

▪THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
•WORCESTER SS.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF MENDON
IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER GREETING.

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 in Town affairs, to meet at the **Miscoe Hill School** in said MENDON on the **Fourteenth** day of **May** next, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

One (1) Moderator for one (1) year
One (1) Selectman for three (3) years
One (1) Board of Health member for three (3) years
One (1) Assessor for three (3) years
One (1) Park Commissioner for three (3) years
One (1) Water Commissioner for three (3) years
One (1) Taft Library Trustee for three (3) years
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One (1) Mendon-Upton Regional School Committee member for three (3) years
One (1) Planning Board member for five (5) years
One (1) Housing Authority member for five (5) years
One (10) Tree Warden for three (3) years

Question 1 - Shall the Town of Mendon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one half, so-called the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a Multi Purpose Trackless vehicle for the Highway Department?

Yes_____ No_____

Question 2 - Shall the Town of Mendon be allowed to assess an additional \$38,200 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operational budget of the Town of Mendon expressly to pay for the Mosquito Control Project for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2013?

Yes_____ No_____

Question 3 - Shall the Town of Mendon be allowed to assess an additional \$110,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding Town Coordinator's/Town Administrator's compensation and benefits in the Fiscal Year starting July 1, 2013?

Yes_____ No_____

The Polls Will Open at 7:00am and Close at 8:00pm

**Article 2 AND ALL THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES ON THIS WARRANT
WILL BE ACTED UPON FRIDAY THE 3RD DAY OF MAY, 2013 A.D. AT 7:00
PM AT THE MISCOE HILL SCHOOL IN MENDON;**

ARTICLE 2 (Fin Com)	To see if the Town will vote to see if the town will vote that any motion or amendment to increase any monetary articles or line items as proposed by the Finance Committee, presented at this Town Meeting shall be OUT OF ORDER unless such motion, or amendment, states the source of funding as being from available free cash, or the line item or article that will be reduced by the same amount, or take any action in relation thereto.
ARTICLE 3 (Fin Com)	To fix the salaries and compensations of the elected officials of the Town.
ARTICLE 4 (Fin Com)	To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate and or transfer to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing year, or take any action in relation thereto.
ARTICLE 5 (Fin Com)	To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds provided to the Town by the State under Chapter 90 type money and such other funds as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department may provide and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for Chapter 90 type money allocated the Town, or take any action in relation thereto.
ARTICLE 6 (Fin Com)	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available sources a sum of money to fund the FY 14 portion of the Update Valuation Account, or take any action in relation thereto.
ARTICLE 7 (Fin Com)	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available sources a sum of money to fund the FY14 portion of the Cyclical Inspection Account, or take any action in relation thereto.
ARTICLE 8 (Library)	To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund as recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the Taft Public Library in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. The purpose of this fund shall be to replace items lost or damaged by those who borrow materials and to purchase new materials. Receipts to this fund shall be monies paid by borrowers for lost or damaged materials and for overdue fines. The Library Director, with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees, shall be authorized to expend from this fund but at no time exceeding more than the available balance in the revolving fund nor to expend more than six thousand dollars per year.
ARTICLE 9 (Planning Board)	To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund as recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the Planning Board in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. The purpose of this fund shall be to hold deposits made by applicants before the Planning Board for engineering and other applicable fees incurred by the Planning Board for processing the requests of said applicants. The Planning Board Chair, with the approval of the Planning Board, shall be authorized to expend from this fund but at no time exceeding more than the available balance in the revolving fund nor to expend more than thirty thousand dollars per year.

