

**TOWN OF HADLEY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

To the Constable of the Town of Hadley in the County of Hampshire:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at Hopkins Academy, located at 131 Russell Street, Hadley, MA 01035 on Thursday, the 27th day of October 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1 – Omnibus Budget – General Fund

To see if the Town will vote to amend the following line items from the Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund Budget by amending the vote on Article 7 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 5, 2022, as follows:

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO	INCREASE
122. Select Board-Salaries	\$154,647	\$172,250	\$17,603
145. Treasurer-Salaries	\$94,503	\$101,565	\$7,062
146. Collector-Salaries	\$119,540	\$122,103	\$2,563
152. Human Resources-Salaries	\$137,883	\$144,445	\$6,562
190. Town Buildings-Property Insurance	\$165,000	\$167,000	\$2,000
210. Police-Salaries	\$1,301,630	\$1,417,057	\$115,427
210. Police-Expenses	\$216,059	\$222,049	\$5,990
222. Communication Center-Salaries	\$370,416	\$404,162	\$33,746
422. Highway-Salaries	\$485,756	\$507,331	\$21,575
945. Benefits-Accident Insurance	\$56,000	\$63,000	\$7,000
TOTAL General Fund Budget Increases			\$219,528
TOTAL FY23 General Fund Budget	\$19,421,603	\$19,641,131	\$219,528

And to meet the FY 2023 budget amendment as follows: **\$19,641,131** be appropriated as recommended in Article 1 of the warrant of this Special Town Meeting and as funding therefor, raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the estimated amounts in Table A.1 as presented at the October 27, 2022, Special Town Meeting and shown below and incorporated by reference herein.

Table A.1 General Fund Revenues & Funding:		
	FY 2022 Revenue	FY 2023 Revenue
Raise and Appropriate	\$ 16,732,513	\$ 18,329,737
Interfund Enterprise Receipts	\$ 466,607	\$ 433,923
Subtotal General Fund Revenue:	\$ 17,199,120	\$ 18,763,660
MSBA Debt Fund Reserve	\$ 2,444	\$ 2,444
November 2014 Premium Balance	\$ 928	\$ 928
Certified Free Cash	\$ 463,458	\$ 474,099
ARPA Revenue Replacement Funds	\$ 579,197	\$ 400,000
Stablization Funds	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal Other Available Funds:	\$ 1,046,027	\$ 877,471
TOTAL Revenue & Available Funds	\$ 18,245,147	\$ 19,641,131

ARTICLE 2 – Budget – Sewer, Water and Hadley Media Enterprise Funds

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2023 Sewer, Water and Hadley Media Enterprise Fund budgets by amending the vote on Article 8 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 5, 2022, as follows:

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO	INCREASE
440. Sewer-salaries	\$336,292	\$344,020	\$7,728
450. Water-salaries	\$428,382	\$434,516	\$6,134
-other expenses	\$442,100	\$464,600	\$22,500
599. Hadley Media-salaries	\$64,115	\$67,375	\$3,260
TOTAL Enterprise Budget Increases			\$39,622
TOTAL Enterprise Fund Budgets	\$2,482,697	\$2,522,319	\$39,622

And to meet the FY2023 budget amendment as follows: **\$2,522,319** be appropriated as recommended in Article 2 of the warrant of this Special Town Meeting and as funding therefor, raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the estimated amounts in Table B.1 as presented at the October 27, 2022, Special Town Meeting and shown below and incorporated by reference herein.

Table B.1 Enterprise Fund Revenues & Available Funds:		
User Fees & Other Dept Revenues:	FY 2022 Revenue	FY 2023 Revenue
Wastewater	\$ 1,052,591	\$ 1,052,591
Water	\$ 1,285,460	\$ 1,285,460
Hadley Media	\$ 73,517	\$ 73,517
Subtotal Enterprise Fund Revenues	\$ 2,411,568	\$ 2,411,568
Other Available Funds		
Wastewater Reserves	\$ 97,609	\$ 17,793
Water Reserves	\$ 110,066	\$ 65,694
Hadley Media Reserves	\$ 6,170	\$ 27,264
Subtotal Other Available Funds	\$ 213,845	\$ 110,751
TOTAL Revenue & Available Funds	\$ 2,625,413	\$ 2,522,319

