

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF HARDWICK  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
March 21, 2024  
MYRON E. RICHARDSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Ryan J. Witkos, Moderator called the Special Town Meeting of March 21, 2024 to order at 6:00 p.m. at 307 Main Street, in the village of Gilbertville.

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:

***The Moderator read the call of the warrant and announced it had been duly posted and returned. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Meeting.***

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.

**Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously for the Town to adopt the article as printed in the Warrant. FCA**

**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.

**Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously for the Town to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$43,552.00 for the intentions of the article. FCA**

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Eric W. Vollheim  
Kelly Kemp

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF HARDWICK**

**Motion made, seconded, and voted unanimously to dissolve the Meeting at 6:03 p.m.**

This is a true copy attest:

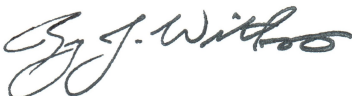
Ryan J. Witkos, Constable. Date: 29 February 2024

This day I have posted attested copies as directed. Ryan J. Witkos, Constable. Date: 29 February 2024

15 Voters in attendance.

No quorum required by town by-law.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan J. Witkos, CMMC  
HARDWICK TOWN CLERK