

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

OCTOBER 20, 2003

Worcester ss.

To the Constables of the Town of West Boylston,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of West Boylston qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Auditorium of the Middle/High School in said Town on Monday, October 20, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1 - AUTHORIZATION TO HEAR THE REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN

To see if the town will vote to hear the reports of the officers and standing committees of the town; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2 - AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS FROM PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay bills being held by the Finance Director in his capacity as Town Accountant from prior fiscal years for which no encumbered funds are available; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3 – APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE ELDER COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$3,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account to fund the Elder Community Services Program for the purpose of providing a payment voucher for services rendered for the departments, boards, and committees of the municipality to resident property owners who have attained the age of sixty (60) years, to be used to reduce the real estate property taxes for the property in which the elderly owner

resides; said program shall be subject to the conditions authorized under Article 41 of June 9, 2003 adjourned session of the May 19, 2003 Semi-Annual Town Meeting and to any and all eligibility requirements promulgated by the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4 – APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
PARKING LOT ON LOWER GOODALE STREET**

To see if the town will appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$18,000.00) from the appropriation authorized under Article 22 of the May 17, 1999 Semi-Annual Town Meeting for playing field development, to fund the construction and paving of the off-street parking area located off of lower Goodale Street; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and said construction activities to be undertaken by the Streets and Parks Department in conformity with all applicable laws and permit requirements; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 5 – APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SHADE TREE PRUNING,
LIMB CUTTING, TREE CUTTING AND CLEARING TO BE EXPENDED
BY THE TREE WARDEN**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account to be expended by the Tree Warden with prior approval of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of pruning, removing branches and limbs, and cutting and clearing public shade trees that are dead, dying, or deemed to be a public safety hazard; said activities to be undertaken by the Tree Warden in conformity with all applicable laws and permit requirements; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 6 – APPROPRIATION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 SEALER OF WEIGHTS
AND MEASURES OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty-two Dollars and No Cents (\$242.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Fiscal Year 2004 Sealer of Weights and Measures Purchase of Services Account, Budget Line Item #02-44-6200; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7 – APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR
THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars and No Cents (\$2,370.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account to the purpose of purchasing equipment for the Sealer of Weights and Measures; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8 – APPROPRIATION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 FINANCE

DIRECTOR/TOWN ACCOUNTANT OPERATING BUDGET
PURCHASE OF SERVICES ACCOUNT

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$80,000.00) to the Fiscal Year 2004 Finance Director Purchase of Services Account, Budget Line Item #01-35-6200, and to meet said appropriation by transferring the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$40,000.00) from the Fiscal Year 2004 Finance Director Salaries and Wages Account, Budget Line Item #01-35-5100, and by transferring the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$40,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9 – APPROPRIATION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 COMPUTER
OPERATIONS ACCOUNTS

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$8,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Fiscal Year 2004 Computer Operations Purchase of Services Account, Budget Line Item #01-55-6200, and further to appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$6,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Fiscal Year 2004 Computer Operations Capital Outlay Account, Budget Line Item #01-55-6800; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION FUND

To see if the town will vote to transfer the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) to the Unemployment Compensation Fund, by transferring the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00) from the Fiscal Year 1999 Workers' Compensation Claims Reserve Fund, and the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$5,000.00) from the Fiscal Year 2000 Workers' Compensation Claims Reserve Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11 – APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 FINANCE
COMMITTEE RESERVE FUND

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from the Fiscal Year 2000 Workers' Compensation Claims Reserve Fund to the Fiscal Year 2004 Finance Committee Reserve Fund, Budget Line Item #01-32-6700; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12 – APPROPRIATION TO FISCAL YEAR 2004 CIVIL DEFENSE PURCHASE
OF SERVICES ACCOUNT

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$3,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Fiscal Year 2004 Civil Defense Purchase of Services Account, Budget Line Item #02-91- 6200; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 13 – APPROPRIATION TO FUND MOLD ABATEMENT AND
REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE BEAMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$13,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus Account to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees to conduct mold abatement and restoration, and repair services at the Beaman Memorial Library, including, but not limited to: cleaning and removal of mold in affected areas, equipment rental and purchase, and replacement of sheetrock walls, insulation and other materials as required; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 14 – APPROPRIATION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 BOARD OF
SELECTMEN PURCHASE OF SERVICES**

To see if the town will appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$12,500.00) from the Fiscal Year 2000 Workers' Compensation Claims Reserve Fund to the Board of Selectmen Purchase of Services Account, Budget Line Item #01-22-6200, for the purpose of funding the expense of a group health insurance advisor, including legal services; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 15 – ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON 2008
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FUND**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Town of West Boylston 2008 Bicentennial Celebration Fund in conformity with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53I, and to authorize the Treasurer/Tax Collector to establish a separate bank account for said Town of West Boylston 2008 Bicentennial Celebration Fund in which shall be deposited such sums as may be appropriated as authorized under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53I, and any and all sums received from the sale of commemorative items, admissions charges for commemorative ceremonies or events, and all donations and earned interest of the account; and further to authorize the Bicentennial Celebration Committee to expend funds from the 2008 Bicentennial Celebration Fund for the purposes of said celebration in the calendar year of such celebration and in the calendar year preceding or succeeding the same; provided that any surplus remaining in said special fund after such celebration is concluded, shall be transferred by the Treasurer/Tax Collector into the General Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16 – AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAW RELATIVE

TO RECLASSIFICATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSOR

To see if the town will vote to amend **Article XXI Personnel Bylaw, Section AA 1 – CLASSIFICATION PLAN Grade 3** by deleting:

Assistant Administrative Assessor

And inserting in **Article XXI Personnel Bylaw, Section AA 1 – CLASSIFICATION PLAN Grade 4**

Administrative Assessor;

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17 - AMEND THE PERSONNEL BYLAW WITH RESPECT TO "BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS" AND "FIRE CHIEF"

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XXI Personnel Bylaw, Section J - Hiring Procedures - by deleting: Board of Fire Engineers
and to amend Article XXI Personnel Bylaw, Section AA 2 - Compensation Plan and Section CC - Step Increases - by deleting: Board of Fire Engineers and inserting Fire Chief

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER MONEY TO THE STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FREE CASH, STABILIZATION FUND OR AVAILABLE FUNDS TO REDUCE THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 TAX RATE

To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from certified free cash, the Stabilization Fund, or other available funds to reduce or stabilize the Fiscal Year 2004 Tax Rate; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20 – PETITION ARTICLE

“We, the undersigned registered voters of the town of West Boylston, hereby request that the Selectman interview other candidates and post the position of Town Administrator prior to the renewal of the present administrator’s contract being signed.”

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the place of said meeting as aforesaid and at the Post Office in said Town seven (7) days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

Kevin M. McCormick, Chairman

Wayne M. LeBlanc, Vice Chairman

Allen R. Phillips, Clerk

James A. Ryan, Selectman

Charles A. Stevens, Selectman

Board of Selectmen
Town of West Boylston

A true copy attest:

Kim D. Hopewell, Town Clerk

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have served this Warrant by posting duly attested copies thereof at the following places:

Mixer Municipal Office Building_____

West Boylston Middle/High School_____

West Boylston Post Office_____

Pruneau's Barber Shop_____

Municipal Lighting Plant_____

Beaman Memorial Library_____

Constable

Date