

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTFORD  
WARRANT**

**Middlesex, ss.**

**To the Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County,**

**GREETINGS:**

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Abbot School Gymnasium at Depot Street on the following date:

**Saturday, March 25, 2017**

*(voter registration deadline, Friday, March 3, 2017 at 8:00pm)*

at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, then and there to act upon the following articles:

**REPORTS**

<b>ARTICLE 1:</b>	<b>Accept Town Reports</b>	<i>Town Manager</i>
-------------------	----------------------------	---------------------

To see if the town will vote to accept the Reports of Town Officers, Boards and Committees for the Fiscal Year 2016;

Or act in relation thereto.

**FINANCIAL - FISCAL YEAR 2017**

<b>ARTICLE 2:</b>	<b>Approve Unpaid Bills from Previous Fiscal Year(s)</b>	<i>Town Manager</i>
-------------------	--	---------------------

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof; a sum of money to pay for unpaid bills of prior fiscal years for various Town departments in accordance with the provisions of [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 64](#);

Or act in relation thereto.

<b>ARTICLE 3:</b>	<b>Approve Fiscal Year 2017 Supplemental Appropriations</b>	<i>Town Manager</i>
-------------------	---	---------------------

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate various sums in order to supplement operating budgets for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017;

Or act in relation thereto.

<b>ARTICLE 4:</b>	<b>Approve Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Transfers</b>	<i>Town Manager</i>
-------------------	--	---------------------

To see if the Town will vote to transfer various sums between and among various accounts for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017;

Or act in relation thereto.

<b>ARTICLE 5:</b>	<b>Appropriate to the Stabilization Fund</b>	<i>Town Manager</i>
-------------------	--	---------------------

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer a sum of money to be deposited into the Stabilization Fund, established under [Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B](#);

Or act in relation thereto.

<b>ARTICLE 6:</b>	<b>Appropriate for Perchlorate Expenses</b>	<i>Town Manager</i>
-------------------	---	---------------------

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$104,090 (ONE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND NINETY DOLLARS) for the purpose of providing funds to address associated issues regarding perchlorate contamination;

Or act in relation thereto.

**CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS - FISCAL YEAR 2017**

**ARTICLE 7: Approve Capital Appropriations** *Capital Planning Committee*

To see if the Town will appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof, the sum of \$6,231,667 (SIX MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN DOLLARS) to provide for the following capital requests and all costs incidental and related thereto:

<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>
Technology	\$34,000	Town computer replacement
Technology	\$300,000	School computer replacement
Technology	\$60,000	Server & storage replacements
Technology	\$25,000	Network upgrades
Technology	\$75,000	Town copiers and any other related costs
Public Buildings	\$60,000	Feasibility study for the town center replacement building at 51 Main Street
Public Safety Communications	\$36,000	Construction and equipment expenses for the combined police and fire dispatch center
Fire Department	\$13,880	Radios for Engine #4 and associated technology
Fire Department	\$615,000	Fire Truck (Engine #4 replacement)
Schools	\$55,000	Pumps, piping, valves for the Blanchard Middle School heating system
Schools	\$37,000	Emergency school to school communication network
Engineering	\$56,250	Pre-design engineering work for the Boston Road reconstruction project
Engineering	\$50,000	Appraisals for the Dunstable Road and Groton Road intersection improvement project
Engineering	\$200,000	Groton Road and Oak Hill Road right of way acquisitions and nonparticipating landscaping costs
Highway	\$45,000	Pickup truck
Highway	\$12,000	Equipment trailer
Highway	\$30,750	Salt brine maker and storage tank
Highway	\$365,402	Road repairs and maintenance
Highway	\$211,385	6-Wheel Plow Truck
Waste Water Management	\$500,000	Westford Academy waste water facility upgrade
Board of Health	\$30,000	Vehicle replacement
Recreation	\$100,000	Recreation feasibility study
Parks & Grounds	\$22,000	Tractor
Water Enterprise	\$3,200,000	Prospect Hill water tank replacement
Water Enterprise	\$18,750	Pre-design engineering work for the Boston Road reconstruction project
Water Enterprise	\$26,250	Utility truck bed replacement
Water Enterprise	\$32,000	Vehicle replacement
Ambulance Enterprise	\$21,000	Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machines and related accessories

Or act in relation thereto.

