

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WEBSTER
ANNUAL 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 7:00 PM** then and there to act on the following Articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. REPORTS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OR BOARD OF SELECTMEN
To hear and act upon the report and recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee; or take any other action thereon.
Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: AUTHORIZE REVOLVING FUNDS CHANGES

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 70 Departmental Revolving Funds of the Town of Webster General Bylaws at Section 70-1 Establishment; expenditures; spending limits, by deleting the portions shown in strikethrough and adding those portions shown in Bold as follows:

There is hereby established in the Town of Webster pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 44, § 53E1/2, the following Revolving Funds:

Revolving Fund	Authority to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund
Animal Control	Board of Health/Health Agent	Program fees	Program expenses
Auditorium Rentals	Town Administrator	Rental fees	Facility maintenance
Leased Properties	Town Administrator	Lease payments	Facility maintenance
Graphic Arts	School Committee	Program fees	Program supplies
Recycling	Recycling Commission	Program fees	Program expenses
Firearms Licensing	Chief of Police	Program fees	Program expenses
Board of Health Training	Board of Health/Health Agent	Program fees	Program expenses

Revolving Fund	Authority to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund
Board of Health Inspections	Board of Health/Health Agent	Inspection fees	Outside consultant
Senior Center	Senior Center Director	Program fees	Program expenses
Library	Library Director	Photocopier/printer printing, copying, faxing, vinyl printing, and laminating services fees	Program Expenses
Nuisance Properties	Health Director and Building Inspector	BOH violation fines	Nuisance property remediation
Inspectional Services	Town Administrator	Inspection fees	Part-time
Municipal Hearing Officer	Town Administrator	Fines	Program expenses
Compost Facility	Highway Director	Program fees	Program expenses
Recreation	Recreation Director	Program fees	Program expenses
Code Enforcement	Health Director and Building Inspector	Board of Health inspection fees, Building Department Inspection fees, Code enforcement receipts	Code Enforcement expenditures
Webster Historical Commission	Webster Historical Commission	Fees from sale of historic signs	Historic Sign Program

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Expenditures from each Revolving Fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established annually by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with MGL c. 44, § 53E1/2.

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And, further, to set ~~FY 2019~~ **FY 2025** spending limits for such Revolving Funds as follows:

Revolving Fund	FY 2019 FY 2025 Spending Fund
Animal Control	\$2,000

Revolving Fund	FY 2019 FY 2025 Spending Fund
Auditorium rentals	\$5,000
Leased properties	\$50,000
Graphic arts	\$5,000
Recycling	\$1,000
Firearms licensing	\$10,000
Board of Health training	\$3,000
Board of Health inspections	\$15,000
Senior Center	\$10,000 \$8,000
Library	\$2,000 \$4,000
Nuisance properties	\$100,000 \$60,000
Inspectional Services	\$50,000
Municipal Hearing Officer	\$2,500
Composting facility	\$20,000 \$13,000
Recreation	\$105,000 \$135,000
Code Enforcement	\$715,000
Webster Historical Commission	\$5,000

And further to transfer any and all remaining funds in the Board of Health Inspections fund and Inspectional Services fund to the newly created Code Enforcement fund.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 3: FY2025 GENERAL FUND ANNUAL BUDGET

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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4: FY2025 SEWER ANNUAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from any available funds a sum sufficient to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 5: FY2025 WATER ANNUAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from any available funds a sum sufficient to operate the Water Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6: AUTHORIZE SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS

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 inter-fund 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 other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 7. CREATE BUDGET FOR CABLE ACCESS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following Cable Access Budget in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F³/₄; or take any other action thereon.

Account	Description	Budget
3702-510000	Salaries	\$ 42,000
3702-570000	Other Charges	\$ 50,000

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 8. DISCONTINUANCE OF PORTIONS OF DAVIS STREET

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue portions of Davis Street, being "Parcel 5" and "Parcel 7" as shown on a plan entitled "Davis Street Extension Plan Located Between Main Street and Tracy Court," dated April 11, 2023, recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds as Plan Book 972, Plan 73, as a public way, said plan on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release and convey all right, title and interest held by the Town in said discontinued roadway on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, which may be nominal consideration, as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and Redevelopment Authority

ARTICLE 9. RECREATION

To see if the Town will vote to dedicate May Street Park, located at 11 May Street (Assessor Parcel ID 13_B_18_0) as a public park, in perpetuity, for active recreational purposes under M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3; and to authorize the design, improvement, repair and enhancement of said May Street Park; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to apply for and accept on behalf of the Town, funds under the PARC Grant Program (301 CMR 5.00); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be

necessary or convenient to accomplish the purpose of this article; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Recreation Director

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 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