ARTICLE 3 – Clean up Prior Capital Balances

3.1 To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following balances from prior town meeting articles:

Meeting	Description	Account Number	Balance	Transfer to:
STM 14 Art 10 10/13/14	PSC Insulation	02-222-5815-S10000	\$9,500	Capital Stabilization
STM 17 (2) Art.5-2 10/5/17	PSC Sally Port Repairs	02-210-5840-S54000	\$19,500	Capital Stabilization
STM 18 Art 6A-9 10/18/18	HVAC Attic Venting	02-215-5854-201005	\$5,002.50	Capital Stabilization

3.2 And to see if the Town will vote to amend the following Special Town Meeting Articles shown below, by directing such funds for the purpose of replacing ceiling tiles in school buildings:

Meeting	Description	Account Number	Amount to be Redirected	Purpose for which Redirected
STM 18- Art 6G	School Security Upgrades	30-300-5870-301006	\$2,746.99	School Ceiling Tiles Replacement

ARTICLE 4 - Capital Articles

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or authorize the Treasurer to borrow, transfer from Water Reserves, transfer from Sewer Reserves, transfer from Sewer Impact Fees or otherwise provide up to **\$1,860,364** for expenses associated with the following capital projects:

Description	Amount	Funding Source
Police – Body Cameras	\$46,464	Capital Stabilization: \$38,000 Free Cash: \$8,464
DPW HWY – 1 Ton Dump Truck	\$120,000	Borrow within Levy
DPW International 5 Ton Dump/Sander	\$310,000	Borrow within Levy
DPW – Water – Callahan Well Reconditioning	\$35,000	Water Reserves
DPW- Water – 1 Ton Truck	\$100,000	Borrow (Water)
DPW – Sewer – 1 Ton Truck	\$100,000	Borrow (Sewer)
DPW – Sewer – Roof Replacement	\$25,000	Borrow (Sewer)
DPW – Sewer – Grant Match to Study Department Upgrades	\$24,000	Sewer Reserves
DPW – Hwy/Water/Sewer Tractor	\$80,000	Borrow within Levy: \$26,667 Borrow (Water): \$26,667 Borrow (Sewer): \$26,666
DPW-Hwy/Water – Pay Loader	\$260,000	Borrow within Levy: \$195,000 Borrow (Water): \$65,000
DPW – Hwy/Water/Sewer Vactor Truck	\$500,000	Borrow within Levy: \$166,667 Borrow (Water): \$166,667 Borrow (Sewer): \$166,666
DPW – Mini Loader	\$55,000	Free Cash: \$18,334 Water Reserves: \$18,333 Sewer Reserves: \$18,333
School – Ceiling Tiles Replacement	\$163,400	Borrow within Levy
School – Smoke Alarm Replacement & Upgrades	\$21,500	Free Cash: \$21,500
Hadley Media – Equipment	\$20,000	Hadley Media Reserves

ARTICLE 5 – Prior Year bills

To see if the Town will vote to pay for Prior Year invoices received in FY2023:

Vendor	Charge	From
Graphic Controls (2)	\$873.87	Sewer Reserves
Morton Salt (2)	\$14,962.25	Free Cash
Cablecast- Software Maintenance	\$1,600.00	Hadley Media Reserves
USA Waste & Recycling	\$225.55	Free Cash

ARTICLE 6 - CPA Extensions

To see if the Town will vote to extend the deadline by one year for the following projects funded by the Community Preservation Act funds:

Meeting	Description	Account Number	Deadline Extension
ATM 2020	Library Window and bracket	21-610-5240-210002	One Year
ATM 2021	Hockanum Cemetery Fence	21-491-5800-210009	One Year

ARTICLE 7 - Clean Up Prior CPA Capital Balances

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following balances from prior town meeting articles:

