

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

At

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



Please bring this report to Town Meeting.

Moderator's Town Meeting Rules
(Revised February 2019)

1. The conduct of Marshfield's Town Meeting is governed by Federal and State law, the Town's Charter and By-Laws, local tradition, and the publication entitled "Town Meeting Time: A Handbook of Parliamentary Law."
2. The Moderator shall preside and regulate the proceedings, decide all questions of order, and make public declaration of all votes. (Mass. G.L. c. 39, §15)
3. There will be no quorum required for Marshfield Town Meetings. (*Bylaw Art. 1 §3*)
1988ATM.art.15
4. All Special and Annual Town Meeting articles will be voted by lottery. The exception will be the operating budget articles at the beginning of the Annual Meeting. The Moderator may also propose linkage of similar articles. (*Bylaw Art. 1§6*) *2006ATM.art.18*. The Moderator may also, with the permission of Town Meeting, utilize a consent agenda to consider and to pass without debate non-controversial warrant articles.
5. The Moderator may call for a voice vote, standing vote, show of hands, roll-call vote or secret ballot. A motion for any of these voting methods may be made at any time during the discussion phase of an article by a recognized voter. A majority of the voters must approve any motion for a roll call vote or a vote by secret ballot.

If the declared results of voice votes or show of hands votes are questioned by seven (7) voters standing immediately after the declared vote, a standing vote will be taken without debate.
6. All matters shall be decided by a majority vote unless a 2/3 or greater vote is required. If more than a majority vote is required, the Moderator shall announce the required percentage for passage before calling for the vote.
7. No reconsideration of an article or vote will be permitted unless the Moderator determines that there has been a significant procedural error or that there is new information likely to have affected the previous vote. If a motion to reconsider is accepted by the Moderator, it will require a majority vote for passage. There will be no reconsideration after 10:30 p.m. on the evening of the vote in question.
8. No article may be reconsidered on a subsequent evening unless postponed by motion for that purpose, during the same session at which the article was first voted upon. (*Bylaw Art. 1 §4*)
9. To address Town Meeting, a speaker must first be recognized by the Moderator, then give his or her name and address for the record. All questions and comments by a speaker should be addressed to the Moderator and not to any particular town official or other Town Meeting member. No speaker will be recognized while another person is speaking. No person shall address Town Meeting without leave of the Moderator, and all persons shall, at the request of the Moderator, be silent. If a person, after warning from the Moderator, persists in disorderly behavior, the Moderator may order him/her to withdraw from the meeting. If he/she does not withdraw, the Moderator may order a constable or other person to remove him/her. (Mass. G.L. c.39, §17)

The sole exception to the “only one person talking at a time” rule is a “point of order” which is used to question a procedural point the Moderator may have missed. It is also used to question an action that is contrary to proper procedure or that is misleading to the Town Meeting. Points of order are NOT to address the subject matter being discussed. All points of order are decided by the Moderator alone without debate.

10. The Moderator may set time limits on all presentations. He or she may also set limits on the number of times a voter can speak on an article and for how long. The Moderator may terminate debate on a motion when he or she deems it appropriate.

Debate on a motion may also be terminated by a recognized voter “moving the question” which, if accepted by the Moderator as not being premature, shall be voted on without discussion or debate. A motion to “move the question” requires a 2/3 vote for passage.

11. Articles in the Warrant give notice of the subjects to be discussed at Town Meeting and establish the parameters of matters that can be debated and acted upon. Amendments, motions, and/or debate determined by the Moderator, with the advice of Town Counsel, to be “beyond the scope” of the article, shall not be permitted.

12. Only two (2) amendments to a motion may be on the floor at any particular time. Generally, amendments shall be voted on in the order made and prior to the vote on the motion to be amended. Amendments over ten (10) words must be submitted to the Moderator in writing and, if over fifty (50) words, sufficient copies must be available at the entrance of the hall before the start of that particular session. Before an amendment to a particular article or motion can be accepted by the Moderator, a determination must first be made by the Moderator, with the assistance and upon the advice of Town Counsel, as to (a) whether the proposed amendment is within the scope of the article or motion and (b) whether the form and substance of the proposed amendment complies with the laws of the Commonwealth. For this reason, all proposed amendments should be submitted to the Moderator and to Town Counsel well in advance of the particular Town Meeting at which the proposed amendment will be introduced.

