

TOWN OF DALTON
BERKSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Dalton, qualified by law to vote in the Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the:

WAHCONAH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
150 OLD WINDSOR ROAD, DALTON MA
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

Then and there to act on the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½, will fix the maximum amounts that may be spent during the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023 for the revolving funds established in town by-laws, as on file and available for viewing in the office of the Town Clerk, for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers, with such expenditure limits to be applicable for each fiscal year until such time as Town Meeting votes, prior to July 1 for the ensuing fiscal year, to revise the same; or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the "Schedule of Compensation for Elected Officials" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023; or to take any other action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money, including without limitation appropriations from Sewer User Fees, for the purpose of defraying charges and expenses and debt service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023; or to take any other action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Operating Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023; or to take any other action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Transportation Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023; or to take any other action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the Capital Budget of the Central Berkshire Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023; or to take any other action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money to the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023; or to take any other action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of reducing or offsetting the expected tax rate increase in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

- ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money to each of the following Stabilization Funds: General Stabilization Fund, Capital Stabilization Fund, and Sewer Stabilization Fund; or to take any other action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits; or to take any other action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the payment of unpaid bills of previous fiscal years pursuant to the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 64; or to take any other action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money from available funds to be reimbursed by a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with Chapter 90, Section 34 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and any other enabling statute, for the purposes of highway maintenance, repaving, and similar roadway expenditures; and further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts or grant agreements with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for such purposes as necessary; or to take any other action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will authorize borrowing for Fiscal Year 2024 capital expenses, including all costs incidental or related thereto and including all borrowing costs associated therewith; and further, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum under Chapter 44, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and that the Select Board is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; and further, that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs; or to take any other action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will transfer from the Sewer Stabilization Fund a sum of money to pay the City of Pittsfield for the additional costs of sewage treatment in the 2022 fiscal year; or to take any other action in relation thereto.
- ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund a sum of money for the purpose of providing the following item for the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Program, including all incidental and related costs; or to take any other action in relation thereto:
- 1) an administrative car for the Police Department.
- ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purpose of funding capital items for the Department of Public Works for the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Program, as follows, including all incidental and related costs; or to take any other action in relation thereto:
- 1) a pickup truck; and
 - 2) sidewalk repairs.
- ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purpose of funding capital items for the Forest

Warden for the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Program, as follows, including all incidental and related costs; or to take any other action in relation thereto:

1) a flatbed or similar-type trailer.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purpose of capital items for the Emergency Management Department for the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Program, as follows, including all incidental and related costs; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

1) one automated external defibrillator (AED).

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for Fiscal Year 2024, for the purpose of funding municipal website development, including all incidental and related costs; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for Fiscal Year 2024 for the purpose of funding the following programs aimed at reducing the Town's contributions to climate change, including all incidental and related costs; or to take any other action in relation thereto:

1) Developing a "Roadmap" plan for Climate Leader status for the Town; and
2) Planning and hosting a Climate Fair.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract for more than three years for the purpose of providing software, operations, management and maintenance support for electric-vehicle charging stations; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for Fiscal Year 2024 for the purpose of funding relocation costs for residents of condemned houses; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to convey an easement for access, utilities and construction on a parcel of Town-owned land situated off Bridle Road, more particularly described in a deed recorded with the Berkshire Middle Registry of Deeds in Book 948, Page 685 to Warren Farms Solar LLC, or its nominee, for the benefit of leased property adjacent to the Town property, such conveyance to be for such consideration, which may be nominal consideration, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Select Board shall deem advisable, and to execute any and all documents related thereto; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for Fiscal Year 2024 for the purpose of conducting a space-needs study for the Town, including but not limited to recommendations for: 1) redesign or renovation of any existing Town facility or facilities; and 2) leasing, purchasing and/or building any new facility or facilities; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To change the location for all Town election voting from the Dalton Community Recreation Association, 400 Main Street to the Dalton Senior Center, 40 Field Street Extension.

[by citizen petition]

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will recess until MONDAY MAY 8, 2023 at 11:00 O'CLOCK A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to meet in the DALTON COMMUNITY HOUSE, to choose and elect the following Town Officers and the determination of such other matters as are by law required to be determined by ballot:

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| (2) MEMBERS SELECT BOARD | FOR 3 YEARS |
| (1) MODERATOR | FOR 1 YEAR |
| (2) MEMBERS DALTON HOUSING AUTHORITY | FOR 5 YEARS |
| (1) CEMETERY TRUSTEE | FOR 3 YEARS |
| (2) MEMBERS PLANNING BOARD | FOR 3 YEARS |
| (3) LIBRARY TRUSTEES | FOR 3 YEARS |
| (2) MEMBERS FINANCE COMMITTEE | FOR 3 YEARS |

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting five attested copies thereof as required by the Bylaws of said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meetings.

And you are further required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Dalton, qualified by law to vote in the Elections to meet in the DALTON COMMUNITY HOUSE, MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 at 11:00 O'CLOCK A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to bring in their votes for Town Officers per Article 20 and the determination of such other matters as are by law required to be determined by ballot.

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

Given under our hands and seal this ____ day of _____, 2023.

A true copy. ATTEST:

Heather A. Hunt, TOWN CLERK

SIGNED:

Joseph A. Diver, Chairman

Robert W. Bishop Jr., Vice Chairman

John F. Boyle

Marc E. Strout

Daniel E. Esko

SELECT BOARD

By virtue of the within Warrant, I have served the same by posting in at least five public places attested copies thereof as the Bylaws of the Town direct, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

CONSTABLE

DATE: _____

POSTED: Dewey's Public House, Dalton Restaurant, Greenridge Variety Convenience, U.S. Post Office, Country Corner Package & Variety, Town Hall Bulletin Board