

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday; June 1, 2009
7:00 p.m.

WARRANT

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, ss:

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, IN SAID HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, 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 Stanton Hall in said Huntington, on Monday; June 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 2: To empower the Selectboard to choose such Town Officers as are not required by law or vote of the Town to be chosen by ballot; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To accept the reports of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectboard, Library Trustees, Trustees of the Whiting Street Fund, Finance Committee, Trustees of the Alphonse P. Pettis Fund, Assessor of Taxes, Town Accountant, and any other Town Officers or Committees to report and act thereon; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to prosecute and defend matters in which the Town has an interest, or to appear in favor or opposed to matters involving the Town's interest and employ counsel; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to sell and convey by public auction in accordance with Section 77B of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, all parcels of real estate which the Town has acquired or may acquire, either by foreclosure of Tax Title in Land Court or by the procedure under Section 80 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws pertaining to lands of low value; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other federal or state monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant application following public hearing; or take any other action relative thereto.

- ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Highway Department for construction and/or maintenance of public highways for the Fiscal Year 2010 and further authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to accept any money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will transfer from free cash the sum of \$50,000.00 to the Stabilization account and earmark it for Vocational Tuition for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,826.00 for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the Highway truck loan; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to Stabilization the sum of \$105,000.00; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash to Computer Purchase line item #05122.008 the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of assessing, networking and upgrading the Town's computer system; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will transfer from the Capital Expenditure account the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of converting the Highway Department pick up truck to a Fire Department rescue vehicle; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Expenditure account the sum of \$52,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a one-ton pick up truck for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Reserves the sum of \$13,750.00 for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the Water Department meter loan; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 for Huntington's costs for Vocational Transportation for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$409,019.00 for Huntington's costs for Vocational Tuition for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses estimated for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009. Voters will designate line items to be voted separately; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,285,529.00 for Huntington's minimum contribution, as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 or accept a lesser amount than \$1,285,529.00 as certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$455,003.00 for Huntington's share of the transportation and debt services expenses for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$551,710.00 for Huntington's share of the over-minimum contribution to the budget for Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV Q: Wireless Communications Facilities of the Huntington Zoning Bylaw, by replacing all wording defining the current Special Permit Granting Authority from the Board of Selectmen, with wording defining the Planning Board as the Special Permit Granting Authority; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV.Q.1.A. Wireless Communications Facilities of the Huntington Zoning Bylaw by inserting "*No special permit(s) shall be issued for a wireless communications facility unless the applicant is a provider of personal wireless services (a "carrier") or has a contract with at least one carrier to locate on the proposed facility. Tower applicant(s) must supply a copy of a contract with at least one telecommunications carrier with their application for a special permit. Co-application of one or more carriers with the tower applicant is encouraged. If multiple towers are proposed concurrently within a 2.5 mile radius of one another, preference for the special permit will be given to the tower with the larger number of carriers committed to siting on their tower, as well as the lowest requested tower height for a given number of carriers, and/or the least visible impact on the neighborhood.*" after "...Contracts for co-location by another (competing) provider must be reasonable by industry standards, not to exceed the cost of erecting a new facility. ..." or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV.Q.1.C. Wireless Communications Facilities of the Huntington Zoning Bylaw by inserting "*(including wind)*" after "...The balloon should be flown over a 2-day period, one of the days being a weekend day, with an inclement weather..." or take any other action relative thereto.

Please Note: *Italicized language is new or modified from the current language.*

ARTICLE 24:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for a Massachusetts Small Town Road Assistant Program grant for the reconstruction of a section of Goss Hill Road, and expend any monies received as set forth in the grant; or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: The project will consist of realigning, updating drainage, widening, paving, installing curb, and providing pavement markings and signing along a dangerous section of Goss Hill Road (a school bus route in town) to provide improved safety for all roadway users.

ARTICLE 25:

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Ch. 152, Section 69 : “The terms laborers, workmen and mechanics shall, if the town meeting so votes, also include such elected or appointed officers of the town, except the Selectmen or members of the police or fire force, as the Board of Selectmen may, from time to time, designate, as evidenced by a writing filed with the division”; or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: Any town which accepts this section may provide for payment of compensation of certain or all of its employees by workers’ compensation insurance, with the exception of the Board of Selectmen and members of the police or fire force.

ARTICLE 26:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the report and hear recommendations of the Retirement Employee Insurance Committee:

(To adopt a policy to provide a gap insurance benefit for individuals who have formally retired from employment with the Town subject to the following conditions:

The person has completed 10 years or more of continuous employment consisting of at least 30 hours a week for the entire duration without termination, and

The Town will pay up to 50% of health insurance premiums to the carrier upon submittal of a bill from the carrier, and

The maximum benefit from the Town will be \$10,000.00 per employee.)

ARTICLE 27:

To see if the Town will vote to repeal Section 11, *Site Development Review*, of the General By-Laws and Acts of the Town of Huntington; or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office, Moltenbrey's Market, Knightville Package Store, Norwich Fire Station and Town Hall, in said Town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this 20th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Nine:

HUNTINGTON SELECTBOARD:

Posted as within directed:

Robert Heath, Chair

Earl G. Heath, Constable

Aimee Burnham, Member

Date

Ernest Smith, Member