

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
October 28, 2026



Franklin, ss.

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

GREETINGS:

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 Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 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 raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,643.02, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying prior year unpaid bills of the Police Department and Shared Services, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Town Accountant Request)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$38,550.27, or any amount, for the purpose of funding the Airport FY26 operating deficit, or pass any votes in relation thereto.

(Town Accountant Request)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$15,000, or any other amount, , for the purpose of funding the operations of the Airport in Fiscal Year 2027, 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 \$10,000 to be used to fund the anticipated Fiscal Year 2027 revenue shortfall in the Airport Enterprise Fund and \$5,000 to increase Airport Overtime, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Town Accountant Request)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$61,502.31, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding structural grant deficits, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Town Accountant 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 \$12,032, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing goods and services related to the maintenance of the cemeteries and providing funds for the FY27 Cemetery Sexton stipend, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Cemetery Commission Request)

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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 the sum of \$16,300, or any other amount, for the following departmental projects and purchases, including any and all incidental and related costs, to be allocated as set forth below, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

- A. \$5,600 for the purchase of a walk-behind automatic floor scrubber
- B. \$7,700 for the purchase of a baseball/softball infield grooming machine
- C. \$3,000 for repainting the surface of Unity Park Playground

(Police/Parks and Recreation Request)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for a feasibility study and schematic design for necessary improvements at the Sheffield Elementary School, located at 43 Crocker Avenue, and the Hillcrest Elementary School, located at 30 Griswold Street, for which feasibility study the Town and or the Gill-Montague School District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Sheffield and Hillcrest Elementary School Building Committee Request)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5K, authorizing the Selectboard to establish a program whereby persons over the age of sixty may volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in their real property tax obligations, beginning in Fiscal Year 2028, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Selectboard Request)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of Town-owned property, being the former Central Street School, located at 34 Central Street in Turners Falls, from the board or officer having custody thereof for the purposes for which said property is currently held to the Selectboard for general municipal purposes and for the purposes of the lease thereof for a term not to exceed thirty (30) years, for educational, child development, community service, or other related purposes determined by the Selectboard to serve the public interest, and on such other terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Selectboard deems to be in the best interests of the Town, and to enter into and execute any documents and agreements and take any other actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this vote; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

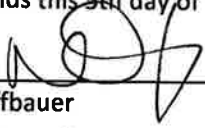
(Selectboard Request)

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And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in some conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, Website, and Town Hall of the Town, at least fourteen days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this document with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk fourteen days before said meeting.

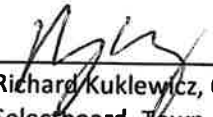
Given under our hands this 5th day of October in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



Nathaniel Card Schiffbauer



Marina Goldman



Richard Kuklewicz, Chairman
Selectboard, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA October 7, 2026

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 seven days before said meeting as within directed.



Constable of Montague