

**WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF DRACUT
JUNE 6, 2016**

TO: ANY CONSTABLE IN THE TOWN OF DRACUT

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Lester G. Richardson Center for the Performing Arts, Dracut High School, 1540 Lakeview Avenue, on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:30 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE #1:

To see if the Town will vote to waive the reading of the Town Meeting Articles as printed in the warrant; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Kathleen M. Graham, Town Clerk
Recommendations:

ARTICLE #2:

To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Town Accountant, the Board of Selectmen, and any other committee having a direction from previous Town Meetings; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Kathleen M. Graham, Town Clerk
Recommendations:

ARTICLE #3:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, as permitted by General laws, Chapter 44, Section 5F; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Ann M. Vandal, Assistant Town Manager
Recommendations:

ARTICLE #4:

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers of the Town, as provided by General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, to be effective July 1, 2016, and to raise and appropriate such sums of money under the various departments shown below; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Moderator:	\$ 550.00
Board of Selectmen:	\$2,000.00
School Committee:	\$2,000.00

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager
Recommendations:

ARTICLE #5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds, such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and to make appropriations for the same; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager
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ARTICLE #6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Sewer Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager

Recommendations:

ARTICLE #7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Kenwood Water Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager

Recommendations:

ARTICLE #8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money with said sum to be used for the Town's Chapter 90 Program, reconstruction and improvement of Town roads and/or sidewalks, said sum to be reimbursed on a 100% basis by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager

Recommendations:

ARTICLE #9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be used for the repayment of medical bills that have been incurred pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 100, and are outstanding from previous years; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager

Recommendations:

ARTICLE #10:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Wetland Protection Fund a sum of money to be used in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 to defray costs incurred by the Conservation Commission in the performance of its duties; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager

Recommendations:

ARTICLE #11:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available "offset receipts" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to be used in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager

Recommendations:

ARTICLE #12:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money to fund the FY2017 costs of purchasing equipment for the Fire Department and/or Public Works Department, or act in any way relative thereto.

Submitted by: James A. Duggan

Recommendations:

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ARTICLE #13:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Tip Fee Reserve Fund a sum of money to be used in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 to defray costs incurred for trash removal, or to act in any way relative thereto.

Submitted by: James A. Duggan

Recommendations:

ARTICLE # 14

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Cemetery Trust fund a sum of money to be used in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 to defray costs associated with the expansion of cemeteries, or to act in any way relative thereto.

Submitted by: James A. Duggan, Town Manager

Recommendations:

ARTICLE #15:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Englesby Debt Account a sum of money to be used in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 to defray Town charges and expenses and to make appropriations for the same; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager

Recommendations:

ARTICLE #16:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Cemetery Trust Fund a sum of money to be used in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 to defray costs incurred by the Cemetery Department in the performance of its duties; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager

Recommendations:

ARTICLE #17:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Extra Polling Hours Reserve Account a sum of money to be used in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 to defray costs incurred by the Elections Department in the performance of its duties; or act in any way relative thereto.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager

Recommendations:

ARTICLE #18:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Town Hall Stabilization Fund a sum of money to be used in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 to defray costs associated with the debt for Town Hall construction; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager

Recommendations:

ARTICLE #19:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to be used in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 to defray costs associated with: the purchase of various departments; or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager

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ARTICLE #20:

To see if the Town will vote to increase the exemption amount of Clause 41C, for the purpose of reducing the property tax for those that meet the income and asset qualifications., or act in any way relative thereto.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager

Recommendations:

ARTICLE #21:

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2017 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of community preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Recommendations:

ARTICLE # 22:

To see if the Town of Dracut will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of completing survey forms for older properties within the Town of Dracut. The requested amount of Community Preservation Act funds is \$30,000, with a \$15,000 reimbursement from a grant secured from the Massachusetts Historical Commission., or act in any way relative thereto.