Meeting	Description	Account Number	Unused Balance	Transfer to
STM 2019 Art. 13	Russell School Roof	21-490-5825-S82000	8,000	CPA Historic
ATM 2021 Art. 1	Emergency Rental Assistance	21-183-5300-210010	25,000	CPA Housing
ATM 2021 Art. 2	Russellville Cemetery	21-691-5580-210003	15,810	CPA General
STM 2021 Art. 9	HES Picnic Tables	21-300-5580-210015	285.33	CPA Open Space

ARTICLE 8 - Hockanum Cemetery Fence

To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$22,760** from the Community Preservation Act Historic Set-Aside Fund and **\$2,240** from the Community Preservation Act General Fund to the Hadley Cemetery Committee for the purpose of completing the replacement of the stone fence, reinforce the turf where cars park and create a pillar to memorialize the previous stone wall created by the WPA at the historic Hockanum Cemetery. This is in addition to the \$83,000 previously approved for the replacement of the stone fence at the 2021 ATM and the 2022 ATM. And to authorize the Select Board to enter into such agreement or agreements on behalf of the Town as may be necessary, including a provision requiring said funds to be expended within two years of the date of Town Meeting approval; any unspent funds will automatically be returned to the foregoing Community Preservation Act fund by that date. Or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9 – Hopkins Playing Fields

To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$90,965** from the Community Preservation Act Open Space Fund, **\$705,735** from the Community Preservation Act General Fund and **\$750,000** funded through borrowing for a total of **\$1,546,700** to the Hadley Public Schools, for improving Hopkins Academy Athletic Fields Rehabilitation and Creation – Phase II said funds to be expended under the direction of the Hadley Public School Committee and the Town Administrator. And to authorize the Select Board to enter into such agreement or agreements on behalf of the Town as may be necessary, including a provision requiring said funds to be expended within two years of the date of Town Meeting approval; any unspent funds will automatically be returned to the foregoing Community Preservation Act fund by that date. Or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10 – Plastic Reduction by-law order of filing amended

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Plastic Reduction by-law as follows:

Delete Section 1.2.4

(per Attorney General, Section 1.2.4 a fee provision conflicts with state substantive law; it is disapproved and deleted)

ARTICLE 11– Special Permit Timeline for Special Permit Hearings order of filing amended

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Special Permit by-law as follows:

Replace Section 6.5.1 with the following: Each application for a special permit shall be filed by the petitioner with the Town Clerk and a copy of said application, including the date and time of filing certified by the Town Clerk, shall be filed forthwith by the petitioner with the special permit granting authority. The special permit granting authority shall hold a public hearing, for which notice has been given as provided in section eleven, on any application for a special permit within sixty-five days from the date of filing of such application; the decision of the special permit granting authority shall be made within ninety days following the date of such public hearing.

ARTICLE 12 – Non-Binding Referendum – Climate Change Emergency Declaration

To see if the Town will vote to support the Select Board signing the following letter of support:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A CLIMATE CRISIS

1 Declaring that the climate crisis is a matter of grave, urgent public concern is a crucial step for aligning Hadley residents, businesses and government with the need for a timely response concerning the current and long term threat of a global climate breakdown. The effects of climate change already damage and endanger Hadley infrastructure, private property, livelihoods and the natural environment and will continue to do so. Declaring that the climate crisis deserves our immediate attention demonstrates that our government agencies acknowledge that addressing climate change requires immediate action.

2 On April 22, 2016 world leaders from 175 countries ratified the Paris Agreement, an international treaty that recognizes the threat of climate change and the urgent need to address it. They agreed to keep global average temperature rise “well below 2°C [3.6° F] above pre-industrial levels”, and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C [2.7° F].”

3 In Massachusetts, Governor Baker signed comprehensive climate change legislation in March 2021 that brings the state’s climate change policy ambitions in line with the Paris Agreement. This legislation was codified into law and states Massachusetts’ commitment to achieving zero emissions by 2050. It advances the Commonwealth’s efforts to reduce climate-warming emissions, protect vulnerable communities from dangerous pollution levels, and in so doing provides over 100,000 new jobs in the state’s clean energy sector. An additional climate change bill was just signed by Governor Baker to further accelerate the transition to a just, clean, and safe climate future.

