

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Hardwick
Warrant for Special Town Meeting

County of Worcester, ss.

To the Town Clerk and Constables, Town of Hardwick

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 Myron E Richardson Building, 307 Main Street Gilbertville, on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to: (a) authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain and on such terms as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, the fee to and/or permanent and temporary easements in, on, under and over certain parcels of land for the Creamery Road bridge project over Ware Brook, as approximately shown on plans entitled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Creamery Road/Unitas Road (Bridge No. H-08-003=N-07-002) in the Towns of Hardwick/New Braintree Worcester County," dated December 1, 2021, prepared by BL Companies, on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended from time to time and/or incorporated into an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels, including without limitation, for the construction, installation, inspection, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of a bridge, rights of way, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, driveways, retaining walls, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, wetlands replication, and other structures and/or appurtenances, to enable the Town to undertake the Creamery Road over Ware Brook project, and for any and all purposes and uses incidental or related thereto; (b) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the foregoing project and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land/easement acquisitions, appraisals, and surveys; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way a portion of the roadway known as Creamery Road as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Creamery Road Layout and Easements Creamery road Over Ware River," dated October 19, 2023, prepared by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., and on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or easements in a portion of Creamery Road for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hardwick and any drainage, access, utility and/or other easements related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury, the sum of \$43,552.00, which is 65% of the total amount of \$67,002.00, (the other 35% has been acquired through the Community Facilities Program through USDA), for a police vehicle; or take any other action relative thereto.

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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 do 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 26th day of February, 2024.

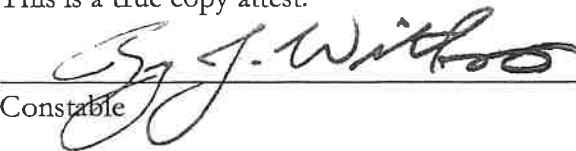

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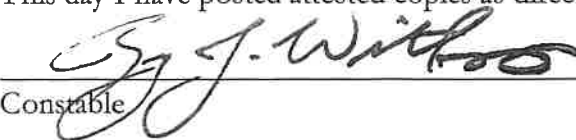
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF HARDWICK**

H. Robert Ruggles

This is a true copy attest:

 Date: 29 February 2024
Constable

This day I have posted attested copies as directed.

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Constable