



**TOWN OF MENDON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 3, 2024**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS WORCESTER, SS

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF MENDON, in the county of WORCESTER, 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 in Town affairs, to meet at **the Miscoe Hill School** in said **MENDON** on the **3rd day of May next, at 7:00 o'clock** in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1
(SELECT BOARD)** 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 other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 2
(SELECT BOARD)** To see if the Town will vote fix the salaries and compensations of the elected officials of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 3
(SELECT BOARD)** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from available funds to pay Bills of a Prior Year; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 4
(SELECT BOARD)** To see if the Town will vote to determine what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing fiscal year; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 5
(SELECT BOARD)** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds provided to the Town by the Commonwealth pursuant to so-called Chapter 90 type money and such other funds as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (including its Highway Division) may provide, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (including its Highway Division) for so-called Chapter 90 type money and such other funds allocated to the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 6
(SELECT BOARD)** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available sources a sum of money to fund the FY25 portion of the Assessor's Cyclical Inspection Program; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 7
(SELECT BOARD)** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the FY25 portion of the Update Valuation Account; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 8
(SELECT BOARD)** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from available funds for Police Department State/Federal General Matching Grants; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 9
(SELECT BOARD)** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from the National Opioid Settlement Program funds to the Police Department budget, line-item National Opioid Settlement Expenses, for qualified opioid remediation programs; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 10
(SELECT BOARD)** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from available funds to fund FinCom Reserves; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 11
(CPC)** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Community Preservation Accounts to fund the FY25 Police Station Debt Exclusion; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 12
(CPC)** To see if the Town will set aside for later spending from the FY25 Community Preservation Revenues (10%) for open space; (10%) for historic preservation; (10%) for Affordable Housing, (65%) Budgeted Reserve and (5%) for administration; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13 (CPC) To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money from the Community Preservation Accounts to fund the FY25 Part time Affordable Housing Coordinator Position; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14 (LUC) To see if the Town will vote to approve the Mendon Five Year Land Use Program, copies of which are available in the Town Clerk's office and at the Town website; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15 (SELECT BOARD) To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2, establishing the municipal subscriber curbside trash and recycling service as an enterprise fund, effective FY25; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16 (SELECT BOARD) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the municipal subscriber curbside trash and recycling service Enterprise Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17 (SELECT BOARD) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18 (SELECT BOARD) To see if the Town will vote to set the limits on the Revolving Funds in accordance with M.G L. ch.53E1/2 as follows; or take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Fund	Limit on Spending
Library	\$6,000
Planning Board	\$30,000
Highway	\$25,000
Conservation Commission	\$25,000
Parks	\$165,000
Fire Department	\$10,000
Title V (Board of Health)	\$25,000
Police Department	\$15,000

ARTICLE 19 (SELECT BOARD) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from available funds to fund retirement payouts; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20 (SELECT BOARD) To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from available funds to fund capital project(s); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21 (SELECT BOARD) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money by borrowing in accordance with any applicable Statute to design and construct a Mendon Senior & Community center, including costs incidental thereto, to be located on Town-owned property at North Avenue and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, and to apply the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, to pay project costs and reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed by the amount of the premium so applied, provided however, that this appropriation and debt authorization be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion question, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 § 21(C)(k), or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22 (SELECT BOARD) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer a sum of money to purchase and install a generator to support the legacy Senior Center building; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23 (CPC) To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the CPA Accounts to construct and install two pickleball courts, one bocce court, one basketball court, and two shuffleboard courts at the site of the proposed new Mendon Senior & Community Center at 3 North Avenue; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24 (CPC) To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the CPA Accounts to hire an engineer to design a walking loop trail from 3 North Avenue to 20 Milford Street to 31 Brookview Lane and a separate

loop trail from 131 North Avenue to 101 North Avenue to Hopedale conservation areas with portions to include ADA accessible trails; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 25
(CPC)**

To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money from the CPA Accounts to fund the design, excavation, purchase of disc golf equipment and installation of a 9-hole disc golf course; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 26
(CPC)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the CPA Accounts for lighting the tennis and basketball courts at 29 Millville Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 27
(CPC)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the CPA Accounts for phragmites removal at Meadow Brook Woods, 100 Park Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 28
(CPC)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the CPA Accounts to subsidize an affordable housing project at 52 Providence Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 29
(CPC)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to transfer the sum of \$1,800,000 from CPA Accounts, a portion to be reimbursed by grants and other funding, for the purpose of purchasing a permanent conservation restriction for conservation, agriculture, and/or passive recreation purposes on property located at 30, 34, 36 and 46 Thayer Road and 192 Providence Street, as seen on the Mendon Tax Maps 23-227-30, 23-227-34, 23-227-36, and 23-227-46 and 28-206-192, consisting of 201 acres, more or less, that said conservation restriction be conveyed to said Town of Mendon and the Metacomet Land Trust under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 184 § 31-33, and the Town of Mendon be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to affect said purchase; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 30
(PLANNING)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Mendon Massachusetts Zoning Map, as amended through May 3, 2021, by changing the zoning district in which 3 Bates Street, Mendon Massachusetts is located from partly or completely in the Highway Business District to complete in the Rural Residential District; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 31
(PLANNING)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Mendon Zoning By-Laws by inserting section 6.04 Groundwater Protection District and amend the Mendon Zoning Map accordingly. A copy of the proposed amendment and a map of the overlay district is available from the town clerk office and posted on the town's website; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 32
(SELECT BOARD)**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Pond Street, as laid out by the Select Board, as a public way within the Town, and to further authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift, purchase, taking or otherwise, any fee, easement, or other interest in Pond Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 33
(SELECT BOARD)**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$10,000,000 debt authorized by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee on February 15, 2024 and amended by its actions of March 14, 2024 to pay costs of roof reconstruction and the replacement to energy efficient rooftop HVAC units at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, located at 65 Pleasant Street, Upton, MA including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, such debt approval by the Town to be contingent upon the District's ability to secure grant approval from the Massachusetts School Building Authority Accelerated Repair grant program; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 34
(SELECT BOARD)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mendon General Bylaws, Chapter II by adding: Section 7: All citizens' petitioned warrant articles submitted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39 § 10, for inclusion on any Town meeting warrant must be delivered to the Select Board's office no later than the warrant closing date of such Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto. A copy of the proposed bylaw can be viewed on the Town website or in the Town Clerk's office.

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 17th day of April, in the year two thousand twenty-four.

Michael J. Pappalardo

Alexis Briggs

Michael J. Sideris

[Signature]

[Signature]

Select Board of Mendon

A True copy. Attest:

Ellen Agno

Constable
Town Clerk

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; Town Hall Website; Post Office, Taft Library

15 days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

[Signature] 534, Constable