



TOWN OF WHITMAN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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 6th day of May, 2019 at 7:30 P. M. then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1

To see if the Town will bring in their vote for the following Town Officers: Two Selectmen for Three Years; One Assessor for Three Years; Two PK-12 Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Committee Members for Three Years; Two Department of Public Works Commissioners for Three Years; Two Public Library Trustees for Three Years; One Whitman Housing Authority Member for Five Years; One Planning Board Member for Two Years to fill vacancy; One Planning Board Member for One Year to fill vacancy; One Board of Health Member for Three Years; and to choose all other necessary officers.

The polls for the election of officers will be opened in said Town Hall at nine o'clock in the forenoon on said Saturday, the 18th day of May, 2019, and kept open until five o'clock in the evening. Both of which days will constitute the Annual Meeting and this call is issued in accordance with the vote of the Town passed January 29, 1902.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Article 2

Voted To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Public Works, Veterans' Benefits, Education, Library, Recreation and Unclassified, specifying what appropriations shall be taken from the receipt of a department, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen with recommendations by the Finance Committee

Article 3

Voted to authorize spending limits for Fiscal Year 2020 for the following revolving accounts approved under the Town's by-laws, or take any other action relative thereto:

Revolving Account	\$ Spending Limit
Animal Control	5,000
Council on Aging	10,000
Library Fines and Fees	20,000
Passport and Photo Fees	3,000
Planning Board	75,000
Police Department	20,000
Recreation Department	30,000

Submitted by the Town Administrator; Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 4

Voted to raise and appropriate \$7,500 to engage an actuary to perform an assessment of future liabilities for OPEB (other Post-employment Benefits) as required by GASB 45/75 (Government Account Standards Bureau), or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: The Town is required to evaluate and determine its future liabilities bi-annually. This appropriation pays for the cost to evaluate.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector; Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 5

Voted to raise and appropriate outside the Levy limit the sum of \$451,316 to pay the Whitman Hanson Regional School District debt payments, which debt was authorized by Article 7 of the May 7, 2002, Annual Town Meeting and the May 18, 2002 Debt Exclusion vote, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector; Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 6

Voted to appropriate \$7,352.20 from the Reserve for Appropriation Title 5 Loans Account to make Fiscal year 2020 debt payments, with any balance remaining from this appropriation at fiscal year-end to be returned to said account, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector; Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 7

Voted to **raise and** appropriate \$41,050 ~~from Free Cash~~ and transfer \$100,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Receipts Account to make a payment of \$141,050 on debt authorized by Article 41 of the May 19, 1998, Annual Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector and the Chief of Fire-Rescue and Emergency Services
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 8

Voted to **raise and** appropriate ~~\$687,025~~ **\$154,683, and transfer \$532,432 from** Free Cash to make interest and principal payment on debt authorized by Article 1 of the November 17, 2008, Special Town Meeting for the construction of a new police station, and renovations to the fire station and Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer-Collector; Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 9

Voted to transfer \$29,664 from the Motor Vehicle Fine Account and to raise and appropriate \$3,164.11, providing \$32,828.11 to make the following payments:

\$14,655.69 for the 2nd of 3 payments for one (1) administrative vehicle;

\$13,772.42 for the 3rd of 3 payments for one (1) administrative vehicle;

\$4,400.00 for the lease of a Harley Davidson Motorcycle

or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police; Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 10

Voted to appropriate \$42,110.51 from Free Cash to fund the third of four (4) annual payments for the lease-purchase of a 2017 Prinoth/Bombardier model SW4S sidewalk plow, or take any other action relative thereto.
Proposed by the Department of Public Works
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES ARE NOT FUNDED FROM THE TAX LEVY

Article 11

Voted to appropriate \$8,300 from available cemetery funds to purchase a 2019 Ferris lawn mower, or take any other action relative thereto.
Note: this replaces a mower acquired in 2003.
Proposed by the Department of Public Works
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 12

