

TOWN OF PETERSHAM
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT
for
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
at **PETERSHAM TOWN HALL**
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Worcester, County SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Petersham in the County of Worcester,

Greetings,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Petersham qualified to vote in the elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Petersham Town Hall at 1 South Main Street, Petersham, on Monday, the 6th day of June 2022, at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following Articles:

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ARTICLE 1.

To see if the Town will vote to receive the reports of Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 2.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds, transfer from the Stabilization Fund, transfer from other available accounts, or any combination thereof; and or borrow a sum of money; in the amount not to exceed **\$721,000.00 for the costs of the complete demolition, deconstruction, and removal of the building known as the former Nichewaug Inn and Maria Assumpta Academy; not including the free-standing garage and exterior stonework, as shown in MAP EXHIBIT NO. 1 herein**; and as detailed in the bidders' documents noticed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' CommBuys and Central Register effective September 20, 2021; for the Town-owned property located at 25 Common Street, Assessors' Map Parcel Number 116; as may be possible with funding provided for the purposes, over a period of one or more years, as determined by the Town of Petersham, said removal to include site clearance, filling, soil restoration, grading, and seeding of the land

upon completion of demolition; and to authorize the Selectboard to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to effect said demolition and removal; and as has been approved and permitted by the Petersham Historic District Commission at the Commission's Public Hearing held on January 20, 2022 and by the Petersham Capital Improvement Planning Committee at the Committee's meeting held on April 21, 2022; and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to issue bonds or notes therefore in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(3), and Chapter 181 of the Acts and Resolves of 2013: An Act Authorizing the Town of Petersham to Borrow Outside the Debt Limit for a Certain Town Project enacted by the General Court of Massachusetts and signed into law December 19, 2013 by his Excellency the Governor, and or any other authority; or act in relation thereto.

– **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$26,240.00 to pay for employee obligations incurred by the Town in Fiscal Year 2022 for the retirement of the Chief of Police**; or act in relation thereto.

– **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$37,635.00 to eliminate the Fiscal Year 2022 Snow and Ice Account deficit**; or act in relation thereto.

– **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$437,533.00 to eliminate the Fiscal Year 2022 Petersham Center School Elementary School Account deficit**; or act in relation thereto.

– **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 6.

