

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Hardwick
Warrant for Special Town Meeting**

County of Worcester s.s.

To the Town Clerk and Constables, Town of Hardwick

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, Massachusetts on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at 7:00 P.M., 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 amend the K-12 Quabbin Assessment FY 2010 budget by appropriating \$16,230.77 in addition to the \$1,830,553.23 as voted under Article 2 of the recessed Annual Town Meeting of June 15, 2009, and further to determine if said appropriation shall be raised by taxation or transfer from available funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$17,671.23 from available funds in the treasury to fund the Educational Support Building Construction Assessment, 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 transfer a sum of money from available funds in the treasury to update the Town's ADA Plan to include a new self-evaluation of programs, services assessment of new properties, facilities, and/or improvements, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds in the treasury to conduct a detailed audit necessary to identify infrastructure renewal and energy savings opportunities at various town buildings, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to pay for the type-setting, printing and any other costs associated with the preparation of the new Zoning Bylaws proposed by the Planning Board, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Planning Board

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to amend the FY 10 budget Dog Officer Expense account as voted at the Annual Town Meeting, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 8. To see if the town will vote, pursuant to MGL, C.152, s.69 that "the terms laborers, workmen and mechanics, as used in sections sixty-eight to seventy-five, inclusive, shall also include such elected or appointed officers of the town, except the selectmen or members of the police or fire force as the selectmen may, from time to time, designate, as evidenced by a writing filed with the division.", or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or take from available funds a sum to be determined by the Town for the purpose of funding the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Hardwick and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., on behalf of police employees, or to take other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY 10 COA Salary budget (#01-541-5110-000) and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury any sum of money necessary to fund such amendment, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Council on Aging

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY 10 MART Director Salary budget (#01-540-5110-000) and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury any sum of money necessary to fund such amendment, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Council on Aging

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to reimburse the Council on Aging Gift Account (#522-541-5700-000) for a portion of the salary paid to the Council on Aging Coordinator in FY 09, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Council on Aging

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to provide for an increase in salaries and wages retroactive to July 1, 2009 to appointed Town Officials and employees, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to provide for an increase in salaries and wages retroactive to July 1, 2009 to elected Town Officials, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Sewer Enterprise Fund, a sum of money to provide for an increase in salaries and wages for the WPCF employees retroactive to July 1, 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Sewer Commissioners

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hardwick Center Water District Expense Account (#01-450-5700-000) to provide for costs associated with temporary borrowing for the Hardwick Center Water District Project and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury any sum of money necessary to fund such amendment, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Veterans Expense Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Veterans' Agent

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority given to the Town to borrow the sum of \$462,000 for the grant portion of the Wheelwright Sewer Project Grant as voted at the Annual Town Meeting of June 19, 2007 under Article #12, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Accountant

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority given to the Town to borrow the sum of \$107,077 for the grant portion of the Wheelwright Sewer Project as voted at the Special Town Meeting of March 3, 2008 under Article #1, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Accountant

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Sewer Enterprise Fund, a sum of money to cover additional expenses associated with the treatment of Landfill Leachate, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Sewer Commissioners

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Sewer Enterprise Fund, a sum of money to cover additional operating costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the new Wheelwright Wastewater Treatment Facility or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Sewer Commissioners

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote that the position of elected treasurer become an appointed position and to place the following question on the next local election ballot to be held on April 12, 2010:

"SHALL THE TOWN VOTE TO HAVE ITS ELECTED TREASURER BECOME AN APPOINTED TREASURER OF THE TOWN?"

YES _____ NO _____

If a majority of votes cast in answer to said question is in the affirmative, the Office of Treasurer shall become appointed in accordance with the provisions of MGL, C.41, s.1B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Election and Registration Labor Account (#01-162-5110-011) and the Election and Registration Expense Account (#01-162-5410-020) to pay for the Special State Primary Election to be held on December 8, 2009 and Special State Election to be held on January 19, 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Town Clerk

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each of the Post Offices in said Hardwick, fourteen 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 October 2009.

Eric Vollheim

Richard V. Kmiec

Robert M. Roy

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

This day I have posted attested copies as directed.

Date: _____

Constable