



WARRANT

For

Special Town Meeting

October 22, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School
Auditorium

Please note: This Warrant should be brought to Town Meeting. The appendices to the Warrant are available at Town Hall, on-line at www.hamiltonma.gov, and will be available at Town Meeting.

Please recycle this warrant after the Town meeting.

Town By-Laws

CHAPTER II

RULES AND PROCEDURE OF TOWN MEETINGS

SECTION 1. All articles in the warrant shall be taken up in the order of their arrangement, unless otherwise decided by a two-thirds vote, except that unanimous consent shall be required for inclusion of an Article in a "Consent Motion" group of Articles that will be taken up by the meeting for voting on the group.

SECTION 2. In case of motions to amend, or to fill out blanks, the one expressing the largest sum or the longest time shall be put first, and an affirmative vote thereon shall be a negative vote on any smaller sum or shorter time.

SECTION 3. The report of a committee shall be deemed properly before a meeting if a request for its acceptance is included in an article of the warrant and a copy is published in the Special Report or is filed with the Town Clerk fifteen days prior to the meeting. A vote to accept a final report shall discharge the committee but shall not be equivalent to a vote to carry out its recommendations. A vote on recommendations included in a committee report shall only be in order under an article to that effect in the warrant. A vote to accept a report of progress shall continue the committee under its original authority unless otherwise specified.

SECTION 4. If an article of the Warrant has once been acted upon and disposed of, it shall not be again considered at the meeting except by a two-thirds vote.

SECTION 5. No money shall be appropriated to or from the Stabilization Fund except by a 2/3 vote at a Town Meeting.

SECTION 6. Only registered voters of the Town shall be admitted and entitled to vote at any Annual or Special meeting provided that upon prior request the Moderator may admit to the meeting persons who are not registered voters and in her discretion may permit them to speak on a subject. Any person so permitted to speak at a meeting shall announce his full name and address to the meeting.

SECTION 7. Motions at Town Meeting shall be made orally, but the Moderator may require any motion also to be submitted in writing. Unless otherwise directed thereby the Moderator shall appoint all committees created by the vote of the Town.

SECTION 8. The conduct of all Town Meetings not prescribed by law or by the foregoing rules shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in Town Meeting Time, A Handbook of Parliamentary Law, Second Edition.

SECTION 9. On matters requiring a two-thirds vote, either by statute or these By-Laws, a count need not be taken and the vote need not be recorded unless the vote declared is immediately questioned by seven or more voters as provided in General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 15.

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TO THE CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF HAMILTON:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton qualified to vote in election and town affairs, to meet at the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School Auditorium in said town, on Saturday, the twenty-second day of October, in the year Two Thousand Sixteen (October 22, 2016) at nine o'clock in the morning (9:00 am.), then and there to act on the following articles.

SECTION 1: REPORTS AND PROCEDURES

<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 1-1</p> <p align="center"><i>Reports</i></p>	<p>To hear reports of Town Officers and selected committees and to take action thereon or relative thereto. Reports will appear in the Town Report for Calendar Year 2016.</p>
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SECTION 2: FINANCIAL ACTIONS

<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 2-1</p> <p align="center"><i>Prior Year Bills</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay utility, supplies, and services bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any action thereon or relative thereto. <i>(Expected amount \$2,151.00)</i></p> <p>The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Finance and Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 2-2</p> <p align="center"><i>Classification/ Compensation Table</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will amend the Personnel By-law by adopting changes to the classification and compensation table, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.</p> <p>[The Proposed Compensation/Classification Table is set forth in Appendix A to the Fall 2016 Warrant Book.]</p> <p>The Board of Selectmen and the Finance and Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 2-3</p> <p><i>FY '17 Budget Adjustments</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will amend the Town operating budget for FY'17 by decreasing the appropriation for certain Town expenses, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.</p> <p>The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Finance and Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 2-4</p> <p><i>Appropriation for Waste/Recycling/Composting Contract</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds money to fund the remainder of the current fiscal year of the multi-year contract for collection and transportation of solid waste, recycling, and composting, or take any action thereon or relative thereto. <i>(Expected request \$180,000)</i></p> <p>The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Finance and Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 2-5</p> <p><i>Community Preservation Fund Projects</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will appropriate monies from Community Preservation fund special revenues, specific reserves, or other available funds for the undertaking of community preservation projects as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.</p> <p>[The proposed projects are set forth in Appendix B to the Fall 2016 Warrant Book.]</p> <p>The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Finance and Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 2-6</p> <p><i>Town Hall Renovations – Evaluation and Design</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of obtaining evaluations of the physical conditions and systems of the Hamilton Town Hall, and for the purpose of obtaining schematic designs, architectural and engineering designs, cost estimates, bid documents relating to the renovation, restoration, expansion, construction and reconstruction of the Hamilton Town Hall, including all costs for services incidental or related thereto, including, but not limited to, services of architects, engineers, and project managers, and further to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; and if by borrowing to raise and appropriate a sum of money for bond issuance costs, or take any action thereon or relative thereto. <i>(Expected request \$300,000)</i></p> <p>The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Finance and Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 2-7</p> <p><i>Engineering Design for Essex Street Pedestrian and Bike Path</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for engineering design for the Essex Street Pedestrian and Bike Path, or take other action thereon or relative thereto. (<i>Expected request \$40,000</i>)</p> <p>The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Finance and Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.</p>
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SECTION 3: PLANNING /ZONING ACTIONS

