

**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 on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Note: Funds acquired through borrowing require a 2/3 vote.
Note: Funds acquired through raise and appropriate (taxation) and transferring of funds require a majority vote
Note: Zoning Bylaws and Amendments require a 2/3 vote.
Note: General Bylaws and Amendments require a majority vote.
Note: Funds transferred from to and from the Stabilization Account require a 2/3 vote.

Article 1. 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 amend the FY 08 Budget (Article 2.) as voted at the Annual Town Meeting on June 16, 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to amend the FY 08 Recycling Commission Budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to pay the following unpaid bills for accounts in the fiscal year 2007:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Niman Paper Supply	Municipal Bldg. Acct.	\$331.87
Turley Publications	Selectmen's Expense	\$ 45.90
TOTAL:		\$377.77

or take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 4. 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, 2007 to appointed Town Officials and employees, or take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 5. 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, 2007 to elected Town Officials, 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 Sewer Enterprise Fund, a sum of money to provide for an increase in salaries and wages for the WPCF Superintendent and Operator retroactive to July 1, 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to the Insurance Account (#01-946-5700-000) to pay insurance related costs for the WPCF for FY 08, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: WPCF Superintendent

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote transfer a sum of money in the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Fund for costs associated with the USDA loan for the Wheelwright WPCF Upgrades and Improvements Project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: WPCF Superintendent

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken at the June 16, 2007 Annual Town Meeting wherein the Town voted to establish the Board of Health Revolving Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Health

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds in the treasury to the Board of Health Agent Salary (#01-510-5125-000), or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Health

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds in the treasury to the Sr. Center Engineering Account for engineering costs related to removal of the underground storage tank and asbestos abatement at the Senior Center, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a used dump truck for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Highway Department

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, §4A to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Wheelwright Water District to provide for the operation and maintenance of the Hardwick Water/Fire Storage Tank located at 2011 Barre Road, Wheelwright. The term of this agreement shall be for three years, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the operation and maintenance of the Hardwick Water/Fire Storage Tank, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to express its approval or disapproval of the amount of debt authorized by the Quabbin Regional School Committee on September 6, 2007 by their vote to incur debt for the purpose of financing technology infrastructure improvements and hardware by the issuance and sale of bonds or notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,538,000, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract in excess of three years for water supply to the Village of Hardwick upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate and to apply for and accept any grants and obtain any necessary approvals therefore and further to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money therefore, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, in addition to the \$550,000 appropriated under Article 17 of the June 16, 2007 Annual Town Meeting and wherein the town authorized the borrowing of \$365,000 for upgrades to the Hardwick Center Water System, consisting of the installation of a new control building with storage tanks and original equipment, well casting modifications, interconnecting piping and electric service between the new building and existing well, and related paving, other site improvements, and engineering costs, to determine whether this additional appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for tree removal, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Tree Warden

Article 19. 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 install a video security system for the Municipal Building, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Police Department

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws in the following manner, by adding:

Town Collector

The Collector of Taxes shall collect under the title of Town Collector all accounts due to the Town and committed by the appropriate departments as allowed by MGL C 41, s. 38A. The Town Collector shall have the authority to use all legal means available to collect charges, payments and delinquent payments when due. This bylaw shall take effect on July 1, 2008, for FY 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following FY 08 Revolving Fund 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 Spending	Spending Limit	FY 08 Balance
Bldg. Inspector	Bldg. Inspector	Fees	Wages	\$10,000	

Note: 10% of fees to be paid to the Bldg. Inspector

or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

And you are 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 15th day of October 2006.

Eric Vollheim

Robert M. Roy

Deana L. Talbot
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF HARDWICK

This is a true copy attest: _____ Date: _____

Constable

This day I have posted attested copies as directed.

Date: _____

Constable