

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

By virtue of this Warrant, I Laura Gemme, on 10-23, 2020 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 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 November 9, 2020, the date set for Town Meeting in this Warrant.

I also caused a posting of this Warrant to be published on the Town of Reading website on 10-23, 2020.



~~Constable~~ Town Clerk

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 the Local Elections and Town affairs, to meet remotely in accordance with Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020 and through the Zoom Platform on Monday November 9, 2020 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 Subsequent 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 Subsequent Town Meeting. Non-Town Meeting Members who are registered voters residing in the Town who wish to participate in the Subsequent Town Meeting must submit a request to participate to the Town Clerk not less than 48 hours in advance of the Subsequent 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 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 November 9, 2020, the Town Meeting elects not to hold the Subsequent Town Meeting remotely, then the Town Meeting shall adjourn to Reading Memorial High School Performing Arts Center, 62 Oakland Road, Reading on Thursday November 12, 2020 at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening.

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

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

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY 2021-30 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

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2020, as adopted under Article 17 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 15, 2020; 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

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay bills remaining unpaid from prior fiscal years for goods and services actually rendered to the Town, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to approve an Affordable Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan pursuant to Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2001 entitled "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF READING TO ESTABLISH AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND," or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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 improvements to water service connections in the Gazebo Circle area, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 8 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 lead mitigation

improvements to the Town's water system, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 9 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 improvements to water mains, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 10 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 improvements to sewer mains, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 11 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 improvements to storm water systems, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7 of the Town of Reading General Bylaw by adding a new section 7.10 as follows:

7.10 Stretch Energy Code

7.10.1 Definitions

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and terms, as used in Section 7.10, shall have the following meanings:

7.10.1.1 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.

7.10.1.2 Stretch Energy Code

Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts building code, the Stretch Energy

Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts building code, based on further amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

7.10.2 Purpose

The purpose of the Stretch Energy Code bylaw is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

7.10.3 Stretch Energy Code

The Stretch Energy Code, as codified by the Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards at 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, including any future editions, amendments or modifications, is hereby adopted and shall be applicable to the construction or modification of all residential and commercial buildings. The requirements of the Stretch Code shall be enforceable by the Building Inspector upon approval by the state, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase or gift, a parcel of real property, consisting of thirteen acres, more or less, and shown on Reading's Tax Assessor's Map 29 as Parcel 95, for general municipal purposes on such terms as the Select Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town; and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to fund such purchase or acquisition along with all associated legal, engineering and other costs necessary or incidental to the acquisition, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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 November 9, 2020, 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 6th day of October, 2020.



Mark L Dockser, Chair



Anne DJ Landry, Vice Chair



Carlo Bacci, Secretary



Vanessa I Alvarado



Karen Gately Herrick



Town Clerk

~~Constable~~

SELECT BOARD OF READING