

**WARRANT  
TOWN OF ABINGTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Article 1: to elect one Selectman; one Assessor; one member of the School Committee; two members of the Board of Public Health; one Water Commissioner; two members Park and Recreation Commission; two Sewer Commissioners; one Trustee of Veterans' Memorial; three Trustees of Public Library; all for three year terms: one member Planning Board; for five years: one member of the School Committee for a one year unexpired term; one member of the Sewer Commission for a one year unexpired term.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town approve this article. This is the article submitted each year for our local elections.***

Article 2A: To see if the Town will vote to amend the wage appendix of the Classification and Salary Plan, effective July 1, 2010, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of -0- (See exhibit Article 2A-Schedule A, Schedule B); or take any other action relative thereto

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves to PASS OVER Article 2. There are no increases in the wage appendix***

Article 2B: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following rate of annual salary, effective July 1, 2010, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,414.00 or take any other action relative thereto.

Position:	Current Rate:	Proposed Rate:
Town Clerk	\$60,350.00	\$62,764.00

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town establish the salary for the Town Clerk at \$61,557.00 effective July 1, 2010, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,207.00 to fund this salary increase. This represents a 2% increase.***

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, such sums of money as may be necessary to defray salaries and expenses for the ensuing fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto. (See Exhibit Article 3)

***MOTION: The Finance Committee has no recommendation at this time as the data is still in the process of being evaluated.***

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote appropriate a sum of money from the proceeds due to the Town under the provisions of MGL c. 90, (highway improvement funds), or take any other

action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves to that the Town appropriate any amount received by the Town under the provisions of G.L. c. 90.***

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Golf Course Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of removing an underground fuel storage tank and installing an above ground 275 gallon fuel storage tank at the Golf Course, or take any other action thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town transfer Town Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Golf Course Undesignated Fund Balance to pay for the removal of an underground fuel storage tank and installation of an above ground 275 gallon fuel storage tank at the golf course.***

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the following Golf Course capital articles, Article 4 STM 11/2007 Cart Path Renovations (\$18,682.44), Article 4 STM 11/2007 Golf Course Netting (\$175.00), Article 4 STM 11/2007 Water Assessment (\$30,881.50), Article 4 STM 10/2008 Golf Course Landscaping (\$20,000.00), Article 4 STM 10/2008 Irrigation Design (\$30,000.00) for the sum of Ninety Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and Ninety Four Cents (\$94,738.94) for the purpose of purchasing irrigation supplies for a new irrigation system. Said new irrigation system to be installed by the current Golf Management Firm, Calm Golf, Inc. or take any other action thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town transfer from the appropriation made under Article 4 of the November 2007 Special Town Meeting the sum of Ninety Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and Ninety Four Cents (\$94,738.94) to purchase irrigation supplies for a new irrigation system at the Golf Course.***

Article 7: To see if the Town will have the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Manager contact and negotiate with a landscape and/or mowing vendor the mowing and weeding of all town properties with the exception of the Strawberry Valley Golf Course and to eliminate the Strawberry Valley enterprise account and replacing it with a parks enterprise account so that field rentals along with moneys from the Strawberry Valley Golf course can be used to upkeep all parks and fields and town building lawns, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article.***

Article 8: To see if the Town will by a vote of Town Meeting set up a Recreation enterprise account for the purpose of being able to collect fees as well as donations for the upkeep of the Town of Abington youth recreation programs and Town pool as well as recreation department summer day care, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article.***

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to declare the property located at 5 Rockland Street, Map , Lot , Book 3775, Page 741 Fire Station 2 surplus property and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, dispose or lease the surplus property upon terms and conditions set by the Board, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article.***

Article 10: To see if under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Manager to form a committee consisting of two selectmen, 2 Finance Committee members, the Town Manager, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Highway Superintendent, and 2 registered voters to contact private ambulance vendors to do a feasibility study on replacing the ambulance service now provided by the Town Fire Department and to report back to the full Board of Selectmen by January 15, 2011 in order to put an article in FY 2012 warrant if the study shows a savings to the Town and are in the safety and best interest of the Town of Abington, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article.***

