

TOWN OF MILTON 2019



Special Town Meeting

Monday, December 2, 2019

Milton High School Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

WARRANT

**INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE WARRANT
COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON
ARTICLES**

as required by Chapter 3, Section 4, of the General
Bylaws of the Town

2019
DECEMBER SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts) SS.
County of Norfolk

To any of the Constables of the Town of Milton in said County:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Milton, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Milton High School Auditorium on Gile Road, in said Milton on Monday, the second day of December next at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following Articles to wit:

Articles 1-10

And you are directed to warn said inhabitants qualified as aforesaid to meet at the times and places and for the purposes herein mentioned by posting attested copies of the Warrant in each of the Post Offices of said Town fourteen days at least before the second day of December and leaving printed copies thereof at the dwelling houses of said Town at least fourteen days before the date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before said second day of December, next.

Given under our hands at Milton this sixth day of November, two thousand and nineteen.

Michael F. Zullas
Melinda A. Collins
Anthony J. Farrington
Kathleen M. Conlon
Richard G. Wells, Jr.

A True Copy: Attest

William J. Neville
CONSTABLE OF MILTON

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**MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR
ROBERT G. HISS**

Welcome to the 2019 Winter Special Town Meeting!

As many citizens know, Town Meeting provided for Special Town Meetings to address urgent business facing the town that could not wait for the following Annual Town Meeting held in May of each year. This year, your Warrant Committee has received and voted on 10 articles for your consideration. These articles exclude many of the typical articles Town Meeting considers in the Annual Meeting which has some implications of which you should be aware.

First, I would encourage the members to read each article carefully and send your questions in advance of Town Meeting to the Board or Committee that submitted the article. This preparation on your part can make the best use of your time at Town Meeting. To assist with your preparation, your Moderator will again host our typical show on Milton Cable Access TV broadcast in the weeks preceding this Winter Town Meeting where the Warrant Committee Chair will explain the articles. I hope you will have the opportunity to watch. This has proven a useful approach to informing our citizens and I hope you find it useful.

Secondly, since the articles are by definition special, I believe that none of them are candidates for a Consent Agenda like that in our May Annual Town Meetings. Accordingly, we will consider each of the articles individually in the order written in the Warrant.

Lastly, this Winter Town Meeting will operate under all the rules of our Annual Town Meeting as printed in your May 2019 Warrant.

I look forward to seeing you at 7:30 PM on December 2, 2019.

Robert G. Hiss

Town Moderator

REPORT OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Meeting Members and Residents,

This Warrant Report for the December 2, 2019 Special Town Meeting addresses a total of ten articles, six articles submitted by the Select Board, three articles submitted by the Planning Board and one Citizen's Petition presented for its consideration.

During the past six months of the present fiscal year, the Town Administrator and the Select Board have concentrated on balancing Milton's FY 2020 Budget. During this period, the solid waste and recycling contract for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2019 was renewed at a higher than anticipated cost. This solid waste and recycling contract increase of \$819,956 resulted in a shortfall of \$669,956 in the General Fund operating budget and \$150,000 in the Stormwater Enterprise Fund budget from the original appropriations approved by the May 2019 Town Meeting. Articles 1 and 2 of this Warrant Report address this issue. The increase in the operating fund appropriation has been absorbed in an increase in Overlay Surplus released, a reduction in the Law and Group Insurance appropriations and an increase in estimated local receipts revenues. A detailed sum of the sources of funds made available for this shortfall is included in the comment for Article 1. The increase in the Stormwater Enterprise Fund appropriation is to be raised \$50,000 from Stormwater Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings and the balance of \$100,000 through the Stormwater Rates. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue requires a balanced budget before the FY 2020 Tax rates are approved which has necessitated the scheduling of the December 2, 2019 Special Town Meeting.

Additionally, the Town Meeting will review and vote on articles related to: a projected municipal sewer capital project for Randolph Avenue; a request for the General Court of the Commonwealth to exempt the position of Milton's Harbormaster from the Civil Service Law; three articles submitted by the Planning Board to provide for an Associate Member to act in the case of the absence or inability of a Planning Board member to vote on applications for Special Permits; the removal of a redundant provision of Chapter 10 of the Town's Zoning Bylaws governing wetlands regulation, removing it from the responsibility of the Planning Board; an article permitting the Select Board to open and maintain a revolving fund for the rental receipts for a portion of 25 Wharf Street; and a Citizen's Petition relating to the speed limit on the approaches to the intersection of Route 28 and Chickatawbut Road. The Articles with their respective Warrant Committee comments and recommendations are contained in this Warrant Report for the consideration of the Town Meeting.