Voted to appropriate \$ 388,036 from available Chapter 90 funds for the purpose of resurfacing and/or installing surface treatments and line painting to streets, on various Town streets or take any other action relative thereto.
Proposed by the Department of Public Works
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 13

Voted to appropriate \$120,000 from available Water and Sewer retained earnings to purchase and equip a 20,000 pound class mini excavator, or take any other action relative thereto.
Note: This will replace a 1996 excavator
Proposed by the Department of Public Works
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,500 from available Water and Sewer retained earnings to repair the permanent mount generators at the Old Coach and Rowena Ave sewer pumping stations, or take any action relative thereto.
Proposed by the Department of Public Works
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 15

Voted to appropriate \$36,000 from available Water and Sewer retained earnings to purchase and install a permanent mount generator and associated costs for the Belcher Drive sewer pumping station, or take any action relative thereto.
Proposed by the Department of Public Works
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 16

Voted to appropriate 36,600 from available Water and Sewer retained earnings to update the Scada pump station monitoring system at the sewer pump stations, or take any action relative thereto.
Proposed by the Department of Public Works
Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 17

Voted to appropriate \$34,220 from available Water and Sewer retained earnings to repair various manholes belonging to the Town of Whitman Sanitary Sewer System to eliminate ground water infiltration into them, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 18

Voted to appropriate \$200,000 from available Water and Sewer retained earnings for repairs and improvements to the South Avenue pump station, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 19

Voted to appropriate \$200,000 from available Water and Sewer retained earnings for repairs and improvements at the Auburn Street pump station, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 20

Voted to appropriate \$315,000 from available Water and Sewer retained earnings to replace the cast iron water main on Raynor Avenue, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works; Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 21 WITHDRAWN

Article 22

Voted to transfer \$39,599.50 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Receipts Account for the third of five lease-purchase payments for a 2016 Ambulance, as approved at the Special Town Meeting on May 2, 2016, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by: The Chief of the Fire-Rescue & Emergency Services Department

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 23

Voted to appropriate \$70,926.90 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Receipts Account to pay the 5th of 7 lease-purchase payments of a pumping engine, originally approved at the May 5, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of the Fire Rescue & Emergency Services Department

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 24

Voted to appropriate \$42,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Receipts Account for the purchase of personal protective equipment, PPE, firefighting gear, for firefighters, with any unspent funds to be returned to said account, or take any action relative thereto.

Note: This is the second round of protective clothing purchase, the first being last year which purchased protective clothing for half of the members, this article purchases new protective clothing and equipment for the remainder.

Proposed by the Chief of the Fire Rescue & Emergency Services Department

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 25

Article Withdrawn

Article 26

Voted to appropriate \$85,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation Ambulance Receipts Account to provide additional funding for the upgrade and purchase of new public safety radio equipment, which will complete the public safety radio upgrade, partially funded by a \$200,000.00 State grant, with any unspent funds to be returned to said account, or take any action relative thereto.

Note: This expenditure will purchase needed radio equipment and upgrade infrastructure not funded thru the grant due to funds limitation. The project is needed to provide interoperability between fire / police and police / police as the new infrastructure does not support older infrastructure.

Proposed by the Fire Chief / Police Chief / IT Director

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 27 WITHDRAWN

Article 28

Voted to amend Article XXVII, Section II of the Town by-law to read:

Section II. License Fees; Examination for Seeing Eye Dogs; Refund of Fees. Effective July first of each year, the annual fee for every dog license, except as otherwise provided by law, shall be ~~eight (\$8.00) dollars~~ FIFTEEN (\$15.00) DOLLARS unless a certificate of a registered veterinarian who performed the operation that such dog has been neutered or has been spayed and has thereby been deprived of the power of propagation, has been shown to the Town Clerk in which case the fee shall be ~~five (\$5.00) dollars~~ TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS.

