

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WEBSTER
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MAY 12, 2025**

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 12, 2025 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.

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ARTICLE 4. FUND SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT

To see if the Town will to 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 sufficient to the Special Education Transportation Accounts; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the School Superintendent

ARTICLE 6. FY25 GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE DEFICIT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum sufficient to the General Liability and Insurance fund for the purpose of paying FY2025 deficit, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 7. APPROPRIATION TO STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$550,000.00 to the Town's the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 8. 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	\$ 50,000
Town Administrator	Town Hall West (Church St.) Entrance Renovation	\$ 60,000
Town Administrator	Town Hall Front (Main St.) Entrance Renovation	\$ 160,000
Town Administrator	Town Hall East (Library Side) Entrance Renovation and Library Walkway	\$ 120,000
Police Department	Cruiser/SUV Replacement Plan - 3rd Vehicle	\$ 90,000
Police Department	Replace 20 Station Security Cameras	\$ 35,000
Police Department	Replace 10 Portable Radios	\$ 53,000
Police Department	Server Room AC Unit	\$ 25,000
Police Department	Replace Building Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) System	\$ 70,000
Police Department	In Car Cruiser Cameras	\$ 25,000
Highway Department	Plow for 10-Wheeler	\$ 65,000
Highway Department	F350 Pickup	\$ 85,000
Library	Add Four (4) Ethernet Ports and Floor Outlets Behind Reference Desk	\$ 1,500
School Department	PAE Electrical Controller Head Replacement	\$ 30,000
School Department	BHS Tennis Courts	\$ 40,000
School Department	BHS & WMS Exterior Basketball Courts	\$ 50,000

Sponsored by the Town Administrator and School Superintendent

ARTICLE 9. 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
Wastewater Plant Replacement Bar Rack Screens and Teeth	\$ 48,000
HACH All Weather Automatic Sampler Upgrade	\$ 8,500
HACH Online pH Sensors for Aeration	\$ 6,000
HACH Online Nitrate/NH3 Sensors for Aeration	\$ 12,000

Sponsored by the Water Sewer Commission and Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 10. 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
Water Main Design (Worcester Rd. & Old Worcester Rd.)	\$ 250,000

Sponsored by the Water Sewer Commission and Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AERATION SYSTEM PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,200,000 for the purpose of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration System Phase 2 project, and all related 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, Chapter 29C, 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 12. LOCAL ACCEPTANCE OF C. 200A, S 6A DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 200A, Section 6A, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 13: SPECIAL ACT TO MAKE TOWN CLERK APPOINTED

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Webster to pursue a special legislative act to amend the Webster Town Charter by eliminating Article 3, Section 5 providing for the election of Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 14: ELIMINATE BYLA W COMMITTEE, SECTION 14-1

To see if the Town will vote to eliminate Section 14-1 of the General Bylaws thereby eliminating the Bylaw Committee, take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 15: APPROPRIATE FROM VARIOUS ACCOUNT BALANCES TO FUND RENOVATIONS AT TOWN HALL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the following surplus fund balances in the amount of \$168,820.56

Fund Number	Fund Name/Description	Surplus Balance
5003	124R High Street Demo	\$ 137,500.00
5014	Animal Shelter Cameras	\$ 696.15
5015	Boat Docks	\$ 3,237.23
5016	Police Vehicle	\$ 15,644.18
5039	Breathing Apparatus	\$ 11,743.00

to fund renovations at Town Hall from the Town Hall Capital Improvements Fund (Fund 5050), including all costs and related thereto, or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

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 Fourteenth Day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-five.

TOWN OF WEBSTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Earl Gabor, Chairman

Thomas Klebart, Vice Chairman

Mark Rogers, Clerk

Scott Dziedzic

Elaine Davies