13. Differing dollar amounts to be appropriated shall be voted on in descending order, with the largest sum first, until an amount gains approval.

14. Non-voters will be seated in a special section unless permission is granted by the Town Meeting to be seated elsewhere. Non-voters may be allowed to address the Town Meeting with permission of the Moderator unless a majority of voters choose to deny such a privilege.

15. A resolution is a non-debatable, non-binding motion on any matter calling for a consensus of the Town Meeting. If a resolution is over ten (10) words, it must be submitted to the Moderator in writing and, if over fifty (50) words, sufficient copies must be available at the entrance of the hall to those attending. Resolutions are typically taken up as the last order of business at Town Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen, within 30 days after a Town Meeting, shall discuss in open session any Resolution passed at such meeting. (*Bylaw Art.51*) *1980ATM.art.35*

16. No new business will be taken up after 10:30 p.m. on any evening.

17. When justice or order requires, the Moderator may make exceptions to those rules as he/she, in his/her discretion, deems it appropriate under the circumstances and with the concurrence of a majority of the Town Meeting members.

Reminder – State Law prohibits SMOKING on school property.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMS

APPROPRIATION – An authorization by the Town Meeting to make obligations and payments from the treasury for a specific purpose.

ASSESSED VALUATION – A valuation set upon real or personal property by the Board of Assessors as a basis for levying taxes.

BETTERMENT – A betterment assessment is a charge for the cost of public improvements, which benefit a limited area, against real estate situated in such.

BAN – “Bond Anticipatory Note”. Short term borrowing done in advance of long term borrowing via issuance of a BOND. BANs are issued to be able to fund a project while waiting to go to formal bonding.

BOND – A loan, typically over a year in maturity.

BOND AUTHORIZATION – The amount of money the Town Meeting approves for borrowing for a specific purpose.

BOND / BAN PREMIUM – Funds paid to the Town by financial institutions as commissions on the sale of the Town’s BONDS or BANs. These premiums are allowed under the Massachusetts Municipal Act of 2016 under Chapter 44, section 20 to be used to fund similar Capital Projects to the projects funded by the original BOND/BAN.

BOND ISSUE – Generally, the sale of a certain number of bonds at one time by a governmental unit.

CAPITAL BUDGET – A plan of proposed capital outlays and the means of financing them for the current fiscal period.

CAPITAL OUTLAY – An expenditure for the purchase of property or equipment and for the construction or renovation of a facility and infrastructure.

CHERRY SHEET – A form showing all state and county charges and reimbursements to the town as certified by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

DEBT SERVICE – Payment of interest and repayment of principal to holders of the town’s debt instruments.

ENTERPRISE FUND – Financing of services where all or most of the costs are paid for by users.

ENTERPRISE RETAINED EARNINGS – If during a fiscal year an Enterprise fund produces a surplus, such surplus shall be kept in a separate account called “retained earnings”. The Department of Revenue then certifies that surplus as an available fund which can be used for:

1. operating costs to offset the need to increase user charges,
2. to fund capital improvements,
3. to reimburse General Fund to the extent the General Fund has funded a particular service in prior years, or
4. to fund Enterprise Fund revenue deficits.

FISCAL YEAR - A 12 month period, commencing on July 1, to which the annual budget applies. (Abbreviated as "FY".)

FREE CASH - The excess of assets over liabilities, minus uncollected taxes of prior years, also referred to as "available cash". The amount is certified annually by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Free Cash may be appropriated by vote of a town meeting.

GENERAL FUND - The major town owned fund which is created with town receipts and which is charged with expenditures payable from such revenues.

GRANT - A contribution of assets by one governmental unit or other organization to another. Typically, these contributions are made to local governments from the state and federal government. Grants are usually made for specific purposes.

LEVY LIMIT - The amount of dollars a Town can raise by taxation under Proposition 2 1/2.

LINE-ITEM BUDGET - A format of budgeting which organizes costs by type of expenditure. Such as expenses, equipment, and salaries.

OVERLAY - The overlay is the amount raised by the Assessors to be used for potential abatement of property taxes. The Overlay Surplus is the portion of each year's overlay account no longer required to cover property tax abatements.