A certified copy of such certificate on file in the office of any city or Town Clerk within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may be accepted as evidence that such operation has been performed. If the Town Clerk is satisfied that the certification by the veterinarian who neutered or spayed the dog cannot be obtained, the Town Clerk may accept in lieu thereof a statement under the penalties of perjury by a veterinarian registered and practicing in the Commonwealth describing the dog and stating that he has examined such dog and in his opinion the dog is not capable of propagation by reason of neutering or spaying. Until the veterinarian has examined the dog in question, license fee for the licensing period shall be at the rate of the unneutered male or spayed female.

When applying for a license, the applicant must also show proof by a veterinarian certificate, that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies, within the last three years if the dog is six months of age or over, as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 145B.

In addition to the requirement that a dog shall be duly licensed as required by law, the owner of a dog which is not licensed on or before August 31st in any year shall be subject to a "late fee" so-called, of twenty five (\$25.00) dollars. Said fee is to be paid to the Town Clerk in addition to the license fee for all dogs licensed on or after August 31st of any year. The late fee must be paid before a license tag will be issued.

Every dog licensed under the provision of this By-Law shall wear a collar or harness to which shall be securely attached a proper and valid license tag. In the event that any tag is lost, defaced or destroyed, substitute tags shall be obtained by the owner or keeper from the Town Clerk at a cost of three (\$3.00) dollars.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to institutions licensed under Chapter 49A of the General Laws, to pet shops licensed under Section 39A of Chapter 129 of the General Laws, to any person operating a kennel, or where otherwise provided by law.

Proposed by the Town Clerk

Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend

Article 29

Voted to Pass Over this Article.

To see if the Town of Whitman will approve the amended Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Regional Agreement dated June 6, 2018, which is on file in the Town Clerks' Office or take any other action relative thereto.

~~Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee~~

Voted to adjourn TM to Tuesday, June 17, 2019, at 7:30 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATIONS ARE DEPENDANT ON FUNDING FROM THE TAX LEVY

Finance Committee recommendations will be made prior to meeting to vote articles.

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$65,870.65 for the first of three annual payments to lease-purchase and equip three (3) cruisers, or take any action relative thereto.

Note: to purchase three marked police cruisers, the first of three annual payments would be \$65,870.65. This purchase will replace a 2007 Ford Explorer 4x4 with 128,808 miles, a 2011 Crown Victoria with 110,120 miles and a 2013 Ford Interceptor with 78,140 miles

Proposed by the Chief of Police

Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 31

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000 from available funds for the purpose of resurfacing and/or installing surface treatments, on various Town streets, or take any action relative thereto.

Note:(This article is intended to add to Chapter 90 Funding to repave Town roads as the amount allotted by the State each year is not adequate to keep up with needed road repairs).

Proposed by the Department of Public Works

Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$48,500 to purchase and equip a 2018 Chevrolet K3500 utility body 4x4 truck with plow, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: This purchase replaces a 2004 vehicle.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 33

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$39,291 to purchase and equip a 2018 Chevrolet full size K2500 pick up 4x4 truck with plow, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: This purchase replaces a 2003 vehicle.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 34

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$130,807 to purchase and equip a 2019 International 35,000 lb. G.V.W. truck cab and chassis with plow, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: This will replace a 1999 vehicle.

Proposed by the Department of Public Works

Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 35

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,000 to install a motorized physical education curtain for educational purposes to increased class size, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee

Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 36

To see if the Town will vote to raise an appropriate \$ 25,000 to replace exterior doors as follows: (2) at Whitman Middle School, (3) at Conley Elementary School and (2) at Duval Elementary School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee
Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 37

To see if the Town will vote to raise an appropriate \$45,000 to install thumb piece latches to all interior classroom and office doors at Whitman Middle School , Conley and Duval Elementary schools or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee
Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 38

