

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WEBSTER  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
May 08, 2017**

Worcester, ss

To either of the Constables in the County aforesaid:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Webster aforesaid who are qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Bartlett High School Auditorium, 52 Lake Parkway, in said Webster on **Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM** then and there to act on the following Articles to wit:

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear and act upon the report and recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

**Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen – Selectmen recommend approval**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of elected officials, provide for a reserve fund, and determine what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate including appropriations from any available funds to defray the charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen – Selectmen recommend approval**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum sufficient to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen – Selectmen recommend approval**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum sufficient to operate the Water Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen – Selectmen recommend approval**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, to temporarily borrow a note or notes, or make an interfund advance from available funds in anticipation of revenue

from taxation, bonds, or grants, and to repay said sums within the current fiscal cycle; or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen**

**ARTICLE 6:**

**DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to create and/or continue revolving funds for certain town departments pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017:

Revolving Fund	Authority to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY2016 Budget
Animal Control	Board of Health/ Health Agent	Program Fees	Program expenses	\$2,000.00
Auditorium Rentals	Town Administrator	Rental Fees	Facility maintenance	\$5,000.00
Leased Properties	Town Administrator	Lease Payments	Facility maintenance	\$50,000.00
Graphic Arts	School Committee	Program Fees	Program supplies	\$5,000.00
Recycling	Recycling Commission	Program Fees	Program expenses	\$1,000.00
Firearms Licensing	Chief of Police	Program Fees	Program expenses	\$10,000.00
Board of Health Training	Board of Health/ Health Agent	Program Fees	Program expenses	\$3,000.00
Board of Health Inspections	Board of Health/ Health Agent	Inspection Fees	Outside Consultant	\$5,000.00
Senior Center	Senior Center Director	Program Fees	Program expenses	\$10,000.00
Library	Library Director	Photocopier/Printer Fees	Equipment supplies	\$2,000.00
Nuisance Properties	Town Administrator	Program Fees	Program expenses	\$100,000.00
Inspectional Services	Town Administrator	Inspection Fees	Part Time	\$50,000.00
Municipal Hear Officer	Town Administrator	Fines	Program expenses	\$2,500.00

; or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Town Accountant – Selectmen recommend approval**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken at the October 17, 2016 Annual Town Meeting under Article 10; or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Town Accountant – Selectmen recommend approval**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 22g and authorize to allocate all funds received from fines assessed for violations of handicap parking in said town to the commission of disabilities and said funds to be deposited by the Town Treasurer in a separate account and shall be used solely for the benefit of persons with disabilities; or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored by the ADA Committee – Selectmen recommend approval**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury a sum sufficient for the purpose of renovation, construction improvements, remodeling, reconstruction, making extraordinary repairs to the Bartlett Jr Sr High School for the use as School Administration Offices, including but not limited to costs for planning, design, construction, furnishing and equipment, as well as all other costs incidental or related thereto; or take any other action thereto.

**Sponsored by the Webster Public Schools – Selectmen recommend approval**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to grant a permanent easement to National Grid, or the corporate entity designated as grantee in the proposed easement document, over Town-owned land for the purpose of supplying electricity to Town property, on such further terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems necessary and property; or to take any action thereto.

**Sponsored by the Town Administrator – Selectmen recommend approval**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B, § 16, and c. 40, § 3, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease the Town property located at 31 Ray Street, Webster, for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years and for the specific public purpose of providing a museum to commemorate the history of Webster and surrounding region, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems necessary and proper; or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Town Administrator – Selectmen recommend approval**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation authorizing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, to release a restriction held by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the Town-owned property located at 31 Ray Street, Webster, and described in the deed from the Commonwealth to the Town dated January 4, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 35465, Page 99, a copy of said deed on file with the Town Clerk, said restriction requiring the property be used solely as a community youth facility; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the

petition, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments, the form of said special legislation to be as follows:

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RELEASE OF A RESTRICTION ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 31 RAY STREET IN THE TOWN OF WEBSTER**

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. The division of capital asset management and maintenance is authorized to release a restriction held by the Commonwealth on the town-owned property located at 31 Ray Street, Webster, and described in a deed from the commonwealth of Massachusetts to said town of Webster, dated January 4, 2005, and recorded with the Worcester south district registry of deeds in book 35465, page 99, said restriction requiring the property be used solely as a community youth facility.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions as it deems necessary or proper; or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Town Administrator – Selectmen recommend approval**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from any available funds in the Treasury a sum sufficient for the purpose installing and extending the water main on Thompson Road from Memorial Beach Drive to Park to Park Road with approximately 1,500 feet of 16" diameter main to transmit treated water flows from the filtration plant, including but not limited to costs for planning, design, construction, as well as all other costs incidental or related thereto; or take any other action thereto.

**Sponsored by the Town Administrator – Selectmen recommend approval**

And you are directed to serve this warrant by publishing attested copies thereof in a newspaper published within the Town of Webster at least seven (7) days preceding the meeting and by posting attested copies thereof with the Town Clerk and filing in the Public Library.

Thereof fail not and make due return of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this Tenth Day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.

**WEBSTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Donald D. Bourque, Chairman  
Randall V. Becker, Vice Chairman  
Andrew M. Jolda  
Mark G. Dowgiewicz  
Robert J. Miller