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS**

**ARTICLE 8: Approve Community Preservation Committee Recommendations** *Community Preservation Committee*

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2018 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of

money not exceeding 5% of the FY2017 estimated annual revenues to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2018; and further to reserve for future appropriation a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund for open space, historic resources, community housing purposes, and outdoor recreation, and further to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund or borrow pursuant to [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, Section 11](#), or any other enabling authority, a sum or sums of money for Community Preservation projects or purposes, including acquisition of interests in land, all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee;

Or act in relation thereto.

<b>ARTICLE 9:</b>	<b>Authorization of Debt for the Rehabilitation, Preservation, and Accessibility Improvements for the Roudenbush Building Located at 65 Main Street</b>	<i>Board of Selectmen &amp; Community Preservation Committee</i>
-------------------	---	--

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to pay costs of renovations and accessibility improvements to the Roudenbush Building, including any other costs incidental and related thereto; and as funding therefor to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrowing pursuant to [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7](#), and [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, Section 11](#), the Community Preservation Act, for historic preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration purposes, or pursuant to any other enabling authority,

Or act in relation thereto.

### FINANCIAL-FISCAL YEAR 2018

<b>ARTICLE 10:</b>	<b>Amend the General Bylaws to Accept the Provisions of Massachusetts General Laws. c.44, §53E1/2 to Establish Various Revolving Funds</b>	<i>Town Manager</i>
--------------------	--	---------------------

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new chapter 138.1, pursuant to the provisions of [Massachusetts General Laws c.44, §53E½](#) as most recently amended by of the Acts of 2016, establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows:

#### **Ch. 138 Revolving Funds**

138.1 There are hereby established in the Town of Westford pursuant to the provisions of [Massachusetts General Laws. c.44, §53E½](#), the following Revolving Funds:

Revolving Fund	Spending Authority	Revenue Source	Allowed Expenses
Lease of Town Buildings: 65 & 73 Main St & 170 Plain Rd	Board of Selectmen	Lease payment and other revenues from leased properties	Costs associated with maintenance, repairs and improvements to the leased properties
Recycling Revolving	Recycling Commission	Sale of bins	Purchase of recycling supplies
Recreation Field Maintenance	Recreation Commission	Field user fees/permits	Field maintenance, hiring of necessary personnel and consulting services
Senior Center Fitness Room	Council on Aging	Fees received for the Fitness Room	Fitness room maintenance supplies, equipment warranties, training, monitoring and purchase of replacement fitness equipment
Senior Center Programs	Council on Aging	Program fees	Costs associated for the operation of activities for Cameron to include supplies and wages
School Parking	School Department	Parking fees	Maintenance and expansion of parking facilities
School Bus/Transportation	School Department	User bus fees	Student transportation costs
East Boston Camps Maintenance	Conservation Commission	Revenue received for the lease, rental or licensing of camp facilities	Costs associated for the operation and maintenance of the East Boston

			Camps property located in the Stony Brook Conservation Land
Immunizations and Clinical Services	Board of Health	Fees received for immunizations and clinical services	Costs of supplies and technical services for immunization and clinical programs
Community Gardens	Agricultural Commission	Fees received for use of community gardens	Costs associated with maintenance, improvements, supplies and tools for the community gardens
Town Forest Management	Town Forest Committee	Revenue received from the sale of timber for the support and management of town forests	Costs associated with the management and maintenance of Town Forests

Expenditures from each revolving fund shall be subject to the annual limitation established by Town Meeting, and to any additional limitations as otherwise set forth in [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53E½](#).