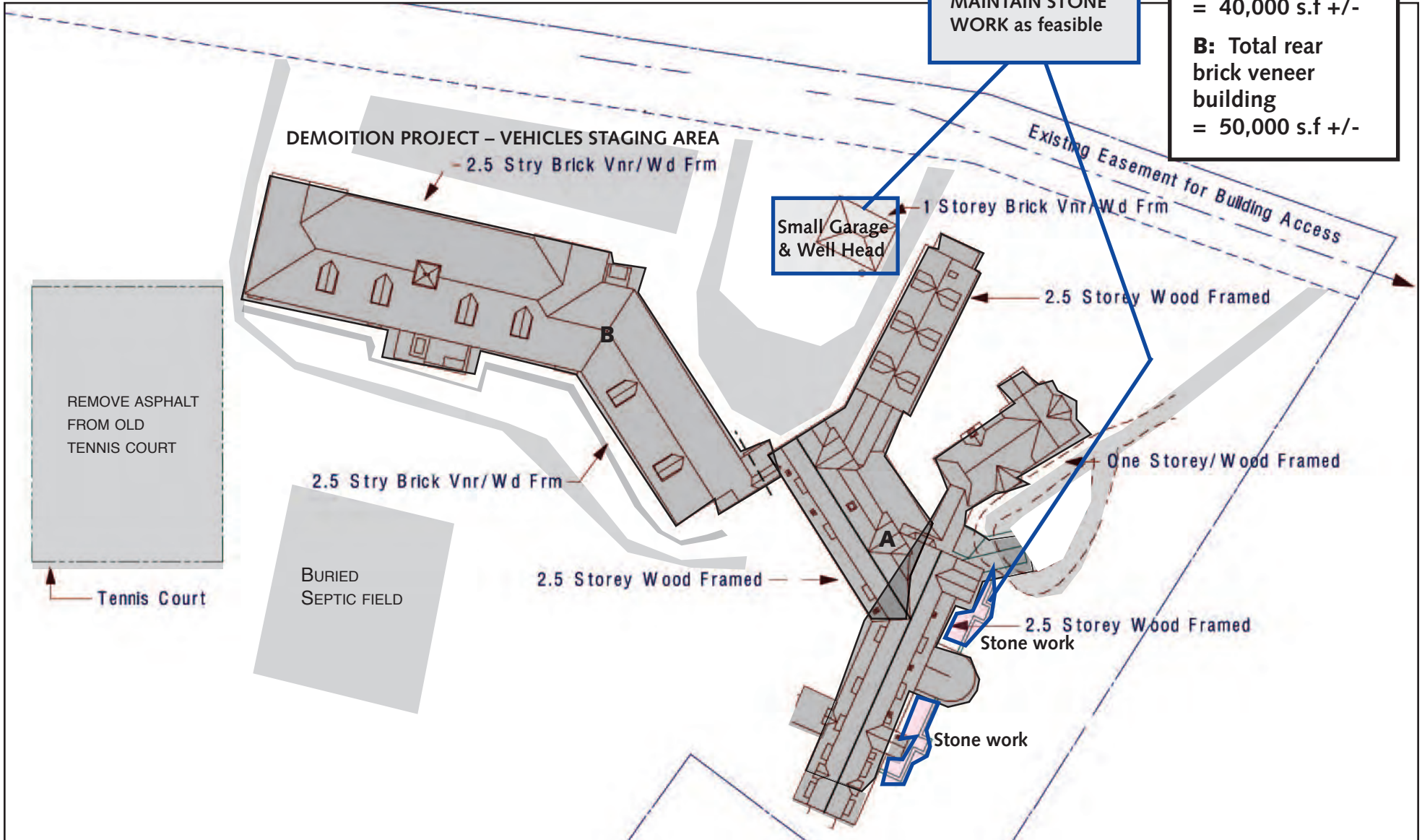
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$17,209.00 to eliminate the Fiscal Year 2022 Highway Department Wages Account deficit**; or act in relation thereto.

– **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 2 - Exhibit #1

Remove structure and hardscape EXCEPTING leave standing:
Free-standing Garage and exterior Stonework –
in outlined areas below per Scope of Services Specifications provided.
STRUCTURE & HARDSCAPE AREAS TO BE REMOVED NOTED IN GREY:

TOTAL BUILDING SIZE
= 90,000 s.f. +/-
A: Total front shingle building = 40,000 s.f +/-
B: Total rear brick veneer building = 50,000 s.f +/-



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And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Petersham Town Offices, Petersham Post Office, and Petersham Package Store, in said Town, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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..... } Selectboard, Petersham, Massachusetts

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A true copy. Attest:..... } Constable of Petersham, Massachusetts

Worcester, SS

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Petersham, Massachusetts by posting up attested copies at the Petersham Town Offices, Petersham Post Office, and Petersham Package Store, fourteen (14) days before the date of the Meeting, as within directed.

Given under my hands and posted as directed herein on this ____ day of _____, 2022.

..... } Constable of Petersham, Massachusetts

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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ARTICLE 1.

