



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Town of Chesterfield
Annual Town Meeting
May 13, 2024

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 13th day of May next, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLES RELATING TO PRIOR FISCAL YEARS

WINTER EXPENSES

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$13,060.39** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to account 001-423-5700-0000 - Highway Winter Expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board Note: This amount covers emergency winter spending (for salt, sand, gravel, etc.) over the amount budgeted for FY24.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$3,585.66** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to account 001-423-5110-0000 - Highway Winter Wages; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board Note: This amount covers emergency winter spending (for wages) over the amount budgeted for FY24.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

RESCINDING OF BORROWING FOR BROADBAND BUILD

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will rescind **\$760,000** of the broadband network debt authorized at the Special Town Meeting that was held on June 30, 2015 (Article 1); or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board Note: The Town authorized the borrowing of \$1,510,000 for the Town's share of the cost of construction, installation, and startup of a broadband network. It was not necessary to borrow the entire amount because of other funding sources.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

RETURNING OF FUNDS FROM THE BROADBAND BUILD

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$100,000** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to return unexpended funds, as voted at the Special Town Meeting held on February 4, 2020 (Article 2) to the General Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board Note: These funds, \$100,000, were voted to be taken from the General Stabilization Fund at the Special Town Meeting on 2/4/2020 (Article 2) to help pay the costs associated with the Broadband Drop Policy to connect the Town's broadband network from the street to premises. This article will return the unexpended funds back to the source from which they were taken.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$100,000** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to return unexpended funds, as voted at the Special Town Meeting held on February 4, 2020 (Article 3) to the Capital Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board Note: These funds, \$100,000, were voted to be taken from the Capital Stabilization Fund at the Special Town Meeting on 2/4/2020 (Article 3) to help pay the costs associated with the Broadband Drop Policy to connect the Town's broadband network from the street to premises. This article will return the unexpended funds back to the source from which they were taken.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$49,995** from the Chesterfield Broadband Networks Operations Retained Earnings to the Town of Chesterfield General Fund to pay the activation fees to the Town as previously agreed; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: MLP (Municipal Light Plant)

MLP Note: This is to transfer to the Town of Chesterfield the activation fees collected by the MLP during the initial subscription period to help offset the cost of providing free drops to subscribers.

MLP Recommendation: The MLP recommends passage of this article.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$49,422.76** from the Chesterfield Broadband Networks Operations Retained Earnings to the Town of Chesterfield General Fund for reimbursement of seed money expended as voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 13, 2019 (Article 14); or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: MLP

MLP Note: This is to transfer to the Town of Chesterfield funds in repayment of funds advanced to the MLP to cover initial operational costs.

MLP Recommendation: The MLP recommends passage of this article.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer the sum of **\$80,889.06** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, to the Chesterfield Broadband Enterprise Fund for the reimbursement of revenues credited to the General Fund in FY22; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board & MLP

Select Board & MLP Note: In FY22, as the MLP was beginning to receive subscription revenue and prior to the establishment of the Broadband Enterprise Fund, the revenue that came to the MLP went into the Town's General Fund. This article transfers to the Broadband Enterprise Fund the money owed by the Town for the unexpended Broadband revenue left in the Town's General Fund at the conclusion of FY22.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$24,744.71** from the Broadband Capital Project account to the Town of Chesterfield General Fund, to reimburse the Town for funds that were taken out of the General Fund for interest payments and pole bonds for the Broadband project; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board Note: This reimburses the Town for funds spent out of the General Fund on behalf of the Broadband Network construction project.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will return the excess funds of **\$14,185.40** from the Broadband Capital Project account to the Town of Chesterfield General Fund, to close out the Broadband project; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board Note: The construction portion of the Broadband project is now complete, and this article transfers unexpended monies not used for construction or drops back to the General Fund.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

CLOSING OF OVERDRAWN ACCOUNT

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$1,900** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, in order to close out overdrawn accounts or accounts deemed uncollectible for FY24; or take any other action relative thereto.