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 11: Authorize Revolving Funds** *Town Manager*

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to [Massachusetts General Laws c.44, §53E ½](#) as most recently amended by Section 86 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, to establish limitations on expenditures from the revolving funds established by Chapter 138 of the General Bylaws, entitled, “Revolving Funds”, as follows:

Revolving Account	FY 2018 Expenditure Limit
Lease of Town Buildings: 65 & 73 Main St & 170 Plain Rd	\$150,000
Recycling Revolving	\$20,000
Recreation Field Maintenance	\$150,000
Senior Center Fitness Room	\$25,000
Senior Center Programs	\$50,000
School Parking	\$30,000
School Bus/Transportation	\$694,590
East Boston Camps Maintenance	\$60,000
Immunizations and Clinical Services	\$50,000
Community Gardens	\$10,000
Town Forest Management	\$25,000

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 12: Approve Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget** *Town Manager*

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof, for the operation and maintenance of Town Departments for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, and that such sums be expended for such purposes under the direction of the respective Town Officers, Boards and Committees;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 13: Request for Proposition 2 ½ Override for Westford Public School Operations (Placeholder)** *School Committee*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600,000, more or less, to supplement the amount appropriated for the operation of Westford Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2018, provided that such appropriation shall be contingent on the passage of a [Proposition 2 and ½ override](#) ballot vote; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 14: Appropriate Chapter 90 Local Transportation Funds for Roadway Maintenance** *Town Manager*

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the proceeds due to the Town under the provisions of [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90](#);

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 15: Appropriate Funds from Water Enterprise Other Post Employment Benefits Stabilization Fund** *Water Commissioners*

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Enterprise Fund to the [Other Post Employment Benefits](#) Stabilization Fund;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 16: Authorization for the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation authorizing the town of Westford to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption** *Citizens' Petition*

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation as follows; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and authorizing the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition,

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTFORD TO ESTABLISH A MEANS TESTED SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.

*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. With respect to each qualifying parcel of real property classified as Class 1, residential, in the town of Westford there shall be an exemption from the property tax equal to the total amount of tax that would otherwise be assessed without this exemption less the sum of: (i) 10 per cent of the total annual qualifying income for purposes of the state circuit breaker income tax credit; and (ii) the amount of the state circuit breaker credit the applicant was eligible to receive in the year before the application being filed. The percentage of total annual qualifying income may be raised by section 3. Property taxes shall not be reduced by more than 50 per cent by the exemption. The exemption shall be applied to the domicile of the taxpayer only. For the purposes of this act, a "parcel" shall be a unit of real property as defined by the board of assessors under the deed for the property and shall include a condominium unit.

SECTION 2. The board of assessors may deny an application for the exemption in section I if the board finds that the applicant has excessive assets that place the applicant outside of the intended recipients of the senior exemption created by this act. Real property shall qualify for the exemption under section I if the following criteria are met:

(i) the qualifying real property is owned and occupied by a person whose prior year's income would make the person eligible for the circuit breaker income tax credit under subsection (k) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws;

(ii) the qualifying real property is owned by a single applicant who is 65 years of age or older at the close of the previous year or owned jointly if 1 of the joint applicants is 65 years of age or older at the close of the previous year and the other joint applicant is 60 years of age or older;

(iii) the qualifying real property is owned and occupied by the applicant or joint applicants as their domicile;

(iv) the applicant or not less than 1 of the joint applicants has been domiciled in the town of Westford for not less than 10 consecutive years before filing an application for the exemption;

(v) the maximum assessed value of the domicile is not more than the town's median single-family residential assessed value of the prior fiscal year; and

(vi) The board of assessors has approved the application for the exemption.

SECTION 3. The exemption under section 1 shall be in addition to any other exemption allowable under the General Laws, except that there shall be a dollar cap on the total exemptions granted pursuant to this act equal to 0.5 per cent of the fiscal year's total residential property tax levy for the town of Westford, including the levy for the regional high school if not included in the town's tax levy at some subsequent date with the total exemption amount granted pursuant to this act allocated proportionally within the tax levy on all residential taxpayers. After the first year of the exemption, the total cap on the exemptions granted pursuant to this act shall be set annually by the select board within a range of 0.5 to 1 per cent of the residential property tax levy for the town. If benefits to the applicants may be limited because the percentage established annually by the select board would otherwise be exceeded, the benefits shall be allocated by raising the total annual qualifying income percentage as required in section 1 as necessary to not exceed the cap. If the cap exceeds the need for the exemption, the total cap on the exemptions granted pursuant to this act shall be reduced to meet the need.

