

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING



Monday, November 18, 2013

7:00 P.M.

**Swampscott High School
Swampscott, Massachusetts**

Warrant Report

**The Town of Swampscott
Town Warrant
November 2013**

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To either of the Constables of the Town of Swampscott

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town that a Special Town Meeting will be held on **Monday, November 18, 2013**, beginning at 7:00 P.M. at Swampscott High School located at 200 Essex Street, Swampscott, Massachusetts.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7:00 P.M.

To the Town Meeting Members:

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Article II, Section 2, of the Bylaws of the Town of Swampscott that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Swampscott High School, 200 Essex Street.

Moderator Joseph Markarian, Esquire, will preside.

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officials, Boards and Committees.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Comment: This routine Article appears every year to allow Town groups to make reports.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY14 budget voted under Article 21 of the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting warrant to increase under Line No. 82 Veteran Services from \$6,500 to \$41,500, and increase under Line No. 32 Pension Contribution from \$3,841,097 to \$4,050,402, within Line No. 67 (Sewer) Pension from \$128,254 to \$135,560 and Line No. 71 (Water) Pension from \$141,797 to \$149,874 and by raise and appropriating, borrowing or transferring from available funds, or act or to take any action relative thereto.

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Comment: Our veterans' services department has received an unanticipated increase in caseload after July 1, 2013 and we need to increase our benefits assistance to cover such. The Swampscott Retirement System's actuarial study was completed after our Annual Town Meeting and we are required to increase our retirement funding obligations by these amounts to meet the current 2030 funding schedule.

Article 2 requires a majority vote to adopt.

The Finance Committee will report on this Article at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, for general municipal purposes, all or any portion or any interest in the property identified on Swampscott Assessor's Map 33, Lots 53, 10 and 10D abutting Ocean Avenue of 3.7+/- acres of undeveloped land and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$151,000 for this purpose and any costs and expenses related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

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Comment: This article authorizes the Town to acquire and clear property rights to access Phillips Beach.

Article 3 requires 2/3's affirmative vote to adopt.

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of \$820,000 for a Department of Public Works Project Phase 1 of the Paradise Road Drainage Repair Project; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Comment: This article authorizes the funding of Phase 1 of the Paradise Road drainage repair project which was recommended in the 2013 Paradise Road Drainage Study. Additional phases will be funded over the next two years. This portion of the project will begin in the Spring of 2014.

Article 4 requires 2/3's affirmative vote to adopt for bonding.

The Finance Committee will report on this Article at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for a Department of Public Works town wide drainage study; or to take any other action relative thereto.

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Comment: This article would fund a town wide drainage study to determine where our needs and possible solutions for our drainage issues.

Article 5 requires a 2/3's affirmative vote to adopt for bonding.

The Finance Committee will report on this Article at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer the sum of \$16,220.31 to the account of unpaid bills for the purpose of settling all bill contracted prior to July 1, 2013, and remaining unpaid at the time of closing the Town's books for the year ending June 30, 2013, according to the Town Accountant, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Comment: This article authorizes the payment of bills in Appendix A from FY13 that were not paid or received prior to June 30, 2013.

Article 6 requires a 9/10th affirmative vote to adopt.

The Finance Committee will report on this Article at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,541,073 to be expended by the Town Administrator for the cost of constructing a multi-sport, artificial turf field, demolish existing grandstands and replace the same with foundations for future grandstands, install footings and electrical conduit for future light towers, erect and/or install related fixtures and landscaping at Blocksidge Field in Phillips Park, together with all necessary work incidental thereto, including design and engineering, and including the payment of all costs incidental and relating thereto and to determine whether such amount should be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(25), Section 8(C) and Section 12(a) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes or by any combination of the foregoing, and to dedicate Phillips Park, including Blocksidge Field, permanently for recreation purposes pursuant to Chapter 45, Section 14 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and further the Town Administrator is authorized to seek reimbursement under the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services PARC Grant Program and enter into all necessary agreements relating to the PARC Grant Program or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Administrator and the Friends of Swampscott Athletic Fields

Comment: This article would only be heard at the Special Town Meeting if the Town receives notification that it has received a PARC Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to assist in funding this project. We are required to have a special town meeting after the award of the grant to fund the project. The grant is a reimbursement where the Town needs to fund the project in full and could be reimbursed up to \$400,000 if the grant is approved. This article would fund through bonding replacement of the Blocksidge Field in Phillips Park with a multi-sport artificial turf field along with the demolition of the existing grandstands and any incidental work on site.

Article 7 requires 2/3's affirmative vote to adopt for bonding.

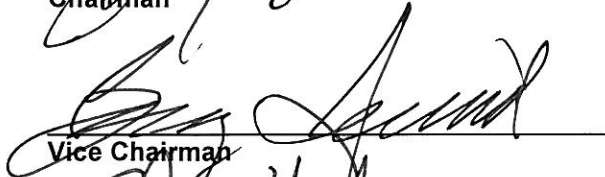
The Finance Committee will report on this Article at Town Meeting.

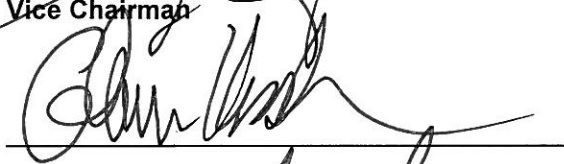
Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

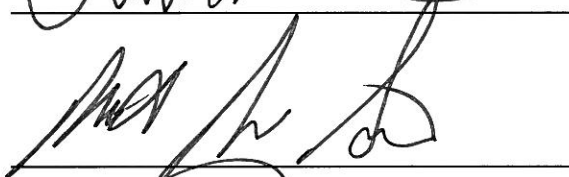
Given under our hand this 28th day of October, 2013

BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Chairman


Vice Chairman







APPENDIX A

Anderson & Kreiger, LLP	\$1,105.88
Kopelman and Paige, P.C.	\$12,829.00
Coventry	\$103.20
W.B. Mason	\$31.52
<u>Lynn Daily Item (Legal Notices)</u>	\$86.86
	\$61.36
	\$117.43
	\$107.32
	\$122.48
	\$117.43
	\$61.36
	\$51.02
	\$904.50
	\$63.88
	\$63.88
	\$68.94
	\$56.07
	\$107.32
	\$81.81
	\$79.05
Total Lynn Item:	\$2,150.71
ARTICLE 6 TOTAL:	\$16,220.31