

**HAMPDEN  
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Board of Selectmen/Board of Health - Special Meeting

Thornton W. Burgess School

85 Wilbraham Road

October 26, 2020

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

6:05 p.m. - Fire Station safety issues

6:15 p.m. - Halloween Statement

6:25 p.m. - Regional Dispatch update

6:40 p.m. - Election Warrant

6:50 p.m. - Town Meeting Warrant

SELECTMEN REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 26, 2020**

**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 26<sup>th</sup> at seven o'clock in the evening**; then and there to act upon the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1 - PURCHASE OF A POLICE CRUISER**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to purchase a new Police cruiser; or take any other action relative thereto

MOTION: (Selectman Flynn) Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 and transfer from the Police Off Duty Account an additional \$25,000 to the Police Department for the purchase of a new police cruiser. **Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 2 - REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS TREES**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to fund removal of dangerous trees in the Town right-of-way that threaten public safety and access for public safety vehicles; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: (Selectman Glover) Move that the Town raise and appropriate \$100,000 to Tree Warden account 41.1 for removal of dead and hazardous trees in the public way. **Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 3 - REMOVAL OF MORATORIUM ON SOLAR INSTALLATIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to delete in its entirety the existing Section 7.17 of the Hampden Zoning Bylaw, Temporary Moratorium on Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Energy Systems; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: (Planning Board) Move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by repealing Section 7.17 in its entirety.

**Planning Board Report Required**

**2/3rds Majority Required**

**ARTICLE 4 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OPERATIONAL BASE BY-LAW**

To see if the Town will vote to add the following sections to the Hampden Zoning By-Law; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Section 7.20 – EMT Operational Base**

An EMT Operational Base may contain, for the use of the EMTs working there, a sleeping/rest area, lavatories, and cooking and eating accommodations. An EMT Operational Base shall not be used as living quarters or as a permanent residence.

All ambulance(s) in use at an EMT Operational Base shall be garaged inside the building. There shall be no repair or servicing of vehicle(s) allowed at an EMT Operational Base.

Per ambulance garaged at an EMT Operational Base, there shall be three parking spaces designated for the exclusive use of the EMTs working there. Any lighting of the parking area must comply with the Zoning Bylaw.

Any signs located at the EMT Operational Base will require the approval of the Building Inspector. Such signs that are along a public way must be set back to ensure safe egress from the EMT Operational Base to the public way.

Any auxiliary power shall be located to the rear of the building.

### **Section 2: Definitions**

Emergency Medical Technician or EMT: a person trained in and responsible for the administration of specialized emergency care and the transportation of victims of acute illness or injury to a medical facility in compliance with national standards developed by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

EMT Operational Base: A building where operational ambulance(s) are garaged and where EMTs work shift duties.

MOTION: (Planning Board) Move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Law, as presented in Article 4 the Warrant for the October 26, 2020 Special Town Meeting.

Move to amend Article 4 of the Warrant for the October 26, 2020 Special Town Meeting to include the Table of Use Regulations.

Move that the Town votes to approve Article 4 of the Warrant for the October 26, 2020 Special Town Meeting as amended.

**Planning Board Report Required**

**2/3rds Majority Required**

### **ARTICLE 5 - CONSERVATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted upon and approved at an Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: (TBA) I move that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the Conservation fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted and approved at an Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase. **Majority Vote Required**

#### **ARTICLE 6 - AUTHORIZATION FOR P.I.L.O.T. FOR GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to GL. c. 59, sec. 38H, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a payment-in-lieu-of-tax (PILOT) agreement with the lessee/operator of the solar photovoltaic energy generating facility to be developed at the rear of Somers Road (Parcel ID: 02-004-000) upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town; or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: (Selectman Davenport) Move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a payment-in-lieu of personal property taxes agreement for a term of twenty years with the lessee/operator of a solar photovoltaic energy generating facility to be developed at the rear of Somers Road (Parcel ID: 02-004-000) upon such terms as the Board of Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town. **Majority Vote Required**

#### **ARTICLE 7 - FUNDING FOR FIRE STATION IMPROVEMEMTS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for improvements at the Hampden Fire Station; or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: (Selectman Davenport) Move that the Town pass over and take no action on this article. **Majority Vote Required**

#### **ARTICLE 8 - SHORT TERM DEBT**

To see if the town will raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to reduce outstanding short-term debt; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: (Treasurer Patullo) Move that the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds \$190,000 for the purpose of reducing short term debt. **Majority Vote Required**

#### **ARTICLE 9 - RESERVE FUND**

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

MOTION: (Advisory Committee) Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the Reserve Account. **Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 10 - 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.

MOTION: (Advisory Committee) Move that the Town transfer \$207,670 from unappropriated available funds into the General Stabilization Account.

**Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 11 - 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 2021; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: (Advisory Committee) Move that the Town transfer \$38,000 from unappropriated available funds to the General Fund to reduce the tax rate in Fiscal 2021.

**Majority Vote Required**