

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

PLYMOUTH, SS.

To *either* of the Constables of the Town of Abington . . .

GREETINGS. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in

**ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL 201 RICHARD
FRANCIS GLINIEWICZ WAY
IN PRECINCT FOUR IN SAID ABINGTON, ON MONDAY, THE 5TH OF
NOVEMBER, 2007, AT 7:00 IN THE EVENING**

Then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) to fund the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The Stabilization Fund is the savings account of the Town. The current balance as of September 2007 is \$904,852.00. The available Free Cash for this current year is \$575,000.00.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) to fund the Capital Improvement Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER -

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The Capital Improvement Fund allows the Town to maintain and invest further in its assets such as buildings. The current balance as of September 2007 is \$188,043.73.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of Three Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) to fund the Fiscal Year 2008 operating budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval this article. This article funds the current FY08 budget.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer Two Hundred Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$241,500.00) from Capital Improvement Trust Fund, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) from Chapter 90 Funds, One Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$195,000.00) from the Sewer Enterprise Undesignated Fund Balance, Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00) from the Golf Undesignated Fund Balance; One Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$132,324.00) from Ambulance Reserve for Appropriation; and Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) from account # 001 2200 5800 8166, Article #3, Diesel Exhaust Project, Special Town Meeting November 7, 2005, for the following Capital Improvements:

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| L/P payment for C-1 -Fire Dept | \$8,500.00 |
| Replace Engine 3-Fire Dept. | \$86,000.00 |
| Replace Rescue 1-Fire Dept. | \$37,824.00 |
| Bay Door Repair-Fire Dept. | \$28,000.00 |
| Sidewalk Program-Highway | \$30,000.00 |
| Road Capital Program-High way | \$200,000.00 |
| Radio Tower Replacement-Police | \$67,000.00 |
| Jetter-Sewer Dept. | \$115,000.00 |
| Sewer Manhole Frame and Cover Replacement | \$15,000.00 |
| Vehicle Replacement 9-4-Sewer Dept | \$65,000.00 |
| Town Wide Data/Voice Network | \$75,000.00 |
| Cart Path Improvements-Golf Course | \$30,000.00 |
| Netting - Golf Course | \$15,000.00 |
| Golf Course Water Assessment | \$40,000.00 |
| School Bleachers | \$15,000.00 |
| School Technology | \$54,500.00 |
| Total: | \$881,824.00 |

The Finance Committee recommends approval this article. This article is our Capital Plan.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$2,319.00) for payment to North River Collaborative for an unpaid bill for FY2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

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BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. North River Collaborative provides Medicaid billing services for the Town. The source of funds is the current Budget.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Seven Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$737.90) to Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten for an unpaid bill for FY2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The source of funds is the current Legal Budget.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$4,400.00) to fund the memorandum of agreement between the Town of Abington and the Library Staff Association for Fiscal Year 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

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BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The amount is the cost of the first year of a three-year contract with the Library Staff Association and represents a 3% annual increase in salaries. The source of funds is the current year Unemployment account.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$28,290.00) to fund the memorandum of agreement between the Town of Abington and the Clerical Association for Fiscal Year 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The amount is the cost of the first year of a three-year contract with the Clerical Association and represents a 3% annual increase in salaries. The source of funds are the current year Sewer Enterprise Fund (\$3,833.00) and the Liability Insurance Fund (\$24,437.00).

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the memorandum of agreement between the Town of Abington and the Highway, Park/Recreation, and Sewer Association for Fiscal Year 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The amount is the cost of the first year of a three-year contract with the Highway, Park/Recreation and Sewer Association and represents a 3% annual increase in salaries. The source of funds is the current salary budgets.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to fund the memorandum of agreement between the town of Abington and the Town Manager for Fiscal Year 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The amount is the cost of the first year of a three-year contract with the Town Manager and represents a 12% increase as a market adjustment for the first year and 3% increase for second and third years in annual salary. The source of funds would be the transfer from the Liability Insurance account.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote of the Town passed November 13, 2006 (Article 7), which vote appropriated and authorized a borrowing of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,800,000.00) for constructing and originally equipping a Senior Center building, to provide that such appropriation and • borrowing shall instead be used for acquiring a parcel of land, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Summer Street being two hundred forty three and 44/100 feet easterly from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Railroad.

Thence Running

S 24-28-53E by other land of Glad Tidings Assembly of God Eight Hundred Forty One and 13/100 (841.13) feet thence

S68-36-47 W by land of Virginia Caliacco & estate of Pasquale Caliacco three hundred sixty six and 38/100 (366.38) feet thence

N 15-59-28 W by land of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority eight Hundred twenty nine and 15/100 (829.15) feet thence

N65-12-30 E by Summer Street two hundred forty three and 44/100 (243.44) feet to the point of beginning. --

Said parcel contains 253,595 square feet.