Article 11: To see by a vote of Town Meeting a vote of a Town election if needed eliminate the Strawberry Valley Golf Course Committee and putting the Golf Course under the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Committee and to hire a Recreation Director to oversee the Golf Course and its contracts and oversee all recreation programs in the Town of Abington. Said job will be paid out of Park enterprise account and golf course upkeep will remain by contract, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article.***

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the acceptance of the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 48 Section 42 (so-called "Strong fire chief" section) and in its place accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 48, Section 42A (the so called "weak fire chief") section, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article.***

Article 13 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the amount of \$192,000 for the purpose of funding the operation of the Park and Recreation Department for the landscaping and maintenance of all town properties (not to include the maintenance of town buildings), including the hiring of up to two full-time laborers and three part-time seasonal positions; the purchase of supplies, equipment and inventory; the repair and maintenance of the equipment and recreation areas owned by the town; and for other operational costs related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article. This item should be addressed within the budget discussion of Article 3 as there are line items for this purpose.***

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$10,440.00) for sick leave buy back for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the passover this Article and address this at the Fall Town Meeting.***

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and Nine Dollars (\$11,409.00) for vacation buy back for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the passover this Article and address this at the Fall Town Meeting.***

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sufficient sum of money to fund and implement the July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011 collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town approve this article to fund and implement the July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011 collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers.***

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize continuation of a revolving fund in accordance with MGL c. 44 s 53 E 1/2, said fund to be for the purpose of maintaining the fire alarm system in the Town, funded by the receipts from fees collected relative to the fire alarm system, to be expended by the Fire Chief, not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the ensuing fiscal year; or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town authorize continuation of a revolving fund for the purpose of maintaining the fire alarm system in the Town, to be funded by receipts from fees collected relative to the fire alarm system, to be expended by the Fire Chief, not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars for the ensuing fiscal year.***

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to continue a revolving fund in accordance with MGL c. 44 s 53 E 1/2. Said fund shall be for the purpose of maintaining public meeting rooms beyond regular hours of library operation funded by receipts from private groups using the meeting facilities after regular hours of operation; to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the ensuing fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town authorize continuation of the a revolving fund for the purpose of maintaining public meeting rooms in the Library beyond regular hours of library operation, to be funded by receipts from private groups using the meeting facilities after regular hours of operation, to be expended by the Board of Library***

***Trustees, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars for the ensuing fiscal year.***

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to continue a revolving fund in accordance with MGL c. 44 s. 53E ½. Said fund shall be for the purpose of replacing library materials lost or damaged by patrons and then paid for; to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees, not to exceed One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the ensuing fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town authorize continuation of a revolving fund for the purpose of replacing library materials lost or damaged by patrons, to be funded by receipts from patrons for such lost or damaged materials, to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees, not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the ensuing fiscal year.***

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund, pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 44 s. 53E ½ for the purpose of funding the Police Department's Records Clerk Salary and Wages. The funds deposited into said fund shall be from the Administrative Fees received by the Town relating to Police Officer Detail Billing, and further that the Chief of Police is authorized to expend no more than thirty-eight thousand, seven hundred and thirty dollars (\$38,730.00) from said funds received, or take any action thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article as this should be addressed within the budget discussion of Article 3 as this is a personel item.***

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund, pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 44 s. 53E ½ for the purpose of matching police funding grants or purchasing equipment for the Police Department. The funds deposited into said fund shall be from the fines received by the Town relating to motor vehicle violations pursuant to MGL C. 90, and further that the Chief of Police if authorized to expend no more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from said funds received, or take any action thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town authorize continuation of a revolving fund for the purpose of matching police funding grants or purchasing equipment for the Police Department, to be funded by fines received by the Town relating to motor vehicle violations pursuant to MGL C. 90, to be expended by the Chief of Police, not to exceed fifty thousand dollars for the ensuing fiscal year.***

