

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MAY 11, 2015 IN PRECINCTS 1-5 7 AM – 8 PM  
ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 18, 2015  
AT WRHS AUDITORIUM 7:00 PM**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of HOLDEN in the County of WORCESTER

GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in said TOWN OF HOLDEN on MONDAY, the 18<sup>th</sup> of MAY next, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at Wachusett Regional High School Auditorium, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To hear a report of the results of the Town Election held on May 11, 2015.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the report of the Town Officers and any outstanding committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws as amended, and appropriate a sum of money therefor, and authorize the payment of a salary of the Finance Committee chairman if the chairman also serves as clerk of the committee or act or do anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To say what sums the Town will raise by tax or otherwise to pay Town debts and charges for the past years and appropriate same or act or do anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To say what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the Overlay Reserve Fund, the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund, the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, or from any other available funds, to pay Town debts and charges, other than those relating to the Wachusett Regional School District, for the ensuing year or act or do anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money not to exceed \$19,841,194 for the Town's share of the costs and expenses of the Wachusett Regional School District for the ensuing fiscal year, such sum to include the Town's so-called required Local Minimum Contribution, debt service and transportation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such additional sums of money not to exceed \$3,532,448 for the Town's share of the costs and expenses of the Wachusett Regional School District for the ensuing fiscal year to supplement the appropriation made under Article 7 of the warrant for this Town Meeting.

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- ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Public Works Depreciation Fund, created by Chapter 328 of the Acts of 2000, and to transfer from the Public Works Depreciation Fund a sum of money to fund various public works projects and purchase public works vehicles and equipment or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept and authorize the expenditure of all monies to be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chapter 90 of the General Laws for highway purposes, or any other legislation adopted by the General Court relating to public works or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle, Apparatus and Capital Equipment Stabilization Fund established pursuant to MGL Chapter 40 §5B for the purpose of funding the acquisition, repair, replacement, extension, reconstruction, enlarging, and/or additions to the capital equipment, vehicles, and apparatus of the Fire Department, and to appropriate from said Fund a sum of money for the acquisition of Fire Department vehicles and equipment or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or authorize the borrowing of a sum of money to defray the expense of purchasing and/or leasing capital equipment, vehicles, buildings, infrastructure, or other projects of the Town and to fund future Town debt related to these projects or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or transfer and appropriate from the unexpended proceeds of a borrowing for multi school construction projects as authorized under Article 14 at the 2003 Annual Town Meeting, a sum of money for the purpose of completing improvements to the HVAC System at the Leroy T. Mayo Elementary School or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund, and to transfer a sum of money from the Water-Sewer Enterprise Fund to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to continue a Recreation Revolving Fund in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to continue a Cable Television Revolving Fund in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 for use in connection with the public, educational and governmental access programming contemplated by the CATV license granted by the Town or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to continue an Inspection Revolving Fund in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 or act or do anything relative thereto.

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- ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to permit the use of the Town Hall for the next year at less than the fair rental value to: John E. Harkins Post #42 American Legion, Boy and Girl Scout Troops of Holden, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Women's Auxiliary of the John E. Harkins Post #42, Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Holden Baseball Program, Inc., League of Women Voters, 4-H Club, Rainbow Girls, the Grange, the White Oak Land Conservation Society, Inc., Holden Citizens for Responsible Energy, Holden Republican Town Committee, Holden Democratic Town Committee, Holden Associated Taxpayers and Holden for Children or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sum of \$140,050 of the excess of the income of the Municipal Light Department for the calendar years 2015 and 2016 over and above the total expense of the plant as defined in the General Laws, as an item of income to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the operation and maintenance of the Municipal Light Department and its Depreciation, Construction and Rate Stabilization Funds or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 22. To see what action the Town will take relative to accepting streets according to plans filed with the Town Clerk after approval by the Selectmen and Planning Board or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to convey on behalf of the Town a permanent, non-exclusive easement for underground utility purposes over, through and in Town-owned property located at and known as 1196 Main Street, shown as Parcel 95 on Assessors Map 146, to and for the benefit of property of The First Congregational Church of Holden, located at and known as 1180 Main Street, its successors and assigns, with the distances of the perimeter of the easement area being the following four distances: 66 feet, 2 inches; 13 feet, 7 inches; 80 feet, 2 inches and 4 feet, 2 inches, containing approximately 292 sq. ft. of land area, and provided that such easement rights shall not interfere with the Town's use of the subject property; the deed of easement to be in the general form of the document entitled "Utility Easement Deed," on file at the office of the Town Clerk and available for public inspection during regular business hours, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Town Manager deems are in the best interest of the town or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way the layout of a portion of River Street, over and across a new bridge over the Quinapoxet River, as voted by the Board of Selectmen and as shown on a plan prepared by C&C Consulting Engineers, LLC, dated April 28, 2015, on file at the office of the Town Clerk and available for public inspection during regular business hours of Town Hall; the acceptance of such way being necessary to facilitate a project of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to replace the existing bridge serving River Street; or act or do anything relative thereto.

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- ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 28 at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting in which the Town authorized the Town Manager to make available for sale upon such terms and conditions as the Town Manager deems to be in the best interest of the Town, a portion of the Town-owned property located at and known as 175 Highland Street with a building thereon, said property is shown on a sketch plan entitled "Town-owned Properties at 175 Highland Street, Holden, MA", dated April 30, 2014, on file in the office of the Town Clerk and available for inspection during regular business hours of Town Hall and shown as Parcel 54, Parcel 147 and being a portion of the land shown as Parcel 48, all on Assessor's Map 131; or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Holden Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 7.1, by making various amendments to Section VII, entitled "Signs and Billboards", as described in a document entitled "Proposal to Amend the Signs and Billboards Bylaw" dated April 29, 2015, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available for public inspection during regular business hours of the Town Hall; or act or do anything relative thereto.

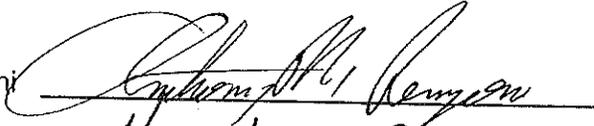
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And, you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at each of the post offices and at Town Hall in said Town of Holden seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

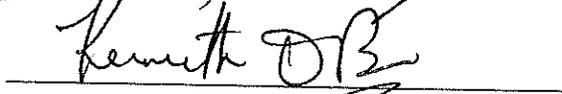
HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

Anthony M. Renzoni



Kenneth O'Brien



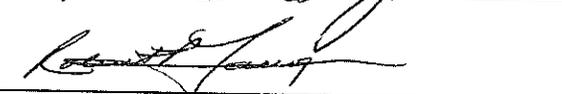
Jeremy W. Kurtz



Mark S. Ferguson



Robert P. Lavigne



SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF HOLDEN

A true copy ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONSTABLE

WORCESTER, ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Holden by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the Post Offices and the Town Hall seven (7) days before the date of the meeting as within directed.

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Constable of the Town of Holden

Date \_\_\_\_\_