PROPERTY TAX LEVY - The amount produced by multiplying the assessed valuation of property by the tax rate. The tax rate is expressed "per thousand dollars" of assessed valuation.

RESERVE FUND - Money set aside by Town Meeting to be allocated by the Advisory Board for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures.

REVOLVING FUND (Ch.44, Sec. 53E 1/2) - A Town may annually authorize the use of a revolving fund by accounting for separately the receipts received from a particular service or program and expend from such fund for providing such service or program without appropriation.

STABILIZATION FUND - A special account which is invested until used and can only be utilized by town meeting appropriation.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Special Town Meeting, Monday, October 17, 2022

At 7:00 o'clock in the evening at the Marshfield High School

Plymouth, SS: To either of the constables in the Town of Marshfield in the County of Plymouth.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Marshfield qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Marshfield High School Auditorium on Monday, the 17th day of October 2022, at seven o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Precincts 1,2, 2A, 3,4,5,6 and 7 in the Marshfield High School Auditorium

ARTICLE 1 Will the Town vote to approve an expenditure of \$6265.89 from the corresponding FY2023 budget or transfer from available funds a sum of money for payment of unpaid bills incurred during the previous fiscal year as set forth on the listing below of unpaid bills, or take any other action relative thereto.

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Select Board | General Code | 2/22/2022 | \$2,838.59 |
| Zoning | Gatehouse Media | 4/30/2022 | 130.36 |
| Zoning | Gatehouse Media | 5/31/2022 | 2,472.51 |
| Zoning | Gatehouse Media | 6/30/2022 | 432.91 |
| Board of Health | Cintas | 5/19/2022 | 196.52 |
| DPW Water | Bottoms Up Detail | 3/21/2022 | 195.00 |
| Total | | | <u><u>\$6,265.89</u></u> |

Select Board

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

Article 1 Explanation: This Article is required in order to pay bills from previous fiscal years.

ARTICLE 2 Will the Town vote to replace the FY2022 Schedule A Compensation Plan with the following FY2023 Personnel Bylaw Schedule A Compensation Plan and make the following additions and changes to Schedule A or take any other action relative thereto.

| <u>Annual</u> | <u>FY2023</u> | | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>GRADE</u> | <u>STEP 1</u> | <u>STEP 2</u> | <u>STEP 3</u> | <u>STEP 4</u> |
| 4 | \$33,919.43 | \$35,274.79 | \$36,682.13 | \$38,147.79 |
| 5 | \$37,416.23 | \$38,909.78 | \$40,467.99 | \$42,074.39 |
| 6 | \$41,274.36 | \$42,922.60 | \$44,643.10 | \$46,429.54 |
| 7 | \$45,528.08 | \$47,341.13 | \$49,242.94 | \$51,208.15 |
| 8 | \$50,207.79 | \$52,224.98 | \$54,308.10 | \$56,478.70 |
| 9 | \$56,478.70 | \$57,599.50 | \$59,899.97 | \$62,305.43 |

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|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 10 | \$61,105.18 | \$63,540.76 | \$66,087.92 | \$68,723.82 |
| 11 | \$67,398.90 | \$70,093.13 | \$72,883.72 | \$75,803.63 |
| 12 | \$74,346.85 | \$77,312.40 | \$80,399.67 | \$83,626.41 |
| 13 | \$81,785.46 | \$85,038.83 | \$88,441.80 | \$91,990.58 |
| 14 | \$89,624.73 | \$93,207.74 | \$96,927.68 | \$100,799.76 |
| 15 | \$98,582.25 | \$102,524.07 | \$106,620.57 | \$110,881.89 |
| 16 | \$105,347.71 | \$109,560.04 | \$113,937.66 | \$118,491.43 |
| 17 | \$114,829.00 | \$119,420.45 | \$124,192.05 | \$129,155.66 |

Select Board

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

Article 2 Explanation: The wage schedule provides Personnel Bylaw employees with a 3% base salary increase. This is the same increase provided to employees with settled collective bargaining agreements for FY23.

ARTICLE 3 Will the Town vote to adopt the “Schedule B” General Government Personnel Bylaw Positions set forth in below chart or take any other action relative thereto.