Being a parcel of land shown as lot 1 on a plan of land by the Russell Wheatley Co. Inc. dated September 24, 2007 to be recorded herewith; with a building or buildings thereon for use as a Senior Center, including the costs of remodeling, originally equipping and furnishing such building or buildings for use as a Senior Center; to determine whether any vote taken under this article shall be made contingent upon a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exemption vote; or to take any action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER/COUNCIL ON AGING

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The amount was previously approved by the Townspeople in the Fall STM 2006 for the construction of a Center. Today's article would allow the Town to purchase a building with those previously approved funds. The source of funding for this article is a debt exclusion.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following previously authorized but yet to be issued debt as these funds are no longer needed:

Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) remaining from article #20 expanding and making improvements to Hannigan Reservoir of the May 2, 1994 Annual Town Meeting; Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) from Article #15 renovating the Strawberry Valley Golf Course barn article of the October 23, 2000 Special Town Meeting; One Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars (\$168.00) remaining from Lincoln Street Sidewalk article #12 of the April 3, 2001 Annual Town Meeting; and Thirty Two Thousand and Forty One Dollars (\$32,041.00) remaining from the ECC roof replacement article #13 of the November 7, 2005 Special Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto. BY TOWN MANAGER/BY TREASURER/COLLECTOR

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The Town was authorized by previous Town meetings to borrow these funds. The dollar amounts being rescinded were not borrowed and are no longer needed for the intended purpose.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the capital improvement fund the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) for the purpose of roof repairs to the American Legion Post 112 , or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. By Agreement, the Town is responsible for such major repairs to the building. The source of funds is the Capital Improvement Fund.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of performing an actuarial study in order to meet the financial requirements under GASB 45 to determine our post employee benefit liability, or to take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. In order to meet the financial reporting requirements under GASB45, we are required to perform an actuarial study to determine our post employee benefit liability in Health Insurance. The source of funds will be a transfer from the Health Insurance Fund.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Abington Police Department to transfer from the Federal Motor Vehicle Fines Account the amount of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing and/or upgrading police technology equipment for the new police facility, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY POLICE CHIEF

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Four Dollars and Thirty One Cents (\$4,264.31) for the purpose of sick leave buy back for Helen Burgess, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This is a contractual item previously agreed upon. The source of funds will be by raising and appropriating the amount from the Townspeople.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Million Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$2,053,000.00), for the replacement of doors and windows at Abington High School, to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; to determine whether this appropriation shall be made contingent upon a Proposition 2 % debt exemption vote; or to take any other action relative thereto.

BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The Town Manager has advised that the tax rate impact of such a bond for the first year would be an additional \$37.61 assessed on a median house value of \$362,500.00, sliding down to \$18.77 in Year 20 of the loan. The source of funding would be a debt exclusion.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Dollars (\$109,000.00) to fund the School Department's Technology Plan to continue the effort to conform to State Standards and the Abington Vision 2008 Technology Action Plan, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee recommends passing over this article. This article was previously addressed in Article 4 where the Finance Committee recommended approval of item 'School Technology'.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) to replace the gymnasium bleachers at Abington High School to comply with the safety recommendation of the Massachusetts Inter-local Insurance Association (MIIA), the Town's insurance carrier, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee recommends passing over this article. This article was previously addressed in Article 4 where the Finance Committee recommended approval of item 'School Bleachers.'

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2,656.50) from account number 4300-5291-0500 Waste Collections to account number 5110-5111-0500 salary account, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF HEALTH

The Finance Committee recommends passing over this article. This is a salary article requesting a transfer from the Trash Fund that should be addressed in the Spring ATM.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) from Gift account number 324-5110-4830 to account number 324-5110-5780 for the purposes of an unpaid bill to Dr. Curtin for the rabies clinic held in 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF HEALTH

The Finance Committee recommends passing over this article. The Town manager advises that this unpaid bill will be paid from the existing Gift funds by voucher. No additional source of funds is required.

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN
THE ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
201 RICHARD FRANCIS GLINIEWICZ WAY, PRECINCTS ONE, TWO,
THREE, AND FOUR:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2007
8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting at the Post Offices and two or more public places in Town.

Hereof, fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

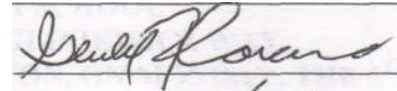
Given under our hands this 12th day of October, A.D. 2007.

Robert E. Wing _____

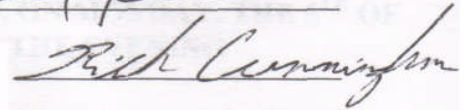
Thomas J. Corbett



Kathleen W. Lavin



Gerald F. Corcoran



Richard D. Cunningham

I served this warrant by posting attested copies at the Post Offices and two or more other public places in Town on _____.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury:

Constable

I, Phillip L. Warren, Jr., Town Manager of the Town of Abington, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, hereby certify that a copy of the warrant of the Special Town Meeting of Abington to be held on Monday, November 5, 2007, containing notice of the time and place of holding same, has been mailed to every inhabited house in the Town of Abington, Massachusetts, by the US Postal Service, and said delivery to Post Office was accomplished by October 19, 2007.

Signed under the penalties of perjury:

Phillip L. Warren, Jr., Town Manager