

Town Clerk's
Referral

**TOWN OF HADLEY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

To the Constable of the Town of Hadley in the County of Hampshire:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at Hopkins Academy, located at 131 Russell Street, Hadley, MA 01035 on Thursday, the 26th day of October 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1 – Omnibus Budget – General Fund

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Budget voted in Article 8 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 4, 2023, and as funding therefor, raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds an amount sufficient to fund the various line items in the FY24 General Fund Budget or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2 – Clean up Prior Capital Balances

2.1 To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following balances from prior town meeting articles:

Meeting	Description	Account Number	Balance	Transfer to:
STM22	Highway Mini-Loader	02-422-5850-210026 61-450-5850-611010 60-440-5850-601007	\$19,131.47	Free Cash: \$6,377.15 Water Reserves: \$6,377.16 Sewer Reserves: \$6,377.16

or take any action relative thereto.

2.2 To see if the Town will vote to lower the borrowing authorization as follows:

Meeting	Description	Account Number	Original Authorized Borrowing	Amended Authorized Borrowing
STM20	Fire Dept Vehicle	30-220-5580-301011	\$64,575	\$64,248.30 (-326.70)
ATM22	Hwy Plow Truck/ Sander	30-422-5852-301022 31-450-5851-310012	\$400,000 (1/2 Gen/1/2 Water)	\$375,156.74 (-24,843.26)

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3 - Capital Articles

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from Hadley Media reserves, authorize the Treasurer to borrow, or otherwise provide \$310,000 for expenses associated with the following capital items:

Department	Capital Project	Amount	Funding Source
Town Depts	Town IT- Replace Server	\$20,000	Free Cash
Dispatch	Computer Aided Emergency Medical Dispatch Protocol	\$60,000	Free Cash

Hadley Media	Computers, Cameras, Audio/Visual Equipment	\$5,000	Hadley Media Reserves
DPW	New Building- Schematics	\$225,000	Borrow within the Levy

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4 – School Locker Room Renovations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide **\$1,069,531** to pay the costs of a renovation of the girls’ and boys’ locker rooms at Hopkins Academy, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5 – Fire Department Ladder Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide **\$2,150,000** to pay the costs of a new Ladder Truck for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6 – Prior Year Bills

To see if the Town will vote to pay, transfer and/or appropriate the sum of **\$17,603.20** for Prior Year invoices received in FY’24, all as set forth in the table below:

Vendor	Charge	Funding Source
Omasta Landscaping	\$180.00	Free Cash
Pioneer Valley Planning Comm.	\$4,269.34	Free Cash
Quincy Compressor	\$2,103.31	Water Reserves
RR Donnelley	\$170.98	Free Cash
Eversource	\$142.11	Free Cash
Eversource	\$253.46	Sewer Reserves
Comprehensive Environmental Inc.	\$7,227.68	Free Cash
Daily Hampshire Gazette	\$579.32	Free Cash
Prior Year Salary- Library	\$2,677.00	Free Cash

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7 - CPA Extensions

To see if the Town will vote to extend the deadline for the following projects funded by the Community Preservation Act funds:

Meeting	Description	Account Number	Deadline Extension
ATM 2018	Town Hall 4 Pillars	21-196-5825-211001	Two Years
STM 2021	Town Hall 4 Pillars	21-196-5300-210016	Two Years
ATM 2021	Hockanum Cemetery Fence	21-491-5800-210009	One Year

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8 - 146 Russell Street (former St. John's Church)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$6,550.00 from the Community Preservation Act Historic Set-Aside Fund and \$118,850 from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund for a total of \$125,400 to the St. John's Realty Trust for preservation of the exterior of the building at 146 Russell Street (formerly St. John's Church) including roof replacement, repair of window frames, tower restoration, and gutter repairs. Work is to follow the Secretary of the Interiors Standards of Rehabilitation. A grant agreement from the Select Board will be required before work can start that includes a requirement that a Historic Preservation Restriction be placed on the property. Another requirement of the grant agreement will be if the property is sold within five years of the approval of this article, the funds will be returned to the town. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator within three years of the date of Town Meeting approval; any unspent funds will automatically be returned to the foregoing Community Preservation Act fund by that date or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9 -Zoning Bylaw Amendment

To vote to amend the Hadley Zoning Bylaw §28.6 as follows:
Amend §28.6 by changing thirty-five (35) to twenty-one (21); such that the section will read as follows:

28.6.3.1.3 Recommended conditions or remedial measures to accommodate or mitigate the expected impacts of the proposed development.
Failure of Boards or Departments to make recommendations within twenty-one (21) days of the referral of the application shall be deemed to be lack of opposition.