Account: 240-210-5780-000: Police Vest Grant Expenses -\$1,900

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board Note: The Town received a grant in FY20 for \$3,400 for police department vests under a previous Police Chief. The vests were purchased at that time. Reimbursement was supposed to come from the Federal Government to the Town first after paperwork was submitted showing the purchase and then the State would cover the rest of the expenses. It appears that the grant paperwork was not submitted for reimbursement by the previous Police Chief. There was a payment made to the Town for \$1,500 that was applied to this grant leaving a balance of \$1,900 uncollected from the grant. This money would balance the account line.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

RESCINDING UNSPENT MONIES FROM PREVIOUS TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to close the following accounts and return the funds to the General Fund; or take any other action relative thereto:

Item Description	Account Number	Warrant Article #	Town Meeting Date/Year	Amount Authorized	Amount Remaining
Historic Property Surveys	001-691-5300-9000	9 10	5/15 5/14	1,000 1,000	1,810.10
Cemetery Repairs – Ireland St/Gate	001-491-5240-9000	3	6/2011	32,500	5,193.63
Cemetery Repairs	001-491-5240-9002	10	5/2016	10,500.00	8,920.36
Cemetery Survey Burial Plots	001-491-5300-9001	9	5/2016	2,350.00	1,839.00
Repair Cemetery Headstones	001-491-5240-9004	14	5/2017	4,000.00	1,600.00
S. Bonney Memorial Stone	001-491-5840-9000	15	5/2017	1,000.00	107.61
Mt Cemetery Stone Wall Rebuild	001-491-5840-9002	22	5/2023	7900.00	50.00
Bridge Academy Wages	001-210-5110-9003	2	3/30/23	10,000	2,094.30
Bridge Academy Expenses	001-210-5700-9003	2	3/30/23	5,650	4,056.02

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board Note: Monies voted at Town Meetings are not always spent in their entirety. This article returns unspent funds to the Town’s General Fund.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLES RELATING TO FISCAL YEAR 2025

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Note: *The Capital Improvement Plan is written to anticipate the capital needs of the Town for the next 6 years. Each year the Town votes on the Plan for the next Fiscal Year. The Plan can be found in the Finance Committee booklet.*

Select Board Recommendation: *Recommended by a vote of 3-0.*

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$250,000**, in accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan approved by this meeting, for the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: *Capital Improvement Planning Committee*

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Note: *This money is being set aside for future capital projects.*

Select Board Recommendation: *Recommended by a vote of 3-0.*

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000**, in accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan approved by this meeting, for the School Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: *Capital Improvement Planning Committee*

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Note: *This money is being set aside for future school capital projects.*

Select Board Recommendation: *Recommended by a vote of 3-0.*

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (**\$250,000.00**), in accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan approved by this meeting, for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring a rescue truck for the Fire Department, including original equipment, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(1) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, for a period of ten (10) years or less, and to issue bonds and notes therefore, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: *Capital Improvement Planning Committee*

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Note: *This vehicle will replace the 2004 Rescue Truck. This has been on the Capital Improvement Plan for several years.*

Select Board Recommendation: *Recommended by a vote of 3-0.*

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$16,175** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, in accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan approved by this meeting, to purchase a compactor minus the power unit for the Transfer Station; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

Board of Health Note: This article would fund a new trash compactor, which is in the Capital Improvement Plan. The board had previously purchased a new power unit.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$39,838** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, in accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan approved by this meeting, to pay off the remaining debt due on the 2017 10-Wheel Dump Truck; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Note: This payment would pay off the debt two years early. This represents final payment due.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$39,000** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, in accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan approved by this meeting, to pay off the remaining debt due on the 2024 Fire Chief Truck; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Note: This payment would pay off the debt three years early. This represents final payment due.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$9,983** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, in accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan approved by this meeting, to pay off the remaining debt due on the 2021 All-Wheel Drive Police Cruiser; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Note: This payment would pay off the debt one year early. This represents final payment due.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

OPEB (OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS) LIABILITY TRUST FUND

ARTICLE 21: 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.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Finance Committee Note: The OPEB Liability Trust Fund appropriates monies toward the Town's unfunded liability for health benefits of both current and future retired employees.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT (MLP)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$59,580** 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, 2024, provided that these funds shall be accounted for separately and further that the Town shall provide an annual statement of activity relative to those funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: MLP

MLP Note: This article would transfer funds from the MLP Retained Earnings (funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 2024) 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).

