

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 – 7:00 P.M. VALLEY CHAPEL AUDITORIUM 14 HUNTER ROAD, UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN MEETING THE CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

A. Voting

- i. Only registered voters with a clicker can vote.
- ii. Votes will be taken electronically.

B. Warrant Articles

- i. Articles will be acted upon in the order they appear on the warrant unless the meeting votes otherwise.
- ii. All main motions must be in writing, with copies given to the Town Clerk and Moderator.
- iii. All motions and amendments dealing with the expenditure of money must be in writing, again with copies given to the Town Clerk and Moderator.
- iv. No person shall address a town meeting without leave of the moderator.[MGL Ch. 39, Sec. 17]
- v. The sponsor of the article will be recognized to place a motion before the meeting.
- vi. The sponsor will be asked to speak to the merits of the motion.
- vii. An opponent to the article, if there is one, will then be recognized to speak.
- viii. The Finance Committee, Planning Board (for zoning articles) and Board of Selectmen will be recognized for their recommendations.
- ix. Following the recommendations, the article will be open for debate.

C. Open Debate

- i. Voters wishing to speak should proceed to the speaker seats to be recognized.
- ii. Non-voters, other than department heads, must request and be granted permission by the meeting before they can speak.
- iii. Each speaker has a total of 10 minutes to speak.
- iv. A speaker cannot move the question after concluding his remarks.
- v. A motion to move the question requires a 2/3 majority vote to shut off debate.
- **D.** Town Meeting will be run in accordance to the following four rules:
 - i. All debate will be conducted in a respectful and courteous manner.
 - ii. Comments will be limited to the subject being debated.
 - iii. No comments of a personal nature are to be made.
 - iv. Anyone unwilling or unable to comply with these rules will be removed.
- **E.** Following the vote on the last article, the Moderator will entertain a motion to "Dissolve" the meeting.

SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

There are seven exits to the auditorium. Please take a moment to locate the exits nearest you in case there is a need to evacuate the building. Once outside the auditorium, follow the exit signs to leave the building. Please do not block any aisles with chairs or other items.



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
VALLEY CHAPEL AUDITORIUM
14 HUNTER ROAD
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 VALLEY CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, AT 14 HUNTER ROAD, IN SAID UXBRIDGE, ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO WIT:

ARTICLE 1: Transfer funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer \$145,369.64 from the stabilization fund or any other account for the purpose of supplementing the Finance Department Budget or take any action there unto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

COMMENTARY: After the meeting with Division of Local Services (DLS) on December 3, 2018, a financial plan had to be implemented to meet their requirements, complete audits and address the staffing deficiencies. The amount will cover the shortfalls and once completed, DLS will allow for free cash certification.

MOTION: Move to appropriate and transfer \$145,369.64 from the stabilization fund for supplementing the Finance Department Budget

Vote required for passage: requires a 2/3 majority vote passage

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Favorable Action (4-0-0)

The Finance Committee supports the transfer of money in order to fund the Town Managers financial recovery plan. The transfer will allow the Town to maintain daily financial business, complete outstanding financial reporting and fund full-time accounting and treasurer positions at an increased pay scale. A successful recovery plans will ensure that the Town continues to receive state aid, including Chapter 70 school aid and Chapter 90 highway aid.

Transfers to pay for this initiative can come from the Stabilization account or from identified fiscal year 2019 surplus. Strict management oversight at all levels will be necessary to ensure that taxpayer funds are spent judiciously.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:

Favorable Action (3-0-0)

ARTICLE 2: Release of Deed Restriction

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release the restrictive covenant recorded in Deed from Town of Uxbridge to Louis C. Tusino, dated February 10, 2009 and recorded in the Registry of Deeds Book 43783 Page 33, or take any other action related thereto

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

COMMENTARY: The Board of Selectmen voted on December 17, 2018 to release the deed restriction placed in 2009; Due to the nature of the deed, it also requires town meeting approval

MOTION: Move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release the restrictive covenant recorded in the Deed from Town of Uxbridge to Louis C. Tusino, dated February 10, 2009 and recorded in the Registry of Deeds Book 43783 Page 33

Vote required for passage: requires a 2/3 majority vote passage.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Favorable Action (4-0-0)

The Finance Committee supports the removal of the deed restriction which will allow for the development of the parcel according to the Town's bylaws.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:

Favorable Action (3-0-0)

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And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at DPW, one at the Uxbridge Post Office, one at the North Uxbridge Post Office and one at the Linwood Post Office, at least Seven (7) days before the time of holding said meeting, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 10.

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 22nd day of January in the year 2019.

Uxbridge Board of Selectmen:

Bin O. Poutle
Brian Butler, Chair
Jeffrey Shaw, Vice Chair
Brian Plasko, Clerk
Brian Flasko, Clerk
,
Jennifer Modica, Selectman
Susan Franz, Selectman

A True Copy - Attest:

Constable, Town of Uxbridge

Date