

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MAY 13, 2019 IN PRECINCTS 1-5 7 AM – 8 PM
ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 20, 2019
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 at Precincts 1 and 2, Holden Senior Center, Precinct 3, Davis Hill School, Precinct 4, Mountview School, and Precinct 5, Holden Municipal Light Department, in said TOWN OF HOLDEN on MONDAY, the 13th of MAY and next, the 20th of MAY 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 cast their ballots for:
Moderator for one year.
Two Selectmen for three years.
Two Trustees of Damon Memorial Library for three years.
Three Members of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee for three years.
One Member of the Wachusett Regional School District Committee for one year to fill a vacancy
One Member of the Holden Housing Authority for five years.

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 General Laws Chapter 41, Section 108, 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, from 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 \$22,519,746 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.

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- ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, such additional sums of money not to exceed \$7,306,064 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.
- 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 General Laws Chapter 40, Section 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 or Fire Department vehicles and equipment, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money received by the Town pursuant to employee contribution programs for Other Post-Employment Benefits established by the Town Manager, for deposit into the Town's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund, or act in any other way thereon.
- ARTICLE 13. 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 General Stabilization Fund, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 14. 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 15. 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 16. To see if the Town will vote to set the fiscal year 2020 spending limit for the Recreation Revolving Fund established in Article II, Section 5 of the Town of Holden's general by-laws, or act or do anything relative thereto.

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- ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to set the annual appropriation for the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund established in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F $\frac{3}{4}$, or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to set the fiscal year 2020 spending limit for the Inspection Revolving Fund established in Article II, Section 5 of the Town of Holden's general by-laws, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 19. 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 Open Space Preservation Stabilization fund, established pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, for the purpose of funding the costs to acquire real property within the Town of Holden, such property to be held and maintained as open space for the use of the citizens of Holden, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 20. 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 Regional Dispatch Stabilization Fund, established pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, for the purposes of upgrading, acquiring and replacing information technology, office communications, or other equipment and related appurtenances necessary for the Wachusett Regional Emergency Communications Center, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 21. 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 by: 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 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sum of \$153,108 of the excess of the income of the Municipal Light Department for the calendar years 2019 and 2020 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, 2019, or act or do anything relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 23. 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 24. To see what action the Town will take relative to accepting streets and authorizing the acquisition of related interests in real estate, according to plans filed with the Town Clerk after approval by the Selectmen and referrals to the Planning Board for a report, or act or do anything relative thereto.

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ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept Clause 22H of Section 5 in Chapter 59 of the General Laws, commonly known as the “Gold Star Parent Tax Exemption”, to provide an exemption from taxes for the real property of the surviving parents or guardians of soldiers and sailors who suffered a fatal injury or who are missing in action with a presumptive finding of death as a result of active duty service as members of the armed force of the United States, or act or do anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 5N of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 17 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2018, to provide for the establishment of a program to allow veterans to volunteer to provide services to the Town and in exchange for such volunteer services, the Town shall reduce the real property tax obligations of that veteran in accordance with the provisions of said Section 5N of Chapter 59, or act or do anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27. Petitioned Article:

‘To see if the Town of Holden, Massachusetts will cease assessing the excise imposed under MGL C59 s8A on certain animals, machinery and equipment owned by individual and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture’

ARTICLE 28. Petitioned Article:

‘To see if the Town of Holden will vote to amend its Zoning By-laws by adding to Section IX. Paragraph F’

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In accordance with Section 2, Article 1, of the Town By-Laws, action on the Articles except 1 and 2 will be postponed until the adjourned meeting to be held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Wachusett Regional High School Auditorium. Polls will be open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. 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 ____th____ day of __May__, 2019.

Geraldine A. Herlihy _____

Jeremy W. Kurtz_____

Anthony M. Renzoni _____

Tyler J. Gibbs _____

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.

Constable of the Town of Holden

Date_____