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

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$200,000** 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, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: MLP

MLP Note: This article would provide continued funding for the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for the replacement of broadband equipment as it ages. Funds for this transfer come only from income generated by the Chesterfield Broadband Networks Operations (MLP).

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

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 24: 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, 2024, pursuant to sections 57 and 57A of Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: MLP

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. 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 and does not require Town funds to operate.

MLP Recommendations: The MLP Board approved this budget by a vote of 4-0.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

FY25 BUDGET

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and hourly rates of all compensated elected officers of the Town for Fiscal 2025, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Finance Committee Note: These salaries and hourly rates reflect a 4.3% cost-of-living adjustment.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 26: 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 2025 budget** for Town General Fund expenditures; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Finance Committee Note: The purpose of this article is to improve the general operating budget for the Town. It can be found in the Finance Committee Booklet.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 27: 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 2025 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

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board Note: Revolving funds enable departments and boards to take in monies (such as fees) from residents and expend those funds as needed.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT STABILIZATION FUND

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$7,430.43** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, to the Town’s Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Select Board Note: At the January 25, 2024 Special Town Meeting, this Stabilization Fund was created. The money received by the Town from the Opioid Settlement as of that date was \$7,430.43. That amount is sitting in Free Cash and must now be transferred into the Stabilization Fund for the purposes that the settlement dictates.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Note: The next three articles continue the multi-year preparation for burials in the donated parcel in the rear of the Ireland Street Cemetery.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$25,000** from Free Cash, now in the Treasury, to build a stone wall at the Ireland Street Cemetery; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Cemetery Commission

Cemetery Commission Note: This article would fund the construction of a dry laid stone wall along the rear property line of the Ireland Street Cemetery using mostly existing stone and including extra wall stone and 3/4" stone.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$10,000** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to fund tree removal at the Ireland Street Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Cemetery Commission

Cemetery Commission Note: This article would fund the removal of trees along the access road at the Ireland Street Cemetery. Climbing work will be required due to a limited work area.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$6,500** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to fund the construction of a parking area at the Ireland Street Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Cemetery Commission

Cemetery Commission Note: This article would fund the construction of a 20' x 36' parking area in the rear section of the Ireland Street Cemetery. Stone posts and chain are included in this cost.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$3,000** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to fund the placement of a granite marker with a brass plaque at the site of Samuel Eddy's home on River Road; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Historical Commission

Historical Commission Note: Samuel Eddy was awarded the Medal of Honor for his brave actions in the last large battle of the Civil War just prior to Lee's surrender at Appomattox. He remained Hampshire County's only recipient of this award until 2019. He was buried at Mount Cemetery after his death in 1909.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$2,000** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to fund the surveying of historic properties; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Historical Commission

Historical Commission Note: This funding continues one of the ongoing main responsibilities of the Historical Commission of documenting historical resources on surveys (319 to date) that are available to the public online at the Mass Historical Commission web site.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Article 4, Section 1, for Conservation Commission, by adding "and three associate members" after the word members; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

Select Board Note: The Conservation Commission has requested this change to the Bylaw Article 4, Section 1: To read: A Conservation Commission of five members and three associate members for overlapping three-year terms, as provided by Section 8C of M.G.L., Chapter 40.

Select Board Recommendation: Recommended by a vote of 3-0.

CITIZENS' PETITIONS

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to have Cemetery Commission be elected rather than appointed by the Select Board by voting as follows; or to take any other action relative thereto.

