

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

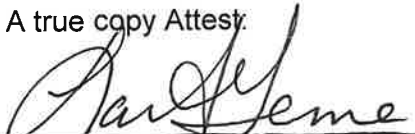
By virtue of this Warrant, I Laura A Gemme, on March 14, 2025 notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at the place and at the time specified by posting attested copies of this Town Meeting Warrant, in the following public places within the 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 April 8, 2025, the date set for Town Meeting in this Warrant.

  
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~~Constable~~ Town Clerk

A true copy Attest:

  
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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 in the following place designated for the eight precincts in said Town, namely:

**Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8**  
**Reading Memorial High School, Hawkes Field House, Oakland Road**

TUESDAY, the EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL, A.D., 2025  
from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to act on the following Articles, viz:

**ARTICLE 1** To elect by ballot the following Town Officers:

A Moderator for one year;  
Two members of the Board of Selectmen for three years;  
Two members of the Board of Library Trustees for three years;  
Two members of the Municipal Light Board for three years;  
Two members of the School Committee for three years;

Sixty-five Town Meeting Members shall be elected to represent each of the following precincts:

Precinct 1 Eight members for three years;  
Precinct 2 Eight members for three years;  
Precinct 3 Eight members for three years;  
Precinct 3 One member for one year;  
Precinct 4 Eight members for three years;  
Precinct 5 Eight members for three years;  
Precinct 6 Eight members for three years;  
Precinct 7 Eight members for three years; and  
Precinct 8 Eight members for three years

and to meet at the Reading Memorial High School, 62 Oakland Road, in said Reading on

MONDAY, the TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY of APRIL A.D., 2025

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.

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**ARTICLE 2** 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

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**ARTICLE 3** 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

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**ARTICLE 4** To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY 2025-35 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

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**ARTICLE 5** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2024, as adopted under Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 25, 2024 and amended under Article 4 of the Subsequent Town Meeting of November 12, 2024; 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.

Finance Committee

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**ARTICLE 6** 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

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**ARTICLE 7** 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 for the purpose of funding the irrevocable trust for "Other Post-Employment Benefits Liabilities", or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 8** To see if the Town will vote to (1) establish the limit on the total amount that may be expended from each revolving fund established by Article 6 of the Town of Reading General Bylaw pursuant to Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025; (2) amend Section 6.5.2 of the General Bylaw, establishing the Inspection Revolving Fund, as shown below, with the deletions being struck through and additions being in bold;

6.5.2 Inspection Revolving Fund

Funds held in the Inspection Revolving Fund shall be used for legal costs, oversight and inspection, plan review, property appraisals and appeals, public services general management, pedestrian safety improvements, records archiving, and other costs related to building, plumbing, wiring, gas, and other permits required for large construction projects and shall be expended by the Town Manager. Receipts credited to this fund shall include building, plumbing, wiring, gas and other permit fees for Johnson Woods, Eaton Lakeview (23-25 Lakeview Avenue and 128 Eaton Street), 258 Main Street, 6-16 Chute Street (Green Tomato), ~~25 Haven Street (Rite Aid)~~, ~~413 Main Street (McDonald's)~~, ~~431 Main Street (Chase Bank)~~, **346-348 Main Street**, and 459 Main Street (128 Tire) developments.

And (3) establish a new Elder and Human Services Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, effective July 1, 2025, by taking the following actions:

(a) adding a new Section 6.5.8 to the General Bylaws to read as follows:

6.5.8 Elder and Human Services Revolving Fund

Funds held in the Elder and Human Services Revolving Fund shall be used for Elder and Human Services programming, including the acquisition of materials and equipment for such programming, and shall be expended by the Elder and Human Services Administrator. Receipts credited to this fund shall include user and rental fees from the Elder and Human Services programming.

and

(b) establishing the limit on the total amount that may be expended from the new Elder and Human Services Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

Or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 9** To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. c. 59, § 5, clause 22I, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted to certain veterans under G.L. c. 59, § 5, clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E, and 22F by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025; or to take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 10** To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. c. 59, § 5, clause 22J, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under G.L. c. 59, § 5, clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E, and 22F by 100% of the personal exemption amount, subject to the conditions in Clause 22J, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025; or to take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 11** 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 for the operation of the Town and its government for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning July 1, 2025, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Finance Committee

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**ARTICLE 12** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, for general municipal purposes, a portion of 170 Ash Street, Reading (Assessor's Parcel Map 17, Lot 85), totaling approximately 261 square feet, and shown as "PARCEL A" on a plan entitled "Approval Not Required Plan of Land, McDonald's USA, LLC, 413 Main Street, Lot 64 & 85, Map 17, Town of Reading, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts," by Control Point Associates, Inc, which plan is available at the Town Clerk's office, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems proper, or take any other action related thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 13** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay the costs of infrastructure improvements to the High Street and Haven Street Infrastructure Project, including replacement of roadway, sidewalks, and related improvements, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager; and, for the purpose of meeting such appropriation, authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to allocate said sum in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 14** 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 designing and constructing new pickleball courts at 0 E. of Haverhill Street (Assessor's Parcel Map 35, Lot 133) otherwise known as the Zanni Parcel located off Symonds Way, including replacement of roadway, sidewalks, and related parking and pedestrian improvements on the abutting parcel on which the Burbank Ice Area is currently located (Assessors' Parcel Map 41, Lot 56), and further, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager; and, for the purpose of meeting such appropriation, authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 15** 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 lead mitigation improvements to the Town's water system, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 16** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10.1 of the Zoning Bylaw, the Floodplain Overlay District, including updates to incorporate revised FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) in Section 10.1.2 of the Zoning Bylaw, to comply with FEMA's Standards and Regulations, including permit requirements and related definitions, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Community Planning and Development Commission

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**ARTICLE 17** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 15A to transfer a drainage easement located across a certain parcel of land identified on the Town of Reading Assessor's Maps as Parcel 0.38.0-0000-0139.0, also known as Parcel B on a plan entitled "Compiled Plan of Land, Parcel "B" Reading, Massachusetts," drawn by Dana F. Perkins, Inc., Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors, dated September 23, 1999 and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 1071 of 1999 in Book 30698, Page 578, to the Select Board for general municipal purposes, and to authorize the Select Board to partially release, relocate, or amend a Town-owned said drainage easement in a manner acceptable to the Town and in a form acceptable to Town Counsel, and to take such other and further actions or execute such other and further documents as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 18** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Section 2-6 of the Reading Home Rule Charter, to declare the seats of certain Town Meeting Members to be vacant and remove certain described persons from their position as Town Meeting Members for failure to take the oath of office within 30 days following the notice of election or for failure to attend one-half or more of the Town Meeting sessions during the previous year, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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 April 28, 2025, 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.

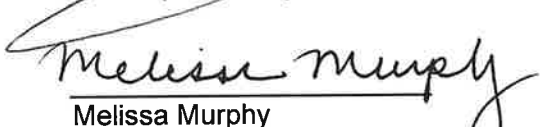
Given under our hands this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

  
Carlo Bacci

  
Mark L. Dockser

  
Karen Gately Herrick

  
Christopher Haley

  
Melissa Murphy

SELECT BOARD OF READING

  
Town Clerk ~~Constable~~