

July 28, 2020

TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**Saturday, August 15, 2020
9:00 A.M.**



**LABRIE FIELD
STRONG ROAD
SOUTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

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WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

August 15, 2020

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 **Labrie Field, Strong Road, Southampton, Massachusetts**, on

Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.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 \$1,748.29 to the Prior Year Bills Account for unpaid bills from previous Fiscal Years

\$334.29	WEX gas card	Payment misapplied from FY19
\$1,414.00	MIIA Insurance	Deductible payment from FY 17

; said sum to be taken from Water Retained Earnings (WEX Gas Card \$334.29), and Operating Stabilization (MIIA Insurance \$1,414.00); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2021

To see if the Town will vote to fix salaries of all elected officials for the Fiscal Year 2021 for the period for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, and further, to raise and appropriate \$17,653,725.83 monies as identified in the Town's Annual Operating Budget from taxation, \$27,700 from WPAT loan and \$100,000 from Ambulance Fees, as attached, for Fiscal Year 2021; or take any other action relative thereto.

Attachment: FY 2021 Budget

ARTICLE 3 TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE FISCAL 2021 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds Two Hundred Thousand Fifty-Five Dollars (\$200,055) to operate the Transfer Station Enterprise according to the following budget:

Wages	34,272
Operating Expenses	143,620
Environmental Compliance	4,000
<u>Indirect Costs</u>	<u>18,163</u>
Total	200,055

And that \$175,107 be raised from Transfer Station Enterprise Revenues \$6,785 to be taken from retained earnings and \$18,163 to be appropriated in General Fund (Indirect Costs); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4 WATER ENTERPRISE FISCAL 2021 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds Eight Hundred Thirteen Thousand Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$813,039) to operate the Water Enterprise, according to the following budget:

Wages	203,376
Operating Expenses	163,732
Capital Outlay	133,900
Indirect Costs	93,946
<u>Debt Services</u>	<u>218,085</u>
Total	813,039

And that \$675,526 be raised from Water Enterprise Revenues, \$43,567 from retained earnings and \$93,946 appropriated in General Fund (Indirect Costs); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5 FUNDING FOR NORRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PA SYSTEM

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,593.54 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to the Norris School Capital Budget to fund the replacement of the PA System at the Norris School; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6 FUNDING FOR GUTTER REPAIR & SEALING AT NORRIS SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$25,000.00 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to the Norris School Capital Budget to fund the repair and sealing of the gutters at the Norris School; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7 FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT KITCHEN OVEN AND HOOD FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM AT NORRIS SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$11,075.00 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to the Norris School Capital Budget to fund the replacement of the kitchen oven (\$9,000.00) and the hood fire suppression system for the oven and range (\$2,075) at the Norris School; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8 TRANSFER FOR NORRIS SCHOOL REPLACEMENT OF TEACHER LAPTOPS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$23,000.00 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to the Norris School Capital Budget to fund the replacement of teacher laptops at the Norris School; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9 TRANSFER FOR POLICE PORTABLE RADIOS REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer/appropriate \$18,000.00 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to the Police Capital Budget to fund the replacement of the 12 portable radios at the Police Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10 FUNDING FOR SUV CRUISER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$56,512.74 to purchase a new SUV Police Cruiser for the Police Department, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow the sum of \$56,512.74 for said appropriation under applicable sections of Chapter 44 Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefor; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11 TRANSFER FOR FIRE DEPT THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer/appropriate \$8,100.00 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to the Fire Capital Budget to fund the replacement of the Thermal Imaging Cameras at the Fire Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12 FUNDING FOR HVAC UPGRADES AT HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,450.00 for its portion to purchase an upgrade to the HVAC system at Hampshire Regional High School and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow the sum of \$55,450.00 for said appropriation under applicable sections of Chapter 44 Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefor; or take any other action relative thereto.

REVOLVING FUNDS

ARTICLE 13 REVOLVING FUND SPENDING LIMITS

To see if the town will vote to set the Revolving Fund FY2021 spending limits for such revolving funds as follows:

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Program or Purpose	Use of Fund	FY 21 Spending Limit
Conservation	Operating Expenses/Admin. Expenses	\$10,000
Conservation Forestry	Oversight and Management of the Conservation Areas including forestry land	\$10,000
Council on Aging Van	Payment for Operation of COA Van	\$31,000
Dog Licensing & Control	Expenses Related to Admin. Of Licenses & Dog Control	\$8,000
Electrical Inspections	Payment for Electrical Inspection services	\$20,000
Fire Department (Brush Services)	Fire Chief to purchase brush firefighting equipment	\$5,000
Park Commission	Operating Expenses/Admin Expenses	\$10,000
Planning Board	Admin. Expenses	\$10,000
Planning Board	Consultant Costs	\$15,000
Plumbing Inspections	Payment for Plumbing inspection services	\$20,000
Tax Title	Tax Title related costs	\$10,000
Weights & Measures	Weights & Measures Fees	\$3,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	ZBA Expenditures	\$5,000

Or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECTS

ARTICLE 14 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, on the report of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund the following sums of money as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for Committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other necessary and proper expenses in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, with each item to be considered as a separate appropriation:

Administrative Expenses..... \$7,500

Reserves:

From FY21 Estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$33,000

From FY21 Estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve.... \$33,000

From FY21 Estimated revenues for Pomeroy Meadow Rd Land \$56,341

(Pomeroy Meadow Land purchase is only a memo item, and will fulfill the 10% requirement for Open Space Reserve.)

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15 FUNDING FOR FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FOR ACCESSABILITY RAMP FOR COMMUNITY CUPBOARD PANTRY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) from Community Preservation Funds to the First Congregational Church for a handicap accessible ramp to the Community Cupboard Food Pantry to provide a means of a second exit, said funds to be transferred from Community Preservation Surcharges-Historical Preservation Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16 FUNDING FOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR SAFE ACCESS OF TRAILS IN MANHAN MEADOWS SANCTUARY

To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) from Community Preservation Funds to the Conservation Commission to restore safe access to and for the use of the trails at the Manhan Meadows Sanctuary which were damaged in the micro-burst. said funds to be transferred from Community Preservation Surcharges–Undesignated Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17 FUNDING FOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR 20% MATCH OF MASS. TRAILS GRANT

To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) from Community Preservation Funds to the Conservation Commission for the required 20% Town match for a Mass Trails Grant to improve additional areas of the Manhan Meadows Sanctuary trails system. said funds to be transferred from Community Preservation Surcharges–Open Space Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18 FUNDING FOR SOUTHAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR RESTORATION OF THE CLARK-CHAPMAN HOUSE

To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$53,000) from Community Preservation Funds to the Southampton Historical Society for restoration and stabilization of the Clark Chapman-House. said funds to be transferred from Community Preservation Surcharges–Historic Preservation Account; 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, seven (7) 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 28th day of July in the year Two Thousand and Twenty.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Maureen Groden

Matt Roland

John O. Martin

Francine Tishman

Christine Fowles

A True Copy:

ATTEST: _____
Constable

OFFICER'S RETURN

Hampshire, SS

July 30, 2020

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof in six usual places seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Constable

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Lucille Dalton

Town Clerk of Southampton