

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Officer's Return, Reading:

By virtue of this Warrant, I, on January 9 2013 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 Library, Local History Room, 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 January 28, 2013 the date set for the Town Meeting in this Warrant.

I also caused a posting of this Warrant to be published on the Town of Reading website on January 9 2013.

, Constable

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 elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Reading Memorial High School Performing Arts Center, 62 Oakland Road, in said Reading, on Monday, January 28, 2013, 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 Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant, Treasurer-Collector, Board of Assessors, Director of Public Works, Town Clerk, Tree Warden, Board of Health, School Committee, Contributory Retirement Board, Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Finance Committee, Cemetery Trustees, Community Planning & Development Commission, Conservation Commission, Town' Manager and any other Board or Special Committee.

Board of Selectmen

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

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY 2013 - FY 2022, Capital Improvements Program as provided for in Section 7-7 of the Reading Home Rule Charter, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to amend one or more of the votes taken under Article 13 of the April 23, 2012 Annual Town Meeting relating to the Fiscal Year 2013 Municipal Budget, and amended under Article 4 of the November 13, 2012 Subsequent Town Meeting and see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, and appropriate as the

result of any such amended votes for the operation of the Town and its government, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Finance Committee

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment during Fiscal Year 2013 of bills remaining unpaid for previous fiscal years for goods and services actually rendered to the Town, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6 To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, and appropriate for the purpose of renovating and expanding the Reading Public Library located at 64 Middlesex Avenue, including the costs of consulting services, audits, plans, documents, cost estimates, bidding services, moving, temporary relocation, and all related expenses incidental thereto and necessary in connection therewith, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees and the Town Manager; and to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Library Trustees, Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, or any other agency of the Town, to apply for a grant or grants to be used to defray the cost of all, or any part of, said improvements; and to authorize the Board of Library Trustees and/or the Town Manager to enter into any and all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article, subject to approval by the voters of the Town of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion for the Town portion of the cost of the project,
or take any other action with respect thereto..

Board of Library Trustees

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain the land, easements, and rights therein, and all right, title, and interest in water mains and drainage systems, manholes, pipes, appurtenances thereto located within Old Pearl Street, consisting of two portions of Old Pearl Street shown as "Lot A" and "Lot B" on the plan entitled "Old Pearl Street Taking And Discontinuance Plan", prepared by Bay State Surveying Associates, dated January 2, 2013, showing the two portions of Old Pearl Street to be taken by eminent domain; and Further to see if the Town will vote to discontinue as a public way pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82, §21 for all purposes the portions of Old Pearl Street shown as Lot A on said plan, subject to the reservation of any and all utility and drainage facility easements in said way; and Further to see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, control and management of said discontinued portion of Old Pearl Street (Lot A) and "Lot C" as shown on said plan from the Board of Selectmen for public purposes, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and Further to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to M.G.L c. 40, §3 to convey all or any part of the Town's right, title and interest in said Lot A and the above-referenced "Lot C" upon such terms and conditions, and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action thereon.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the conveyance of an easement for construction and maintenance of a bus shelter located at 25 Walkers Brook Drive which easement is shown on a plan entitled "ACCESS EASEMENT LOCATED AT 25 WALKERS BROOK DRIVE, READING, MA" upon such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action with respect thereto

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 40, §15, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to abandon a drainage easement and release any right, title or interest that may be held by the Town on a portion of land owned by Jeffry Hardy and Alison Hardy, located at 518 Summer Avenue, Reading, Middlesex Country, Massachusetts; said drainage easement is shown as "Proposed 15' Wide Drain Easement", on a plan entitled "Plan Of Land In Reading Massachusetts Drain Easement 518 SummerAve", dated October 19, 1990", which plan is which plan is recorded at the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 209 of 1992, and recorded at Book 21871, Page 524; and which easement was taken by Order of Taking of the Reading Board of Selectmen dated November 19, 1991, and recorded at said Registry Book 21871, Page 535; and To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 40, §3, to accept a 1,876 square ft. drainage easement from Jeffrey Harding and Alison Hardy on the property located at 518 Summer Avenue, Reading, all as shown on a plan entitled "Proposed Relocation of 15'Wide Drain Easement in Reading, Mass.; Prepared for: Jeffrey Hardy; Middlesex Survey, Inc.; Scale: 1" = 20'; dated November 28, 2012; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to amend portions of Section 6.2 of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Reading as follows (~~cross-out~~ represents language to be deleted, **bold** represents language to be added)

6.2.2 Definitions

m. Off-Premises Sign: Any sign **conveying a commercial or non-commercial message, located off-site, on land that is leased or rented** which directs attention to a business, commodity, service, entertainment **venue**, attraction or other commercial or non-commercial activity. ~~which is sold, offered or existing elsewhere than upon the same lot on which such sign is located,~~ **Off-Premises Signs shall include any outdoor advertising sign ("billboard") or Electronic Sign defined as a sign that changes its message or copy at intervals by programmable electronic, digital, or mechanical processes or by remote control.** ~~on which space is leased or rented for the purpose of conveying a commercial or non-commercial message.~~

6.2.5 Prohibited Signs

d. Signs which contain a beacon of any type; which contain a spot light providing direct illumination to the public; which flash, revolve, rotate, move, or blink, or which fluctuate in light intensity; animated signs; that is, which use lighting to depict action or to create an illusion of movement or a special effect or scene **except as allowed under Paragraph 6.2.6.3.1.**

e. Any self-illuminated or backlit signs which use LCD, LED, electronic messaging or digital technology, neon or similar signs except as displayed on the inside of windows subject to the provisions of Paragraph 6.2.6.2.c **or used in an off- premises sign subject to the provision of Paragraph 6.2.6.3.1.**

6.2.6.3 Signs in Business-A Zoning Districts

6.2.6.3.1 Off-Premises Signs: **In a Business A Zoning District** the Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit for an Off Premises Sign. **This** ~~includes~~ an outdoor advertising sign ("billboard") ~~in a Business A Zoning District~~ **or Electronic Sign** under the following conditions:

- a. The proposed sign shall be in a Business A district immediately abutting an Interstate Highway, and within 25 feet of the main right of way of such highway excluding on and off ramps;
- b. The placement of the proposed sign shall be conditioned upon the elimination, **within a 5 year period of the effective date of the Special Permit**, of no less than three non-conforming Off Premises signs elsewhere in the Town of Reading;
- c. There shall be no more than one Off Premises sign on any one lot that existed as a separate lot at the time of adoption of this section;
- d. The sign may be double sided with no greater than a 30 degree angle of separation between the two faces;
- e. ~~Illumination of the sign shall be by external illumination only and illumination shall be limited to the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.;~~
- e. The sign shall not exceed 675 square feet on each of the two permitted faces;
- f. The maximum height of any Off Premises sign shall be 95 feet from the ground level upon which the sign is installed to the highest point of the structure;
- g. The nearest part of any Off Premises sign shall be no closer than 20 feet from an abutting property, and no less than 10 feet from the highway right of way; and
- h. The proposed use shall not be detrimental to the public good.

or take any other action with respect thereto.

Board of Selectmen

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 January 28, 2013, 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 8th day of January, 2013.

Stephen A. Goldy, Chairman

Ben Tafoya, Vice Chairman

Richard W. Schubert, Secretary

John J. Arena

James Bonazoli

SELECTMEN OF READING

, Constable