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund, pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 44 s. 53E ½ for the purpose of purchasing drug prevention materials. The funds deposited into said fund shall be from the fines received by the Town relating to marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in GL C 94c subsection 1, as amended), and further that the Chief of Police is authorized to expend no more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from said funds received, or take any action thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town authorize continuation of a***

***revolving fund for the purpose of purchasing drug prevention materials, to be funded by fines received by the Town relating to offenses involving marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol, to be expended by the Chief of Police, not to exceed five thousand dollars for the ensuing fiscal year.***

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund in accordance with MGL c. 44 s. 53E ½ for the purchase of compost bins and screened compost and disposal of cathode ray tubes, propane tanks and/or compost and related expenses and part time salaries. Said revolving fund is to be funded by receipts from CRT disposal permits, propane tank disposal permits, and from the sale of compost bins, and shall be expended by the Board of Health, with expenditures not to exceed Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) for the ensuing fiscal year, or take any other action relative there to.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town authorize continuation of a revolving fund for the purpose of purchasing compost bins and screened compost and disposal of cathode ray tubes, and propane tanks and related expenses and part time salaries, to be funded by receipts from CRT disposal permits, propane tank disposal permits, and from the sale of compost bins, to be expended by the Board of Health, not to exceed Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the ensuing fiscal year.***

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund in accordance with MGL c 44 s. 53 E ½ to be funded by the fines levied against Abington businesses, which violate state or local tobacco control laws, bylaws and regulations, to be expended by the Abington School Department, to fund the smoking or substance abuse prevention programs, not to exceed Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the ensuing fiscal year or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town authorize continuation of a revolving fund for the purpose of funding the smoking or substance abuse prevention programs, to be funded by the fines levied against Abington businesses which violate state or local tobacco control laws, bylaws and regulations, to be expended by the Abington School Department, not to exceed Eight Thousand Dollars for the ensuing fiscal year.***

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund in accordance with MGL c 44 s. 53 E ½ for the purpose of providing pre-school and full-day kindergarten to be funded by tuition collection. No more than One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) shall be expended from this fund during the Fiscal Year 2011. The School Committee or their designees shall be authorized to expend from this fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town authorize continuation of a revolving fund for the purpose of providing pre-school and full-day kindergarten, to be funded by tuition collection, to be expended by the School Committee or its designees, not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars for the ensuing fiscal year.***

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to continue a revolving fund in accordance with MGL c

44 s. 53E ½ not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to be funded by review fees paid to the Abington Planning Board for the purpose of paying costs related to engineering and supervision of proposed subdivisions and site plans within the town of Abington. Said fund is to be under the direction and control of the Planning Board of the Town of Abington, or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town authorize continuation of a revolving fund for the purpose of paying costs related to engineering and supervision of proposed subdivisions and site plans within the Town of Abington, to be funded by review fees paid to the Abington Planning Board, to be expended by the Planning Board, not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars for the ensuing fiscal year.***

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund in accordance with MGL c. 44 s. 53E ½ not to exceed Forty Five Thousand (\$45,000.00) to be funded by fees paid for the leasing or renting of the Senior Center and from the fares collected from the use of the council on aging van. Said revenue to be expended by the Council on Aging Director for the maintenance and operation of the Senior Center, or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town authorize continuation of a revolving fund for the purpose of maintenance and operation of the Senior Center, to be funded by fees paid for the leasing or renting of the Senior Center and from the fares collected from the use of the council on aging van, to be expended by the Council on Aging Director, not to exceed Forty Five Thousand Dollars for the ensuing fiscal year.***

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under General Laws Chapter 44 Sec. 53E ½ for the senior center for the purpose of receiving funds from the leasing/renting of the senior center, from the fares collected from the use of the Council on Aging van, from the sale of advertising from the senior center web site and other income derived from donations and use of the senior center; said revenue to be expended for the Council on Aging and related senior citizen activities under the direction of the Director of the Council on Aging, or take any action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article. This item should be addressed within the budget discussion of Article 3 as there are line items for this purpose.***

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) for the purpose of funding the Council on Aging, the senior programs and related activities, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article. This item should be addressed within the budget discussion of Article 3 as there are line items for this purpose.***

