

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WEBSTER  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
MAY 8, 2023**

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 Gymnasium, 52 Lake Parkway, in said Webster on **Monday, May 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM** then and there to act on the following Articles to wit:

**ARTICLE 1. GENERAL FUND PRIOR YEAR BILLS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from any available funds in the Treasury, a sum sufficient to the Town Administrator Unpaid Bills account for the purpose of funding the payment of prior years' unpaid invoices; or take any other action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen**

**ARTICLE 2. SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND PRIOR YEAR BILLS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from any available funds in the Treasury, a sum sufficient to the Sewer Unpaid Bills account for the purpose of funding the payment of prior years' unpaid invoices; or take any other action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen**

**ARTICLE 3. WATER ENTERPRISE FUND PRIOR YEAR BILLS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from any available funds in the Treasury, a sum sufficient to the Water Unpaid Bills account for the purpose of funding the payment of prior years' unpaid invoices; or take any other action thereon.

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**ARTICLE 4. FUND SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from any available funds in the Treasury, a sum sufficient to the DPW Snow and Ice Supplies Accounts; or take any other action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen**

**ARTICLE 5. AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF PARK AVE FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the balance of \$557,163.28 in the Park Ave Construction Fund (#5037) to the Bartlett High School Renovation Fund (#5033), or take any other action thereon.

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**ARTICLE 6. APPROPRIATION FOR TOWN CAPITAL PROJECTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash, a sum sufficient for the purpose of funding capital purchases/projects as listed in the table below, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action thereon.

| Department         | Project                         | Amount    |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Town Administrator | Town Hall Entrance Improvements | \$ 46,000 |

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|------------------------|---|------------|
| Town Administrator     | Inventory of Town Buildings /Structures and their related systems | \$ 50,000  |
| Information Technology | Computer Upgrades   | \$ 42,000  |
| Police Department      | Speed Trailer   | \$ 25,000  |
| Police Department      | Unified Storage, Server & Backup Disaster Recovery Solution       | \$ 190,000 |
| Police Department      | Core Network Switch Upgrade                                       | \$ 82,000  |
| Police Department      | Police Camera Server Replacement                                  | \$ 40,000  |
| Police Department      | Cruiser/SUV Replacement Plan                                      | \$ 55,000  |
| Fire Department        | Radio System Upgrade  | \$ 90,000  |
| Fire Department        | Fire Camera System Upgrade  | \$ 20,000  |
| Highway Department     | F450 Super Duty Dump Truck  | \$ 82,000  |
| Highway Department     | Industrial Class/Detachable Snowblower                            | \$ 205,000 |
| School Department      | Middle School Window Replacement                                  | \$ 100,000 |
| Highway Department     | Transfer Station Engineering Services                             | \$ 43,300  |

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#### **ARTICLE 7. APPROPRIATION FOR SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Sewer retained earnings, a sum sufficient for the purpose of funding capital purchases/projects as listed in the table below, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action thereon.

| <b>Project</b>   | <b>Amount</b> |
|--|---------------|
| Actiflow Polymer Pump Replacement                        | \$ 20,000     |
| Portable Generator Collections                           | \$ 75,000     |
| Actiflow Generator Wiring & Transfer Switch-New          | \$ 40,000     |
| ½ Cost of 2024 Backhoe/Loader, other ½ from Water Fund   | \$ 110,000    |
| Evaluate Dudley P.S. Flow Equalization Pump              | \$ 40,000     |
| Rebuild Pump 1 & 2 Mill Brook P.S.                       | \$ 44,000     |
| Replace Pneumatic Ejectors with Submersible Pumps Narrow | \$ 75,000     |
| Replace 2011 Ford F-350 4x4 Utility                      | \$ 96,000     |
| Polymer Pump Replacement                                 | \$ 15,000     |
| Thompson 1 Pump Station VFD Replacement                  | \$ 25,000     |
| Thompson Rd Pumps Station VFD Well Rehab                 | \$ 90,000     |
| Twister Agitator Mixer - Beach, Pebble & Lake PS         | \$ 45,000     |
| Twister Agitator Mixer - Dudley Wet-well                 | \$ 15,000     |
| Parking Lot Repairs                                      | \$ 35,000     |

