

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HARDWICK
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hardwick qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Hardwick Elementary School, 531 Lower Road, Gilbertville, on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at 1:00 PM then and there to act on the following articles:

<p>Note: Funds acquired through borrowing require a 2/3 vote. Note: Funds acquired through raise and appropriate (taxation) and transferring require a majority vote Note: Transfers in and out of Stabilization require a 2/3 vote. Note: Zoning Bylaws and Amendments require a 2/3 vote. Note: General Bylaws and Amendments require a majority vote.</p>
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Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all officers and committees as printed in the 2007 Annual Report, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury, borrow or any combination thereof a sum of money to pay the necessary town charges, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay principal and interest due on any note or notes against the Town.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Sale of Lots Fund and Burial Fees to the Cemetery Commission for the care, improvement and embellishment, or enlargement of town cemeteries, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Cemetery Commission

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise fund a sum of money to be used in conjunction with, and in addition to, any funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, and/or improvement of town roads, as requested by the Board of Selectmen, in their discretion, to be returned to the Treasury when reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Highway Surveyor

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to provide for a 5% grant match as required under the FY 2009 FEMA assistance to Firefighters Grant, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Fire Department

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following FY 09 Revolving Funds in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, section 53E1/2, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits respectively:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Expend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	Spending Limit	FY 2008 Balance Disposition	Notes
Electrical Inspector	Inspector, Asst. Inspector	Permit fees and inspections of Wire Inspector	Wages	\$5,000	\$	80% of fee paid to inspector. 20% retained by town
Recycling Commission	Recycling Commission Members	Fees collected for HHW items, bulky waste	Disposal of HHW items & bulky waste	\$8,000	\$	
Gas Inspector	Inspector, Asst. Inspector	Permit fees and inspections of Gas Inspector	Wages	\$2,500	\$	80% of fee paid to inspector. 20% retained by town
Plumbing Inspector	Inspector, Asst. Inspector	Permit fees and inspections of Plumbing Inspector	Wages	\$5,000	\$	80% of fee paid to inspector. 20% retained by town
Youth Commission	Youth Commission	User fees and charges collected by the Youth Commission relating to the conduct of its programs	To meet expenses of the Youth Commission	\$5,000	\$	
Parks & Recreation	Parks & Rec. Commission	User fees and charges collected by the Parks & Recreation Commission relating to the conduct of its programs	To meet expenses of the Parks & Recreation Commission	\$500	\$	
Council On Aging	Council On Aging	User fees and charges collected by the COA relating to the conduct of its programs	To meet expenses of the COA	\$5,000	\$	
Dog Officer	Dog Officer	Fees and fines	Wages	\$1,500	\$	
Building Department	Building Inspector	Fees	Wages			10% of fee paid to Bldg. Inspector. 90% retained by town

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from sewer revenues a sum of money to the Water Pollution Control Facilities Enterprise Fund for operation of the Gilbertville and Wheelwright Water Pollution Control Facilities, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise fund a sum of money for the operational cost of the Hardwick Center Water District, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Assessors to appoint one of its members to a full-time position under their supervision as allowed by MGL Chapter 268A, section 21A, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Assessors

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Assessors to appoint one of its members to a part-time position under their supervision as allowed by MGL Chapter 268A, section 21A, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Assessors

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from special assessments Title V Receipts Account (septic system loan program) to pay principal and interest due on notes payable to the Water Pollution Abatement Trust, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise fund a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Committee

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise fund a sum of money for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Committee

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote as allowed by MGL, C. 41, s.23 at a meeting held at least sixty days before the Annual Town Election to rescind the action taken at the Special Town Meeting of October 5, 1968 under Article #4, wherein the Town voted to have the Board of Selectmen act as Sewer Commissioners and further beginning at the Annual Town Election of 2009 for the Town to elect by ballot three such Gilbertville-Wheelwright Water Pollution Control Facilities Sewer Commissioners with one member elected initially for a term of one year, one member elected initially for a term of two years, one member elected initially for a term of three years and thereafter for terms of three years and upon their election and qualification shall have all the duties and obligations imposed upon them by law, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Citizen Petition

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for services provided by the V.F.W. Post #9093 and John J. Weir American Legion Post #246, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by deleting in full the language of the bylaw voted at the Special Town Meeting of May 9, 1987, under Article #8 "Article 9, Fire Protection and Regulations"- Fees for licenses, certificates and registration for storage and sale of volatile inflammable fluids and for permits for removal or relocation of underground gasoline tanks, Sections 1, 2, and 3, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Fire Department

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each of the Post Offices in said Hardwick, seven days at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof and fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 13th day of May 2008.

Eric Vollheim

Robert Roy

Richard Kmiec
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF HARDWICK

This is a true copy attest: _____ Date: _____
Constable

This day I have posted attested copies as directed.

Constable Date: _____

