



WARRANT FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2019

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

To either of the Constables and Town Clerk 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,
55 HARTLEY ROAD, STOW, MA
In said Town on
MONDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019
AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

ARTICLE 1. Town Building Elevator Repair

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash, the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000), or any other sum, for the purpose of repairing the Town Building elevator, to be expended by the Building Commissioner; or take any other action relative thereto.
(Building Department)

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. Former Fire Station Water Service Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash, the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or any other sum, for the purpose of removing and replacing the water service to the former Fire Station on Crescent Street, to be expended by the Building Commissioner; or take any other action relative thereto.
(Building Department)

The Finance Committee recommends this article for approval to fix a problematic portion of the water system at the Crescent Street Fire Station. The Finance Committee's understanding is that the application of these funds is forecasted to reduce the total cost of ownership by upgrading this portion of water system which is old and is in need of repeated repairs.

ARTICLE 3. Water Filtration System at Town Building

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), or any other sum, for the purpose of designing and installing an upgraded water filtration system at Town Building in order to comply with recent changes in DEP regulations related to PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) contamination, pH control and manganese removal; or take any other action relative thereto.
(Building Department)

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 4. Water Filtration System at Hale and Center Schools

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the amount of fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$57,000), or any other sum, for the purpose of designing and installing an upgraded water filtration system at Hale and Center Schools in order to comply with recent changes in DEP regulations related to PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) contamination; or take any other action relative thereto.
(Nashoba Regional School District)

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5. Complete Streets Construction Administration

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash, the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), or any other sum, to pay the costs of construction administration and bidding and awarding services, for planned roadway improvements along portions of Route 117 funded for construction through the MassDOT Complete Streets Program; or any other incidental costs relative thereto.
(Planning Board)

Complete Streets Committee Summary

The request for construction administration and bidding and awarding services will provide the technical construction oversight necessary to construct two Complete Streets Grant funded projects along Route 117, including the realignment of Old Bolton Road and Route 117, as well as the installation of a push button pedestrian light at the intersection of Harvard Road and Route 117. The two projects were awarded funding for the 2020 construction season by the MassDOT Complete Streets Program, and were chosen among a list of priority projects in Stow that will advance pedestrian, bike and traffic safety. The funds will further allow the Complete Streets Committee to undergo the required public bidding for construction over the winter months, allowing for an early start in the spring to meet the State's September 2020 deadline for completion.

The Finance Committee recommends this article for approval to hire professional, experienced consultants to oversee the bid and construction processes for Old Bolton Road project and a new cross walk light on Route 117 near Harvard Road.

ARTICLE 6. Legal and Appraisal Work for Box Mill Bridge Land Takings

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash, the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), or any other sum, for appraisal and legal services associated with acquisition of easements and right of way associated with the Box Mill Road Bridge reconstruction; or take any other action relative thereto.
(Planning Board and Conservation Commission)

Explanation: The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is funding the reconstruction of the Box Mill Road Bridge, which is owned by the Town and in very poor condition. The Town is required to take all temporary and permanent easements and right-of-way needed for the bridge reconstruction project in accordance with federal right-of-way acquisition procedures. These funds will cover the cost of appraisal and legal work which needs to be done by the Town. Once compensation amounts are determined, the actual takings and any award will be brought to a vote at a future Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends this article for approval to apply funds necessary to complete legal actions required to fix the Box Mill Bridge.

ARTICLE 7. Funding FY-18 Police Department Overtime Back Pay

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of three thousand three hundred and thirty seven dollars and sixty five cents (\$3,337.65), or any other sum, for the purpose of providing overtime back pay to 10 police officers due to incorrect payroll calculations made in FY-18 subject to the Federal Labor Standards Act, or take any other action relative thereto.
(Town Administrator)

The Finance Committee recommends this article for approval.

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 22nd day of October in the year 2019.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James H. Salvie, Chairman
Cortni Frecha, Clerk
Brian P. Burke,
Donald P. Hawkes
Thomas E. Ryan, III

*Please bring this copy with you. There will not be extra copies of the warrant available at Special Town Meeting.
Anyone with a disability requiring special arrangements for Town Meeting should contact Town Clerk
Linda Hathaway at (978) 897-5034 by 2 p.m. on Friday, November 15, 2019.*