SECTION 4. A person who seeks to qualify for the exemption under section 1 shall, before the deadline established by the board of assessors, file an application, on a form to be adopted by the board of assessors, with the supporting documentation of the applicant's income and assets as described in the application. The application shall be filed each year for which the applicant seeks the exemption.

SECTION 5. Acceptance of this act by the town of Westford shall be first by vote of approval at an annual town meeting, to be followed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voters at any regular or special election at which the question of acceptance is placed on the ballot. Sections 1 to 4, inclusive, and sections 7 and 8 shall take effect 30 days after an affirmative vote by the town.

SECTION 6. This act may be revoked by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voters at any regular or special town election at which the question of revocation is placed on the ballot. Revocation of sections 1 to 4, inclusive, and sections 7 and 8 shall take effect 30 days after an affirmative vote of the town to revoke those sections.

SECTION 7. An exemption shall not be granted under this act until the department of revenue certifies a residential tax rate for the applicable tax year where the total exemption amount is raised by a burden shift within the residential tax levy.

SECTION 8. This act shall expire after 3 years of implementation of the exemption.

<b>ARTICLE 17:</b>	<b>Accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5C1/2 Related to Property Tax Exemption Increase by 100% for the Blind, Elderly and Disabled Veterans (Placeholder)</b>	<i>Board of Assessors</i>
--------------------	--	---------------------------

To see if the Town will vote to accept [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5C 1/2](#), which provides for an additional real estate exemption for taxpayers who are granted personal exemptions on their domiciles under [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5](#), including certain blind persons, veterans, surviving spouses and seniors, and to provide that the additional exemption shall be up to 100 percent of the personal exemption, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2017;

Or act in relation thereto.

<b>ARTICLE 18:</b>	<b>Rescind Authorized and Unissued Debt</b>	<i>Town Manager</i>
--------------------	---	---------------------

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following amounts that have been authorized to be borrowed for the following purposes, pursuant to the votes and articles as listed below, which amounts have not been issued and are no longer needed;

<i>Unissued Amount</i>	<i>Date of Warrant Approval</i>	<i>Article Number</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
\$365,826	10/20/2008	7	Groton Road Route 40 Water Main
\$579,576	07/30/2009	1	Nutting & Stepinski Wells WPAT
\$175,000	03/26/2012	21	Water System Improvements Route 110
\$73,516	03/23/2013	16	School Boilers

Or act in relation thereto.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

<b>ARTICLE 19:</b>	<b>Authorization for the Board of Selectmen to Amend the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 10124, Page 169 ("APR 3") for Property located at 66-68 Boston Road, Westford</b>	<i>Citizens' Petition</i>
--------------------	---	---------------------------

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to amend the Agricultural Preservation Restriction recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 10124, Page 169 ("APR 3") and on file with the Town Clerk, in accordance with the agreement by and between the Town of Westford acting by and through its Board of Selectmen, a municipal corporation with a business address of 55 Main Street, Westford, Massachusetts and Westford Gateway, LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company with a business address of 31 Progress Ave, Tyngsborough, Massachusetts, as successor in title to Ebrahim Masalehdan, which agreement is dated January 12, 2016, and as most recently amended. The two proposed amendments are as follows:

1. Add the following new subparagraph (7) to Article III, Section A, to allow the property owner to make the following use of the subject property:

(7) The construction and operation of up to a 8,130 gross square foot building footprint farm to table restaurant with no more than 14,976 sq. ft of gross occupied floor area with related parking and utilities

(including storm water management features and a septic system), to be used for restaurant purposes, as shown on the conceptual plan attached hereto and on file with the Town Clerk, provided that said use is related to and in support of the agricultural uses of the two contiguous parcels, which are described in the deeds recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds at Book 2201, page 621 and Book 2421, Page 433. The exercise of the rights retained in this paragraph are expressly contingent upon the aforementioned contiguous parcels being actively engaged in agricultural use and said rights shall be forfeited if the use of said contiguous parcels is abandoned or changed. If the Grantor exercises the rights retained in this paragraph, there will be no change in use or transfer of any interest in the Premises without the express written approval of the Grantee.