During the next several months, the Warrant Committee will be addressing the Town's budget for the next fiscal year, in addition to plans relating to the

reconstruction of Milton's aging firehouses and the rapidly accelerating strain of the increasing school-age population in our public schools. We will address these challenges against a back drop of limited revenue growth for the Town which has been a source of concern for some time. This issue is exacerbated by the looming specter of continuing health insurance premium increases for municipal employees and dramatically higher waste and recycling contract costs that macroeconomic conditions are creating for towns and cities in the Commonwealth. The Warrant Committee remains dedicated to seeking creative solutions to the present challenges in cooperation with the Select Board, the School Committee, the Town Administrator and the various standing committees and departments of Milton.

The Warrant Committee welcomed two new members this year, John Driscoll and Scott Johnson. They take the place of two distinguished members, Kevin Cherry and Tom Hurley, who have retired from service following several years of valued participation. We continue our pledge to the residents of Milton to continue our work to provide detailed oversight to the Town's finances and pressing issues on behalf of the Town Meeting. The Chair thanks the members of the Warrant Committee for their dedication and their many hours of volunteering to support the business of town government and the integrity of our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

George A. Ashur, Ph.D., Chairman
Brian Beaupre, Secretary
Rosemary C. Bouzane
Jonathan Boynton
Erin G. Bradley
Kathleen A. Cassis
Brian G. Foster
Christine J. Gimber

Clinton Graham
Christopher R. Hart
Susannah H. Hegarty
Gwendolen Long
Douglas B. Scibeck
John E. Driscoll
Scott D. Johnson
Lynne Hoye, Clerk

ARTICLE 1 To see by what sums of money the Town will vote to amend the appropriations voted at the May 2019 Annual Town Meeting in order to offset the increase in solid waste and recycling collection and disposal costs for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2019; and to determine how said appropriations shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to amend the following appropriations voted by the 2019 Annual Town Meeting by the articles referenced in the table below for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2019:

Department	2019 ATM vote	Current FY 2020 Approp.	FY 2020 Adjustment	Revised FY 2020 Approp.
DPW Solid Waste:	Art. 15			
Collection of Refuse		450,000	282,828	732,828
Refuse Disposal		500,000	70,000	570,000
Curbside Recycling		870,000	317,128	1,187,128
Employee Benefits:	Art. 9			
Group Insurance		12,884,913	(39,229)	12,845,684
Law	Art. 13	372,500	(50,000)	322,500
TOTAL AMENDMENT			580,727	

and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated from funds released from the Overlay Reserve and \$530,727 be raised from the tax levy.

COMMENT: The recommendation represents a net increase in estimated revenue of \$580,727 and appropriation revisions in an effort to balance the FY20 budget. The estimated revenue increase is attributed to 1) Additional New Growth of \$47,727, 2) a \$50,000 increase in Motor Vehicle Excise as a result of using a three year average, 3) a \$123,000 increase in PILOT funds, 4) a \$200,000 increase in Trash Fees/Sticker Sales, 5) an estimated increase in Investment Income of \$110,000, and 6) an increase Overlay Surplus release of \$50,000. The appropriation revisions include 1) increase of \$669,956 for Solid Waste, 2) a decrease in Group Insurance of \$39,229 due to anticipated OPT out savings, and 3) a decrease in the Law budget of \$50,000.

