

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

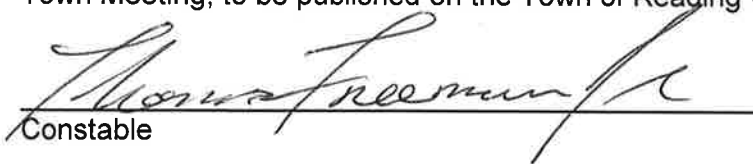
Middlesex, ss. Officer's Return, Town of Reading:

By virtue of this Warrant, I, Thomas Freeman Jr. on September 16, 2021 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 Special Town Meeting Warrant, along with the written request of Town Moderator Alan Foulds dated September 9, 2021 asking that this Special Town Meeting be held by remote participation pursuant to St. 2020, c. 92, §8 and St. 2021, c. 20, § 9, 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 October 18, 2021, the date set for Special Town Meeting in this Warrant.

I also caused a posting of this Warrant, and the Town Moderator's request for a remote Special Town Meeting, to be published on the Town of Reading website on September 21, 2021.

  
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Constable

A true copy Attest:

  
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Laura Gemme, Town Clerk

# SPECIAL 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 accordance with Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020 and Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and through the Zoom platform on MONDAY, the EIGHTEENTH DAY of OCTOBER A.D., 2021

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.

Members of the public may access and witness the deliberations and actions taken at the Special Town Meeting in the following manner: RCTV, Facebook, or on local public access television. Town Meeting members and Town officials shall receive a link to join the Zoom video conferencing platform to participate in the Special Town Meeting. Non-Town Meeting Members who are registered voters residing in the Town who wish to participate in the Special Town Meeting must submit a request to participate to the Town Clerk not less than 48 hours in advance of the Special Town Meeting, and when submitting this request, non-Town Meeting Members who wish to make a comment, ask a question, or otherwise address Town Meeting, should contact Town Clerk Laura Gemme ([lgemme@ci.reading.ma.us](mailto:lgemme@ci.reading.ma.us) or 781-942-6647) with the following information: (a) First and Last Name, (b) Street Address, (c) Phone Number, (d) Email Address, and (e) Article(s) he or she would like to speak to, and once verified, shall receive follow up information with specific participation instructions for the meeting.

If, on October 18, 2021, the Town Meeting elects not to hold the Special Town Meeting remotely, then the Town Meeting shall adjourn to Reading Memorial High School Performing Arts Center, 62 Oakland Road, Reading on Thursday October 21, 2021 at seven thirty o'clock in the evening.

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**ARTICLE 1** 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 2** 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 3** To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY 2022-32 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 4** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2021, as adopted under Article 16 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 26, 2021; 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 5** 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 making Police Station Improvements, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, and to authorize the Town Manager to apply for a grant or grants to be used to defray the cost of any portion of these improvements; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 6** 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 making energy and water conservation and similar improvements to Town owned properties, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto to pay costs of this project, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Town Manager, the School Committee, and/or the Superintendent of Schools, and to authorize the Town Manager to apply for a grant or grants to be used to defray the cost of any portion of these improvements; 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, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay the costs of replacing the Auburn Water Tank, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, which amount will supplement funds previously appropriated under Article 17 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of this project, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Town Manager, and to authorize the Town Manager to apply for a grant or grants to be used to defray the cost of any portion of these improvements; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 8** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board shall determine, an easement over a portion of Gazebo Circle for the purpose of accessing 160 Hopkins Street (Accessor's Parcel 8-61) and further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisition and other acts authorized herein; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 9** To see if the Town will vote to (1) authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board shall determine, a portion of land shown as Assessors Map 44 as Parcel 24 and is more specifically shown as Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 on an Approval Not Required Plan prepared by Sullivan Engineering Group, LLC entitled "Plan of Land Off of Grove Street Located in Reading, Massachusetts, Prepared for Meadowbrook Golf Club" dated December 4, 2020 with a revision date of December 9, 2020 and which plan is on file with the Town Clerk, for not more than \$2,250,000.00 (two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars); (2) raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay for the cost of the acquisition and all other costs related and incidental thereto; and (3) authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisition and other acts authorized herein; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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and you are directed to serve this Warrant, along with the written request of Town Moderator Alan Foulds dated September 9, 2021 to hold this Special Town Meeting remotely, 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 October 18, 2021, 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.

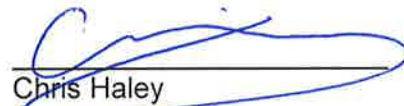
Given under our hands this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

  
Karen Gately Herrick, Chair

  
Anne DJ Landry, Vice Chair

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Mark L Dockser, Secretary

  
Carlo Bacci

  
Chris Haley

SELECT BOARD OF READING

  
Thomas Freeman Jr, Constable