

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006 @ 7:00 PM
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM (AND GYM)
62 CAPRON STREET, UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, S.S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN, IN SAID COUNTY;

GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, YOU ARE DIRECTED TO NOTIFY THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THE TOWN ELECTIONS AND IN TOWN AFFAIRS, TO MEET AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, IN PRECINCT 2, IN SAID UXBRIDGE, ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO WIT:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$25,000 from the Selectmen/Town Manager Contractual Expenses Account 011.122.5301.2.0000.0.0.0000.000 to the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. (FINANCE COMMITTEE)

Explanation: This transfer is to return funds to the Reserve Fund transferred for the hiring of an Interim Town Manager. These funds were not needed.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$38,000 from the Water Division Enterprise Fund to the Water Division Capital Outlay Account # 650.450.5300.5.0004 for the purpose of cleaning and repairing the wells at the Blackstone and Bernat Wellfields, or take any other action relative thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

Explanation: The Water Division encountered water quality issues with three wells. The Department has opened bids for the proposed well cleanings. This sum is sufficient to complete the contract.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds to the Landfill Account # 001.433.5302.2, the sum of \$4,400 for the purpose of completing FY 06 DEP mandated landfill testing, or take any other action relative thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

Explanation: The landfill testing contract currently runs on a calendar year. The spring of 2006 is the first half of a new contract, in which, cost increases are reflected in the transfer amount requested.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum money to the Department of Public Works Administration, Highway, Water, and Wastewater expense accounts, for the purpose of reimbursing those accounts for the October 15, 2005 flood related damages to the Highway Garage and other DPW facilities, or take any other action relative thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

Explanation: The Highway Division Garage sustained extensive damage due to the flooding of October 15, 2005. This amount is the total amount of emergency and restorative repairs to the structures and appurtenances.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will, by a 2/3 vote, adopt the following Capital Planning bylaw, consistent with and authorized by Chapter 81 of the Acts of 2002 and the requirements of Article

6, Section 8, and Article 8, Section 5 of the Uxbridge Charter; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Capital Planning

A. Capital Improvement Trust Fund – As authorized under Chapter 81 of the Acts of 2002, the Town of Uxbridge shall establish and maintain a special account known as the Capital Improvement Trust Fund, and may raise and appropriate money therefor.

Under the aforementioned authorization, the Town may appropriate to the fund by majority vote at an annual or special town meeting, in any year, any amount not to exceed 10 percent of the amount raised in the preceding year by taxation of real estate and tangible personal property. The aggregate amount of the fund at any time shall not exceed 10 per cent of the equalized valuation of said town as defined in section 1 of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

The fund shall be maintained by the town as a separate account. The treasurer of the town shall be the custodian of the fund and may invest the funds in such separate account in the manner authorized by sections 55 and 55A of chapter 44 of the General Laws. Any interest earned on the fund shall be credited to and become part of such separate account.

The town of Uxbridge may appropriate by 2/3 vote at any annual or special town meeting any principal and interest within the fund for any capital purchase or debt payment for any capital purchase. A capital purchase is defined as an item with a life expectancy of more than 5 years and valued at \$50,000 or more.

B. Capital Planning Committee – As authorized under Chapter 81 of the Acts of 2002, the Town of Uxbridge hereby changes the composition of the capital planning committee created thereunder, as follows: The committee shall consist of seven (7) members, five (5) of whom shall be voting members appointed by the Town Manager after a diligent search for qualified applicants, none of whom shall be a department head or a member of the Finance Committee. The remaining two (2) members, who shall be participating, but non-voting members, shall be the Town Manager and the Treasurer Collector. The Town Manager shall establish all qualifications of appointees. Hereinafter, as authorized under Chapter 81 of the Acts of 2002, the town may change the composition of this committee by majority vote at any annual or special town meeting.

