



## Special Town Meeting Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Abbot School, 25 Depot Street, Westford

We urge you to attend the Special Town Meeting on Monday, October 16th. Two hundred registered voters are required for the meeting to commence. Those not registered to vote in Westford are welcome to attend as observers. The following is a summary of the 15 articles on the warrant to be voted on. The full text of the warrant is posted at the Town Hall, the Town Clerk's office, the Millennium School, the post offices, J.V. Fletcher Library and online at the Town's website, [www.westfordma.gov](http://www.westfordma.gov).  
**The Board of Selectmen:** Andrea Peraner-Sweet, Chair; Scott Hazelton, Vice-Chair; Mark Kost, Clerk; Elizabeth Almeida; G. Thomas Clay

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### Financial

**Article 1** seeks to appropriate from free cash \$6,141.62 to pay three unpaid bills related to net metering, \$3,500 for one unpaid bill related to the town's People GIS software, and \$925.23 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to pay one unpaid bill related to net metering.

**Article 2** seeks to:  
Supplement the following budgets:

- Zoning Board of Appeals by \$370.00 for meeting minutes
- Building Personal Services by \$21,413.00 to hire a full-time Assistant Building Inspector
- Veterans Personal Services by \$2,960 to provide the Veteran's Department with admin support

Reduce the following budget:

- Westford Public Schools by \$1,060,000 to spread the budgetary increase related to the approved override for teacher's salaries over three fiscal years

**Article 3** seeks authorization to transfer \$2,000 from (161) Town Clerk Personal Services to (122) Board of Selectmen Expenses to fund the 2018 Strategic Planning Retreat

**Article 4** seeks to appropriate \$97,865 from free cash to fund the following capital projects: replacement of Fire Prevention Officer's vehicle (\$44,450), purchase of radio repeater for Emergency Management Department (\$11,950), design and bid document preparation for Westford Academy track and perimeter fencing (\$19,375), and the replacement of a dump truck body for the Highway Department (\$22,000)

**Article 5** seeks authorization to amend the Pay Classification Plan for non-unionized municipal employees

**Article 6** seeks to amend General Bylaw Chapter 138.1 to update the Recycling Commission's revenue source and allowed expenses authorized under the Bylaw. The spending limit remains unchanged at \$20,000

**Article 7** seeks authorization to transfer the following available funds to reduce the net amount to be raised by taxes for Fiscal Year 2018: \$23,000.84 from fund balance designated

for debt exclusion reduction, \$200,000.00 from overlay surplus, and \$241,143.00 from free cash

**Article 8** seeks the Town to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5(41C) to increase the current exemption of \$1,000 to \$2,000 for qualified residents age 70 and older

**Article 9** seeks the Town to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 33, Section 59 related to military salary, seniority, and leave allowance for municipal employees

**Article 10** seeks to amend General Bylaw Chapter 124 to change the Title of the Chapter from "Public Consumption of Marijuana" to "Marijuana" and add Section 124.7 to read as follows: "Consistent with G.L. c.94G, § 3(a)(2), all types of non-medical "marijuana establishments" as defined in G.L. c.94G, § 1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other types of licensed marijuana-related businesses, shall be prohibited within the Town of Westford."

**Article 11** seeks to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw to reflect the prohibitions in Article 10

**Article 12** seeks to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw to place a temporary moratorium (prohibition) on recreational marijuana establishments until December 31, 2018 (if Article 10 and 11 fail)

**Article 13** seeks to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws to establish rules and regulations related to solar arrays larger than 20,000 square feet in size

**Article 14** seeks to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws to allow for multiple principal uses on a single lot (proposed to be limited to commercial and industrial zoning)

**Article 15** seeks authorization to transfer care, custody, and control of parcel 013 0038 0000, (.81 acres on Acton Rd.) from the Tax Possession Sale Committee to the Conservation Commission.



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Notification to voters of the **Special Town Meeting**  
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