**Sponsored by the Water Sewer Commission and Board of Selectmen**

#### **ARTICLE 8. APPROPRIATION FOR WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Water retained earnings, a sum sufficient for the purpose of funding capital purchases/projects as listed in the table below, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action thereon.

| <b>Project</b>                                  | <b>Amount</b> |
|---|---------------|
| Clearwell Demo                                  | \$ 80,000     |
| Park Road Storage Tank Fence Repair/Replacement | \$ 10,000     |
| Park Road Storage Tank Exterior Cleaning        | \$ 12,000     |
| Sutton Rd Booster Station Repairs               | \$ 46,000     |

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| Towable Air Compressor Replacement                     | \$ 40,000  |
| ½ Cost of 2024 Backhoe/Loader, other ½ from Sewer Fund | \$ 110,000 |
| Paint Water Garage Blue Building                       | \$ 12,000  |
| Annual Well Rehabilitation Stations 1, 2, and 3        | \$ 40,000  |
| Water Main Design                                      | \$ 150,000 |

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#### **ARTICLE 9. RESCUE TRUCK**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,200,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new rescue truck, including associated equipment and all related incidental costs, and that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 and/or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefor; or to take any action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen**

#### **ARTICLE 10. LIBRARY GENERATOR**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$350,000 for the purpose of purchasing a generator for the Gladys E. Kelly Library, including associated equipment and all related incidental costs, and that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 and/or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefor; or to take any action thereon.

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#### **ARTICLE 11. NUISANCE PROPERTY ASBESTOS ABATEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Town's free cash, a sum of \$250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars), or any other sum, for the Asbestos abatement and removal of an unsafe structure known as 124R High Street, or take any other action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Building Department**

#### **ARTICLE 12. APPROPRIATE TO THE STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash, \$1,000,000, or any other sum, to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen**

#### **ARTICLE 13. WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AERATION SYSTEM PHASE I**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$500,000 for the purpose of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Aeration System Phase I Rehabilitation project, and all related incidental costs, and that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 and/or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefor; or to take any action thereon.

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#### **ARTYCLE 14. WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AERATION SYSTEM PHASE I**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$400,000 in the SCADA Fund (#6139) to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Aeration System Phase I Fund (# to be determined), or take any action thereon.

**Sponsored by the Water Sewer Commission**

#### **ARTICLE 15. SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM REHABILITATION CONSTRUCTION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,000,000 for the purpose of the Sewer Collections System Rehabilitation - Phase 2 project, and all related incidental costs, and that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 and/or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefor; or to take any action thereon.

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#### **ARTICLE 16. PFAS WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, transfer from any available funds or issue notes or bonds, including borrowing from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, or any combination thereof, a sum of thirty-three million dollars (\$33,000,000) for the purpose of financing the construction of a PFAS water treatment plant at the Memorial Beach well site and an iron, manganese, and PFAS water treatment plant at the Bigelow well site and all associated work and appurtenances related thereto including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow said sum and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C; and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Town Administrator is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the project; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Sponsored by the Water Sewer Commission**

#### **ARTICLE 17. APPROPRIATION FOR FY23 SEWER DEFICITS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer retained earnings, a sum sufficient for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2023 anticipated sewer appropriation deficits as listed in the table below, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any action thereon.

| <b>Account Description &amp; Numbers</b>                     | <b>Amount</b>     |
|--|-------------------|
| Electricity (6046052-521001)                                 | \$ 116,000        |
| Electricity (Collections) (6046052-521001-461)               | \$ 88,000         |
| Repair & Maintenance (Collections) (6046052-524000-461)      | \$ 42,000         |
| Building & Grounds Maint. (6046052-524001)                   | \$ 8,500          |
| Building & Grounds Maint. (Collections) (6046052-524001-461) | \$ 17,500         |
| Computer Equip. Maint. (6046052-524015)                      | \$ 6,000          |
| Testing Services (6046052-5300021)                           | \$ 10,000         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$ 288,000</b> |

**Sponsored by the Water Sewer Commission & Board of Selectmen**

And you are directed to serve this warrant by publishing attested copies thereof in a newspaper published within the Town of Webster at least fourteen (14) 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 Twenty-three.

**TOWN OF WEBSTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

Randall V. Becker, Chairman

Earl Gabor, Vice Chairman

Tom Klebart, Clerk

Lisa Kontoes, Selectman

Donald Bourque, Selectman