Consistent with policies set by the by the Board of Selectmen, and as authorized under Chapter 81 of the Acts of 2002, the capital planning committee may establish policies relative to the funding of capital projects through appropriations from the Capital Improvement Trust Fund or other funds available to the Town, and shall set priorities and schedules for such capital projects.

C. Capital Improvement Plan – The capital planning committee shall make timely recommendations, at least annually, by way of reports to the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen. The annual report to the Town Manager, consistent with requirements established by the Town Charter, shall include at least:

- C1. a clear and concise general summary of its contents

- C2. a list of all capital improvements and/or purchases proposed to be undertaken during the next ensuing five (5) fiscal years, with supporting information as to the need for each capital improvement and/or capital purchase.
- C3. cost estimates, methods of financing and recommended time schedules for each improvement and/or capital purchase; and,
- C4. the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining each facility and piece of major equipment involved in the improvement and/or capital purchase.
- C5. such other information as shall be required by the Town Manager and/or policies set by the Board of Selectmen.

The Town Manager shall annually, on or before January 30, submit to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee an updated capital improvement program based on: (1) the aforementioned annual report of the capital planning committee, and (2) the status of capital improvements and/or purchases still pending or in process of being acquired, improved or constructed.

(BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town of Uxbridge will vote to re-zone the following parcels to Business. Map – 22 Parcel – 3282, Map – 23 Parcel – 3522, Map – 23 Parcel – 3616, Map – 23 Parcel – 3642, Map – 23 Parcel 3646, Map – 23 Parcel 3651, Map – 23 Parcel 3628, Map – 23 Parcel – 3634, Map – 23 Parcel – 3635, Map – 23 Parcel 2895, Map – 23 Parcel – 3725, Map – 23 Parcel – 3724, Map – 23 Parcel – 3743, Map – 23 Parcel – 3745, Map – 23 Parcel – 3665, Map – 23 Parcel – 4424, Map – 23 Parcel – 4364. The parcels are on both sides of Douglas Street (Route 16) between the Connecticut River Power Transmission Lines and the easterly side of Route 146. (PETITION ARTICLE)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund possible salary increases and other cost items resulting from potential contract settlements with union and non-union personnel, or take any other action relative thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to the Assessors Revaluation Account for use in the Triennial Recertification of Values for FY2007 as required by the state Department of Revenue, or take any other action relative thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

Explanation: The funds are sought now instead of in the May annual meeting to give us a jump start in getting the three year re-certification done in time for the fall. This money is for commercial & industrial re-appraisal. Funds are already available for personal property. The residential sector (representing more than 89% of the town) is being done in-house.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$6,000 from available funds for the purpose of replacing the flagpole at the monument on the Town Common and clean and maintain the monument, or take any other action relative thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to balance certain line items within the FY06 budget approved under Article 4 of the May 10, 2005, Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5,000 from retained earnings to the Ambulance Enterprise Expense Account #602.231.5301.2.0000.0.0.0000.000, or take any other action relative thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$26,000 to be placed in the Police Cruiser Account 001.210.5855.8.0000.0.0.00.000 for the purpose of purchasing one (1) new cruiser which is in line with our Capital Planning Project. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

Explanation: This request is based on the Police Cruiser replacement program from the Capital Planning Project. This is to replace the cruiser which was originally scheduled for purchasing, but removed prior to the FY2006 Town Meeting last May and removed once again last November. This cruiser will be replacing an existing cruiser that will be recycled or auctioned.

*AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE THIS WARRANT BY POSTING UP ATTESTED COPIES THEREOF, ONE AT THE TOWN HALL, ONE AT THE UXBRIDGE POST OFFICE, ONE AT THE NORTH UXBRIDGE POST OFFICE AND ONE AT THE LINWOOD POST OFFICE, AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) DAYS 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 OF THE MEETING AFORESAID.
GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, IN THE YEAR 2006.*

SELECTMEN
OF
UXBRIDGE

A True Copy – Attest

Constable of Uxbridge

Date