



WARRANT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 30, 2023

WARRANT – Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday, May 30, 2023

HAMPDEN, ss

To any and all constables in the Town of Holland, County of Hampden

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Holland qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at Holland Elementary School on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 6:00p, then and there to act on all business on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be determined by ballot, which Election shall be held on June 13th, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM, to wit: Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Rd., Holland MA

ARTICLE #1 To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms: Selectman, (one) 3 yr.; Assessor, (one) 3 yr.; Board of Health, (one) 3 yr.; Cemetery, (one) 3 yr.; Constable, (one) 3 yr.; Holland School Committee, (two) 3 yr.; Library Trustee, (one) 3 yr.; Planning Board, (one) 5 yr.; Tantasqua School Committee (one) 3 yr.; Treasurer, (one) 1 yr. remaining term; Tree Warden, (one) 3yr.; Water Commissioner (one) 3 yr.; or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0

Motion: no motion needed.

ARTICLE #2 To hear the reports of the Town Officers and outstanding committees, or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0

Motion: I move article 2 as printed in the warrant.

MOTION: PASSED

ARTICLE #3 To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all employees and officers of the Town, expenses and outlays of Town Departments, as presented on the salary and expense spreadsheet at the Town Meeting as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town, for the ensuing twelve-month fiscal period, effective from July 1, 2023, as provided by Section 108 of

Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended and raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move that the Town fix the salaries and compensation of all employees and officers of the Town, and expenses and outlays of Town Departments, as presented on the salary and expense spreadsheet and fund said expenses and outlays, raise and appropriate ~~or transfer from available funds~~ 8,211,944 as shown on the Budget, pg. 7 of 8.

MOTION: PASSED

ARTICLE #4 To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate funds provided to the Town by the State under Chapter 90 and such other funds as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation may provide, and to authorize the Select Board or their duly authorized representative, to enter into contracts with Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Division for Chapter 90 money allocated to the Town by the State, or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0

Motion: I move article 4 as printed in the warrant.

MOTION: PASSED

ARTICLE #5 To see if the Town will vote to establish Fiscal Year 2024 spending limits for the revolving funds listed in Chapter 4, Financial Affairs, Section 8, Departmental Revolving Fund of the General Bylaw, all as set forth below, with such expenditure limits to be applicable for each fiscal year until such time as Town Meeting votes, prior to July 1 in any year, to change the same for the ensuing fiscal year; provided, however, that at the request of the entity authorized to expend such funds, the Select Board, with the approval of the Finance Committee, may increase such limit, for that fiscal year only, all as set forth below:

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Revolving Fund	Spending Limit
Cemetery Commission	\$5,000
Library Trustees	\$600
Electrical Inspector	\$10,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$5,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$5,000
Fire Dept.	\$10,000
Animal Control Officer(s)	\$5,000
Conservation Commission	\$5,000
Planning Board	\$5,000
Building Commissioner	\$24,000
Board of Health	\$15,000
Community Center	\$10,000

Motion: I move article 5 as printed in the warrant.

MOTION: PASSED

ARTICLE #6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow \$_____ to pay prior fiscal year invoices, or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move that Town vote to transfer from free cash \$1,661.67 to pay the following prior fiscal year invoices - \$3.47 for FY19 to AT&T, \$398.74 for FY22 to Staples, \$1,259.46 for FY22 to Otis Elevator

4/5th vote required.

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE #7

FY23 Article

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer \$_____ to cover the FY23 Snow & Ice Expenses account deficit, or take any other action thereto.

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES - 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move the Town vote to transfer from free cash \$19,062.00 to cover the FY23 Snow and Ice Expenses.

MOTION: PASSED

ARTICLE #8

FY23 ARTICLE

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS AND TWENTY-TWO CENTS (\$3,840.22) to cover a FY2022 Chapter 90 deficit or take any other action thereto.

SPONSOR: Highway Department

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move article 8 as printed in the warrant and to fund said appropriation from free cash.

MOTION: PASSED

ARTICLE #9 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds up to THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) for Cemetery gravestone repair or take any other action thereto.

SPONSOR: Cemetery Commission

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move to pass over article 9

MOTION: PASSED-OVER

ARTICLE #10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds up to SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000) for a lawnmower.

Sponsor: Cemetery Commission

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move to pass over article 10

MOTION: PASSED-OVER

ARTICLE #11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer up to TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$265,370) to purchase and equip a loader, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Highway Department

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES – 4, NO – 0, Abstain – 1

Motion: I move to pass over article 11

MOTION: PASSED-OVER

ARTICLE #12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer up to SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$71,480) to purchase a Ford F350 4WD truck and Snow Plow Package, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Highway Department

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move to pass over article 12

MOTION: PASSED-OVER

ARTICLE #13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer up to SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$71,480) to purchase a Ford F350 4WD truck and Snow Plow Package, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Highway Department

Select Board YES – 0, NO – 3 Finance Board YES – 0, NO – 5

Motion: I move to pass over article 13

MOTION: PASSED-OVER

ARTICLE #14 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds SEVENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) for the purchase of a USED All-Wheel Skid Steer Bobcat or take any other action relative there to.