<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 3-1</p> <p><i>Zoning By-law Amendment (Phase 1)</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-law by deleting the existing text and replacing it with the language set forth in Appendix C, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.</p> <p>[The proposed by-law is set forth in Appendix C of the 2016 Fall Warrant Book.]</p> <p>The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Finance and Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 3-2</p> <p><i>Cottage Housing Development Overlay District</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-law by adding a new section to provide for cottage housing development by adopting the “Cottage Housing Development Overlay District,” set forth in Appendix D, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.</p> <p>[The proposed by-law is set forth in Appendix D of the 2016 Fall Warrant Book.]</p> <p>The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Finance and Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.</p>

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SECTION 4: TOWN BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 4-1 <i>Regulation of Roosters</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will amend the Town By-laws, Ch. XVIII, the Animal Control By-law, by adding a new Section 9 to read: “Keeping of Roosters. It shall be unlawful to keep roosters on any property within the Town of Hamilton, except for commercial agriculture property pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, sec. 3 and the Town’s Zoning By-law. Property owners in violation of this by-law are subject to a fine of \$50 per rooster first offense, \$75 per rooster second offense, \$100 per rooster third and further offenses, with each day constituting a separate offense.” Or take any action thereon or relative thereto.</p> <p>The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Finance and Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.</p>
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SECTION 5: OTHER APPROPRIATIONS AND ACTIONS

<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 5-1 <i>Sale of Town Land</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell, restrict or otherwise dispose of two parcels of land off of Central Avenue and Baker Avenue, identified as Lots 84 and 85 on Assessors Map 47, on such terms as may be acceptable to the Selectmen, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.</p> <p>The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Finance and Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 5-2 <i>Grant of Easement for Utility Purposes</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will grant an easement, on terms acceptable to the Board of Selectmen and such terms and conditions as are required by law, for an abutter to Town Hall to install an electrical line underground from a utility pole on town land to an abutter’s property, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.</p> <p>The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Finance and Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.</p>

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SECTION 6: CLOSING FINANCIAL ACTIONS

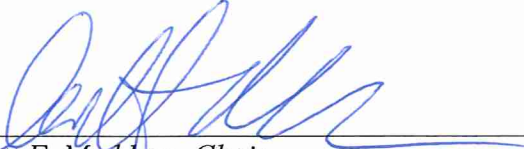
<p>ARTICLE 2016/10 6-1 <i>Free Cash Application</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will reserve, appropriate and authorize the Assessors to use available certified free cash to reduce the tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.</p> <p>The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation at Town Meeting. The Finance and Advisory Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.</p>
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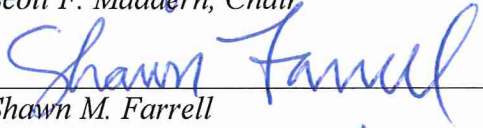
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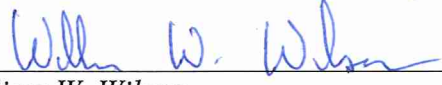
HAMILTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Scott F. Maddern, Chair



Shawn M. Farrell



William W. Wilson



Jeffrey M. Hubbard

Allison M. Jenkins

Hamilton, Massachusetts

I have this day served this warrant as directed by Chapter 1, Section 1b of the Town By-laws.

Constable

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