THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF DUNSTABLE
WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – November 18, 2024

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Dunstable in the County of Middlesex:

GREETINGS

IN THE NAME OF the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at Swallow Union Elementary School, 522 Main Street in said Dunstable on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 7:00 PM, and thereafter continuing from day to day until completed, with a back-up date of November 19, 2024, at 7:00 PM, in the event that inclement weather or other circumstances require a postponement, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1 - Unpaid Bills of FY24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash (Surplus Revenue) a sum of money for the purpose of paying unpaid bills of FY2024, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Select Board

ARTICLE 2 – Cell Tower on Water Tank: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to lease portions of Town-owned property located at 100 Simmons Street, Assessors Parcel 17-53-2, and portions of the water tank located on the property, for cellular communications equipment, and grant any access and/or utility easements as may be necessary or convenient to serve the cellular communications equipment, on such terms, conditions, and minimum amounts as the Board of Water Commissioners determines to be in the best interests of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Select Board and Board of Water Commissioners

ARTICLE 3 – High Street Property Conservation Restriction: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote under Article 15 at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting by adding the following authorization to the previous appropriation and authorization to purchase a conservation

restriction as follows: to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow up to $406,870 in anticipation of a reimbursement under a grant from the Massachusetts LAND grant program (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 132A, Section 11) and under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 8C or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to purchase through the Conservation Commission on behalf of the Town, for the sum of $700,000, a conservation restriction for open space and conservation purposes, as defined in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 184, Section 31, as amended, by negotiated purchase or otherwise, a certain property believed to be owned by Robert E. Kennedy consisting of 29.8-acres, more or less, adjacent to 346 High Street identified on Assessors Map 15 as Parcels 2 and 3B, and shown as "Parcel B" and "Assessor Parcel ID: 15-2" on a plan recorded in the North Middlesex Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 251, Plan 34, which is on file with the Town Clerk; said Restriction be conveyed to the Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts statutes relating to Conservation, to be managed by the Conservation Commission, and the Town and Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Select Board

ARTICLE 4 – Acceptance of Donation of Land – 19 Lowell Street: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, a parcel of land consisting of approximately 2.2 +/-acres, and representing a portion of the property located at 19 Lowell Street, identified on Assessor's Map 17 as Parcel 4, more or less, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Select Board

ARTICLE 5 – Creation of Capital Improvement Program Stabilization Fund: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, and authorize the establishment of a Capital Improvement Program Stabilization Fund, for the purpose of funding capital improvement projects for the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Select Board

ARTICLE 6 – Update to Town Open Space and Recreation Plan: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, including CPA funds, a sum of money for the update of the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan, including all incidental and related costs, based upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 7 – Construction of Tennis Courts at Larter Field: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, including CPA funds, a sum of money for the construction of the tennis courts at Larter Field, including all incidental and related costs, based upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT

ARTICLE 8 – Amend Departmental Revolving Fund Bylaw: To see if the town will vote to amend the Departmental Revolving Funds Section of the General Bylaws as follows (amendments are underlined) or take any other action in relation thereto:

Recreation Revolving Fund, Section D. Program or Activity Expenses Payable From Fund:

Expended for the repairs, maintenance and/or improvement to Town recreational sites (including Town Field, Larter Field, tennis courts, and any other facility under Recreation purview), and/or staffing, materials, equipment, etc. to support recreational programming.

Sponsored by the Recreation Commission

CITIZEN PETITIONS

ARTICLE 9 – Proposition 2 ½ Override Requests: To enact a bylaw that mandates any Select Board Proposition 2 ½ override request be done in a matter that requires 2 separate questions be placed in front of voters – one for municipal related costs and one for the GDRSD costs (referred to as a "menu" override).

Sponsored by Erica Flynn and others

Article 10 – **Electronic Voting at Town Meetings**: For the town of Dunstable, MA to adopt the utilization of electronic vote tabulators ("clicker's") for all votes required at the annual town meeting or any special town meeting(s).

Sponsored by Erica Flynn and others

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall in said Dunstable fourteen days at least before the time of holding such Town 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 the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, two thousand and twenty-four.

DUNSTABLE SELECT BOARD

_____
Ron Mikol

_____
Leah D. Basbanes

_____
Kieran Meehan

A true copy.
Attest:

_____
Brynn Durno, Town Clerk

DATE: _____, 2024

I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall fourteen (14) days before said meeting.

_____ _____
Date Constable