Schedule B – Part time and Seasonal Positions

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Animal Inspector | \$5000 per year |
| First Assistant Harbormaster | \$18.00-\$22.00 per hour |
| Assistant Harbormaster | \$14.25-\$20.00 per hour |
| Lifeguard | \$15.00-\$18.00 per hour |
| Beach Attendant | \$14.25-\$17.00 per hour |
| Beach Supervisor | \$18.00-\$24.00 per hour |
| Call Firefighter | \$1,000 per year |
| Custodian –COA | \$18.00-\$22.00 per hour |
| CRS Coordinator- ZBA | \$18.00-\$22.00 per hour |
| Intern | \$14.25-\$17.00 per hour |
| Food Service Manager | \$22.00-\$26.00 per hour |
| Police Patrolman (intermittent) | \$18.50 per hour |
| Program Activities Coordinator | \$18.00-\$22.00 per hour |
| Public Health Nurse | \$44.62-\$50.19 per hour |
| Recreation Site Coordinator | \$16.00-\$19.00 per hour |
| Recreation Assistant Leader | \$14.25-\$16.00 per hour |
| Recreation Lead Teacher | \$16.00-\$19.00 per hour |
| Recreation Sports & Playground Instructor | \$16.00-\$19.00 per hour |
| Recreation Before & After Sports Instructor | \$28.00-\$33.00 per hour |
| Shellfish Warden | \$18.25-\$24.00 per hour |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures | \$5,000 per year |
| Wiring Inspector | \$25.00-\$29.00 per hour |
| Plumbing Inspector | \$25.00-\$29.00 per hour |

Select Board

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

Article 3 Explanation: The purpose of this article is to add an increase in stipend of the animal inspector.

ARTICLE 4 Will the Town vote to transfer \$459,417.55 from Bond Premiums from the sale of Bonds and BANS in July of 2022 to be used for Town Infrastructure repairs, or take any action relative thereto.

Select Board

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

Article 4 Explanation: This Article will allow the Town and School to continue their efforts to make infrastructure repairs throughout all Town divisions.

ARTICLE 5 Will the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$2,983,216 from Certified Free Cash, \$195,000 from Certified Water Retained Earnings, \$225,000 from Certified Waste Water Retained Earnings, and \$255,000 from Certified Solid Waste Retained earnings and disburse such funds for the following items detailed in the chart below, or take any action relative thereto.

| Item | Dept | Description of Request | Transfer From | | | | Total | Transfer To |
|------|------|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| | | | Free Cash | Water Retained Earnings | Waste Water Retained Earnings | Solid Waste Retained Earnings | | |
| 1 | 122 | Select Board Personnel | 40,000.00 | | | | 40,000.00 | 011225105120 |
| 2 | 145 | Professional Services | 50,000.00 | | | | 50,000.00 | 011455305301 |
| 3 | 210 | Police Salary & Wages | 150,000.00 | | | | 150,000.00 | 012105105120 |
| 4 | 220 | Fire Salary & Wages | 150,000.00 | | | | 150,000.00 | 012205105130 |
| 5 | 220 | Fire stipends /Maintenance | 25,000.00 | | | | 25,000.00 | 012205105145 |
| 6 | 424 | DPW- Gas & Diesel Fuel | 150,000.00 | | | | 150,000.00 | 014244215452/5454 |
| 7 | 660 | Veteran's Park | 7,775.00 | | | | 7,775.00 | 016605205256 |
| 8 | 942 | Utilities Oil, Gas, Electric | 75,000.00 | | | | 75,000.00 | Various |
| 9 | 122 | CRS/PPI Pamphlet | 3,200.00 | | | | 3,200.00 | Special Article |
| 10 | 122 | Hazard Mitigation Plan | 25,000.00 | | | | 25,000.00 | Special Article |
| 11 | 123 | School Maintenance | 200,000.00 | | | | 200,000.00 | Special Article |
| 12 | 123 | Town Maintenance | 200,000.00 | | | | 200,000.00 | Special Article |
| 13 | 123 | Cleaning Contract | 60,000.00 | | | | 60,000.00 | Special Article |
| 14 | 168 | Airport FAA Grant Match | 350,000.00 | | | | 350,000.00 | Special Article |

