



**WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Wednesday, May 26th, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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 **TANTASQUA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, 319 BROOKFIELD RD, STURBRIDGE MA 01566**, HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM, AS VOTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN PURSUANT TO ITS AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 9 OF CHAPTER 92 OF THE ACTS OF 2020, TO COMMENCE ON **WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SIXTH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.** THEN AND THERE TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

WARRANT – Annual Town Meeting, Wednesday, May 26th, 2021
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 **Tantasqua Regional High School Auditorium, 319 Brookfield Road, Fiskdale, MA** **Wednesday, May 26th, 2021 at 6:00 PM**, 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 Tuesday, June 8th, 2021**, 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.; Assessor, (one) 2 yr.; Board of Health, (one) 3 yr.; Cemetery, (one) 3 yr.; Cemetery, (one) 2 yr.; Constable, (one) 3 yr.; Constable, (one) 2 yr.; Holland School Committee, (one) 3 yr.; Holland School Committee, (one) 3 yr.; Library Trustee, (one) 3 yr.; Library Trustee, (one) 2 yr.; Planning Board, (one) 5 yr.; Planning Board, (one) 3 yr.; Planning Board, (one) 2 yr.; Sealer of Weights and Measures, (one) 3 yr.; Tantasqua Representative (one) 3 yr.;

Tax Collector, (one) 3 yr.; Treasurer, (one) 3 yr.; Water Commissioner (one) 3 yr.; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE #2

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

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, 2021, 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 Finance Board – YES

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 Finance Board – YES

ARTICLE #5

To see if the Town will vote to establish Fiscal Year 2022 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:

Revolving Fund	Spending Limit
Cemetery Commission	\$5,000
Library Trustees	\$600
Electrical Inspector	\$10,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$5,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$2,000
Fire Dept.	\$10,000

Animal Control Officer(s)	\$5,000
Conservation Commission	\$2,000
Planning Board	\$500.00
Building Commissioner	\$24,000
Board of Health	\$15,000
Community Center	\$10,000

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board – YES Finance Board – YES

ARTICLE #6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to cover the \$5,425.00 deficit in Fund 241 Police Vests State Grant account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Accountant

Select Board –YES Finance Board – YES

ARTICLE #7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow \$145.51 to pay prior fiscal year invoices, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Accountant

Select Board – YES Finance Board – YES

ARTICLE #8

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,750.00 from the FY2021 Treasurer OPEB Evaluation budget line item (001-145-5300-0001) to fund the Treasurer OPEB Evaluation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Treasurer

Select Board – YES Finance Board – YES

ARTICLE #9

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000 from the FY21 Treasurer Tax Title Expense to fund the FY22 Treasurer Tax Title Expense, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Treasurer

Select Board – YES Finance Board – YES

ARTICLE #10

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$100,000 from Free Cash to Tree Warden Expense, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Finance Board

Select Board – YES Finance Board – YES

ARTICLE #11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow \$45,075 into Highway Road Improvement account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Finance Board

Select Board – YES Finance Board – YES

ARTICLE #12

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Roadway Stabilization to Highway Road Improvement account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Finance Board

Select Board – YES Finance Board – YES

ARTICLE #13

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,000.00 from Article 23, voted at the May 21, 2019 Annual Town Meeting to fund the purchase and installation of a handicap door at the Library, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Library

Select Board – YES Finance Board – YES

ARTICLE #14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer \$7,000 to fund the position of Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Select Board

Select Board – YES Finance Board - YES

ARTICLE #15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer \$12,500 to fund a contract Planner to support the Planning Board, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Select Board

Select Board – YES Finance Board - YES

ARTICLE #16

To see if the Town will vote to release any rights to drain across that property located at 71 East Brimfield Road, described in a deed recorded with the Hampden Registry of Deeds in Book 21570, Page 394, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor – Highway

ARTICLE #17

Citizens' Petition (attached)

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 19th day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-one.



Bettina Schmidt, Chairman

Constable



Clelland Johnson, Member

A True Copy, Attest:



Jennifer Mott
Town Clerk

CITIZENS PETITION ARTICLE FOR TOWN MEETING

To the Board of Selectmen:

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Holland, hereby petition the Board of Selectmen pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 10 to insert the following article into the Warrant for the next Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 18, 2021, or if too late, to be included in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on May 17, 2022:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Chapter 4 – Financial Affairs – by adding Section 9:

4.9 Conditional Property Tax Relief For Residents Seventy Years And Older

The principal assessor and collector of taxes shall not increase any residents' property taxes on his or her property, or one of the properties he or she owns, if he or she meets the following two requirements, (hereinafter "the benefit"):

- 1) Said resident is seventy years or older;
- 2) Said resident used said property as his or her primary residence for at least ten years preceding his or her eligibility for the benefit.

The taxes for said property shall not increase from the amount collected or which was to be collected for said property for the fiscal year during which said resident meets the aforementioned two requirements for the first time.

If the principal assessor or tax collector is put on notice by a resident or becomes otherwise aware of the eligibility of any resident, future property taxes shall reflect the amount of taxes for said property said resident owed for the fiscal year during which he or she first met the aforementioned two requirements.

The property taxes levied against said property shall thereafter not be increased as long as said resident uses said property as his or her primary residence.

This provision shall not preclude said property owner from the benefit of other provisions available to reduce his or her property taxes. Instead, this provision shall be in addition to other provisions said resident is entitled to.

NO	Check	Printed Name	Signature	Street Address
1		PETER FREI	<i>[Signature]</i>	101 MAYBROOK ROAD
2		Seema Desai	<i>[Signature]</i>	2 Morse Lane
3		ELMEN DAIGLE	<i>[Signature]</i>	Bennett Ln
4		ROBERT DURAND	<i>[Signature]</i>	39 ISLAND ROAD
5		Jon H Smith	<i>[Signature]</i>	19 DUGGILL Rd
6		Simone Daigle	<i>[Signature]</i>	13 Bennett Ln
7		MARIE DURAND	<i>[Signature]</i>	39 ISLAND RD
8		Elizabeth A. Murray	<i>[Signature]</i>	129 Sturbridge Rd
9		Michael Wong	<i>[Signature]</i>	129 Sturbridge Rd
10		Rowley M. Gillis	<i>[Signature]</i>	129 Sturbridge Rd

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1		ROBERT DYMON	<i>[Signature]</i>	28 LAKE SHORE DRIVE
2		Ellen Dymon	<i>[Signature]</i>	28 Lakeshore Dr.
3				
4		Robert J. Anderson	<i>[Signature]</i>	2 Lakeshore Dr.
5		Colleen Lord Callis	<i>[Signature]</i>	94 Sturbridge Rd
6		RANDY LORD	<i>[Signature]</i>	94 Sturbridge Rd.
7		CHRISTINE KINGSTON	<i>[Signature]</i>	22 Lakeshore Dr.
8		John Kingston	<i>[Signature]</i>	22 Lake Shore Dr.
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1		Ernest Fancy	<i>Ernest Fancy</i>	1 Butterworth Rd
2		Bonnie Fancy	<i>Bonnie Fancy</i>	1 Butterworth Rd.
3		Sharon Chandonnet	<i>Sharon Chandonnet</i>	4 Morse Lane
4		Claudette Lord	<i>Claudette Lord</i>	20 Lake Shore Dr.
5		Eugene Lord	<i>Eugene Lord</i>	30 Lake Shore Dr.
6		Stephen Moroz	<i>Stephen Moroz</i>	103 Sandy Beach
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