



Town of Charlton, Massachusetts

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

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 8, 2019** 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

ARTICLE 2. INTER/INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS AND/OR APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY2020 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

ARTICLE 3. AMENDMENT TO THE FY2020 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend the funding sources for the Fiscal 2020 budget voted at the May 2019 annual town meeting as follows: by reducing the amount to be transferred from Cable RRFA by \$90,000 and increasing the amount to be raised and appropriated by \$90,000, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 4. 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 or property or to municipal services, 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

ARTICLE 5. MAYNARD FIELDS IMPROVEMENTS -ADA REQUIREMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, borrow or transfer from available funds for the purpose of ADA Improvements to the Maynard Fields in the amount of \$170,000; or to take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND RECREATION COMMISSION

ARTICLE 6. REPLACE FIRE ENGINE 1 – BORROWING ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$604,000 for the purpose of replacing Fire Engine I, and for all other costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise provided; or to take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 7. LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Free Cash to fund legal and consulting fees, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 8. 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

ARTICLE 9. RESCIND POTTER VILLAGE BOND AUTHORIZATION

To see if the Town will vote to rescind unissued borrowing authorization of \$500,000 for the Potter Village Bridge voted under Article 6 of the October 16, 2017 Special Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 10. SOCIAL MEDIA BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Social Media Bylaw, a copy of said bylaw being on file in the office of the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 11. SPECIAL ACT- REMOVE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF FROM CIVIL SERVICE

To see if the Town will vote: (a) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act reading as follows:

“**SECTION 1.** The position of police chief in the town of Charlton shall not be subject to chapter 31 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall not impair the civil service status of any person holding the position of police chief in the town of Charlton on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”;

, to authorize the General Court to make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; and (b) to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all other action necessary or advisable to remove the position of police chief in the town of Charlton from Civil Service; or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 12. SPECIAL ACT- REMOVE POSITION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT FROM CIVIL SERVICE

To see if the Town will vote: (a) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act reading as follows:

“**SECTION 1.** The position of police lieutenant in the town of Charlton shall not be subject to chapter 31 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall not impair the civil service status of any person holding the position of police lieutenant in the town of Charlton on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”;

, to authorize the General Court to make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; and (b) to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all other action necessary or advisable to remove the position of police lieutenant in the town of Charlton from Civil Service; or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

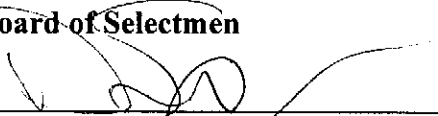
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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices, one in Dexter Memorial Hall and one in the Charlton Municipal Offices (George C. McKinstry, III Building) in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time and place of holding meeting.


Hereof, fail not, and make due returns of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding meeting.

Given under our hands this 23th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Nineteen (2019).


Board of Selectmen



David M. Singer, Chairperson




Karen A. Spiewak, Vice-Chairperson



William Borowski, Clerk

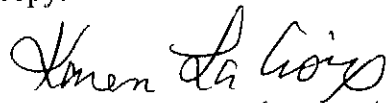



John P. McGrath, Member




Deborah B. Noble, Member

A true copy:

Attest: 

Posted as directed: 

Constable/Police Officer of Charlton, Massachusetts  9-23-19