Submitted by: Helen Dunlap, Community Preservation Committee Chairman

Recommendations:

ARTICLE # 23:

To see if the Town of Dracut will vote to appropriate a sum of money of \$50,000 of Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funds to supplement existing funds (voted by Article 10 of the November 3, 2014 Town Meeting) for the construction of the High School/Middle School field house. In the event that any Community Preservation Committee funds are remaining, they are to be returned to the Community Preservation Commission recreational account, or act in any way relative thereto.

Submitted by: Helen Dunlap, Community Preservation Committee Chairman

Recommendations:

ARTICLE # 24:

To see if the Town of Dracut will vote to appropriate a sum of money in the amount of \$150,000 from the CPA historic reserve funds for the purpose of moving, constructing a new foundation for, and restoring the exterior of the historic George Fox Farmhouse, presently located at 324 Broadway Rd. Upon relocation, historic restriction, and sale of the house, a reasonable portion of the CPA dollars used for its relocation will be refunded to the Dracut CPA fund.

Submitted by: Helen Dunlap, Community Preservation Committee Chairman

Recommendations:

ARTICLE #25:

To see if the Town of Dracut will vote to clarify Article #23 of the June 1, 2015 relating to the acquisition and care of Beaver Brook Farm, located at 761 Mammoth Road in Dracut, MA. Article #23 passed at the Annual June 1, 2015 Town Meeting, and allowed for the funds to be used to acquire the property as well as “to pay all other costs incidental and related thereto.” The Beaver Brook Farm Committee and the Community Preservation Committee want to clarify and confirm that the funds can be used for:

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ARTICLE #25 cont'd:

normal and extraordinary repairs to the structures; stabilization of portions of buildings in need of repair or removal; acquisition of building materials; acquisition of services of professionals who can assist the Beaver Brook Committee in the day to day operations and management of the farm as well as assist in the development of a master plan for the re-use of the property; and any other related expense relative to the long-term use, security and operations of the Beaver Brook Farm, or act in any way relative thereto.

Submitted by: Helen Dunlap, Community Preservation Committee Chairman
Recommendations:

ARTICLE # 26:

To see if the Town of Dracut will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a petition with the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation as set forth below to allow the Town, notwithstanding section 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws to add four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to Section 12 of said Chapter 138.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF DRACUT TO GRANT FOUR ADDITIONAL LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the Town of Dracut may grant four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to Section 12 of said Chapter 138. The licenses shall be subject to all of said Chapter 138 except said Section 17.

(b) Once issued, the licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to this section to any other location, but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the Department of Revenue and a letter from the Department of Unemployment Assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

(c) Is a license granted pursuant to this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at any location under the same conditions as specified in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Submitted by James A. Duggan, Town Manager
Recommendations

ARTICLE # 27:

To see if the Town of Dracut will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a petition with Massachusetts General Court for special legislation as set forth below to allow the town to remove the position of Police Chief from Civil Service; provided that the General court may make grammatical and/or editorial changes of form only to such Bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the Bill before enactment by the General Court, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objective of this petition; or to act in any manner in relation thereto.

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF IN THE TOWN OF DRACUT FROM CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

SECTION 1. The position of Police Chief in the Town of Dracut shall be exempt from Chapter 31 of the General Laws.

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ARTICLE # 27 cont'd:

SECTION 2. Section 1 shall not impair the civil service status of the person holding the position of Police Chief in the Town of Dracut on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Submitted by James a. Duggan, Town Manager
Recommendations:

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 10th day of May, 2016:

DRACUT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tony Archinski

Alison Hughes

Tami M. Dristiliaris

Joseph DiRocco, Jr.

Jesse R. Forcier

May 11, 2016, I have this date posted up attested copies of the above Warrant at the following places as designated in the By-Law of the Town.

- Precincts 1 & 6A - Senior Center, 951 Mammoth Rd.
- Precincts 2 & 6 - Lakeview Junior High School, 1570 Lakeview Ave.
- Precincts 3 & 8 - Moses Greeley Parker Library, 28 Arlington St.
- Precincts 4 & 8 - Campbell School, 1021 Methuen St.
- Precincts 5 & 9 - Lakeview Junior High School, 1570 Lakeview Ave.

Also, at Town Hall, inside and outside.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST: _____
Michael J. Kenyon, Sr., Constable