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 17,946 to pay Whitman's share of the cost to resurface the gymnasium floor after 15 years of use. This will completely sand and refinish floor to prevent the need of a complete gym floor replacement. (Estimated costs \$30,000), or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: all expenses for the Regional High School are assessed based on student enrollment; Whitman's enrollment is presently 59.82% of the student body for the region.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee
Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 39

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 41,874 to pay Whitman's share of the projected cost at the Regional High School to construct a handicap ramp to the existing press box at the high school (estimated to cost \$ 70,000) or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: all expenses for the Regional High School are assessed based on student enrollment; Whitman's enrollment is presently 59.82% of the student body for the region.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee
Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 40

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,937 to pay Whitman's share of the cost to add thumb piece latches to all interior classroom and office doors: the current locking system requires a key to lock the door from the inside. (Estimated cost \$35,000), or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: all expenses for the Regional High School are assessed based on student enrollment; Whitman's enrollment is presently 59.82% of the student body for the region.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee

Article 41

To see if the Town will vote to raise an appropriate \$ 14,955 to pay Whitman's share of the cost to Repair the existing fire lane going around the high school. The existing roadway/drainage is becoming more of a hazard due to increased groundwater shedding across the roadway. We are seeing increased ice conditions during winter weather (estimated costs \$25,000), or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: all expenses for the Regional High School are assessed based on student enrollment: Whitman's enrollment is presently 59.82% of the student body for the region.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee

Article 42

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 59,820 to pay Whitman’s share of the cost to replace roof top units ERU 1 continues not to be dependable (located above the performing arts center) (estimated costs \$100,000), or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: all expenses for the Regional High School are assessed based on student enrollment; Whitman’s enrollment is presently 59.82% of the student body for the region.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee
Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 43

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 44,865 to pay Whitman’s share of the cost to Purchase and install solar powered site lighting. Security lighting is needed for the recreation area and other parking lot areas where trenching and access is limited to underground utilities (Estimated costs \$75,000), or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: all expenses for the Regional High School are assessed based on student enrollment; Whitman’s enrollment is presently 59.82% of the student body for the region.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee
Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 44

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 44,865 to pay Whitman’s share of the cost to replace (2) facilities vehicles. Existing vehicles 2007 and 2008 Chevy vans are beyond their life expectancy. (Estimated costs \$75,000), or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: all expenses for the Regional High School are assessed based on student enrollment; Whitman’s enrollment is presently 59.82% of the student body for the region.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee
Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 45

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$125,622 to pay Whitman’s share of the cost to Repair/replace sections of the main roadway into the WHRHS (estimated costs \$210,000), or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: all expenses for the Regional High School are assessed based on student enrollment; Whitman’s enrollment is presently 59.82% of the student body for the region.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee

Article 46

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 134,595 to pay Whitman’s share of the cost to spray/resurface the outdoor track. The current 400 meter track was built in 2005 and is starting to show wear on the corners and spider cracking on the surface. Because this track has been well maintained, we were able to exceed its life expectancy of 8 to 10 years. It is important to point out that we are trying to prevent the need of full replacement (estimated costs \$225,000), or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: all expenses for the Regional High School are assessed based on student enrollment; Whitman’s enrollment is presently 59.82% of the student body for the region.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District School Committee

Article 47 Interest Rate Charged for Tax Deferral

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible taxpayers for temporary financial hardship under MGL c.59, §5, clause 18A, from 8% to 2%, said rate to apply to deferred taxes assessed for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019, and thereafter.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Finance Committee Recommendation

Article 48

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Town Capital Stabilization Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Finance Committee and Town Administrator

Article 49

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Town Technology Stabilization Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Finance Committee and Town Administrator

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, seven days at least before the day of 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 _____ day of April, 2019.

Dr. Carl F. Kowalski, Chair

Daniel L. Salvucci, Vice Chair

Brian J. Bezanson, Clerk

Scott J. Lambiase, Member

Randy G. Lamattina, Jr., Member

WARRANT ATTESTATION:

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

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Constable