To receive the reports of Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

— **CONSENT AGENDA (Articles 2–18)** —

ARTICLE 2. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote **to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements** during Fiscal Year 2023, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 44, Section 53F; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to use the income of the William B. Spooner Fund as of March 31 of the current fiscal year at **the Petersham Memorial Library** for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote for the Treasurer to use the Elizabeth Newton Charities Trust Fund and Elizabeth Newton Deserving Poor Trust Fund **for assistance to Petersham veterans** approved for benefits by Massachusetts Department of Veteran's Services through the Local Veterans' Service Office for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote for the **Conservation Commission** to use the accumulated interest from the **Evelyn V. Murphy Conservation Fund** as of March 31 of the current fiscal year for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote for the **Conservation Commission** to use the accumulated interest from the **Lewis and Corrine Babbitt Wildlife Sanctuary Fund** as of March 31 of the current fiscal year, to be used at the Sanctuary for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a **Revolving Fund** pursuant to state law MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½ to be expended by the Treasurer for **fees due to the Electrical Inspector, Gas Inspector, and Plumbing Inspector**; the Accountant shall be authorized to effect transfers from this account as required to cover vouchers submitted for payment upon verification that the disbursement requested does not exceed receipts to date; and expenditures from said Revolving Fund **shall not exceed \$20,000.00** for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a **Revolving Fund** pursuant to state law MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½ to be expended by the Treasurer for **fees due to the Fire Chief**; the Accountant shall be authorized to effect transfers from this account as required to cover vouchers submitted for payment upon verification that the disbursement requested does not exceed receipts to date; and expenditures from said Revolving Fund **shall not exceed \$4,000.00** for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to deposit fee income generated from collection of taxes into a **Revolving Fund** account for payment of **fees due as submitted for payment by the Tax Collector** pursuant to the provisions of state law MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, said fund to be established from receipts of said income; and expenditures **shall not exceed \$10,000.00** for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Town Clerk to deposit fee income generated from certificates, DBA's, Dog Fees, Genealogy, etc. into a **Revolving Fund** account for payment of **fees due as submitted for payment by the Town Clerk** pursuant to the provisions of state law MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, said fund to be established from receipts of said income; and expenditures **shall not exceed \$2,600.00** for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a **Revolving Fund** pursuant to state law MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for deposits of fees collected under the **Petersham School Committee Fee Schedule for use of the Petersham School Building**, to be expended by the Petersham School Committee **for the purpose of repairs to the Building and replacement of equipment associated with the use of the Facility**; and expenditures from said Revolving Fund **shall not exceed \$2,000.00** for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a **Revolving Fund**, pursuant to state law MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for **deposits of all receipts for grave openings and from which the Selectboard and Cemetery Commission may make expenditures to pay the costs thereof**; and expenditures from said Revolving Fund **shall not exceed \$6,000.00** for Fiscal Year 2023; **or act in relation thereto.**

ARTICLE 13. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a **Revolving Fund**, pursuant to state law MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½ to be expended by the **Conservation Commission** to pay **for services and fees charged for the filing of hearing applications, to include retrieval fees, legal notices, clerical fees, postage fees, and the carrying out of duties required**; said fund to be established from receipts collected by the Conservation Commission and expenditures from said Revolving Fund **shall not exceed \$5,000.00** for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a **Revolving Fund**, pursuant to state law MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½ and pursuant to **Local Cultural Council** Regulations at 962 CMR 2:05, for deposits of local funds collected by the Petersham Cultural Council, **to be expended by the Petersham Cultural Council for the purpose of carrying out its duties**; and expenditures from said Revolving Fund **shall not exceed \$3,000.00** for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a **Revolving Fund**, pursuant to state law MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½ to be expended by **the Board of Health**, to pay **for consulting services as required by the Board of Health**, said fund to be established from receipts collected by the Board of Health for fees for its services; and expenditures from said Revolving Fund **shall not exceed \$10,000.00** for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a **Revolving Fund** pursuant to state law MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for deposits of fees collected under **the Planning Board Rules and Regulations Fee Schedule**, to be expended by the Planning Board **for the purpose of carrying out its duties**; and expenditures from said Revolving Fund **shall not exceed \$1,000.00** for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a **Revolving Fund** pursuant to state law MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for deposits of fees collected under **the Zoning Board of Appeals Rules and Regulations Fee Schedule**, to be expended by the Zoning Board of Appeals **for the purposes of carrying out its duties**; and expenditures from said Revolving Fund **shall not exceed \$3,000.00** for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. CONSENT

To see if the Town will vote **to accept and expend Chapter 90 Funds from the State for the purpose of local road work projects**, said expenditures to be 100% reimbursed by the State; or act in relation thereto.

— **CONSENT AGENDA ARTICLES 1–18: RECOMMENDED**

— **END OF CONSENT AGENDA** —

ARTICLE 19.

Fiscal Year 2023 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, approve subject to Proposition 2 1/2 Over-ride, or any combination thereof, all necessary sums of money **to pay Town Charges and Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2023** as per budgets submitted by the several Town Departments, as approved by the Advisory Finance Committee and as listed in the budget pages of this Report, or any other amounts deemed to be sufficient; or act in relation thereto.

