committee appointed pursuant to the Town Charter to undertake a periodic review of the Town Bylaws, as set forth in the following three reports:

- (1) Part 1 – General Bylaws
- (2) Part 2 – Uniform Citations; and
- (3) Part 3 – Community Preservation Committee Bylaw

an overview of which recommendations are provided in an Executive Summary, and which reports and summary are on file with the Town Clerk and available on the Town’s website at www.abingtonma.gov, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee defers to the By-Law Review Committee

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to initiate the process to aggregate electrical load pursuant to G.L. Chapter 164, Section 134, and further, and, consistent therewith, to grant the Board of Selectmen authority to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the Town and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, a parcel of land located at 441 Summer Street, containing 5.73 acres more or less, shown as Parcel 22 on Assessor's Map 17, and described in a deed recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in book 15740, page 197, to be held by the Board of Selectmen for General Municipal purposes, and to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for such purposes, and further to see if the Town will vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, s53A, to accept a gift in the amount of \$20,000 for the support of the Abington Fire Department, and to authorize the Fire Chief, with the Approval of the Board of Selectmen, to expend said funds without further appropriation; or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of a parcel of land on Chestnut Street containing 45 acres more or less, shown as parcel 43 on Assessor's Map 50, and as shown on the deed recorded in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 19796, and Page 253, (this lot also includes Parcel 59 on Assessors Map 50) from the Treasurer/Collector, for the purposes of sale at auction to the Board of Selectmen for General Municipal purposes and purposes of conveyance; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said property to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, which may be nominal, as the Board deems appropriate, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and to execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient on behalf of the Town to affect said conveyance; or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, three parcels of real property located on Richard Francis Gliniewicz Way shown as Parcels 2A, 2B and 2C on Assessor's Map 38, and as further described in a deed recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Book 24036, Page 259; and further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow that sum of \$600,000, or any other sum, to fund such acquisition; and to meet such appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. 44 or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following petition article: Health Imperatives' A NEW DAY (formerly Womansplace Crisis Center) requests \$5,000 from the Town of Abington for services provided to survivors of sexual assault and their families in Fiscal Year 2016..

BY PETITION

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the roadway known as Mayflower Avenue off Bradford Street, from station 0+00 to station 4+50 as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled " Roadway Improvement Plans, Mayflower Avenue in Abington , Ma. off Bradford Street" dated December 15, 2005, with a final revision date of February 5, 2006, and on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase and/or eminent domain, the fee to and /or easements in Mayflower Avenue for all purposes for which public ways are used in the town of Abington, and any drainage, utility, access, drainage, and/or other easements related thereto, as shown on said plan; or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PLANNING BOARD

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds One hundred four thousand, three hundred eighty dollars and 00/100 for the purpose of completing Mayflower Avenue, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled "Roadway Improvement Plans, Mayflower Avenue in Abington, Ma. off Bradford Street" from station 0+00 to station 4+50 dated December 15, 2005 prepared by Russell A. Wheatley co., Inc., with a final revision date of February 5, 2006 and on file with the Town Clerk, and accepted by this Town Meeting, and further that said construction may include, but not be limited to, engineering services, and the installation of drainage, sidewalks, and similar infrastructure related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PLANNING BOARD

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW CHANGES:

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Abington Zoning Bylaws, Article IX: Signs, by making the changes shown below, with text to be deleted shown in strikethrough and text to be inserted shown in bold, or take any other action relative thereto:

PART 1. § 175-56(B)(2)

For any sign requiring a special permit under Article ~~IX~~ the ~~Planning Board~~ **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** will be the special permit granting authority.

PART 2. §175-56(E)

MOVING SIGN Any and every sign, any part of which moves, is designed to move, or to be moved, by any means, **including but not limited to flag style/wind-waver signs.**

PROMOTIONAL BANNER Any lightweight plastic, fabric or other material sign that **contains identifiable sale advertisements or a commercial message.**

STRING OF BULBS Any string of lighting or lighting fixtures.

WINDOW SIGN A sign affixed to the surface of a window (~~inside or outside~~ **interior or exterior; illuminated or non-illuminated**) or displayed behind a window so as to attract attention from the outside. A sign shall be deemed a "window sign" if it is within the display or show case of the window, or within four feet of the inside surface of a window through which it is intended to be viewed.

PART 3. § 175-58(F)

(14) Pennants or feather signs **and moving signs.**

(15) **Promotional Banners.**

(16) **Window Signs.**

PART 4. § 175-59(E)

Where a structure is set back at least 30 feet from the curb line, a **single** freestanding sign of an area not in excess of 32 square feet on each side may be placed in such a manner that the edge of the sign is not less than 10 feet from the lot line and not higher than 25 feet nor lower than eight feet from the ground if sign is placed within traffic sight line. Signs placed out of traffic sight lines may be placed on ground level but may not exceed six feet high but shall not exceed the height of the roofline.

PART 5. § 175-59(G)(2)

Limits the change to a complete message to one change not more than per minute **once every fifteen (15) minutes.**

PART 6. § 175-60(H)

Window signs. In excess of 50% window viewable surface area subject to special permit.

PART 7. § 175-60

The following signs are exempt from the requirements of Article IX:

~~A. Interior window displays or signs.~~ (and re-lettering all remaining paragraphs accordingly).

BY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Finance Committee defers to the Planning Board

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws and Zoning Map relative to the portion of the Southfield Development, Naval Air Station (NAS) South Weymouth, that lies within the Town of Abington, which amendments and Zoning Map changes are on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY SOUTHFIELD REVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Finance Committee takes no action at this time