

To: Charles Aspinwall, Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen

From: Lisa Jane Hardin, Town Clerk

Date: February 27, 2015

Re: Voting Machines - Warrant Article for May 2015 Town Meeting

Please include the article below for new voting machines in the Town Meeting Warrant. We are required by the State and the Federal Government to meet various new regulations concerning voting machines and the machines we have now (Optech Eagle III) do not meet these. We can still get service for the current machines, but the technology is out of date. We purchased two of them in 1996 and the third in 2001.

We originally passed this Article at the Annual Town Meeting in June 2010. However, the State did not complete testing of the machines for another two years and the Town took back the funds for other purposes. Therefore, we need to pass the Article again.

At this time, the approximate cost for three machines (one for each precinct) is \$20,000.

The wording below is what was used in the Warrant for June 14, 2010.

Article #. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or by transfer from available funds, or by transfer from the Stabilization Fund or by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, a sum of money **for new voting machines**; or act in any manner relating thereto. (Submitted by Town Clerk)