

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF HOPKINTON  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

(Voter Registration Deadline: November 8, 2024)

MIDDLESEX, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopkinton in said County,

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all inhabitants of the Town of Hopkinton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Hopkinton Middle School at 88 Hayden Rowe, on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act upon the following Articles:

**ARTICLE 1: Reauthorize Means Tested Senior Property Tax Exemption** *Sponsor: Board of Assessors*

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Section 6 of “An Act Authorizing the Town of Hopkinton to Establish a Means-Tested Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption,” Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2018 to reauthorize the provisions of said act for an additional three-year interval beginning on August 22, 2024, thereby continuing said act’s means-tested residential property tax exemption for senior citizens for said three-year interval.

Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2: Accept MGL Ch. 59 Sec. 5 Clause 22I - Veterans Tax Exemption, Cost of Living Adjustment** *Sponsor: Board of Assessors*

To see if the Town will vote to accept the new local option, Clause Twenty-second I under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 (enacted by Section 23 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024), that would increase the amount of the tax exemption granted to veterans on their domiciles by a cost-of-living adjustment based on the consumer price index.

Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 3: Accept MGL Ch. 59 Sec. 5 Clause 22J - Veterans Tax Exemption, Additional Exemption** *Sponsor: Board of Assessors*

To see if the Town will vote to accept the new local option, Clause 22J under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 (enacted by Section 23 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024), that would provide an

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additional exemption up to 100% of the amount of the tax exemption granted to veterans on their domiciles.

Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4: Adopt Local Meals Excise**

*Sponsor:* Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. c.64L, §2(a) to impose a local meals tax, and to direct the designation of such funds for purposes contained in a Special Act which may be considered at a future Town Meeting.

Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 5: Transfer Care, Custody & Control of Hughes Farm Parcels**

*Sponsor:* Town Manager

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the three Hughes Farm parcels to the Open Space Preservation Commission, which will facilitate the placement of a Conservation Restriction on the parcels that identifies the Open Space Preservation Commission as the responsible Town entity. Parcels are located at 0 Hayden Rowe (U24-10-0), 192 Hayden Rowe (U24-9-0) and 0 Hayden Rowe (U24-10-A).

Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 6: Rescind Authorized but Unissued Debt**

*Sponsor:* Town Manager

To see if the Town will vote to rescind authorized and unissued debt for projects that are no longer necessary or do not require additional funding.

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7: Establish Board of Health Revolving Fund**

*Sponsor:* Board of Health

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 13, Finances, of the General Bylaws of the Town of Hopkinton, Article VI, Section 13-15 entitled "Authorized Revolving Funds", for the purpose of establishing and authorizing a new revolving fund for use by certain Town departments, boards, committees or officers, pursuant to Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the *Massachusetts General Laws*, by adding a row to the table in Section 13-15 as follows:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Department, Board, Committee or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund</u>	<u>Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to the Fund</u>	<u>Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund</u>	<u>Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund</u>	<u>Other Requirements/ Reports</u>	<u>Fiscal Years</u>
Health Department	Director of Health Department, Public Health Nurse, or Board of Health Chair	All fees, receipts, and charges collected by the Health Department for permit fees, sums collected pursuant to administration and enforcement of Town health bylaws and regulations, and all sums collected for administration of vaccination, medical screening, medical services and testing	To meet expenses associated with: (1) labor costs or salaries of one or two persons performing Health Department tasks; (2) nursing equipment and related supplies and ancillary supply costs; and (3) Health Department personal protective equipment (PPE)	None	The revolving fund will be capped at \$200,000. Funds in excess of \$200,000 will be returned to the General Fund	Fiscal Year 2026 and subsequent years

Pass any vote or take any act relative thereto.

<b>ARTICLE 8: MBTA Communities Zoning Bylaw</b>	<i>Sponsor: Planning Board</i>
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To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 210, Zoning Bylaws to insert a new article entitled MBTA Communities Multi-Family Overlay District after Article XXXV, Neighborhood Mixed Use District and to amend the Zoning Map to include the MBTA Communities Multi-Family Overlay District as shown on the map on file with the Town Clerk.

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