



WARRANT FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2010 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stow, in the County of Middlesex,
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stow, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble in

HUGH MILL AUDITORIUM AT THE HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

In said Town on

**MONDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2010
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Then and there to act on the following Articles, namely:

Article 1: Acceptance of Anticipated Emergency Legislation from General Court

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate and transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00), or any other sum, and accept the terms and conditions of special legislation adopted or to be adopted by the General Court providing for financial and technical assistance to customers of the Assabet Water Company within the Town of Stow, said legislation being generally intended to assist these customers obtain potable water and authorizing, but not limited to, permitting said customers to apply for low interest loans to aid in the permitting, construction and operation of drinking water wells and/or the reimbursement of expenditures made in the permitting, construction and operation of drinking water wells, and including but not limited to funds for the costs of wells and treatment and storage facilities and distribution pipes associated therewith, said funding for such activities to include, but not be limited to, funds made available from the water pollution abatement trust, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Article 2: Transfer and Authorization of Deerfield Lane Parcel

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, s.15A, to authorize a portion of the real property currently under the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen for use as open space and recreational purposes and located at Deerfield Lane, Stow, Massachusetts, Assessor's Parcel ID U11-039C-1, said real property consisting of 13.45 acres, more or less, for use in conjunction with the development of a public water supply, including, but not limited to, authorization to sell or enter into a long or short term lease of all or a portion of said parcel for the purposes of development of a public water supply and including approval to construct and install all surface and subsurface infrastructure and equipment necessary for the development of a public water supply, such plans and programs for the development of the public water supply and/or lease or sale of said land for the purposes of developing a public water supply to be determined and carried out by the Board of Selectmen, and further, that the Board of Selectmen are empowered to take any steps required by law to obtain approval for the use of said real property for the above described purposes, provided however, that prior to commencing any of the activities or actions described above, the Board of Selectmen or their designee shall file a petition with and receive approval from, the General Court or other agency of the Commonwealth pursuant to guidelines, if any, established by the Commonwealth, to modify the terms of the conservation restriction running with said parcel and/or the restrictions imposed by operation of Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution to provide for the uses authorized by this article; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The transfer of control of this property from the Conservation Commission to the Board of Selectmen allows more flexibility on town owned property with no impact on our budget or the tax rate.

Article 3. Engineering Design Funds for Assabet River Rail Trail on Track Road

To see if the Town will vote to approve the expenditure of the sum of Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00), or any other sum, for the Town's share of the cost to design, to Massachusetts Department of Transportation requirements, on a regional basis with the Towns of Maynard and Acton, with Acton managing the program, a portion of the Assabet River Rail Trail from the Stow/Maynard town line to Sudbury Road, said monies to be transferred from the Open Space and Recreation Community Preservation Fund balance, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Community Preservation Committee)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of the warrant article. It allows Stow to "piggyback" with Acton and Maynard on the Rail Trail design, does not appropriate any new funds, and does not commit the town to any further action or spending.

Article 4. Change in Hours for Serving Alcohol in Restaurants

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 33B of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, printed below, to allow the Board of Selectmen (Local Licensing Authority) to expand the hours when restaurant liquor license holders may sell alcoholic beverages, or take any other action relative thereto.

MGL Chapter 138 section 33B:

The local licensing authority of any city or town which accepts this section may authorize licensees under section twelve to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sundays, the last Monday in May and on Christmas day or on the day following when said day occurs on Sunday.

(Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. It is important to note that this article by itself does not authorize expanded hours for the sale of alcohol by restaurants. In fact, all this article does is increase the parameters from which the local licensing authority, which in Stow's case is the Selectmen, may authorize alcohol sales by Stow restaurants.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies attested by you calling same at the Town Building and at each of at least seven (7) other public places at least fourteen (14) days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of the warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk or Selectmen on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 28th of September in the year 2010.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Stephen M. Dungan

Charles Kern

James H. Salvie, Clerk

Laura Y. Spear, Chair