

September 26, 2022

# **TOWN OF HAMPDEN**

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Thornton W. Burgess Middle School  
85 Wilbraham Road  
Hampden, Massachusetts**

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**TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2022**

**HAMPDEN, ss.**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Hampden in said County:

**GREETINGS:** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at **Thornton W. Burgess School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden, on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at seven o'clock in the evening;** then and there to act upon the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1 HIGHWAY GARAGE SECURITY SYSTEM**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to fund an upgrade of the security system at the Highway Garage; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2 CLERICAL SUPPORT FOR THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to hire clerical support for the Highway Superintendent; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 3 SPECIAL ACT FOR A POLICE OFFICER OVER AGE 65**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a petition, in substantially the same form as follows, with the Massachusetts General Court for a special act to permit a Hampden police officer to continue serving past the normal retirement age of 65 and potentially to 70 years of age, where the General Court may make such amendments as are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HAMPDEN TO CONTINUE THE  
EMPLOYMENT OF JAMES GORMALLY**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, James Gormally, a member of the police department of the town of Hampden, may continue to serve in such position until reaching the age of 70, the date of his retirement or non-reappointment or the date he is relieved of his duties by the town, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the position of police officer; and provided further, that the town may, at its own expense, require that James Gormally be examined by an impartial physician designated by the town to determine such capability. No deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of James Gormally pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service after his reaching the age of 65 in connection with his service to the town for retirement or pension purposes and, upon retirement, James

Gormally shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retired at age 65.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon its passage  
or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4 INCREASE FUNDING FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to increase funding for employee benefits; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 5 GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize creation of a Government Study Committee to review all aspects of Hampden Town government and to issue a report with any recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting in May 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 6 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to increase funding for Emergency Management; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR LAW AND CLAIMS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to increase funding for legal services; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 8 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSES**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to increase funding for the Board of Health; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9 REIMBURSEMENT FOR MINNECHAUG LAND TRUST**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds, the sum of money, to reimburse the Minnechaug Land Trust for cost overruns on previously approved removal of dead and dying trees at the South Road entrance to the Minnechaug Mountain Conservation Land, and for grinding stumps that remain at the site, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10 REDUCING THE TAX RATE**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 11 TRANSFER TO THE GENERAL STABILIZATION ACCOUNT**

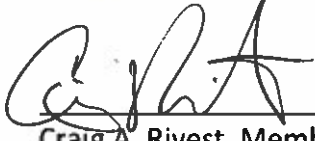
To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from unappropriated available funds into the General Stabilization Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at each of the places designated by the Town. Hereof, fail not and make do return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this 26th day of September 2022.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



John D. Flynn, Chairman



Craig A. Rivest, Member



Donald L. Davenport, Member

I, Constable for the Town of Hampden, have on this date posted copies of the warrant for the Town Meeting to be held on October 24, 2022, at 7:00 pm in all places as designated by the Town of Hampden.

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Constable, Town of Hampden

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Date