2. Add the following to the end of subparagraph 2 of paragraph A of the Right of First Refusal attached to APR 3:

provided, however, that if the Grantor has exercised the rights retained in Article III(A)(7) of the Agricultural Preservation Restriction, as amended, and in the event that such written notice of a bone fide offer is provided to the Grantee within five (5) years of the issuance of a permanent Certificate of Occupancy by the Town of Westford for the use described in said Article III(A)(7) of the Agricultural Preservation Restriction, as amended, the Grantor shall offer to sell the Premises to the Grantee at the fair market value of the Premises as agricultural land, as determined by a Massachusetts Certified Real Estate Appraiser chosen by the Grantor and Grantee.

And further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions, enter into all agreements and execute on behalf of the Town any and all documents as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purposes of this Article;

Or act in relation thereto.

<b>ARTICLE 20: Authorization for the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for one (1) additional all alcohol on premises license to be exercised by Westford Gateway, LLC located at 66-68 Boston Road, Westford</b>	<i>Citizens' Petition</i>
--	---------------------------

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for one (1) additional all alcohol on premises license to be exercised by Westford Gateway, LLC located at 66-68 Boston Road, Westford, said license not to be transferred to any other location; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or take any action in relation thereto.

The petition for special legislation shall take the following form, or a form substantially similar thereto:  
AN ACT AUTHORIZED THE TOWN OF WESTFORD TO ISSUE ON ADDITIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE.  
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.** (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other general or special, rule or regulation to the contrary, the licensing authority of the town of Westford may grant one (1) additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed on premises under section 12 of said chapter 138 to Westford Gateway, LLC, or its successor or assign, to be exercised at and located at 66-68 Boston Road, Westford. A license granted under this section shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

(b) Once issued, the licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license issued under this section to any other location, but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the authority a letter from the department of revenue indicating that the license is in good standing with the department and that all applicable taxes have been paid.

(c) If the license granted under this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority, which may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location under the same conditions as specified in this section;

Or act in relation thereto.

<b>ARTICLE 21: Authorization for the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for one (1) additional all alcohol on premises license to be exercised by Yule Development Co., Inc. located at 22 Town Farm Road, Westford</b>	<i>Citizens' Petition</i>
---	---------------------------

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for one (1) additional all alcohol on premises license to be exercised by Yule Development Co., Inc or a related entity or its successor and/or assign, located at 22 Town Farm Road, Westford, said license not to be transferred to any



other location; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or take any action in relation thereto.

The petition for special legislation shall take the following form, or a form substantially similar thereto:  
AN ACT AUTHORIZED THE TOWN OF WESTFORD TO ISSUE ON ADDITIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE.  
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.** (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other general or special, rule or regulation to the contrary, the licensing authority of the town of Westford may grant one (1) additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed on premises under section 12 of said chapter 138 to Yule Development Co., Inc or a related entity, or its successor or assign, to be exercised at and located at 22 Town Farm Road, Westford. A license granted under this section shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

(b) Once issued, the licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license issued under this section to any other location, but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the authority a letter from the department of revenue indicating that the license is in good standing with the department and that all applicable taxes have been paid.

(c) If the license granted under this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority, which may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location under the same conditions as specified in this section;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 22: Authorization for the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for one (1) additional all alcohol on premises license to be exercised by Fox River, LLC located adjacent to 210 Littleton Road, Westford**

*Citizens' Petition*

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for one (1) additional all alcohol on premises license to be exercised by Fox River, LLC or a related entity or its successor and/or assign, located at 0 Littleton Road, Westford, said license not to be transferred to any other location; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or take any action in relation thereto.

