

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Chesterfield in the County of Hampshire,

GREETING.

IN THE NAME OF The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall located at 403 Main Road in said Chesterfield on the 8th day of May next, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLES RELATING TO FISCAL YEAR 2023

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$47,153.46** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to account 001-423-5700-0000 - Highway Winter Expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board Note: This amount covers emergency winter spending (for salt, sand, gravel, etc.) over the budgeted amount in FY23.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$5,702.30** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to account 001-423-5110-0000 - Highway Winter Wages, or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board Note: This amount covers highway winter wages over the budgeted amount in FY23.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$10,655** from the School Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund to pay for repairs to the septic system at New Hingham Regional Elementary School, or to take any action relative thereto.

Select Board Note: The septic system pumps at New Hingham Regional Elementary School failed and needed to be replaced. This amount represents Chesterfield's share based on the 5-year rolling average.

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ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will petition the Massachusetts General Court to enact legislation to allow Greg Smith, a member of the Chesterfield Police Department, to continue as a reserve special police officer until he reaches 70 years of age or the date of his retirement or until his non-reappointment, whichever occurs first, and to direct that no further deduction shall

be made from the regular compensation of Greg Smith in connection with his service to the town for retirement or pension purposes under Chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service subsequent to his reaching the age of 65, or take any action relative thereto.

Select Board Note: The Police Chief and the Select Board support this article.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Capital Plan recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,000, in accordance with the Capital Plan attached herewith, for the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000, in accordance with the Capital Plan attached herewith, for the School Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$90,000 from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, to fund the removal of the underground fuel storage tanks located at the Highway Garage and replace them with above ground fuel storage tanks, or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board Note: The underground fuel storage tanks are reaching the end of their recommended lifespan.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) Liability Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to create a Municipal Light Plant Equipment Special Purpose Stabilization Fund established for the purpose of replacing or maintaining equipment used by the Municipal Light Plant Broadband network, and to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

MLP Note: This article would establish a fund that would be separate from the MLP budget for the purpose of accruing funds in anticipation of replacing equipment used for operating the Broadband Network.

Recommendations

The MLP Board recommends passage of this Article by a vote of 4-0.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$24,000 from the Chesterfield Broadband Networks Operations Retained Earnings to the Municipal Light Plant Equipment Special Purpose Stabilization Fund effective for fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

MLP Note: *This article would provide initial funding for the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for fiscal year 2023. Funds for this transfer come only from income generated by the Chesterfield Broadband Networks Operations (MLP).*

Recommendations

The MLP Board recommends passage of this Article by a vote of 4-0.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$29,874 from the Chesterfield Broadband Networks Operations Retained Earnings to the Town of Chesterfield General Fund, to offset principle on the debt to construct the Broadband Network, effective for fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

MLP Note: *This article would transfer funds from the MLP Retained Earnings (funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 2022) to the General Fund of the Town to help reduce the principle owed on the debt for the construction of the Broadband Network. Funds for this transfer come only from income generated by the Chesterfield Broadband Networks Operations (MLP).*

Recommendations

The MLP Board recommends passage of this Article by a vote of 4-0.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of Twenty-Four Thousand dollars (\$24,000) from the Chesterfield Broadband Networks Operations Retained Earnings to Municipal Light Plant budget account number 600-429-5780-0004 (Extra/Unforeseen Contingency); or take any action relative thereto.

MLP Note: *This article would transfer funds from the MLP Retained Earnings (funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2022) to the Unforeseen Expenses budget line of the current MLP budget in anticipation of unforeseen expenses relating to the building of a regional network with six central Hilltowns to reduce the cost of the backhaul connection to Springfield. Funds for this transfer come only from income generated by the Chesterfield Broadband Networks Operations (MLP).*

Recommendations

The MLP Board recommends passage of this Article by a vote of 4-0.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will appropriate from receipts of the Chesterfield Municipal Light Department, money for the operation and maintenance of the Municipal Light Department for the 12-month period commencing July 1, 2023, pursuant to sections 57 and 57A of chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

MLP Manager's Note: *The MLP's Broadband Operational Budget is included in the Finance Committee's line-item budget, which can be seen in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee booklet. The full MLP budget may be reviewed at www.townofchesterfieldma.com on the MLP page. Please note that although the Broadband MLP budget is included in the Town budget, it is funded wholly from subscription receipts.*

Recommendations

The MLP Board approved this budget by a vote of 5-0.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and hourly rates of all compensated elected officers of the Town for Fiscal 2024, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds now in the Treasury, a sum of money for the **Fiscal 2024 budget** for Town General Fund expenditures, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws to establish the following limitations on expenditures from the Revolving Funds established by Article 17 of the Town of Chesterfield General By-laws, entitled, “Departmental Revolving Funds,” or take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Account	Fiscal Year 2024 Expenditure Limit
Board of Health (BOH)	\$3,000, but in no event may it exceed the current balance
Planning Board	\$5,000, but in no event may it exceed the current balance
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$3,000, but in no event may it exceed the current balance
Dog Control Revolving Fund	\$3,000, but in no event may it exceed the current balance
Wetlands Protection	\$3,000, but in no event may it exceed the current balance

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$2,050** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, to finish cobblestone work and landscape work at Veterans’ Memorial Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$3,000** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, for cemetery software for the Cemetery Commission, or take any action relative thereto.

Select Board Note: Current cemetery records are on paper. Cemetery software will organize data on active burial areas.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$5,800** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, for Center Cemetery parking improvements, or take any action relative thereto.

Select Board Note: A hardpack parking area delineated by stone posts and chain will be constructed.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$2,200** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, for surveying and placing row markers at Ireland Street Cemetery, or take any action relative thereto.

Select Board Note: This project will prepare the donated parcel of the cemetery for burials.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$7,900** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, to rebuild a stone wall at the Mount Cemetery, or take any action relative thereto.

Select Board Note: The stone wall running along the back of the cemetery has fallen into disrepair and is a safety hazard.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$12,000** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, to purchase new computers for Municipal Departments, or take any action relative thereto.

*Select Board Note: Some department computers have already been upgraded. Some need to be as they are unable to be backed up onto the new town server, due to age and hardware issues. File back-up needs to be done to preserve town data. This cost includes **three** desktop computers and **three** laptop computers, with installation, for computers that need immediate replacement.*

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to ban in the Town of Chesterfield the following:

The operation of all Marijuana Establishments now or in the future permitted to operate under Massachusetts law, including but not limited to, Craft Marijuana Cooperatives, Marijuana Couriers, Marijuana Cultivators Indoor, Marijuana Cultivators Outdoor, Marijuana Delivery Operators, Marijuana Independent Testing Laboratories, Marijuana Microbusinesses, Marijuana Product Manufacturers, Marijuana Research Facilities, Marijuana Transporters, and Social Consumption Sites are prohibited within the Town of Chesterfield, with the exception of Marijuana Retailers and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers or Registered Marijuana Dispensaries.

Note: This is a citizen petition article submitted by Heidi Pruzynski and Denise Cormier

ARTICLE 25: To take up any other matter which may legally be brought before this meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Chesterfield Post Office and the Town Office Building in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this ____th of April in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

Roger A. Fuller, Chair

Patricia G. Colson-Montgomery

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Donald A. Willard

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Select Board of Chesterfield

A true copy. Attest:

Jeffery J. [Signature]

Constable.

Hampshire, SS.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Chesterfield by posting up attested copies of the same at the Chesterfield Post Office and the Town Office seven days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Jeffery J. [Signature]

Constable of Chesterfield

Posted 4-19-2023

Returned _____