



Town of Charlton, Massachusetts

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, October 15, 2013**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Charlton:

In the County of Worcester,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Charlton qualified to vote in elections to meet in the Charlton Middle School, Oxford Road in said Charlton, on **Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at seven o'clock** in the evening, for the purpose of taking action on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR UNPAID BILLS OF A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, transfer or borrow and appropriate a sum or sums to accounts to be specified at the town meeting for payment of one or more prior fiscal year's bills not paid due to an insufficiency of appropriation or for other reasons, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: Various Town Departments and Officials

Motion: I move that the following prior year bills, not previously paid due to insufficiency of appropriation or late billing, be paid from the following FY14 accounts as printed below:

<u>Unpaid Bills</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>
Police Department – Electrical Wholesalers, Inc.	Fluorescent Lamp	\$12.64	Police Department Expense
Police Department – Electrical Wholesalers, Inc.	Fluorescent Lamp	\$18.24	Police Department Expense

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: FinCom supports this motion.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: BOS supports this motion.

VOTE NEEDED: 9/10THS to extent not paid due to insufficiency of appropriation

ARTICLE 2. INTER/INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS AND/OR APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY2014 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, borrow or transfer, and appropriate from available funds, including so called "free cash" and /or funds previously appropriated to other uses, a sum or sums of money to accounts and for purposes to be specified at the Special Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Various Town Departments

MOTION 2-A: I move that the funding sources for the Fiscal 2014 budget voted at the May 2013 annual town meeting be amended as follows: by reducing the amount to be transferred from Sale of Cemetery lots by \$2700.00 and increasing the amount to be raised and appropriated by \$2700.00.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: FinCom supports this motion.
RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: BOS supports this motion.

MOTION 2-B: I move that the following sums be raised by taxation or transferred, whichever is indicated below, and appropriated to the following accounts for any purpose for which funds may be expended from the latter accounts, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen or Chief Procurement Officer to enter into such contracts, including leases, and to take such other action as may be necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes of the foregoing vote, each item being considered a separate appropriation:

<u>To The following Accounts</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From the following Source or Account</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Veterans' Agent	\$12,000	Raise and Appropriate	Funding new position
Veterans' Benefits	\$3,500	Raise and Appropriate	Veteran's benefits
Health Insurance	\$34,431	Raise and Appropriate	Increase in number of employees applying for Health Insurance

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: FinCom supports this motion.
RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: BOS supports this motion.
Majority Vote Needed.

ARTICLE 3. CAPITAL ITEMS AND RELATED CONTRACTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, borrow or transfer from available funds, including so called "free cash" and funds previously appropriated to other uses, and appropriate a sum or sums to purchase capital items and/or for service, repair, improvement, architectural, construction, renovation, improvement and/or other contracts relating to town buildings, facilities and other property, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, Chief Procurement Officer, or other appropriate town official, board, commission or committee to enter into such contracts or leases, and to take such other action, as may be necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes of such votes, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen/Various Departments

MOTION : I move that consideration of this article be postponed indefinitely.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: FinCom supports this motion.
RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: BOS supports this motion.
Majority Vote Needed.

ARTICLE 4. TRANSFER TO/FROM STABILIZATION FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum or sums to or from the Stabilization Fund Account, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

Motion: I move that the town vote to transfer and appropriate the following sum to and from the following Account and Fund.

<u>To The following Accounts:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Source from:</u>	<u>Purpose:</u>
Stabilization Fund	\$473,589	Free Cash	Reserves

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: FinCom supports this motion

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: BOS supports this motion.
Two-Thirds Vote Needed. [G.L. c. 40, sec. 5B]**

No vote shall be taken on any motion relating to Article 5 below until the Planning Board has submitted a report with recommendations thereon to the Town Meeting, if 21 days have not elapsed since the public hearing before the Planning Board was held on the proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law set forth in said Article. (Gen. Laws Chapter 40A, Section 5, paragraph 3).

ARTICLE 5. ZONING BY-LAW DIAGNOSTIC REVIEW: REFORMATTING & REVISIONS
To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlton Zoning By-Law by revising Section 5.6 Sign Regulations as follows:

1. Remove the typographical error phrase “except for the following” from Subsection 5.6.5-b Prohibited Signs such that Subsection 5.6.5-b reads as follows: b. Any sign which incorporates moving, flashing, undulating, swinging, rotating or the electronic, visual representation of motion or animation by intermittent or variable illumination.
2. Amend the signage table in Subsection 5.6.7-Permitted Signs by deleting the Special Permit requirement for Secondary Wall Signs and instead allowing Secondary Wall Signs by-right.

, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: Planning Board

Motion: I move that Article 5 be accepted as printed.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD:
2/3rds Vote Needed.**