

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Officer's Return, Town of Reading:

By virtue of this Warrant, I Laura Gemme, on October 11, 2023 notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at the place and at the time specified by posting attested copies of this Subsequent Town Meeting Warrant in the following public places within the Town of Reading:

- Precinct 1 J. Warren Killam School, 333 Charles Street
- Precinct 2 Reading Police Station, 15 Union Street
- Precinct 3 Reading Municipal Light Department, 230 Ash Street
- Precinct 4 Joshua Eaton School, 365 Summer Avenue
- Precinct 5 Reading Public Library, 64 Middlesex Avenue
- Precinct 6 Barrows School, 16 Edgemont Avenue
- Precinct 7 Birch Meadow School, 27 Arthur B Lord Drive
- Precinct 8 Wood End School, 85 Sunset Rock Lane
- Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street

The date of posting being not less than fourteen (14) days prior to Monday, November 13, 2023, the date set for Town Meeting in this Warrant.



~~Constable~~ Town Clerk

A true copy Attest:



Laura Gemme, Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in the Local Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Reading Memorial High School Performing Arts Center, 62 Oakland Road, in said Reading, on Monday, November 13, 2023 at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members in accordance with the provisions of the Reading Home Rule Charter.

ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Select Board, School Committee, Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Finance Committee, Bylaw Committee, Town Manager, Town Accountant and any other Town Official, Board or Committee.

Select Board

ARTICLE 2 To choose all other necessary Town Officers and Boards or Committees and determine what instructions shall be given to Town Officers and Boards or Committees, and to see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate by borrowing or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the purpose of funding Town Officers and Boards or Committees to carry out the instructions given to them, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY 2024-34 Capital Improvements Program as provided for in Section 7-7 of the Reading Home Rule Charter and as previously amended, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2023, as adopted under Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 24, 2023; and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to be added to the amounts appropriated under said Article, as amended, for the operation of the Town and its government, or take any other action with respect thereto.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay bills remaining unpaid from prior fiscal years for goods and services actually rendered to the Town, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to:

(1) Raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay the costs of infrastructure improvements to the Birch Meadow Complex (the "Project"), including but not limited to, the reconstruction of a municipal parking lot, the improvement of basketball courts, the reconstruction of a children's playground, and the resurfacing of tennis courts, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related to thereto;

(2) Pursuant to G.L. c.40, §15A, transfer the care, custody and control of Assessor Parcel 27-0-342, including any sports facilities thereon located on Bancroft Avenue in the Town of Reading, from the Town of Reading School Department to the Select Board.

(3) Dedicate the portions of Assessors Parcels 27-0-343, 27-0-342, and 33-0-57 shown as "PROPOSED PARC AREA" on a plan entitled "Parkland Acquisition and Renovation for Communities (PARC) Plan Reading Memorial High School Birch Meadow Drive, Reading, Mass.," dated July 7, 2023, and on file with the Town Clerk, to park and recreation purposes under G.L. c. 45, §3, the premises being approximately 4.8 acres of land, including any sports facilities thereon located;

(4) Authorize the Town Manager to apply for any and all grants to fund the Project, including the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and to take such other actions as necessary to carry the terms, purposes and conditions of any such grants;

or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will take the following actions:

(1) Pursuant to G. L. c. 44, § 53E½, adopt a new revolving fund called the Solid Waste Revolving Fund, effective the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, by inserting a new Section 6.5.8 into the General Bylaws as follows:

6.5.8 Solid Waste Revolving Fund

Funds held in the Solid Waste Revolving Fund shall be used to offset the cost of curbside trash and recycling collection, disposal of solid waste, replacement totes, and any other costs associated with the administration of the trash and recycling program that arise due to the sale of second totes and overflow bags, and shall be expended by the Director of Public Works, upon the recommendation of the Town Manager. Receipts credited to this fund shall include the sale of second totes and overflow bags for the disposal of solid waste.

(2) Raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay the costs of acquisition, management, and distribution of rubbish and recycling barrels for residences currently on the municipal rubbish program, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related to thereto;

or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay the costs of acquiring a fire department rear-mount aerial ladder truck and associated apparatus, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related to thereto; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay the costs to build a municipal parking lot on 0 Grove Street, Assessors Parcel 043-0-136, commonly referred to as Lot 5, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related to thereto; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay the costs of roadway and sidewalk improvements, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related to thereto; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 19K of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, which authorizes additional compensation for a Town Clerk who has been awarded a certificate by the Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association as a certified Massachusetts municipal clerk, an amount equal to 10 per cent of such regular annual compensation, but not more than \$1,000 per year; to qualify for such additional compensation, a Town Clerk shall submit to the Select Board proof of the award of the certificate; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

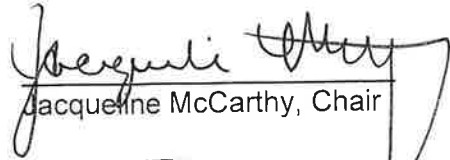
ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Reading Ice Arena Funds Account 4715 a sum or sums of money not to exceed \$200,000 to pay to build eight (8) temporary, outdoor pickleball courts on the land adjacent to the Burbank Ice Arena off Symonds way, subject to successful negotiations of lease with the Burbank Ice Arena Authority and obtaining any required permits, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Citizens Petition

and you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least one (1) public place in each precinct of the Town not less than fourteen (14) days prior to November 13, 2023, or providing in a manner such as electronic submission, holding for pickup or mailing, an attested copy of said Warrant to each Town Meeting Member.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting.


Given under our hands this 26th day of September, 2023.


Jacqueline McCarthy, Chair


Mark L. Dockser, Vice Chair


Karen Gately Herrick, Secretary


Carlo Bacci


Chris Haley

SELECT BOARD OF READING


Laura Gemme, ~~Constable~~ Town Clerk