4 The climate crisis not only poses threats, it also presents a major opportunity to invest in clean, healthy energy, transportation, and land-use systems that will deliver immediate and sustained benefits to all and reduce future damage from climate change. In a world facing extreme challenges from accelerating climate change, Hadley residents understand the importance of taking steps to protect the Earth and its inhabitants. We can envision a sustainable, regenerative future, and wish to join the growing movement of local communities in Massachusetts, the US and worldwide to express our concerns to political leaders everywhere. We can join hands in creating and executing bold plans for a prosperous economy, a safe and healthy environment and thriving, inclusive communities.

5 Hadley has an engaged town government and has undertaken some important steps regarding climate and the environment by pursuing the Green Community Designation and holding Hadley’s first ever Climate Day in April 2022. This Climate Emergency Declaration is an

expression of that active concern and constructive engagement to keep Hadley safe and thriving in perpetuity.

The Town of Hadley recognizes that the main cause of the climate crisis is from the burning of fossil fuels.

The Town of Hadley agrees and declares that the resulting Climate Emergency threatens our town, state, nation, and humans the world over as well as the natural life support systems on which we all depend.

The Town of Hadley wishes to express its solidarity with other local governments who have recognized this urgent threat.

The Town of Hadley furthermore agrees to come into alignment with the climate policy goals set by the Governor and state legislature. This implies the Town's recognition of the moral imperative and unprecedented opportunity to do its part in stabilizing the climate, remedy environmental harms, create clean-energy jobs, and improve human lives. The Town of Hadley declares its commitment to develop and then implement a well-considered plan to meet this challenge.

6 The residents of the Town of Hadley, represented by the Select Board, call on all Town government departments, Hadley civic groups, businesses, and residents to commit to a climate mobilization effort to bring town-wide carbon emissions to net zero by the year 2050, a local policy goal which is directly aligned with the state's climate policy goal. We also recognize the need for increased state and federal assistance to develop and implement a plan to achieve this goal.

7 Furthermore, we recognize that even if every town and city in Massachusetts, the US, and globally did their part in reducing their emissions in ways commensurate with a below 2°C [3.6° F] warming goal, the impacts of a changed climate will still affect us. So, in addition to reducing emissions, the Town of Hadley's future climate action plan must also include:

- Adaptation and resilience planning in preparation for intensifying local climate impacts, such as preparing the levees for intense rainfall and floods;
- Continue to protect trees, forests, natural open spaces because of their ability to draw carbon out of the atmosphere and store it;
- Protect our farmland soils;
- Protect the habitats and corridors of wildlife that are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change; and
- Ensure that the costs of such mobilization efforts do not unfairly burden those who are economically or socially disadvantaged or vulnerable.

8 The Hadley Climate Change Committee in cooperation with town officials is taking steps, which include establishing a baseline of municipal buildings' greenhouse gas emissions and with the help of Eversource and MassSave, upgrading municipal buildings to reduce emissions where needed, for Hadley to qualify for state grant programs such as the MA Department of Energy Resources Green Community Designation Grant program and the Municipal Vulnerabilities Preparedness Grant program. Once the Town qualifies for these programs we will be eligible for technical and financial assistance for assessing Hadley's specific vulnerabilities and developing a climate action plan to reduce those vulnerabilities through adaptation and resilience-building. We ask that the Administrative Assistant to the Town Select Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to:

- MA Representative Dan Carey
- MA Senator Jo Comerford
- Governor Charles Baker
- MA DOER Commissioner Patrick Woodcock
- Co-Chairs and Vice Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy, State Senators Mike Barrett and Mark Pacheco
- State Joint Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture,
- State Representative Jeffrey Roy
- State Representative Paul Mark
- MA Senator Becca Rausch
- MA Senator James B. Eldridge
- MA Representative Mindy Domb

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in the usual places: one at the Town Hall, one at the Hadley Post Office, one in the Hadley Public Library, and in said Town, fourteen days at least, not including the day of posting, before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under your hands this 12th day October, 2022

Jane Nevinsmith

Joyce A. Chunglo

Amy Parsons

Molly Keegan

Randy Izer

HADLEY SELECT BOARD

Constable of Hadley

Date: _____