

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON**

**SEMI-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

Worcester ss.

To the Constables of the Town of West Boylston,

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of West Boylston qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Auditorium of the Middle/High School, 125 Crescent Street in said Town on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles.

**ARTICLE 1 - AUTHORIZATION TO HEAR THE REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN**

To see if the Town will vote to hear the reports of the officers and standing committees of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2 - AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS FROM PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay bills being held by the Town Accountant from prior fiscal years for which no encumbered funds are available; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 3 - AUTHORIZATION TO MODIFY FISCAL YEAR 2018 APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or from any unexpended balances of Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations hitherto made, to Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation accounts; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4 - APPLICATION OF BOND PREMIUM**

To see if the Town will vote to supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorized the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of each such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs, and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each project be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 5 – AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a new replacement ambulance and any related equipment and expenses, for the Fire Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 6 – VOTE TO BORROW FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to purchase a new replacement fire truck and any related equipment and expenses, for the Fire Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7 - AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT 4WD PICKUP TRUCK**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a replacement 4WD pickup truck with plow and related equipment for the DPW; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 8 – AUTHORIZATION FOR PARKS IMPROVEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the resurfacing of the tennis courts and basketball courts at Goodale Park; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9 – VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND PROJECTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote that the following amount shall be appropriated from Community Preservation Fund Revenues, or transferred from prior year reserves for Community Preservation purposes:

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>Source of Appropriation</b>
	<b>Appropriations:</b>		
A	To Fund for Affordable Housing Purposes:  A grant to pay for community housing services to assist with affordable senior and veteran housing needs. Submitted by the West Boylston Affordable Housing Trust be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator.	\$ 25,000	\$25,000 from the fund balance designated for affordable housing.

or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10 - AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND WBPA-TV RECEIPTS RESERVED FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to cover the costs of making necessary improvements to the WBPA-TV equipment and infrastructure; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 11 - AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to cover the costs of Year 1 expenses of the proposed I&I Study plan, as mandated by DEP; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 12 – USE OF FREE CASH FOR LIBRARY PHONE SYSTEM INSTALLATION**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the installation of a donated phone system for the Beaman Public Library; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 13 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 14 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Capital Investment Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 15 – AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Boylston General Bylaw Article XXI, section 5.AA Classification and Compensation Plan, by replacing the existing Section 3 with the new language as follows in italicized text:

*3. Amendment of the Plans*

*The classification and compensation plans have been established pursuant to the authority contained in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108A. Annually the Board of Selectmen may cause the preparation of necessary wage and salary amendments to the compensation plan for voter consideration at the Annual Town Meeting. No amendment to the compensation plan shall become effective until the Town meeting appropriates funds to fund the same.*

*Amendments to the classification plan, including the reclassification of a position to a higher or lower classification grade, may occur provided that the following conditions are met:*

- a) the reclassification is approved by a majority vote of the Personnel Board following a public hearing;*
- b) sufficient funds have been appropriated by Town Meeting if the positions is being classified to a higher grade;*
- c) the Personnel Board has previously approved a job description for the positions for which reclassification is being sought; and*
- d) A new job description showing a change in the nature of the position for which reclassification is sought so as to increase or decrease the job responsibilities of the position, e.g., increase/decrease in supervisory responsibilities, technical expertise or mandatory certification requirements, or similar qualitative change in the nature of the job which requires increased or decreased responsibility or skill proficiency, which must be approved by a majority vote of the Personnel Board.*

**NEW OR CHANGED POSITIONS**

*Whenever a new position is established, or the duties of an existing position are so changed or reorganized that a new position is created, the Town Administrator or appropriate elected board, commission or committee shall seek Personnel Board approval on establishing an appropriate grade within the Classification and Compensation Plan contained herein for the new position.*

Or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 16 – AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend general Bylaw Article XXI, section 5.L Overtime, to add the following sentence shown in italicized text to the end of the paragraph: *Any employee who is required to work weekend hours during a work week in which a recognized holiday falls, is paid his/her overtime rate for those weekend hours worked.*; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 17 – AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Boylston General Bylaws by adopting a new Article XXXIX, “Stretch Energy Code”, on file with the Town Clerk, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of January 1, 2018, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Article XXXIX, “Stretch Energy Code” ; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 18 - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND GENERAL BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Boylston General Bylaws by adding a new Article XL, “Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed,” that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Article XL, “Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed”:

Article XL - Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed

Consistent with MGL Ch. 94G, Section 3(a)(2), all types of “marijuana establishments” as defined in MGL Ch. 94G, Section 1, including all marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other type of licensed marijuana-related businesses, shall be prohibited within the Town of West Boylston.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 19 - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND OFF STREET PARKING SECTION OF ZONING BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Boylston Zoning Bylaws Section 5.2.A.1.(f) Off Street Parking and Loading to reduce the gross vehicle weight of commercially-licensed vehicles that can be parked overnight in residential neighborhoods; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 20 - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS SECTION OF ZONING BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the West Boylston Zoning Bylaws Changeable Copy Signs Section 5.6.D.3.e.v to remove the limitation that allows only text messages on digital display signs; or take any other action relative thereto.

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the place of said meeting as aforesaid and at the Post Office in said Town fourteen (14) days at least before the time of said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

A true copy attest:

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Elaine Novia, Assistant Town Clerk

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John W. Hadley, Chairman

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Christopher A. Rucho, Vice Chairman

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Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Clerk

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Siobhan M. Bohnson, Selectman

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Patrick J. Crowley, Selectman

**Board of Selectmen  
Town of West Boylston**

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have served this Warrant by posting duly attested copies thereof at the following places:

- Municipal Office Building\_\_\_\_\_
- West Boylston Middle/High School\_\_\_\_\_
- West Boylston Post Office\_\_\_\_\_
- Pruneau's Barber Shop\_\_\_\_\_
- Municipal Lighting Plant\_\_\_\_\_
- Beaman Memorial Library\_\_\_\_\_

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Constable

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Date