

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HOPKINTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
NOVEMBER 13, 2023

(Voter Registration Deadline: November 3, 2023)

MIDDLESEX, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopkinton in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all inhabitants of the Town of Hopkinton qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs:

To bring in their ballots on November 28, 2023, to an adjourned session of the Special Town Meeting to be held at the Hopkinton Middle School Gymnasium, 88 Hayden Rowe, to vote "Yes" or "No" on the following question appearing on the ballot:

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of Hopkinton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to design, construct and furnish the new Hopkinton Elmwood Elementary, located on the Hayden Rowe site at 147 Hayden Rowe, for 1195 students in grades 2-4, inclusive of all building, mechanical systems along with associated site work improvements?

For this purpose, the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

AND, further, to meet at the Hopkinton Middle School at 88 Hayden Rowe, on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act upon the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: Elmwood Elementary School	<i>Sponsor:</i> Elementary School Building Committee 2
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To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Elementary School Building Committee to design, construct and furnish the new Hopkinton Elmwood Elementary, on the Hayden Rowe site, located at 147 Hayden Rowe, for 1195 students in grades 2-4, inclusive of all building, mechanical systems along with associated site work improvements, and which school facility

The Middle School is accessible. If accommodations/modifications are needed, please contact the Town Manager's office at 508-497-9701 or [complete this form](#) by November 10, 2023.

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shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) Forty-nine and seven hundredths percent (49.07%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: Eliminate Political Caucus, and Local Election Ballots with Printed Political Affiliation for Town Elected Officers	<i>Sponsor: Citizens Petition</i>
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To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to petition the General Court for passage of a special law substantially as provided below, to authorize the Legislature to make clerical or editorial changes in form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the Legislature, and to authorize the Select Board to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

An act relative to Town elections in the Town of Hopkinton

Section 1. Notwithstanding chapter 53 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, a primary or caucus for the nomination of town officers shall not be held in the Town of Hopkinton. Ballots used at a regular or special town election for the election of town officers shall not have printed thereon a party or political designation or mark, and there shall not be any political designation or mark appended to the name of a candidate for town office.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: Adopt the Municipal Opt-in Specialized Stretch Energy Code	<i>Sponsor: Sustainable Green Committee</i>
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To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Municipal Opt-in Specialized Stretch Energy Code, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, by accepting the provisions of 225 CMR 22, Appendix RC and 225 CMR 23, Appendix CC, with such acceptance to take effect July 1, 2024.

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Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: Municipal Parking Sponsor: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to:

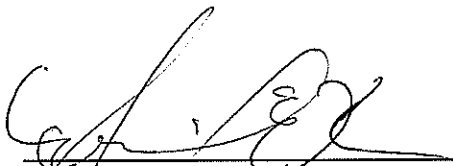
- (1) acquire by gift, purchase, lease, eminent domain or otherwise, an interest in 10 Walcott Street, 14 Main Street and 0 Main Street (Assessors Map parcels U16 143 0, U16 151 0, U16 153 4) for the purpose of providing municipal parking on such terms as the Select Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town;
- (2) raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of such acquisition; and
- (3) accept a gift of construction of the parking lot located at 6 Walcott Street (Assessors Map parcel U16 144 0) connected to the property located at 18 Main Street (Assessors Map parcel U16 149 0) for the purpose of providing municipal parking in the downtown area on such terms as the Select Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

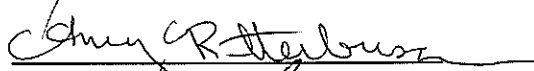
HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make the due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town of Hopkinton, at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 26th day of October, 2023.

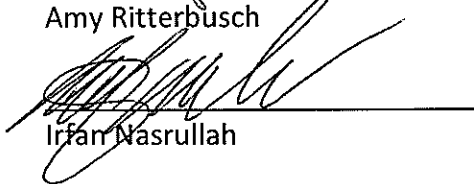
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Muriel Kramer, Chair



Amy Ritterbusch



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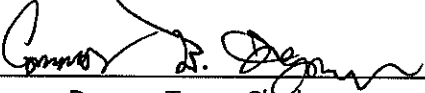
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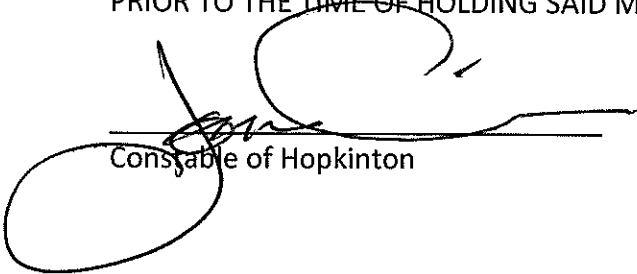
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ATTEST:


Connor Degan, Town Clerk

DATE: 10/27/2023

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE SERVED THE FOREGOING WARRANT BY POSTING A TRUE AND ATTESTED COPY THEREOF IN THE TOWN HALL, ALL THE POST OFFICES, THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, THE SENIOR CENTER, AND AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TIME OF HOLDING SAID MEETING.


Constable of Hopkinton

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