**TOWN OF HAMPDEN**

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**OCTOBER 5, 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 5th at seven o’clock in the evening**; then and there to act upon the following articles:

# 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.

# 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.

# 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.

# 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.

1. **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.

# 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.

#  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.

#  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.

# 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.

# 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.

#  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.