ARTICLE 10 -Zoning Bylaw Amendment- Signage

To vote to amend Article §7.5.2 of the Hadley Zoning Bylaw relating to Signs in Residence and Agricultural-Residence Districts by increasing the maximum allowed signage from 2 square feet to 4 square feet, such that the section will read as follows:

7.5.2. One sign per lot relating to an allowed accessory use under this Zoning Bylaw shall be permitted. This sign shall not exceed four square feet of area.

AND

To vote to amend Article §20.2.2.4.1 of the Hadley Zoning Bylaw relating to Home Occupations by increasing the maximum allowed signage from 2 square feet to 4 square feet; such that the section will read as follows:

20.2.2.4. One sign per lot may be displayed, either attached to the structure or at street location, advertising the home business, provided:

(1) It does not exceed four square feet in area; and

ARTICLE 11 – Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023, and create the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to be established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal

year 2024 beginning on July 1, 2023 for the purposes of using Opioid Settlement money received by the Town for Opioid Use Disorder (“OUD”) Treatment; Support Programs for People with OUD in Treatment and Recovery; Connects to Care for People with or at risk of developing OUD; Harm Reduction efforts to prevent overdoses deaths or other opioid related harms; Support of diversion and deflection programs and strategies for criminal-justice-involved persons with OUD; Support of Pregnant or Parenting Women And Their Families, Including Babies With Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome; To Prevent Misuse of Opioids And Implement Prevention Education; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12 – Fund Opioid Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$45,838.47** from certified General Fund Free Cash to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13 – Opioid Spending

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund a sum of **\$45,838.47** to be expended by the Town Administrator for any lawful municipal purpose as was set forth in **ARTICLE 11** above; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14 – Birch Meadow Drive

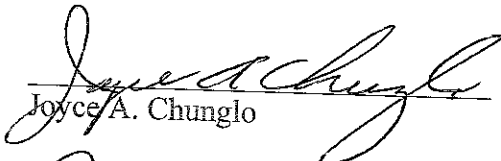
To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, Birch Meadow Drive as laid out by the Select Board pursuant to G.L. c. 41 and c.82, as shown on a plan entitled “Birch Meadow Estates, Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land in Hadley, Massachusetts, Prepared for Kevin R. Michelson”, Scale 1” = 80’, dated June 4, 2002, last revised October 15, 2002, prepared by Harold L. Eaton and Associates, Inc., Registered Professional Land Surveyors, 235 Russell Street, Hadley, Massachusetts, and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 194, Page 62, copies of which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

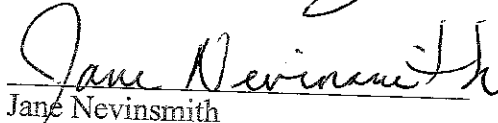
And further that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise, easements in any land necessary for laying out and acceptance of said ways, and any appurtenant drainage, utility or other easements related to said ways, and/or to accept grants thereof, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, accept gifts or borrow a sum of money for this purposes and any expenses related thereto; and further to authorize the Select Board and other applicable Town of Hadley boards and personnel to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this vote; or take any other action in relation thereto.

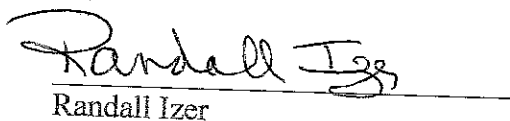
~~And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in the usual places: one at the Town Hall, one at the Hadley Post Office, one in the Hadley Public Library, North Hadley Sugar Shack and in said Town, seven days at least, not including the day of posting, before the time of holding said meeting.~~

Given under your hands this 12th day of **October, 2023**


Amy Parsons, Chair

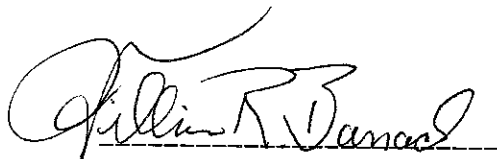

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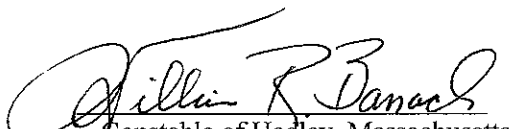

Constable of Hadley

Date: Oct. 12, 2023

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

October 26, 2023

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Hadley, Massachusetts, qualified to vote in Town elections and Town affairs, by posting up attested copies of the same, at the usual places: one at the Town Hall, one at the Hadley Post Office, one at the North Hadley Sugar Shack (181 River Drive), all in said town fourteen days before the date hereof as within directed.


Constable of Hadley, Massachusetts

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in the usual places: one at the Town Hall, one at the Hadley Post Office, one in the Goodwin Memorial Library, and in said Town, fourteen days before the time of holding said meeting.