- ARTICLE 10
(Highway)** To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund as recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the Highway Department in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. The purpose of this fund shall be to hold all monies related to recycling materials including, but not limited to, metal, tires, light bulbs, batteries, etc. collected at the recycling center located at the Highway Department to maintain and improve the recycling facility. The Highway Surveyor, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund but at no time exceeding more than the available balance in the revolving fund nor to expend more than twenty-five thousand dollars per year.
- ARTICLE 11
(Con Com)** To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund as recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the Conservation Commission in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. The purpose of this fund shall be to hold deposits made by applicants before the Conservation Commission for engineering and other applicable fees incurred by the Planning Board for processing the requests of said applicants. The Conservation Commission Chair, with approval of the Conservation Commission, shall be authorized to expend from this fund but at no time exceeding more than the available balance in the revolving fund nor to expend more than twenty-five thousand dollars per year.
- ARTICLE 12
(Land Use)** To see if the Town will vote to approve the Mendon Land Use Committee's Five Year Land Use Plan, copies of which are available in the Town Clerk's office and the Taft Public Library, or take any action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 13
(Fin Com)** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Reserve Account to fund the FY14 Ambulance lease payment, or take any action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 14
(Fin Com)** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer a sum of money from available sources for Police Department State/Federal General Matching Grants, or take any action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 15
(Fin Com)** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer a sum of money from available funds to pay the yearly rental cost of the temporary trailer for Public Safety usage, or take any action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 16
(CPC)** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Community Preservation Funds Account to fund a portion of the FY 14 Fino Land Debt, or take any action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 17
(CPC)** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account a sum of money to purchase and install a camera surveillance system to protect the recreation complex at Memorial Park.
- ARTICLE 18
(CPC)** To see if the town will transfer a sum of money from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Account to renew the position of the part-time Affordable Housing Coordinator.
- ARTICLE 19
(CPC)** To see if the town will transfer a sum of money from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account for the purpose of making the walkway between the Town Beach parking lot off Taft Avenue and the Memorial Field parking lot off Millville Road to be handicapped-accessible.

**ARTICLE 20
(BOS)**

To see if the town will vote to approve the following Resolution to Seek Lower Electric Rates in a Competitive Market, or act or do anything in relation thereto: Whereas, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by enacting Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, has established a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry; and

Whereas, the citizens of the Town of Mendon in Worcester County have substantial economic, environmental, and social interests at stake; and

Whereas, Mendon's residential and business consumers are interested in reducing their electricity rates;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Town Meeting of Mendon grant the Board of Selectmen authority to develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, for power supply and other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities through the Hampshire Council of Governments. If such contracts are to be approved, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternative service they desire; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Selectmen may appoint a representative for a committee to oversee such joint action.

**ARTICLE 21
(BOS)**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$110,000 to fund the Town Coordinator's/Town Administrator's compensation and benefits for fiscal year 2014 contingent upon the passage of a proposition 2½ referendum question, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 22
(BOH/BOS)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$38,200 for the purpose of paying for the Mosquito Control Project and subject to such appropriation of \$38,200 for fiscal year 2014 to become a member in the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project for a minimum three-year period, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 252, Section 5A; provided that such appropriation shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override ballot vote in accordance with Mass General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21 C or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 23
(Highway)**

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money by borrowing to purchase a Multi Purpose Trackless vehicle for the Highway Department provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion referendum under General Laws Chapter 59, § 21C(k).

**ARTICLE 24
(Assessor)**

To see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 59, Section 5N or act or do anything in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 25
(Assessor)**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 653, Section 40 of the Acts of 1989 commencing with Fiscal Year 2014 or act or do anything in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 26
(BOS)**

To see if the Town will accept as a gift the conveyance of a certain parcel of land containing 157,157 square feet situated to the north of Puffer Drive in Mendon, Massachusetts and which is shown as "Open Space" on a plan entitled "Lot Layout Sheet Definitive Subdivision Plan Cook's Crossing Off Hartford Avenue East in Mendon, Massachusetts" by Outback Engineering and dated June 8, 2009. Said parcel of land is also shown as Parcel #12-210-15 on the Mendon Assessors' Map or to take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will vote to adjourn this Annual Town Meeting until 7:00am on
(Moderator) May 14, 2013 in the Miscoe Hill School gymnasium, for the sole purpose of conducting
the Annual Town Election and further that this Annual Town Meeting warrant will be
dissolved immediately upon the closing of the polls on that date.

**And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at
three or more public places in said Town, 14 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 1st day of April , in the year of our lord two thousand
thirteen.**

_____ **Selectmen of Mendon**

A True copy. Attest:

_____ **Constable**

Worcester, ss.

**PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of
the Town of Mendon by posting up attested copies of the same at:**

Town Hall; _____; _____

_____ **days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.**

_____, **Constable**