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds

the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of providing utilities (heat and light) and general maintenance for the senior center, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article. This item should be addressed within the budget discussion of Article 3 as there are line items for this purpose.***

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the roadway known as Robbins Avenue (also known as Robbins Avenue Extension) from station 6+50 to station 8+17 as shown on a plan entitled "As Built Plan and Profile of Robbins Avenue, Abington, Mass.", dated February 8, 2008, updated January 20, 2010, prepared by The Russell A. Wheatley Co., Inc., a copy of which is on file with the Planning Board, the Town Clerk, and the Town Manager's Office as an Exhibit hereto, and to accept all easements as shown on said plan, or take any action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article. At this time we are awaiting final approval from the Planning Board.***

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the roadway know as Colburn Lane as shown on a plan entitled "Roadway Acceptance Plan of COLBURN LANE in Abington, Mass." from station 0+00 to station 5+10 dated December 2, 2008 prepared by Russell A. Wheatley co., Inc. in a subdivision known as "Tupper Farm Estates" dated February 12, 2002, with further revisions and to accept all rights of ways and easements, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article. At this time we are awaiting final approval from the Planning Board.***

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) for student transportation services to Abington students attending out-of-district vocational schools as non-resident students for the 2009-2010 school year, or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars for student transportation services to Abington students attending out-of-district vocational schools as non-resident students for the 2009-2010 school year.***

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing services to build a website for the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town passover this Article. There is no funds for this Article at this time.***

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to transfer Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance for the

purpose of continuing the surveying and testing in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts drinking water regulations governing cross connections to our water system (310 CMR 22.22), or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town transfer Fifteen Thousand Dollars from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of continuing the surveying and testing in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts drinking water regulations governing cross connections to the Town's water system.***

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to transfer Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance to be used with a like amount from the Town of Rockland for the purpose of the demolition of the original Great Sandy Bottom Pond Water Treatment Plant that has been deemed unsafe by a structural evaluation located on Phillips Road, in the Town of Pembroke, or take any other action relative thereto

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town transfer Fifty Thousand Dollars from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance to be used with a like amount from the Town of Rockland for the purpose of the demolition of the original Great Sandy Bottom Pond Water Treatment Plant.***

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to transfer Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance to be used with a like amount from the Town of Rockland for the purpose of commissioning a master plan update for the Abington/Rockland Joint Waterworks, or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town transfer Forty Five Thousand Dollars from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance to be used with a like amount from the Town of Rockland for the purpose of commissioning a master plan update for the Abington/Rockland Joint Waterworks.***

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to transfer Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance to be used with a like amount from the Town of Rockland for the purpose of purchasing security equipment for the protection of the Town's water supply, or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town transfer Fifty Thousand Dollars from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance to be used with a like amount from the Town of Rockland for the purpose of purchasing security equipment for the protection of the Town's water supply.***

Article 39 : To see if the Town will vote to approve the FY 2011 South Shore Vocational Technical High School budget and to raise and appropriate from the FY 2011 levy or transfer

from available funds and/or borrow the sum of Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars (\$1,606,457.00) as the Town's assessment for the Vocational Technical High School budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town disapprove the FY2011 South Shore Vocational Technical High School budget and to raise and appropriate from the FY 2011 levy or transfer from available funds and/or borrow the sum of Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars (\$1,606,457.00) as the Town's assessment for the Vocational Technical High School budget.***

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000.00) for the purpose of paying FY2010 unpaid legal bills, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town approve the this Article. These are unpaid legal bills.***

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow the amount of \$199,000 for the purpose of purchasing Engine 3, Rescue 1, (\$124,000.00) and Information Technology equipment, consisting of computers and associated equipment, and a telephone system (\$75,000.00) through the exercise of the Town's option to purchase such equipment under the lease agreements related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town approve the this Article.  
Explanation to follow.***

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow the amount of \$275,000 in order to fund the first (assessment) phase of the capping of the Town's landfill located at Groveland Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

***MOTION: The Finance Committee moves that the Town approve the this Article.  
Explanation to follow.***