ARTICLE 2 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to the Stormwater Enterprise Fund for the increase in yard waste collection and processing costs for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2019, in addition to the sum voted by the May 2019 Annual Town Meeting under Article 18; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer from available funds, or otherwise; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to increase the budget appropriation for the Stormwater Enterprise Fund by \$150,000 and that \$150,000 be raised and appropriated as follows:

	Current FY 2020 Approp.	FY 2020 Adjustment	Revised FY 2020 Approp.
STORMWATER ENTERPRISE REVENUE:			
Rate / Fee Revenue	858,127	100,000	958,127
Retained Earnings	-	50,000	50,000
Total Revenue	858,127	150,000	1,008,127
STORMWATER ENTERPRISE COSTS:			
Direct Costs:			
Salary & Wages	191,430	-	191,430
Expenses	440,729	150,000	590,729
Debt Service	140,968	-	140,968
Subtotal Direct Costs	773,127	150,000	923,127
Indirect Costs	85,000	-	85,000
TOTAL	858,127	150,000	

COMMENT: The Stormwater Enterprise Fund targets the cost to manage the Town's stormwater runoff, to meet its legal requirements under the federal National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit. The stormwater fee pays for street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, replacement of drainage systems, yard waste collection, measuring the quality of water flowing through the Town's stormwater systems, and other services that the Department of Public Works provides each year to ensure that the Town complies with the new NPDES permit requirements.

The Yard Waste component of the Town's Solid Waste Contract is allocated to the Stormwater Enterprise Fund. In May 2019, Town Meeting approved an

appropriation of \$858,127 which was estimated because the bids for the new Solid Waste Contract had not yet been received.

Based on the new contract, the appropriation needs to be revised to reflect the cost increase, resulting in an increase to the appropriation of \$150,000. As per the above table, \$100,000 of the increase will come from a rate increase, while \$50,000 will come from the Retained Earnings surplus.

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to design and construct sewer lines to provide municipal sewage disposal for Randolph Avenue, between Artwill Street and Gun Hill Street, said project to be subject to assessment of betterments for a portion of the cost of said project in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 80 and 83 of the Massachusetts General Laws; to determine how said appropriation shall be raised, whether by borrowing or otherwise; to authorize the Select Board to purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise acquire easements in certain property for said purpose; and to determine what sum of money to appropriate for the purpose of said acquisitions; and to act on anything related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to appropriate \$450,000 to pay the costs of designing and constructing sewer lines to provide municipal sewage disposal for Randolph Avenue, between Artwill Street and Gun Hill Street, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, said project to be subject to assessment of betterments for a portion of the cost of said project in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 80 and 83 of the Massachusetts General Laws; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, and that the Select Board is authorized to purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise acquire easements in land necessary to carry out the purposes of this vote.

COMMENT: A group of nine homes in the area outlined by the article are on septic systems, some of which are approaching end of life. This presents a potential risk in the form of pollutants seeping into the nearby brook that flows to the Neponset River. This article appropriates \$450,000 (estimated to be the worst-case scenario; actual costs may be lower) to connect the homes to the Town sewer system. 2/3 of the costs will be recouped by the Town from the

homeowners over 20 years on the homeowners' tax bills. Seven of the nine homes have expressed interest in connecting, and two had not responded when the warrant went to print.

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the deposit of proceeds from the rental and lease of a portion of 25 Wharf Street, Milton, Massachusetts, starting in Fiscal Year 2021, which begins on July 1, 2020.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote, pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 3 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to establish a revolving fund for the deposit of proceeds from the rental and lease of a portion of 25 Wharf Street, Milton, Massachusetts, starting in Fiscal Year of 2021, which begins on July 1, 2020, and to authorize the Select Board to expend money from such revolving fund for the upkeep and maintenance of said property.

COMMENT: This article provides for monies collected from rental and or lease of a portion of 25 Wharf Street Milton, Massachusetts to be set-aside and to be used exclusively to fund future upkeep and maintenance needs of said property at the discretion of the Select Board. The Warrant Committee agrees with the establishment of a revolving fund for the purpose of managing the upkeep and maintenance of 25 Wharf Street, Milton, Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court to enact legislation in substantially the following form, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

AN ACT exempting the position of Harbormaster in the town of Milton from the civil service law

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. The position of Harbormaster in the Town of Milton shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 31 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this act shall not impair the civil service status of any person holding the position of Harbormaster in the Town of Milton on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Submitted by the Select Board

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COMMENT: Under Massachusetts Law, state and municipal employees can be hired and promoted under the state civil service system and in accordance with the Civil Service Law. Massachusetts also allows, however, for exemptions from the Civil Service Law. This Article recognizes that a Harbormaster would, absent an exemption, be hired and employed under the state Civil Service Law, and authorizes the Select Board to petition the Legislature for an exemption.

