

Warrant for the Fall Town Meeting
November 13, 2023
Town of Wrentham
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Norfolk

To the Constables of the Town of Wrentham in the County of Norfolk;
Greetings:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn qualified voters of said Town of Wrentham to assemble at the King Philip Regional High School, 201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA at 7:00PM on Monday, November 13, 2023 then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1 Volunteer of the Year

For the Board of Selectmen to recognize the Town of Wrentham's 2023 Volunteer(s) of the Year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Article 2 Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c.40, §5G to establish a municipal waterways improvement and maintenance fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 3 Municipal Trust Funds

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §54(b) to allow trust funds held in the custody of the Town to be invested under the standards of the Massachusetts Prudent Investor Act of Chapter 203C or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

Article 4 Prior Year Bills

To see what action the Town will take with regard to unpaid bills outstanding, or overdrafts from prior year(s), to vote to raise and appropriate, to appropriate by transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or appropriate by transfer from funds previously appropriated to other accounts, a sum of money for the same, or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

Capital Projects

Article 5 Public Works/Land Use Building Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by transfer from any available source of funds, the sum of \$1.6 million for the purpose of funding the design of the Public Works/Land Use Building Facility; take any action relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Anyone in need of special accommodations for the Town Meeting, please contact the Office of the Select Board at 508-384-5400 by November 6, 2023 in order that reasonable accommodations may be made.

Article 6 Roderick Elementary School Building Funding

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash or other available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of The Wrentham Elementary School Building Committee for a feasibility study for major renovation or replacement of the Roderick Elementary School, located at 120 Taunton Street in Wrentham, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; or take any action relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

Home Rule Charter

Article 7 Organizational Structure

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to amend the Wrentham Home Rule Charter, Section 116 of the Acts of 2014, by making content changes related to organizational structure, processes, procedures, and assignments related to the Town Administrator, Town Moderator, Town Planner, Police Department, Fire Department, Superintendent of Public Works, Finance Department, and any others as shown in the Draft Proposed Amended Wrentham Home Rule Charter dated 18 October 2023, and which is on file with the Town Clerk, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. (Charter Review Committee)

Article 8 Omnibus Changes

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to amend the Wrentham Home Rule Charter, Section 116 of the Acts of 2014 by adopting the omnibus changes, typographical error corrections, grammatical corrections, and title changes throughout the Town Charter as shown in the Draft Proposed Amended Wrentham Home Rule Charter dated 18 October 2023 and which is on file with the Town Clerk, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. (Charter Review Committee)

Article 9 Town Clerk

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to amend the Wrentham Home Rule Charter, Section 116 of the Acts of 2014, by changing the Town Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position. To accomplish this, Section 5.4 of the Charter is to be revised as shown in the Draft Proposed Amended Wrentham Home Rule Charter dated 18 October 2023, and which is on file with the Town Clerk, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. (Charter Review Committee)

Article 10 Constable

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to amend the Wrentham Home Rule Charter, Section 116 of the Acts of 2014, by changing

the position of Town Constable from an elected position to an appointed position. To accomplish this, Section 3.9 of the Charter is to be deleted and Section 5.14 of the Charter is to be inserted as shown in the Draft Proposed Amended Wrentham Home Rule Charter dated 18 October 2023, and which is on file with the Town Clerk, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. (Charter Review Committee)

Article 11 Board of Assessors

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to amend the Wrentham Home Rule Charter, Section 116 of the Acts of 2014, by changing the Board of Assessors from an elected position to an appointed position. To accomplish this, Section 3.5 of the Charter is to be deleted and Section 5.5 of the Charter is to be inserted as shown in the Draft Proposed Amended Wrentham Home Rule Charter dated 18 October 2023, and which is on file with the Town Clerk, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. (Charter Review Committee)

Article 12 Board of Health

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to amend the Wrentham Home Rule Charter, Section 116 of the Acts of 2014, by changing the Board of Health from an elected position to an appointed position. To accomplish this, Section 3.6 of the Charter is to be deleted and Section 5.6 of the Charter is to be inserted as shown in the Draft Proposed Amended Wrentham Home Rule Charter dated 18 October 2023, and which is on file with the Town Clerk, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. (Charter Review Committee)

Article 13 Library Trustees

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to amend the Wrentham Home Rule Charter, Section 116 of the Acts of 2014, by changing the Board of Library Trustees from an elected position to an appointed position. To accomplish this, Section 3.8 of the Charter is to be deleted and Section 5.7 of the Charter is to be inserted as shown in the Draft Proposed Amended Wrentham Home Rule Charter dated 18 October 2023, and which is on file with the Town Clerk, or pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. (Charter Review Committee)

Article 14 Adoption of Complete Charter

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to change the Wrentham Home Rule Charter as voted at this 2023 Annual Fall Annual Town Meeting and submit same in its entirety and including Article I through Article VII accordingly that notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, this shall be the Wrentham Home Rule Charter which is on file with the Town Clerk dated 18 October 2023; or pass any vote or take any other action related thereto. (Charter Review Committee)

Community Preservation

Article 15 Conservation & Recreation Land Acquisition

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 from the Budgeted Reserve account and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Fund, for the purpose of further funding the Conservation and Recreation Land Acquisition Fund that was established in 2022. Acquisitions must adhere to CPA land acquisition rules at the time of the acquisition, and a conservation restriction will need to be put in place for the acquired land. Funds appropriated must be used by December 31, 2035 or will be returned to their source, and no longer be available for expenditure on this project; or take any other action related thereto. (Community Preservation Committee)

Article 16 Fiske Museum Archivist

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$27,600 from the Historical Reserve account of the Community Preservation Fund, for the purpose of funding a part time archivist position and the purchase of supplies to be used by that archivist to catalog and preserve significant artifacts in the Historical Commission's possession. Funds appropriated must be used by December 31, 2025 or will be returned to their source, and no longer be available for expenditure on this project take any other action related thereto. (Community Preservation Committee)

Article 17 Mirror Lake

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$38,000 from the Open Space and Recreation Reserve account and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance and/or the Budgeted Reserve account of the Community Preservation Fund, for the purpose of funding weed mitigation, and prevention at Mirror Lake in an effort to preserve this open space in town. Funds appropriated must be used by December 31, 2025 or will be returned to their source, and no longer be available for expenditure on this project; take any other action related thereto. (Community Preservation Committee)

Article 18 Lake Archer

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Open Space and Recreation Reserve account and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance and/or the Budgeted Reserve account of the Community Preservation Fund, for the purpose of funding weed mitigation, and prevention at Lake Archer in an effort to preserve this open space in town. Funds appropriated must be used by December 31, 2025 or will be returned to their source, and no longer be available for expenditure on this project; or take any other action related thereto. (Community Preservation Committee)

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Wrentham on this seventeenth day of October in the year two thousand and twenty-three:

WRENTHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Joseph F. Botaish, II



Christopher Gallo



William Harrington



James Anderson



Michelle Rouse

A true copy.

Constable's Certificate of Services:

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Wrentham qualified to vote at elections and town affairs to meet as within commanded by posting attested copies of the Warrant, one at the Town Offices and five other places in said Town, being not less than fourteen (14) days at least before the day appointed for holding said meeting, as directed by the Bylaws of the Town of Wrentham.

This 19th day of Oct, 2023. Constable 