



## **Hopkinton Special Town Meeting**

**November 13, 2023**

### **WARRANT ARTICLES AND MOTIONS**

The Middle School is accessible. If accommodations/modifications are needed, please contact the Town Manager's office at 508-497-9701 or [complete this form](#) by November 10, 2023.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Elementary School Building Committee to design, construct and furnish the new Hopkinton Elmwood Elementary, on the Hayden Rowe site, located at 147 Hayden Rowe, for 1195 students in grades 2-4, inclusive of all building, mechanical systems along with associated site work improvements, and which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) Forty-nine and seven hundredths percent (49.07%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

**Required Recommendations:** Appropriation Committee recommends Approval.  
Capital Improvement Committee recommends Approval.

**Motion (Appropriation Committee):** That the Town of Hopkinton appropriate the amount of one hundred fifty-seven million three hundred forty-two thousand three hundred ninety-four Dollars (\$157,342,394) for the purpose of paying costs to design, construct and furnish the new Hopkinton Elmwood Elementary, on the Hayden Rowe site, located at 147 Hayden Rowe, for 1195 students in grades 2-4, inclusive of all building, mechanical systems along with associated site work improvements, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, and for which the Town of Hopkinton may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Hopkinton Elementary School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town of Hopkinton acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town of Hopkinton incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Hopkinton; provided further that any grant that Town of Hopkinton may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) Forty-nine and seven hundredth percent (49.07%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by

the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Hopkinton and the MSBA.

**Vote Needed:** Two-thirds

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| <b>ARTICLE 2: Eliminate Political Caucus, and Local Election<br/>Ballots with Printed Political Affiliation for<br/>Town Elected Officers</b> | <i>Sponsor:</i> Citizens Petition |
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To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to petition the General Court for passage of a special law substantially as provided below, to authorize the Legislature to make clerical or editorial changes in form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the Legislature, and to authorize the Select Board to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

An act relative to Town elections in the Town of Hopkinton

Section 1. Notwithstanding chapter 53 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, a primary or caucus for the nomination of town officers shall not be held in the Town of Hopkinton. Ballots used at a regular or special town election for the election of town officers shall not have printed thereon a party or political designation or mark, and there shall not be any political designation or mark appended to the name of a candidate for town office.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

**Motion (Petitioner):** We move that the Town vote to authorize and request that the Select Board petition the General Court of the Commonwealth, on behalf of the Town, for passage of special legislation substantially as provided below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to said legislation, unless the Select Board votes to approve amendments thereto; and provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of said petition:

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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**Vote Needed:** Simple Majority

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| <b>ARTICLE 3: Adopt the Municipal Opt-in Specialized Stretch Energy Code</b> | <i>Sponsor:</i> Sustainable Green Committee |
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To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Municipal Opt-in Specialized Stretch Energy Code, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, by accepting the provisions of 225 CMR 22, Appendix RC and 225 CMR 23, Appendix CC, with such acceptance to take effect July 1, 2024.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

**Motion (Sustainable Green Committee):** We move to adopt the Municipal Opt-in Specialized Stretch Energy Code, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, by accepting the provisions of 225 CMR 22, Appendix RC and 225 CMR 23, Appendix CC, with such acceptance to take effect July 1, 2024

**Vote Needed:** Simple Majority

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| <b>ARTICLE 4: Municipal Parking</b> | <i>Sponsor:</i> Select Board |
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To see if the Town will vote to:

- (1) acquire by gift, purchase, lease, eminent domain or otherwise, an interest in 10 Walcott Street, 14 Main Street and 0 Main Street (Assessors Map parcels U16 143 0, U16 151 0, U16 153 4) for the purpose of providing municipal parking on such terms as the Select Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town;
- (2) raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of such acquisition; and
- (3) accept a gift of construction of the parking lot located at 6 Walcott Street (Assessors Map parcel U16 144 0) connected to the property located at 18 Main Street (Assessors Map parcel U16 149 0) for the purpose of providing municipal parking in

the downtown area on such terms as the Select Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

**Required Recommendations:** Appropriation Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Capital Improvement Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.

Select Board recommends Approval.

**Motion (Select Board):** We move that the Town vote the following:

- (1) to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, lease, or eminent domain, a parcel of land consisting of 40,000 +/- square feet, consisting of portions of properties located at 10 Walcott Street (Assessors Map parcel U16 143 0), 14 Main Street (Assessors Map parcel U16 151 0) and 0 Main Street (Assessors Map parcel U16 153 4), for the purpose of providing municipal parking in the downtown area, on such terms as the Select Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town;
- (2) to transfer from Certified Free Cash (or from available funds) the sum of \$2,985,000 (TWO MILLION, NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS) to fund said acquisition, including all legal, engineering, recording, and other related costs; and
- (3) to authorize the Select Board to accept, as a gift, the construction of a parking lot, located at 6 Walcott Street (Assessors Map parcel U16 144 0), that is connected to the property located at 18 Main Street for the purpose of providing municipal parking in the downtown area on such terms as the Select Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town.

**Vote Needed:** Two-thirds.