

November 23, 2021

TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021
7:00 P.M.**



**WILLIAM E. NORRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
34 POMEROY MEADOW ROAD
SOUTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

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WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

December 14, 2021

HAMPSHIRE, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Southampton in said County:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the precincts of the Town of Southampton, County of Hampshire, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the **William E. Norris Elementary School, 34 Pomeroy Meadow Road, Southampton, Massachusetts, on**

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.,

then and there to act on the following articles:

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL ITEMS

ARTICLE 1 UNPAID BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer for two previous fiscal year bills totaling \$646 to the Prior Year Bills account for unpaid bills from previous Fiscal Years;

\$583.00	Raw Materials Recovery Corporation	Invoice received late FY21
\$63.00	Southampton Water Department	Invoice not paid FY21

said sum to be taken from the FY 22 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Operating Expenses (Raw Materials Recovery Corporation \$583.00) and Cemetery Commission Expenses (Southampton Water Department \$63.00); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2 TRANSFERS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSES

To see if the Town will vote to transfer an amount totaling \$35,650 within their operating budget accounts as listed below;

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Reason</u>
\$15,000	Police Wage Account	Police Overtime Account	Unexpected Staff Shortages
\$13,000	Police Wage Account	Police Expense Account	Unexpected Costs Incurred
\$3,000	Communication Exp. Acc.	Police Bldg. Exp. Acct.	Building Exp. Incurred
\$4,650	Regional Lockup Exp. Acct.	Pol. Equip. Maint. Acct.	Software Equip. Maint.

said sums to come from the FY 2022 accounts listed above; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3 TRANSFERS FOR LIBRARY TO MEET ACCREDITATION & EXPAND HOURS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a total of \$9,897 from the Retirement Contributory Account and transfer \$6,726 to the Library Wage Account, \$1,591 to the Library Maintenance Account and \$1,580 to the Library Utilities Account; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4 TRANSFER FOR ACCOUNTING EXPENSES FOR PREVIOUS TEMPORARY ACCOUNTANT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$9,878.40 from the Town Accountant Wage Account to the Accounting Expense Account for the cost of a vendor who served as the Temporary Town Accountant until the permanent Town Accountant was hired; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5 TRANSFER FOR VENDOR TO HELP WITH FY 2022 TAX RECAP SUBMITTAL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,560 from the Assistant Accountant Wage Account to the Accounting Expense Account for the cost of a vendor to help compile and submit the FY 2022 Tax Recap forms; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6 TRANSFER FOR EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING EXPENSES

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$105 from the Select Board Expense Account to the Employment Advertising Account for advertising incurred due to staffing shortages; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7 TRANSFER FOR WEB MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,500 from the Technology - Services Expense Account to the Webpage Maintenance Account for updates to the Town's web site; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8 TRANSFER FOR ADDITIONAL VOTING MACHINE NEEDED FOR 2ND PRECINCT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a total of \$5,700 from the Retirement Contributory Account to the Town Clerk Equipment Account, to purchase one voting machine for the additional new voting Precinct required in Town; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9 FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL TREE REMOVAL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a total of \$8,000 from the Operating Stabilization Account to the Tree Warden Expense Account, for additional tree removal during FY 2022; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10 TRANSFER FOR FUNDING FY 2022 AMBULANCE DEBT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer/appropriate an amount totaling \$69,766.61 from Ambulance Receipts, Reserve for Appropriation, and transfer \$68,065.00 to the Debt Ambulance Principal Account and \$1,701.61 to the Debt Ambulance Interest Account for the FY 22 Debt payment on the newest ambulance; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11 TRANSFER FOR FUNDING FOR VENDOR ASSISTANCE WITH FY 2021 FINANCIAL BOOK CLOSURE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a total of \$35,000 from the Operating Stabilization Account to the Town Accountant Expense Account, to engage a vendor to help close the FY 2021 Financial Records of the town; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12 FUNDING FOR TWO RECYCLING CONTAINERS FOR TRANSFER STATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate/transfer \$25,500 to fund the purchase of two replacement recycling containers for the Transfer Station, said sum to be taken from the Transfer Station Retained Earnings Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13 TRANSFER FOR FUNDING FOR AMBULANCE STAFFING

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$30,000 from the Ambulance Receipts, Reserve for Appropriation, to the EMS Wage Account for staffing of ambulance shifts; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14 FUNDING FOR HIGHWAY DUMP/PLOW TRUCK (BORROWING)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$294,000.00 to purchase a new Single Axle Dump Truck with Plow and Sander Body for the Highway Department; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECTS

ARTICLE 15 CPC FUNDING FOR IDENTIFYING & RECORDING NEW HAVEN – NORTHAMPTON CANAL PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from Community Preservation Funds to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission New Haven-Northampton Canal Project for Southampton's share of identifying and recording the path of The New Haven-Northampton Canal said funds to be transferred from Community Preservation Surcharges-Historical Preservation Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16 CPC FUNDING FOR ACQUISITION OF GREENWAY RIGHT OF WAY AND DESIGN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000) from Community Preservation Funds to the Greenway Committee, said funds to be Transferred from Community Preservation Surcharges-Undesignated Account or take any other action relative thereto.

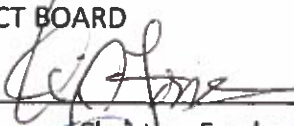
ARTICLE 17 CPC FUNDING FOR CONANT PARK WALKING PATH AND SPLASH PAD & ACCEPTANCE OF PARC GRANT

To see if the Town will vote to (a) transfer the care, custody and control of Conant Park, described in a deed recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 1296, Page 37, from the Select Board to the Park Commission for recreation, park and playground purposes under the provisions of G.L. c. 45, §3, in perpetuity; (b) appropriate the sum of \$192,500.00 from the Community Preservation Act undesignated fund account for the cost of installing a walking path and splash pad and any costs incidental or related thereto, provided, however, that no funds shall be expended until the Town has received a grant commitment in the amount of \$100,000.00 under the PARC Grant Program (301 CMR 5.00), a reimbursement grant, which funds shall be returned to the Community Preservation Act undesignated fund; and (c) authorize the Select Board, the Park Commission, the Town Administrator, or their designee, to apply for and accept on behalf of the Town funds granted under the PARC Grant Program and/or any other funds, gifts, grants, under any federal and/or other state program in any way connected with the scope of this this article, and enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing project, including the conveyance of a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184 as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Southampton; or take any other action relative thereto.

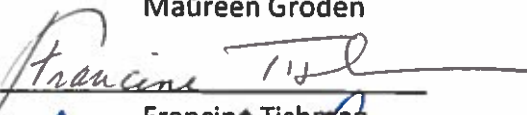
And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in six usual places in said Town, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of the Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

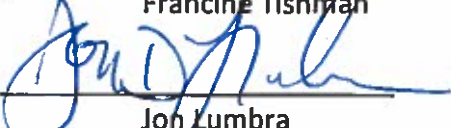
Given under our hands this 23rd day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

SELECT BOARD


Christine Fowles


Maureen Groden


Francine Tishman


Jon Lumbra


Joy Piper

A True Copy:

ATTEST: _____
Constable

OFFICER'S RETURN

Hampshire, SS

Date: _____

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof in six usual places fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Constable

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Lucille Dalton

Town Clerk of Southampton