

Special Town Meeting Warrant

Town of Wilbraham, Massachusetts – March 9, 2020

HAMPDEN COUNTY, SS

TO ANY OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF WILBRAHAM IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPDEN,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Wilbraham qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at **7:00 PM, on Monday, the 9th day of March, 2020, at Minnechaug Regional High School Auditorium**, in said Town, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. Wilbraham Middle School Roof Repair. To see if the Town will (i) appropriate a sum of money from the Town's Stabilization Fund, or any other source of funds, to be paid to the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District to be used to pay for a portion of the costs of the Project defined below, and (ii) approve the borrowing authorized by the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of the replacement of roofs at the Wilbraham Middle School, 466 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed Project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the District has applied for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the Town to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto. (*2/3rds. vote*)

Explanation: This article requests Town Meeting appropriate \$1,446,684 to pay for roof repairs at the Wilbraham Middle School. The total cost of the project is \$3,169,733. The Massachusetts School Building Authority has approved reimbursement of the total cost up to \$ 1,723,089. The MSBA portion is approximately 54.4% of the total project cost.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends Approval of this Article

Capital Planning Committee Recommendation: Recommendation to be made at Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE 2. Appropriation for Capital Outlays. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, by borrowing, transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the following purposes in accordance with Section 7(1) of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws: the acquisition of interests in land or the acquisition of assets, or for the following projects: the landscaping, alteration, remediation, rehabilitation or improvement of public land, the dredging, improvement, restoration, preservation or remediation of public waterways, lakes or ponds, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, demolition, removal or extraordinary repair of public buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure, including: (i) the cost of original equipment and furnishings of the buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure; (ii) damages under chapter 79 resulting from any such acquisition or project; and (iii) the cost of engineering, architectural or other services for feasibility studies, plans or specifications as part of any acquisition or project; provided that the interest in land, asset acquired or project shall have a useful life of at least 5 years; and provided further, that the period of any borrowing shall not exceed the useful life of the interest in land, asset acquired or project financed with proceeds of any such borrowing. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; or take any other action relative thereto. (*2/3rds. vote*)

Explanation: This Article authorizes the borrowing of \$135,000 which is the Town's share toward the purchase price of two Highway Dump Trucks. The Town will receive a grant from Mass DEP in the amount of \$304,380 for their share.

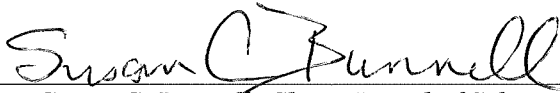
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And to transact such other business as may properly come before this meeting,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Office Building and the Library in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 3rd day of February, two thousand and twenty.



Susan C. Bunnell, Chair, Board of Selectmen



Robert W. Russell, Board of Selectmen



Robert J. Boilard, Board of Selectmen

