

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WEBSTER
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MAY 13, 2024

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 Park Avenue Elementary School, 58 Park Avenue, in said Webster on **Monday, May 13, 2024 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.

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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.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

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 Town Administrator

ARTICLE 5. SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION 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 not to exceed \$550,000 to the Special Education Transportation Accounts; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the School Superintendent

ARTICLE 6 SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION DEFICIT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow from any available funds in the Treasury a sum not to exceed \$600,000.00 for the purpose of funding a Special Education Tuition deficit; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the School Superintendent

ARTICLE 7. G.L. c. 44, § 53 CLAUSE 4: OPIOID SETTLEMENT RECEIPTS

To see if the Town will transfer Opioid Settlement Receipts in the amount of \$106,382.77 from free cash to Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund (3129); or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by Town Administrator

ARTICLE 8. RESCIND UNUSED AUTHORIZED BORROWING

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following amounts that have been authorized to be borrowed, but which are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were initially approved:

Unissued Amount	Date of Approval	Warrant Article #	Original Purpose
\$ 588,235	10/21/2019	11	Veterans Memorial Beach Improvements
\$ 180,000	10/19/2020	9	Lincoln, Whitcomb, Nelson Water Mains

or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Finance Director

ARTICLE 9. ACCEPTANCE OF PRUDENT INVESTMENT RULE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.44, §54(b) to allow Town trust funds to be invested in accordance with G.L. c.203C, the so-called "Prudent Investment Rule"; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Finance Director

ARTICLE 10. WEBSTER LAKE MAINTENANCE FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding Webster Lake maintenance; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 11. 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	Inventory of Town Buildings /Structures and their related systems	\$ 50,000
Information Technology	Computer Upgrades for Library	\$ 16,000

Information Technology	Re-Design Town's Infrastructure	Domain	\$ 150,000
Information Technology	Multifactor Authentication		\$ 100,000
Police Department	Cruiser/SUV Replacement Plan		\$ 75,000
Police Department	Phone System		\$ 150,000
Police Department	Replace 20 Cameras		\$ 30,000
Police Department	Replace 10 Portable Radios		\$ 50,000
Police Department	Cruiser/SUV Cameras		\$ 40,500
Highway Department	Catch Basin Cleaner		\$ 165,600
Senior Center	Senior Center Renovations		\$ 100,000
School Department	Middle School Glycol Changeout		\$ 35,000
School Department	Middle School Doors and Breakout Rooms		\$ 30,000
School Department	Middle School Paving/Sealing		\$ 45,000
School Department	Middle School Upgrade/Replace Gym Sound System		\$ 45,000
School Department	Park Ave. Elementary Security Camera Expansion		\$ 100,000
School Department	Park Ave. Elementary Gym Bleachers/Risers		\$ 100,000

Sponsored by the Town Administrator and School Superintendent

ARTICLE 12. 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.

Project	Amount
Waste Water Treatment Plant Aeration System Phase 2 Design	\$ 400,000
Replace Heating System Pre-Treatment Building	\$ 42,000
Digester Building Repairs Holes in Masonry Walls	\$ 10,000
Digester Building Repairs Silicone Joint Between Tanks	\$ 10,000
Digester Building Evaluate Replacement Pumps	\$ 10,000
Digester Building Repair Top Course of Tank Walls	\$ 10,000
Sandpiper Lime Pump #1	\$ 13,250
Sandpiper Lime Pump #2	\$ 13,250

Sponsored by the Water Sewer Commission and Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 13. 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.

Project	Amount
Milling and Paving Parking Lot at 38 Hill Street	\$ 45,000

Sponsored by the Water Sewer Commission and Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14. PUMPER TRUCK

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,200,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new pumper 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 Fire Chief

ARTICLE 15. FIRE/DIVE RESCUE BOAT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$150,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new fire/dive rescue boat, 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 Fire Chief

ARTICLE 16. SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM REHABILITATION CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the purpose of the Sewer Collections System Rehabilitation – Phase 3 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.

Sponsored by the Water Sewer Commission

ARTICLE 17. REHABILITATE NARROWS PUMP STATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$990,000 for the purpose of the Rehabilitation Narrows Pump Station, 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 18. 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 ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) 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

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 Eighth Day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-four.

TOWN OF WEBSTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Earl Gabor, Chairman
Thomas Klebart, Vice Chairman
Randall V. Becker, Clerk
Mark Rogers