According to the Select Board, there is now a new need for a Harbormaster, and seeking this exemption is an important step in hiring a part-time Harbormaster. The need arises less from the water than from the land: the Town has identified the Milton landing as requiring upkeep and maintenance. While the Harbormaster would have under their purview around two miles of riverbank to patrol, that patrol of the water does not appear to present a pressing need (and if it did, it would be unclear why the Commonwealth could not take ownership of that need).

The question that presents itself is, if Milton needs a Harbormaster, why should the Harbormaster be exempt from the Civil Service Law? At the time the Warrant Committee voted to recommend this article, the answer to this question was not entirely clear. The Select Board, in fact, had not yet at that time determined whether to endorse the Article.

The answer provided to the Warrant Committee was that, by having the Harbormaster be under the Civil Service Law, the Harbormaster would need to

be under the Police Department or some other department subject to Civil Service. Being under civil service could delay the hiring of a part-time Harbormaster, requiring the town to undertake interim measures until a Harbormaster could be found in accordance with the Civil Service Law. It was not clear to the Warrant Committee, based on its questioning of the Select Board, that being under the law or not made much of difference either way, and there was a clear need to meet the deadline for an accelerated Town Meeting date, so the Warrant Committee approved the recommendation.

But Town Meeting might consider whether there is unnecessary haste in this Article, or whether this Article is necessary at all. For example, after the Warrant Committee voted to recommend this Article, the DPW Director was asked whether a Harbormaster with mostly terrestrial duties might appropriately fall under the purview of DPW. (The answer was, perhaps.). Additionally, while the Warrant Committee was informed by the Select Board that the Harbormaster's exemption from the Civil Service law was an oversight from a long-ago point in time where several jobs were taken out of civil service, subsequent information conveyed to the Committee complicated that picture, and suggested that something was lost in the historical analysis. In other words – the fact that the Harbormaster is not currently exempt might not have been just a simple oversight.

It might be that the Warrant Committee's belief that this Article does no harm was appropriate; but subsequent information suggests that, in fact, there might be reason to reconsider whether this Article requires more scrutiny before a vote.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, during Fiscal Year 2020, to accept on behalf of the Town any and all easements for any of the following purposes: roads, sidewalks, vehicular and/or pedestrian access or passage, drainage and utilities; and to abandon or relocate easements acquired for any of the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that such authorization shall pertain only to easements accepted, abandoned or relocated at no cost to the Town; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by Select Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, during Fiscal Year 2020, to accept on behalf of the Town any and all easements for any of the following purposes: roads, sidewalks, vehicular and/or pedestrian access or passage, drainage and utilities; and to abandon or relocate easements acquired for any of the foregoing purposes; provided, however, that such authorization shall pertain only to easements accepted, abandoned or relocated at no cost to the Town.

COMMENT: The Warrant Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Select Board during the Fiscal Year 2020 be able to accept on behalf of the

Town all easements. After discussion and clarifications that said duties would be at no cost to the Town, it is the Committee's recommendation to send the article to Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 10 of the General Bylaws, known as the Zoning Bylaw, by adding a new Subsection E. to Section VIII. to be entitled "Planning Board Associate Member" as follows:

"There may be an associate member of the Planning Board. The associate member may sit on the board for the purposes of acting on a special permit application in the case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest on the part of any member of the board or in the event of a vacancy on the board. In such an event the chair of the board shall file, with the Town Clerk, a written designation for the associate member to sit on deliberation of a particular special permit application. The associate member shall be appointed by a vote by at least 4 members of the Planning Board, notice of which is filed with the Town Clerk. Any vacancy in the position of associate member shall be filled by vote of at least 4 members of the Planning Board appointing a replacement, notice of which shall be filed with the Town Clerk. The term of an associate member shall be up to three years commencing on the date that notice of the appointment is filed with the Town Clerk. An associate member may be reappointed by requisite vote and filing of notice without there being any break in his or her service as an associate member."