— **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 20.

To see if the Town will vote to fix the **salaries of all Elective Town Officers** as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended: Moderator **\$0**; Town Treasurer **\$20,237.00**; Town Clerk **\$13,337.00**; Tax Collector **\$15,187.00**; Selectboard, Chair **\$3,573.00**; Vice Chair **\$3,093.00**, Clerk **\$2,913.00**; Board of Assessors, Chair **\$3,573.00**, Clerk **\$3,093.00**, other member **\$2,913.00**; Board of Health Chair, **\$227.00**, other members **\$167.00** each; Trustee of Library **FREE**; Constables **\$13.86/PER HOUR**; or act in relation thereto.

—**RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 21.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of **\$102,355.00** to pay the Fiscal Year 2023 **principal and interest due on the construction note for the Petersham Center School building construction**; or act in relation thereto.

— **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 22.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization fund, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of **\$22,461.00** to pay the Fiscal Year 2023 **principal and interest due on the construction note for the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District school building construction**; or act in relation thereto.

— **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 23.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of **\$41,150.00** to pay the **principal and interest due on the note for debt incurred for asbestos and hazardous materials removal at the town-owned building known as the Nichewaugh Inn & Academy located at 25 Common Street; as approved by vote of the Special Town Meeting of December 12, 2016**; or act in relation thereto.

— **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 24.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of **\$39,600.00** to pay the **principal and interest due on the note for debt incurred for purchase of the 2020 Quick Attack Pumper Truck for the Fire Department; as approved by vote of the Annual Town Meeting of June 3, 2019**; or act in relation thereto.

— **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 25.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of **\$28,882.00** to pay the **principal and interest due on the note for debt incurred for project expenses for completion of the town-wide broadband network project; as approved by vote of the Special Town Meeting of December 12, 2016**; or act in relation thereto.

— **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 26.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of **\$5,000.00** for **Board of Assessors' Year Three of Five Years of payments for the Full Measure and List of all real estate and personal property as required by State Law;** or to act in relation thereto.

— **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 27.

To see if the Town will vote to take the accumulated interest from the Consolidated Cemetery Fund 1 and 2, the E.M. Cook Cemetery Trust Fund, the L.L. Pond Cemetery Fund, and the William Smith Cemetery Fund **for deposit into the Cemetery Repair Fund,** said fund to be expended by the Cemetery Commission for Cemetery improvements; or act in relation thereto.

— **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 28.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of **\$30,000.00** for **deposit into the Reserve Fund** for Fiscal Year 2023; or act in relation thereto.

— **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 29.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund or any combination thereof, the sum of **\$1,800.00 for six (6) Petersham Brass Band concerts at \$300.00 per concert, to be held during the summer;** or to act in relation thereto.

— **VOTER PREFERENCE**

ARTICLE 30.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of **\$30,000.00** to the Petersham Municipal Light Plant Broadband Enterprise Fund **for Fiscal Year 2023 town-wide broadband network operations;** with said funds to be raised from Broadband Network Subscriber's Fees receipts and funds from any source derived from the activities of the Town's Municipal Light Plant Broadband Board; or act in relation thereto.

— **RECOMMENDED**

ARTICLE 31.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, transfer, borrow, or any combination thereof; a certain amount for **deposit into the Stabilization Fund**; or act in relation thereto.

— NOT RECOMMENDED [TAKE NO ACTION]

ARTICLE 32.

To see if the Town will vote **to amend the Town's Zoning By-laws so as to change the name of the Board of Selectmen to the "Selectboard,"** by striking out, in every instance in which they appear in reference to that body, the words "Board of Selectmen" or "Selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the words "Selectboard"; and by striking out, in every instance in which they appear in reference to Board members individually, the word "Selectman" and "Selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the words "Selectboard Member" or "Selectboard Members"; and further to authorize the Town Clerk to make non-substantive, ministerial revisions to ensure that gender and numerical issues in related text is revised to properly reflect such change in title; or or act in relation thereto.