The petition for special legislation shall take the following form, or a form substantially similar thereto:  
AN ACT AUTHORIZED THE TOWN OF WESTFORD TO ISSUE ON ADDITIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE.  
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.** (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other general or special, rule or regulation to the contrary, the licensing authority of the town of Westford may grant one (1) additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed on premises under section 12 of said chapter 138 to Fox River, LLC or a related entity, or its successor or assign, to be exercised at and located at 0 Littleton Road, Westford. A license granted under this section shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

(b) Once issued, the licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license issued under this section to any other location, but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the authority a letter from the department of revenue indicating that the license is in good standing with the department and that all applicable taxes have been paid.

(c) If the license granted under this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority, which may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location under the same conditions as specified in this section;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 23: Authorize Board of Selectmen to Accept Easements**

*Board of Selectmen*

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, during Fiscal Year 2017, to accept any and all easements for sidewalk, drainage, or other utility purposes, as they may deem in the Town's best interests;

Or act in relation thereto.



**ARTICLE 24: Authorize Board of Selectmen to Acquire Easements for the Groton Road and Oak Hill Road Intersection Improvement Project** *Board of Selectmen*

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine, permanent and/or temporary easements on the parcels of land shown on plans entitled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Route 40 (Groton Road ) and Oak Hill Road," revised through November 19, 2016, as said plans may be amended, said plans on file with the Town Clerk, for public way purposes, including, but not limited to, the construction, alteration, maintenance, improvement, repair and/or replacement of sidewalks, and for drainage, utility and slope work, traffic signal improvements, driveway reconstruction and grading, tree protection and landscaping; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisitions and other acts authorized herein, or take any other action relative thereto;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 25: Authorize Board of Selectmen to Acquire Easements for the Plain Road Sidewalk Project** *Board of Selectmen*

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine, permanent and/or temporary easements on the parcels of land shown on plans prepared by the Town of Westford Engineering Department, dated December 14, 2016, as said plans may be amended, said plans on file with the Town Clerk, for the Plain Road sidewalk project, for public way purposes, including, but not limited to, the construction, alteration, maintenance, improvement, repair and/or replacement of sidewalks; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisitions and other acts authorized herein, or take any other action relative thereto;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 26: Authorize Board of Selectmen to Acquire Easements for the Concord Road Sidewalk Project** *Board of Selectmen*

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine, permanent and/or temporary easements on the parcels of land shown on plans prepared by the Town of Westford Engineering Department, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_, as said plans may be amended, said plans on file with the Town Clerk, for the Concord Road sidewalk project, for public way purposes, including, but not limited to, the construction, alteration, maintenance, improvement, repair and/or replacement of sidewalks; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisitions and other acts authorized herein, or take any other action relative thereto;

Or act in relation thereto.

**CARE AND CUSTODY OF TOWN LAND**

**ARTICLE 27: Transfer Custody of Parcels on Acton Road, Tyngsboro Road and Cowdry Hill Road from the Tax Possession Sales Committee to the Conservation Commission** *Tax Possession Sales Committee*

To see if the Town will Vote to transfer the care, custody, control and management of the following parcels from the Tax Possession Sales Committee presently held for the purpose of tax title sale to the Conservation Commission for general conservation purposes:

<b>Parcel ID</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Street Address</b>
007 0055 0000	0.93	54 Acton Road
045 0002 0000	2.25	50 Tyngsboro Road
029 0086 0000	0.92	Cowdry Hill Road

Or act in relation thereto.

And you, Constable, are directed to serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy thereof at the Town Hall, Library and at each Post Office in said Town of Westford at least fourteen (14) days prior to the time of holding said meeting.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year of our Lord 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea Peraner-Sweet (Chair)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Hazelton (Vice-Chair)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Kost (Clerk)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly Ross

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donald Siriani

**A TRUE COPY  
ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Constable of Westford**

**DATE:**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE SERVED THE FOREGOING WARRANT BY POSTING A TRUE AND ATTESTED COPY THEREOF AT THE TOWN HALL, LIBRARY AND AT EACH POST OFFICE IN THE SAID TOWN OF WESTFORD AT LEAST FOURTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE TIME OF HOLDING SAID MEETING.**