| Item | Dept | Description of Request | Transfer From | | | | Total | Transfer To |
|----------------------|------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | | | Free Cash | Water Retained Earnings | Waste Water Retained Earnings | Solid Waste Retained Earnings | | |
| 15 | 171 | Tree Cutting Conservation Land | 15,000.00 | | | | 15,000.00 | Special Article |
| 16 | 210 | Police Bullet Proof Vests | 26,241.00 | | | | 26,241.00 | Special Article |
| 17 | 295 | Harbormaster Boat Equipment | 17,000.00 | | | | 17,000.00 | Special Article |
| 18 | 295 | Harbormaster Ramps & Ice Platform | 50,000.00 | | | | 50,000.00 | Special Article |
| 19 | 300 | School Generator & Electrical Work | 600,000.00 | | | | 600,000.00 | Special Article |
| 20 | 411 | Brant Rock Final Design | 120,000.00 | | | | 120,000.00 | Special Article |
| 21 | 411 | DPW Storm Water Mapping | 40,000.00 | | | | 40,000.00 | Special Article |
| 22 | 421 | DPW Crane | 95,000.00 | | | | 95,000.00 | Special Article |
| 23 | 543 | Veteran's Wall Maintenance | 11,000.00 | | | | 11,000.00 | Special Article |
| 24 | 610 | Library Rug & Asbestos Removal | 448,000.00 | | | | 448,000.00 | Special Article |
| 25 | 610 | Library Generator & Electrical | 75,000.00 | | | | 75,000.00 | Special Article |
| 26 | 440 | #184 Utility Truck | | 30,000.00 | | | 30,000.00 | Special Article |
| 27 | 440 | Water Mapping | | 40,000.00 | | | 40,000.00 | Special Article |
| 28 | 440 | Water Main-Dyke Rd Crossing | | 125,000.00 | | | 125,000.00 | Special Article |
| 29 | 450 | #157 TV/Camera Truck | | | 125,000.00 | | 125,000.00 | Special Article |
| 30 | 450 | Raypak Heater | | | 55,000.00 | | 55,000.00 | Special Article |
| 31 | 450 | Process Water Pump | | | 45,000.00 | | 45,000.00 | Special Article |
| 32 | 431 | Excavator | | | | 255,000.00 | 255,000.00 | Special Article |
| Total Expense | | | 2,983,216.00 | 195,000.00 | 225,000.00 | 255,000.00 | 3,658,216.00 | |

Select Board/Capital Budget Committee

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

Article 5 Explanation: This article seeks authorization to make certain budget transfers to cover the cost of certain budget items and/or capital expenses.

ARTICLE 6 Will the Town vote to authorize the Select Board (a) to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, the property consisting of a certain parcel of real property with the buildings and improvements located thereon containing approximately 1.2 acres of land located at 255 Furnace Street, Marshfield, Massachusetts (Assessor's Parcel F10-05-04 ("Premises")), being the land described in a deed recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 50806, Page 168 for educational and school purposes, (b) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money for the acquisition of said land, to upgrade and renovate the existing building, and any costs related thereto; (c) authorize the Select Board, the School Committee, Town Administrator, and/or such other boards or officers as they deem appropriate, to apply for and accept on behalf of the Town funds, gifts, and grants, including grants for reimbursement, under any federal, state or other private programs, and to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments to effectuate the foregoing acquisition to defray a portion of the amount appropriated under this article, which may be defrayed by reimbursement following acquisition, or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board & School Committee

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

Article 6 Explanation: This article authorizes the Town to acquire the former St. Mary's & St. George's Coptic Church Property which, if approved, will be renovated and used to house pre-school/kindergarten programming by the Marshfield School Department. The sums sought will be used to acquire the premises and renovate it with a contingency.

ARTICLE 7 Will the Town vote, upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. c. 44B, to appropriate a sum of money from FY23 Community Preservation Fund reserves for the support of Affordable Housing and to fund the purchase and installation of generators at the Marshfield Housing Authority Elderly Housing complexes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Marshfield Housing Authority/Community Preservation Committee

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

Article 7 Explanation: The generators will allow for backup power during an outage at both the Grace Ryder and Tea Rock Gardens Marshfield Housing Authority locations.

ARTICLE 8 Will the Town vote, upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. . 44B, to appropriate a sum of \$126,000 from FY23 Community Preservation Fund reserves for Open Space and/or Undesignated Fund reserves for a passive recreation trail across from the Harbor Park in Brant Rock, or take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

Article 8 Explanation: To fund the clearing and restructure of an overgrown trail on Town land atop the DSA berm, to the east side of Joseph Driebeck Way across from the Harbor Park, for passive recreation.