— VOTER PREFERENCE

ARTICLE 33.

To see if the Town will vote **to amend the Town's General By-laws so as to change the name of the Dog Officer to "Animal Control Officer,"** by striking out, in every instance in which they appears in reference to that position, the words "Dog Officer" and inserting in place thereof the words "Animal Control Officer"; or act in relation thereto.

— VOTER PREFERENCE

ARTICLE 34.

To see if the Town will vote **to amend the Town's General By-laws Article XIII. Dog By-law,** to be amended to include a new Section 10, to immediately follow existing Section 9, and to read as follows below in **bold, underlined print**; or act in relation thereto:

ARTICLE XIII. SECTION 10.

The General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 140, Sections 136A–174E shall serve as the Town's general Animal Control Law. If an Animal Control Officer determines there are violations to Chapter 140, they may invoke pertinent Sections of General Laws Chapter 272 and the General Laws pertaining to animal cruelty shall be necessitated.

— VOTER PREFERENCE

ARTICLE 35.

To see if the Town will vote **to amend the Town's *General By-laws Article II. Town Meetings, Sections 1.d and 1. e Town Officers and Appointees and Election or Appointment of Same,* so as to amend the Sections II.1.d and II.1.e to make the position of Constable an appointed position to be listed in Section 1.e rather than an elected position as currently listed in Section II.1.d**; such position to be appointed by the Selectboard as per other appointments in this Section II.1.e; the amended By-Law Section II.1.e therefore to read as follows below in **bold, underlined print**; or act in relation thereto:

ARTICLE II, SECTION II.1.e. Appointed Positions - Police Chief, Fire Chief, Director of Town Agriculture, Inspector of Animals, Director of Veterans' Services and Veterans' Agent, Sexton, Gas Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Town Accountant for three years, Dog Officer, Director of Civil Defense, Town Counsel, Board of Appeals to consist of three members, one to be appointed each year for a term of three years, Personnel Board, Tree Warden, Building Inspector, Conservation Commission, Superintendent of Streets, **Constable.**

— VOTER PREFERENCE

ARTICLE 36.

To see if the Town will vote **to amend the Town's Zoning By-laws Section 18. Solar Electric Installations to address only typographical errors in specific sections therein** as listed below; the By-Law therefore to read as follows below with typographic errors fixed as follows below in **bold, underlined print**; or act in relation thereto:

Current By-law:

Section 18.1.a. This section applies to any large-scale ground-mounted solar electric installation (greater than 10 kW (kilowatts) in the Town of Petersham. In the Solar Electric Overlay District such facilities are allowed As-of-Right. Outside of the Solar Electric Overlay District, such facilities are allowed by special permit.

Smaller scale (10 kW or less) ground-mounted solar electric installations need only comply with subsection F.3.

Proposed Amended By-law:

Section 18.1.a. This section applies to any large-scale ground-mounted solar electric installation (**greater than 10 kW Rated Nameplate Capacity (kilowatts)**) in the Town of Petersham. In the Solar Electric Overlay District such facilities are allowed As-of-Right. Outside of the Solar Electric Overlay District, such facilities are allowed by special permit.

Smaller scale (10 kW or less) ground-mounted solar electric installations need only comply **with subsection 18.3.**

ARTICLE 36. - continued

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Current By-law:

Section 18.2. Rated Nameplate Capacity: maximum output of a solar electric generation system in Alternating Current power production of or Direct Current (DC).

Proposed Amended By-law:

Section 18.2. **Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production of a solar electric generation system in Alternating Current (AC).**

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Current By-law:

Section 18.4b.4. Description of financial surety that satisfies Section F.11.c.

Proposed Amended By-law:

Section 18.4b.4. Description of financial surety that satisfies **Section 18.11c.**

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Current By-law:

Section 18.11.a. Removal Requirements: Any installation which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned consistent with Section F.11b. of this bylaw shall be removed.

Proposed Amended By-law:

Section 18.11.a. Removal Requirements: Any installation which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned consistent with **Section 18.11b.** of this bylaw shall be removed.

— VOTER PREFERENCE

ARTICLE 37.

