

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF MONTAGUE  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
March 14, 2024**



Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Montague in the County of Franklin:

**GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Turners Falls High School Theater, 222 Turnpike Road, Montague on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. and to act on the following articles and any motions which may be presented.

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Classification Plan to add the position of DPW Truck Driver Laborer in Training at Grade B, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 6 at the May 6, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, Schedule II Appointed Officials, by adding the position of Cemetery Sexton, with a rate per burial of \$100, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Cemetery Commission Request)

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 6 at the May 6, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, Schedule II Appointed Officials, by increasing the pay range for Part Time Police Officers from \$25-\$28 per hour to \$29-\$35 per hour, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Police Department Request)

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to revoke its acceptance of the provisions of the former Section 48 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, voted under Article 16 of the Warrant for the 1932 Annual Town Meeting, and any amendments thereto insofar as such chapter and section relate to the Civil Service status of regular or permanent members of the Police Department of the Town of Montague, so that the permanent members of the Police Department shall no longer be subject to the provisions of

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Chapter 31 and the rules and regulations relating thereto, except that such revocation shall not affect any civil service rights, which have come into existence between the Town and employees of the Police Department as a result of the Town's original acceptance of the statute, or pass any vote or votes in relations thereto.

(Police Department Request)

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,974, or any other amount, for the purpose of providing retroactive out-of-grade compensation owed to a union employee within the Treasurer/Tax Collector's Office for the prior year, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Treasurer/Tax Collector Request)

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$300, or any other amount, for the purpose of making a prior year's longevity payment to a union employee in the Library Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Library Director Request)

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 7 at the May 6, 2023 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the Fiscal Year 2024 Building Inspector Budget, Line 241 by \$8,481 from \$148,621 to \$157,102, or any other amount, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide said sum, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding said increase, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Building Inspector Request)

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 7 at the May 6, 2023 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the Fiscal Year 2024 Selectboard budget, Line 122 by \$23,000 from \$329,781 to \$352,781, or any other amount, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide said sum, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding said increase, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$152,261, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the operations of the Airport, including the payment of wages and benefits for airport employees, maintenance of property and equipment, the purchase of supplies, debt service, and anything incidental or related thereto, with said amount to be used to fund the expected Fiscal Year 2024 revenue shortfall in the Airport Enterprise Fund, and to adjust any or all airport enterprise fund budget line items, as voted pursuant to Article 9 of the May 6, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Airport Commission Request)

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$152,315, or any other amount, for the purpose of replacing all failed pavement, utility connections, parking lots, and loading docks on the Pioneer Aviation property, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Airport Commission Request)

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$125,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding a Wastewater Asset Vulnerability Inventory, including all related or incidental costs, with the expectation that approximately sixty percent of the cost of the project (\$75,000) will be reimbursed by a State grant; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Sewer Commission Request)

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$90,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a skid steer, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Department of Public Works Request)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$222,880, or any other amount, for the purpose of

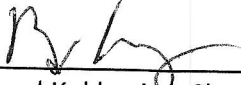
replacing a culvert on South Ferry Road, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Department of Public Works Request)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023, to rescind the vote taken under Article #16 of the October 13, 2022 Special Town Meeting, which established an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund and dedicated all opioid settlement revenues to this fund, such funds henceforth to be placed in a special revenue fund to be expended without further appropriation for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid settlement documents, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

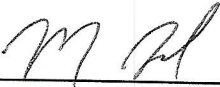
Given under our hands this 26th day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



Richard Kuklewicz, Chairman  
Selectboard, Town of Montague



Christopher M. Boutwell, Sr.



Matthew Lord

Franklin, ss Montague, MA February 27, 2024

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least fourteen days before said meeting as within directed.



Constable of Montague