SPONSOR: Highway Department

Select Board YES – 0, NO – 3 Finance Board YES – 0, NO – 5

Motion: I move to pass over article 14

MOTION: PASSED-OVER

ARTICLE #15 To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds to Highway Road Improvement account or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Finance Board

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer \$192,800 from free cash to the Highway Road Improvement account.

MOTION: PASSED

ARTICLE #16 To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Tree Warden Expenses account for the purpose of tree management, or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Tree Warden

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer \$100,000 from free cash to the Tree Warden Expenses account for tree management.

MOTION: PASSED

ARTICLE #17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer \$_____ to Road Improvement Stabilization account, or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Finance Board

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move the Town vote to transfer from free cash \$277,536.20 to the Road Improvement Stabilization account.

MOTION: PASSED

ARTICLE #18 To see if the Town will vote to transfer FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) from Cyclic Stabilization to fund the Assessors 5-year Re-Valuation Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Assessors

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move article 18 as printed in the warrant.

2/3RD vote required

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE #19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer \$_____ to the Capital Purchase Stabilization account, or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Finance Board

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0 Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer from free cash \$269,493.91 to the Capital Purchase Stabilization account.

Amended Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer from free cash \$139,493.91 to the Capital Purchase Stabilization account.

AMENDED MOTION: FAILED

MOTION: PASSED

ARTICLE #20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer \$_____ to the Cyclical Stabilization account, or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Finance Board

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0

Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer from free cash \$20,000 to the Cyclical Stabilization account.

MOTION: PASSED

ARTICLE #21 To see if the Town will vote to amend the real property tax exemption allowed pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, Section 5K, as previously accepted by the Town, for a program allowing persons over the age of 60 to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for which the Town shall reduce the real property tax obligations of such persons, by allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be \$1,500 in a calendar year, or take any other action thereto.

This article is an update for our senior tax abatement work/volunteer program to increase the maximum allowable tax obligation credit from \$1,200 to \$1,500 as provided by Massachusetts General Law.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0

Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move article 21 as printed in the warrant.

MOTION: PASSED

ARTICLE #22 Amendment to Floodplain District Bylaw - **At the Feb 8, 2023 meeting of the Planning Board, the Board voted 5 in favor, 0 opposed to adopt revised Floodplain Overlay District bylaw as documented in this Warrant**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning bylaw 6.1 FLOOD PLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT (attach bylaw documents)

This article is an update to the existing Floodplain District Bylaw. The update encompasses updated definitions and map references as well as new required language in order for the town to remain in

FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Map program. The updated language must be adopted in order for residents to continue to be able to participate in the FIRM flood insurance program.

SPONSOR: Planning Board

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0

Finance Board YES – 5, NO – 0

Motion: I move article 22 as printed in the warrant.

2/3rd vote is required. Planning Board Recommendation and Report is required.

MOTION: PASSED YES-87 NO-2

ARTICLE#23

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40, §5B, to create a new special purpose stabilization fund, to be known as the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, which may be expended for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid-litigation settlement documents, a document prepared by the Substance Abuse Bureau of the Commonwealth's Office of Health and Human Services Department, found at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-abatement-terms/download> entitled "Abatement Strategies", and consistent with any state guidelines or regulations further clarifying allowable uses of opioid litigation settlement funds; and further, to adopt the last paragraph of said §5B and dedicate to such fund, without further appropriation, 100% of the opioid litigation settlement funds received by the Town; and further, to transfer from available funds a sum of money equal to that received by the Town from opioid litigation settlements resulting from the Town's participation in the national Opioid Multi-District Litigation into said Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund; and further to fund said account transfer from available funds a sum of money for FY2023; or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Accountant

Select Board YES – 3, NO – 0

Finance Board YES – 5 , NO – 0

Motion: I move article 23 as printed in the warrant.

2/3 vote required.

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE #24

FY2024 ATM ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the purchase of Narcan and/or other opioid treatment expenses, or take any other action relative thereto?

SPONSOR: Town Accountant

Select Board YES – 3 , NO – 0

Finance Board YES – 5 , NO – 0

Motion: I move that the Town vote to transfer from free cash \$2,000 to purchase Narcan and/or other opioid treatment expenses.

MOTION: PASSED

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at five (5) conspicuous places in said town, at least seven days (7) 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 a said time and place meeting, as fore said.

Given under this 18th day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

Clelland Johnson, Chairman

Constable

A True Copy, Attest:
Valerie Lundin
Town Clerk