ARTICLE 9 Will the Town vote to increase the FY2023 Wastewater Budget Appropriation by the sum of \$100,000.00 from \$3,822,132.76 to \$3,922,132.76 to fund the Reserve Fund (Account 600104405962), said appropriation to be met by transferring said sum from the Wastewater Enterprise Retained Earnings, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Public Works

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

Article 9 Explanation: The Wastewater Division incurred an unexpected need for emergency sewer repairs in the Plymouth Avenue and 2nd Road area as part of the of the Sewer Force Main upgrade. It is unusual for the Wastewater Reserve Fund to be completely depleted, as well as, for it to be needed so early in the fiscal year. These funds, if approved, will ensure that funding will be available in FY2023 should any additional unexpected emergencies arise.

ARTICLE 10 Will the Town vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty One Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Five Dollars and Twenty Seven Cents (\$151,345.27) from the unexpended funds initially borrowed to finance costs of the Spring Street water main construction project, as approved under a vote of the Town passed October 25, 2016 (Article 10), which project is now complete, and for which no further financial liability remains, and transfer said sum to pay costs of repairing the water main that crosses the Dyke Road bridge, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Public Works

Recommendations: At Town Meeting

Article 10 Explanation: In accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the general Laws, the Town moves to re-appropriate \$151,345.27 in unexpended funds initially borrowed to finance costs of the Spring Street water main construction project, as approved under a vote of the Town passed October 2016 (Article 10), which project is now complete, and for which no further financial liability remains, to pay costs of repairing the water main that crosses the Dyke Road bridge.

ARTICLE 11 Will the Town vote to amend the vote under Article 16 of the April 25, 2022 Special Town Meeting which appropriated and authorized a borrowing of \$3,000,000 for the cost of repairs and improvements to the forced sewer main and related equipment on Plymouth Avenue, including all costs incidental and related thereto, of which \$2,000,000 has been issued as bonds, to provide that the remaining \$1,000,000 authorized and unissued is appropriated for sewer repair projects, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Public Works

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

Article 11 Explanation: In accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the general Laws, the Town moves to re-appropriate \$1,000,000.00 in yet to be borrowed funds initially approved to finance costs of the Plymouth Avenue Force Main Repairs project, as approved under a vote of the Town passed April 25, 2022 STM (Article 16), to pay costs of Collection System Repairs

ARTICLE 12 Will the Town vote to allow the Department of Public Works to accept and combine American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in conjunction with various other types of accessible funding to cover the cost of repairs to the Water, Wastewater and/or Drainage systems.

Board of Public Works

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

Article 12 Explanation: The Town needs a positive Town Meeting vote in order to be able to use ARPA funding in conjunction with other funding sources to cover the cost of repairs to the Water, Wastewater and/or Drainage systems.

ARTICLE 13 Citizens' Petition for Fall 2022 Marshfield Town Meeting

Principal Petitioner: Anna Baker (Town Meeting Member, Precinct 4)

1009 Union Street, Marshfield, MA 02050, 617-868-3003 annalinakis@yahoo.com

*Moved, that Town Meeting adopt the following Resolution,
or take any other action in relation thereto:*

RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR THE UNITED STATES TO “PULL BACK FROM THE BRINK” AND PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR—AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY AND THE PLANET

WHEREAS, since the height of the Cold War, the United States and Russia have dismantled more than 50,000 nuclear warheads, but approximately 13,100 of these weapons still exist and, thus, still pose an intolerable risk to human survival and

WHEREAS, approximately 95 percent of these weapons are in the hands of the United States and Russia, while the remainder are held by 7 other countries, namely, China, France, Israel, India, North Korea, Pakistan, and the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, nuclear war would directly kill hundreds of millions of people and cause unimaginable environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, there is a high probability that such a nuclear war would lead to catastrophic climate disruption dropping temperatures across the planet to levels not seen since the last ice age, thus resulting in the starvation of the vast majority of the human race, quite possibly leading to our extinction and the extinction of multiple other species; and

