

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WEBSTER
ANNUAL 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 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 FUND S SPENDING LIMIT

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c 44, §53E1/2, as most recently amended, to set FY 2026 spending limits for such Revolving Funds as follows:

REVOLVING FUND	FY2026 FUND SPENDING LIMIT
Senior Center (Fund 3516)	\$ 8,000
Library (Fund 3519)	\$ 3,500
Recreation (Fund 3521)	\$ 168,000
Composting Facility (Fund 3525)	\$ 13,000
Historical Sign (Fund 3529)	\$ 5,000
Nuisance Properties (Fund 3530)	\$ 60,000
Code Enforcement (Fund 3534)	\$ 603,250

; or take any action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 3: FY2026 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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4: FY2026 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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; or take any other action thereon.

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ARTICLE 5: FY2026 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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; 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.

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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 53F $\frac{3}{4}$; or take any other action thereon to be funded by Cable Receipts.

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

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 8. AMEND SECTION 334-2: REQUEST FOR BUILDING NUMBERS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Webster Bylaws, Chapter 334 **Buildings, Numbering of** by deleting the existing Section 334-2 **Request for building numbers** and replacing it as follows:

The Selectmen shall review and approve a policy developed by the Assessor and the 911 Municipal Liaison that ensures consistent building number practices are utilized. The policy shall take into account best practices for street numbering for emergency response purposes along with ensuring any compliance that is required as part of the Commonwealth's statewide 911 system. The Assessor shall be responsible for issuing building numbers in compliance with the approved policy.

Or take any other action thereon.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 9. WEBSTER LAKE MAINTENANCE FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding Webster Lake maintenance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 10: AMEND ZONING MAP

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Webster Zoning Map referenced in Section 650-13 of the code of the Town of Webster to re-zone two parcels of land from the current zoning designation of Industrial to Business, District 4 (B-4) and to be designated within the Redevelopment Overlay District (ROD), said parcels being located at and known as 21 Pearl Street, shown on the Town Assessor's Map as Parcel ID 15-A-5-0, containing approximately 2.18 acres, and 35 Pearl Street, shown on the Town Assessor's Map as Parcel ID 15-A-1-0,

containing approximately 5.10 acres, both parcels owned now or formerly by 21 Pearl, LLC or take any action thereon.

Citizen Petition

ARTICLE 11: AMEND ZONING MAP

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Webster Zoning Bylaw referenced in Section 650-25 of the code of the Town of Webster, entitled “District 11, Redevelopment Overlay District”, by

(i) Revising Part G, “Uses Allowed by Special Permit”, (1)(g) to read as follows:

(g) Mixed-use building containing multi-family units, provided that some portion of the building shall contain retail, personal services, or professional or business office uses.

(ii) Revising Part K, “Off-Street Parking”, by inserting a new subpart (4) to read:

(4) For multi-family housing and for Mixed-use buildings, as allowed by Special Permit in the ROD, the Planning Board may modify the application off-street parking and landscaping regulations of Section 650-39.

Or take any action thereon.

Citizen Petition

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 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