

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF DUNSTABLE
WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – July 30, 2020

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 that, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 9, as amended by Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, the Annual Town Meeting usually scheduled for the second Monday in May, is hereby delayed until July 30, 2020, and that all inhabitants qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, should meet at Larter Field, 80 Groton Street in said Dunstable on Thursday, July 30, 2020, at seven o'clock in the evening, and thereafter continuing from day to day until completed, then and there to act on the following articles:

REPORTS

ARTICLE 1 - Reports: To hear and act upon the reports of Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners, and Trustees, or take any action in relation thereto.

FISCAL YEAR 2020

ARTICLE 2 - Transfer to Water Enterprise Fund: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash (Surplus Revenue) to the Water Enterprise Capital account a sum of money for the purpose of funding operating expenses or other purposes as deemed necessary by the Board of Water Commissioners for FY2020, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Water Commissioners

ARTICLE 3 - Unpaid Bills of FY19: 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 FY2019, including the following, or take any action in relation thereto.

Small Water Systems \$450.00

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen
Requires a 4/5ths Vote

FISCAL YEAR 2021

ARTICLE 4 - Salaries of Elected Officials: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the elected officers of the Town as provided by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 108, for Fiscal Year 2021, beginning July 1, 2020, as follows, or take any action in relation thereto.

	FY19	FY20	FY21
Town Clerk	\$34,831	\$37,315	\$38,210

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 5 - Operating Budget: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or any combination thereof, to fund the various departments, boards, committees, commissions, and other operating expenses of the town for Fiscal Year 2021, beginning July 1, 2020, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Advisory Board

ARTICLE 6 - Free Cash Transfer for FY21: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash (Surplus Revenue) to meet the appropriations of Fiscal Year 2021, beginning July 1, 2020 or to authorize the Assessors to utilize said transfer in order to reduce the tax rate, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Advisory Board

ARTICLE 7 - Revolving Fund Expenditure Limits: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to set the annual expenditure limits for Fiscal Year 2021 for all revolving funds established by the General Bylaws, as follows, or take any action in relation thereto:

Cemetery	\$8,500
Recreation	\$7,000
COA Transport	\$5,000
Permit Application Fees	\$5,000
Approval Not Required Plans	\$15,000
Transfer Station	\$120,000

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 8 - Free Cash for Backhoe: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Free Cash (Surplus Revenue) to pay off debt related to the purchase of Backhoe for the Highway Department, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Advisory Board

ARTICLE 9 - Free Cash for Police Department Server: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash (Surplus Revenue) a sum of money for the purchase of a computer server for the Police Department, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Police Department

ARTICLE 10 - Free Cash for Fire Department and Highway Department Building Repairs: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash (Surplus Revenue) a sum of money to make repairs to the Fire Department Building and Highway Department Building, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 11 - Borrowing for Fire Truck Match: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the replacement of a fire truck, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Fire Department

ARTICLE 12 - Free Cash for Library Roof: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Free Cash (Surplus Revenue) for the replacement of the roof at the Library; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 13 - Free Cash for School Department Capital Assessment: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Free Cash (Surplus Revenue) to fund the School Capital Assessment as requested by the School Committee, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District

ARTICLE 14 - Community Preservation Committee Recommendations: To see what transfers or other action the Town may vote with respect to any recommended action of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 15 - CPC – Tennis Court: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money, with respect to the recommended action of the Community Preservation Committee to rehabilitate its Tennis Court, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 16 - CPC – Historic Well: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money, with respect to the recommended action of the Community Preservation Committee from the CPA historical allocation for the preservation of an historic town well at 0 Pond Street, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 17 - CPC – Town Hall: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money with respect to the recommended action of the Community Preservation Committee from the CPA from the Historical to complete repairs and painting of exterior building features, or take any action related thereto.

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 18 - Authorization to Purchase Emery Property: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, certain real property together with any improvements thereon known as the Emery property located off of High Street, identified as a portion of Assessor's Parcel 17-120, and being a portion of the premises described in a deed dated June 15, 2011, recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book 25052, Page 229, containing 47.99 acres, more or less, as and shown as Lot 4 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land, 102 High Street, Dunstable, MA" prepared by Norse Design Services, Inc. dated January 20, 2020 and revised February 12, 2020 on file with the Town Clerk; and to fund the costs of such acquisition of said property, to appropriate the sum of \$320,000, and to meet said appropriation:

1. Transfer from the Community Preservation Act Fund the sum of \$118,000 from the CPA Undesignated Fund and Open Space Fund to be applied to the purchase;
2. Transfer from the Timber Fund the sum of \$10,000; and
3. Authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8C of the Massachusetts General Laws or any other law, the sum of \$192,000.00 in anticipation of a reimbursement under a grant of the Massachusetts LAND Grant program (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 132A, Section 11), also known as the Self-Help program;

provided, however, that the authorization, appropriation, and transfers approved by this article shall only take effect if the Town obtains said grant from the Massachusetts LAND Grant program, also known as the Self-Help program;

or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LAND TRANSFERS

ARTICLE 19 - Main Street TIP Project, Article 97 Authorization: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a petition with the General Court to enact special legislation authorizing the use of certain Town-owned real property to accommodate improvements to Main Street, as may be required by the provisions of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments thereto before enactment by the General Court, which amendments shall be within the public purposes of said petition; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 20 - Solar PILOT Authorizations: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors to negotiate and enter on behalf of the Town payment in lieu of taxes agreements for solar energy facilities to be located at (i) 0 Blodgett Road and 0 Lowell Street, Assessors Parcels 21-3-0 and 22-50-0, and (ii) 0 Pleasant Street and 0 Groton Street, Assessors Parcels 8-39-0, 8-43-0, and 13-103-0, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 38H, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 21 - River's Edge Street Acceptance aka Chapman Street: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way a certain existing roadway known as Chapman Street, as shown on a plan of land entitled, "As-built Plan Located on River's Edge Estates." prepared by Stamski and McNary, Inc., last revised January 6, 2020., and on file with the Town Clerk said roadway having been laid out by the Board of Road Commissioners and approved by the Planning Board; and further to authorize the Board of Road Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town any deeds or releases of interests in real property from any parties necessary or sufficient for such roadway; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Road Commissioners

ARTICLE 22 - Greater Lowell Vocational Regional School District Regional Agreement: To see if the Town will vote to accept the amendments to Section 1 of the Greater Lowell Vocational Regional School District's Regional Agreement, approved by the Greater Lowell Vocational Regional School Committee on January 10, 2019 and ordered by the United States District Court of Massachusetts pursuant to a Consent Decree issued on June 3, 2015; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by Greater Lowell Regional School District

ARTICLE 23 - Relocation of English Monument: To see if the Town will vote to approve the relocation of the English Monument as recommended by the Monuments and Memorials Committee and the Board of Selectmen, as shown on a map titled "Proposed English Monument Relocation" on file with the Town Clerk; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Monuments and Memorials Committee

ARTICLE 24 - Relocation of the Rockwell Monument: To see if the Town will vote to approve the relocation of the Rockwell Monument as recommended by the Monuments and Memorials Committee and the Board of Selectmen, as shown on a map titled "Proposed Rockwell Monument Relocation on file with the Town Clerk; or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Monuments and Memorials Committee

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 seven 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 1 day of July, two thousand and twenty.

DUNSTABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Leah D. Basbanes

James Tully



Kieran Meehan

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

Date

Constable