WHEREAS, even the use of a tiny fraction of these weapons would cause worldwide climate disruption and global famine; e.g., as few as a 100 Hiroshima-sized bombs (small by modern standards) would put at least 5 million tons of soot into the upper atmosphere and cause climate disruption across the planet, cutting food production and putting 2 billion people at risk of starvation; and

WHEREAS, despite the popular notion that these arsenals exist solely to guarantee they will never be used, on multiple occasions nuclear armed states have proceeded to the brink of using these weapons, and their use was narrowly averted; and

WHEREAS, former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara—speaking about the Cuban Missile Crisis in *The Fog of War*—said, “It was luck that prevented nuclear war”; and

WHEREAS, our nuclear policy must NOT be subject to the whims of “luck;” and

WHEREAS, the growing climate crisis is stressing communities around the world and intensifying the likelihood of conflict, and, thus, the danger of war and the possibility of escalating to nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, the planned expenditure of more than \$1 trillion dollars to enhance the U.S. nuclear arsenal will not only increase the risk of nuclear disaster but also fuel a global arms race and divert crucial resources needed to assure the well-being of the American people and people all over the world; and

WHEREAS, a resolution unanimously adopted by mayors at the US Conference of Mayors, June 11, 2018, at its 86th Annual meeting in Boston, MA, called on the Trump administration and Congress to “step back from the brink and exercise global leadership in preventing nuclear war; and the US Conference of Mayors has adopted resolutions supporting complete global nuclear disarmament (and most BftB policies) each year since 2018;

WHEREAS, in July 2017, 122 nations called for the elimination of all nuclear weapons by adopting the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

WHEREAS a grassroots movement called “Back from the Brink: Bringing Communities Together to Abolish Nuclear Weapons” has been endorsed by over 400 health, environmental, academic, peace, faith, and justice organizations and has resulted in resolutions approved by 60 municipalities, including Chicago, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Salt Lake City, and Washington DC and seven state legislative bodies;

WHEREAS Back from the Brink resolutions have already passed in the following 18 Massachusetts towns: Amherst, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Cummington, Easthampton, Goshen, Leverett, Needham, Newton, Northampton, Plainfield, Somerville, Springfield, Wendell, Williamsburg, Windsor, Worcester.

WHEREAS, in 2021, through tax dollars, the people of the Town of Marshfield spent a cumulative \$8,246,520 on nuclear weapons programs, costs that will increase dramatically with the current national plan to drastically increase the U.S. nuclear arsenal; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts, acting through its Open Town Meeting, calls upon our federal leaders and our nation to make nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of U.S. national security policy and to work toward the goal of signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town Meeting, calls upon our federal leaders and our nation to spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.
- renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
- ending the president’s sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack;

- taking U.S. nuclear weapons off “hair-trigger” alert;
- canceling all plans to add weapons to the U.S. nuclear arsenal that would make it more likely that leaders will initiate nuclear war; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town Meeting requests that the Town Clerk send a copy of the Resolution adopted by Town Meeting to our U.S. Congressional Representatives including Representative William R. Keating Patrick J. Kearney, Representative Josh S. Cutler, State Senator Patrick M. O’Connor, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey, and President Joseph R. Biden Jr.

Petition of Anna Baker, et.al.

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 14 Will the Town vote to name the parcel of land located at the juncture of Plymouth Ave and Ocean Street The Veteran’s Memorial Gardens and allow it to be maintained at no cost to the Town by the Marshfield AmVets Ned Egan Post#1996; further will the Town allow a small irrigation system to be installed at this Memorial Garden at no charge to the Town and in compliance with all rules and regulations of the Town and water usage as may be determined by the Marshfield DPW. The DPW has provided a water connection and a water meter charging water usage to the Marshfield AmVets Ned Egan Post#1996.

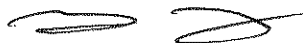
Petition of Kerry Harrison, et al.

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

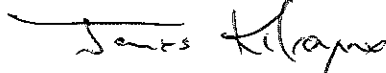
You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at ten public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of this Warrant with our doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid:

Given under our hands this 12th day of September 2022.

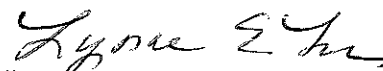
BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Stephen R. Darcy, Chairman



James J. Kilcoyne, Vice-Chairman



Lynne E. Fidler, Clerk

A true copy, ATTEST:
Constable