Submitted by the Planning Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to amend Chapter 10 of the General Bylaws, known as the Zoning Bylaw, by adding a new Subsection E. to Section VIII. to be entitled "Planning Board Associate Member" as follows:

"There may be an associate member of the Planning Board. The associate member may sit on the Board for the purposes of acting on a special permit application in the case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest on the part of any member of the Board or in the event of a vacancy on the Board. In such an event the Chair of the board shall file, with the Town Clerk, a written designation for the associate member to sit on deliberation of a particular special permit application. The associate member shall be appointed by a vote by at least four (4) members of the Planning Board, notice of which is filed with the Town Clerk. Any vacancy in the position of associate member shall be filled by vote of at least four (4) members of the Planning Board appointing a replacement, notice of which shall be filed with the Town Clerk. The term of an associate member shall be up to three (3) years commencing on the date that notice of the appointment is filed with the Town Clerk. An associate member may be reappointed by requisite vote and filing of notice without there being any break in his or her service as an associate member.

COMMENT: This Article addresses the issue of its member's absence as they affect the Planning Board's consideration of special permits. The proposed Associate Member will be able to substitute for ineligible, absent members to vote on special permits when and if required.

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 11 of the General Bylaws by adding a new Section 4.

Section 4: Planning Board Associate Member is hereby established per Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A Section 9 of the Zoning Act. The Associate member, who shall be a resident of the Town, is for the purpose of acting on a special permit application in case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest, on part of any member of the Planning Board or in the event of a vacancy on the Board.

Submitted by the Planning Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to amend Chapter 11 of the General Bylaws by adding a new Section 4 as follows:

Section 4: The position of Planning Board Associate Member is hereby established per Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 9. The associate member, who shall be a resident of the Town, is for the purpose of acting on a special permit application in case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest, on the part of any member of the Planning Board or in the event of a vacancy on the Board.

COMMENT: A yes vote on this Article would authorize the Planning Board to appoint a resident of the Town to act on special permit applications in case of absence, inability to act or conflict of interest on part of any Member of the Planning Board or in case of a vacancy on the Board.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 10 of the General Bylaws, known as the Zoning Bylaw, by striking Section IV B. "Wetlands Regulations" in its entirety; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote to amend Chapter 10 of the General Bylaws, known as the Zoning Bylaw, by striking Section IV B. "Wetlands Regulations" in its entirety.

COMMENT: This article is to update the Town's Bylaws to reflect the municipality change in the 1980's when Milton created its own municipal Conservation Commission per state statute. The Commission regulates and manages the wetlands in the town and this article will reflect that change. There will be no changes to the current handling of the wetlands regulations which is overseen by the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Select Board to petition the General Court to establish a motor vehicle speed limit of 25 miles per hour for the approaches to the intersection of Route 28 and Chickatawbut Road in Milton and for the intersection itself; and to act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by Citizens' Petition. More than 100 citizens signed the petition, the first ten (10) of whom are:

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Alexander Whiteside | 79 Hillside Street |
| 2. Sheila Monks | 22 Azalea Drive |
| 3. Michael Theobald | 41 Hinckley Road |
| 4. Steven M. Weld, Jr. | 267 Adams Street |
| 5. Carol Stocker | 291 Hillside Street |
| 6. Denny Swenson | 65 Green Street |
| 7. Phyllis Karp | 1335 Blue Hill Ave |
| 8. Rosalind N. Spiegel | 1335 Blue Hill Ave |
| 9. Robert N. Karp | 1335 Blue Hill Ave |
| 10. Ruth I. Moses | 1 Weld Lane |

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote No.

COMMENT: This article seeks a home rule petition to the General Court to establish a speed limit of 25 mph approaching the intersection of Route 28 and Chickatawbut Road. This article lacked the necessary language in order for it to be recommended to the Town Meeting. It is not within the powers of Town Meeting to "instruct" the Select Board but rather "authorize" this petition to be submitted to the state legislature.

Suggestions that involve amending the language so that the article can in fact be recommended to the Town Meeting were made.

The discussion of whether the change of speed limits would in fact slow the process of the MassDOT's recommendation of constructing a rotary was had. There was no determination.

Although this was a close vote, with members voting for petition as is (with amendment recommendations), the Warrant Committee voted not to recommend this article as currently written.

Town Counsel suggests that an amendment to the Warrant Committee's recommendation could be made that would maintain the spirit and intent of the citizens' petition.

Town of Milton
525 Canton Avenue
Milton, MA 02186

Town Meeting will be held on
Monday, December 2, 2019
Beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the
Milton High School Auditorium

The Milton High School auditorium
is reserved for an additional Town Meeting
Session at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday,
December 3, 2019

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