CITIZEN'S PETITION ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, take from the Stabilization Fund, borrow, or any combination thereof, the sum of **\$1,000.00 to support the Petersham Friday Market and its 2022 program of up to 20 live music performances** to be held on the town common; or act in relation thereto.

— VOTER PREFERENCE

ARTICLE 38.

CITIZEN'S PETITION ARTICLE

Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag and Seal of Massachusetts

Whereas the history of the State of Massachusetts is replete with instances of conflict between the European Colonists and the Native Nations of the region, who first extended the hand of friendship to the Colonists on their shores in 1620, and helped them to survive starvation during the settlers' first winters on their land;

Whereas members of the Native Nation for whom the State of Massachusetts is named were ambushed and killed by Myles Standish, first commander of the Plymouth Colony, in April of 1623, barely two years after the Pilgrims arrived;

Whereas the Colonial broadsword held by a white hand above the head of the Native man on the Massachusetts State Flag and Seal is modeled after Myles Standish's own broadsword, borrowed for that purpose from the Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth by the illustrator Edmund Garrett in 1884;

Whereas the belt binding the Native's cloak on the Flag and Seal is modeled after a belt worn by Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, who was among the Wampanoag leaders who resorted to a mutually destructive war in 1675–76 in defense of Native lands against Colonial encroachment;

Whereas the proportions of the body of the Native man in the Flag and Seal were taken from a Native skeleton unearthed in Winthrop, the bow modeled after a bow taken from a Native man shot and killed by a colonist in Sudbury in 1665, and the facial features taken from a photograph of an Ojibwe chief from Great Falls, Montana, considered by the illustrator to be a “fine specimen of an Indian,” though not from Massachusetts;

Whereas the history of relations between Massachusetts since Colonial times and the Native Nations who continue to live within its borders includes the forced internment of thousands of so-called “praying Indians” on Deer Island, in Boston Harbor, where they died by the hundreds of exposure in 1675, the enslavement in Boston, Bermuda, and the Caribbean Islands, the offering of 40 pounds sterling as bounty for the scalps of Native men, women and children in Massachusetts beginning in 1686, increased to 100 pounds sterling for the scalps of Native adult males by 1722, half that amount for Native women and children;

Whereas Native Nations within the boundaries of Massachusetts were legally considered wards of the state until the nonviolent action of the so-called Mashpee Rebellion of 1833 led to the granting of Native self-rule by the Massachusetts legislature in 1834, as if the sovereign right of Native self-government was the Massachusetts legislature's to confer;

Whereas Native Americans were legally prohibited from even stepping foot into Boston from 1675 until 2004, when that law was finally repealed;

Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Colonists at Plymouth Plantation, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate policies of cultural destruction against Native Nations of this continent, occurred in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to an appreciation of the need

for better relations between the descendants of the Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of the Commonwealth;

Whereas the land area now known as the Town of Petersham shares a rich Native history with modern tribal Nations like the Nipmuc, who inhabited this area for thousands of years before the first colonial settlers arrived, in 1733;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town of Petersham hereby adopts this resolution in support of the work of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, established by a Resolve of the General Court in 2020 and appointed by the Governor to recommend changes to the current flag and seal of Massachusetts, and in support of a new seal and motto for the Commonwealth that may better reflect our aspirations for harmonious and respectful relations between all people who now call Massachusetts home.

The town clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Sen. Marc Pacheco and Rep. Antonio Cabral, co-chairs of the Joint Committee on State Administration, who serve as members of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, and to Sen. Anne Gobi and Rep. Susannah Whipps, with the request that they continue their support for the work of the aforementioned Special Commission.

— VOTER PREFERENCE

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Petersham Town Offices, Petersham Post Office, and Petersham Package Store, in said Town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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..... } Selectboard, Petersham, Massachusetts

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A true copy. Attest:..... } Constable of Petersham, Massachusetts

Worcester, SS

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Petersham, Massachusetts by posting up attested copies at the Petersham Town Offices, Petersham Post Office, and Petersham Package Store, seven (7) days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Given under my hands and posted as prescribed herein on this ____ day of _____, 2022.

..... } Constable of Petersham, Massachusetts

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