



TOWN OF WHITMAN

Special Town Meeting December 11, 2017 - 7:30 P.M.

PLYMOUTH SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Whitman

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Whitman qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Whitman on

MONDAY, THE 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017 AT 7:30 P. M. then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$7,148.38 from Budget Line 125-Animal Control to Budget Line 124-Animal Control of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

FC Voted

Article 2 To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to pay costs of (i) water system improvements related to the intersection improvements being made at the intersection of Routes 18 and 27 and the intersection of Routes 18 and 14, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and (ii) replacing water meters throughout the Town, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise provided; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion: That Town appropriates \$3,200,000 to pay costs of (i) water system improvements related to intersection improvements being made at the intersection of Routes 18 and 27 and the intersection of Routes 18 and 14, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, in an approximate amount of \$1,500,000, and (ii) the replacement of water meters throughout the Town, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, in an approximate amount of \$1,700,000, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §§7 and 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received 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.

Proposed by the Board of Public Works commissioners and Town Administrator

FC Voted

BFCC Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000.00 from Sewer/Water Free Cash to purchase water meters, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Public Works Commissioners

FC Voted

BFCC Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Article 4

To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$485,000 from Sewer/ Water Free Cash for sewer easement surveying and clearing and test boring, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Public Works Commissioners

FC Voted

BFCC Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$445,966.71 from Sewer/Water Enterprise Free Cash to pay costs associated with the repair of a sewer force main pipe or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Public Works Commissioners

FC Voted

BFCC Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$7,000 from Free Cash to pay costs associated with installing a generator at the Department of Public Works facility or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Public Works Commissioners

FC Voted

BFCC Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$96,500.00 from Free Cash to Budget Line 133-All Other Services of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting to fund the cost items of the first year of a three year Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 between the Town and Local 1769, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

FC Voted

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$7,921.00 from Free Cash to the following budget lines of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting:

Line 227-Youth Services Librarian	\$ 1,022
Line 228- Circulation Supervisor	2,825
Line 229-Library Technicians	2,829
Line 231-Senior Library Technician	1,245

to fund the cost items for the first year of a three year Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 between the Town and the Whitman Public Library Employees, SEIU, Local 888, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

FC Voted

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,183 from Free Cash to Budget Line 226- Assistant Library Director of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting to fund a 4½ % salary increase for fiscal year 2018 or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Library Trustees and the Town Administrator

FC Voted

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$66,000.00 from Free Cash to Budget Line 123-All Other Services of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting to fund the cost items for the first year of a three year Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 between the Town and Local 509, I.B.P.O. or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

FC Voted

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,804.71 from Free Cash to Line 197-Health Inspector of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting to fund the cost of additional hours for the Health Inspector position or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen

FC Voted

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5,000 from Free Cash to fund a Phase 1 assessment of Hobart's Pond as required by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Dam Safety, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

FC Voted

BFCC Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$15,000 from Free Cash to reimburse the Whitman Hanson Regional School District for the capital cost to replace (2) Roof Top Units at Whitman Middle School which is no longer working and needs replacement , or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee

FC Voted

BFCC Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$26,536 (Cost = \$44,360 x 59.82%) from Free Cash to reimburse the Whitman Hanson Regional School District for preliminary costs associated with moving the Pre-Kindergarten program from the Maquan School to the Whitman Hanson Regional High School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee

FC Voted

BFCC Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$300,000 from the Town Capital Stabilization Account to pay for costs associated with the repair of the Duval School Roof, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

FC Voted

BFCC Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$26,744 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Fund to pay for costs associated with replacing Rooftop Air Units at the Fire Station, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

FC Voted

BFCC Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Article 17

To see if the Town will transfer \$_____ from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Fund to be added to budget line 135 Fire Department Expense of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Account to repair, upgrade or replace the Fire Department Radio System or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$15,000 from The Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Account to supplement a \$60,000 appropriation voted in Article 25 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting for the refurbishing of a 1990 Pumping Engine, or take any other action relative thereto.

FC Voted

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to approve the amendment to the South Shore Regional Vocational School District Agreement, a copy of which is available in the Town Clerk’s office and at the Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the South Shore Regional Vocational School Committee

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaw by adding a new Article 37, that would provide as follows:

**ARTICLE XXXVII
Marijuana Establishments**

Consistent with M. G. L. c. 94G, § 3 (a)(2), all types of non-medical "marijuana establishments" as defined in M. G. L. c. 94G, § 1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories,

marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other types of licensed marijuana-related businesses, shall be prohibited within the Town of Whitman. This prohibition shall not apply to the sale, distribution or cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes licensed under Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012. This Section shall be effective upon passage by the voters at a Town Election.
Or take any action relative thereto.
Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 21

To see if the town will vote pursuant to provisions of MGL 32B § 7A to establish the Town's contribution towards the health insurance premiums for all eligible employees, retirees and surviving spouses at sixty-five percent (65%) and eliminate the \$9,500 maximum limit imposed by Article 49 of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

FC Voted

Recommendations:

FC references the Whitman Finance Committee

BFCC references the Buildings, Facilities and Capital Expenditures Committee

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in not less than eight public places in the Town, fourteen days at least before the day for said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 21st day of November, 2017

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Carl F. Kowalski, Chair



Daniel L. Salvucci, Vice Chair



Scott J. Lambiase, Clerk



Brian J. Bezanson, Member



Randy Lamattina, Member

WARRANT ATTESTATION:

I hereby certify that by virtue of the within Warrant, I have posted eight (8) copies of said warrant in various sections of the Town, with two (2) copies in each precinct.

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____
Constable