1. To see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 114 Sections 22 through 26 which reads as follows:

Section 22

A town which accepts this and the four following sections or has accepted corresponding provisions of earlier laws may, at any town meeting, elect by ballot a board of cemetery commissioners consisting of three persons. If such board is first chosen at a meeting other than an annual town meeting, one member for one year from the day following that fixed for the last preceding annual town meeting, one member for two years and one member for three years from said day, and annually thereafter one member shall, at the annual town meeting, be elected by ballot for term of three years. Such boards shall choose a chairman, and a clerk who may be a member of the board.

Section 23

Said board shall have the sole care, superintendence and management of all public burial grounds in its town, may lay out any existing public burial grounds in its town or any land purchased and set apart by said town for such cemeteries, in lots or other suitable subdivisions, with proper paths and avenues, may plant, embellish, ornament and fence the same and erect therein such suitable edifices and conveniences and make such improvements as it considers convenient; and, subject to the approval of the town, may make such regulations consistent with law, as it deems expedient.

Section 24

Said board may, by deed made and executed in such manner and form as it may prescribe, convey to any person the sole and exclusive right of burial in any lot in such cemeteries and of erecting tombs, cenotaphs and other monuments or structures thereon upon such terms and conditions as its regulations prescribe. Such deeds and all subsequent deeds of such lots made by owners thereof shall be recorded in the office of the city or town clerk in books kept for that purpose upon the payment of the fee provided by clause (78) section thirty-four of chapter two hundred and sixty-two, and said records shall be open to the public at all reasonable times.

Section 25

A town in which cemetery commissioners are chosen may receive gifts or bequests for maintaining cemeteries or cemetery lots, which shall be paid into the town treasury and, with the accounts thereof, shall be kept separate from the other money and accounts of said town. The town treasurer shall invest all such funds in accordance with the stipulations, if any, accompanying them; otherwise he shall invest them as ordered by said commissioners and pay the income therefrom upon their order or with their approval. The proceeds of sales of lots or rights of burial in such cemeteries shall be paid into the town treasury and be appropriated to reimburse the town for the cost of the land, its care, improvement and embellishment, or the enlargement of the cemetery.

Section 26

Said board shall not incur debts or liabilities for purposes other than aforesaid nor to an amount exceeding the amount of the funds subject to their order, and it shall annually make a written report to said town of its official acts, of the condition of such cemeteries, and render an account of its receipts and expenditures for the same and of the funds subject to its order.

2. **To authorize the Board of Cemetery Commissioners to establish rules and regulations for the cemeteries as it deems expedient.**
3. **To rescind the Town's vote of 5/3/76 to have its selectmen appoint a cemetery committee of three members.**
4. **To repeal the portion of the Bylaw provision in General Bylaws, Article 4, Section 1, which requires the Select Board to appoint:**
A Cemetery Commission of three members, for overlapping three-year terms, as provided by sections 21-23 of the M.G.L. Chapter 41.
5. **To rescind the Town's vote of 5/15/1975, wherein the Town voted to:**
Authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish rules and regulations for the control of the town-owned cemeteries.
6. **To repeal the Bylaw provision in General Bylaws, Article 5, Section 8, which states:**
The Select Board shall have the authority to establish rules and regulations for town-owned cemeteries.

Submitted by: This petition has been submitted by Emma Dee Cinner, Richard Roberts and Deanne Ursia.

Select Board Note: Two similar Citizens' Petitions submitted by Eileen McGowan and Emma Dee Cinner were voted on at the May 15, 2021 Annual Town Meeting. The first asked the Town to accept MGL chap 114, sect 22-26. The other asked that the authority for establishing cemetery rules and regulations be given to the Cemetery Commission. The first article failed, and the second was voted to be taken off the table.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote on a non-binding petition to strongly recommend that the Procurement Officer become a Certified Public Purchasing Official (CPPO) by taking the free online courses offered by the by the Massachusetts Inspector Generals' Office and designed to provide public employees with a better understanding of the complexities of Massachusetts procurement law and best practices; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Emma Dee Cinner

ANY OTHER MATTER

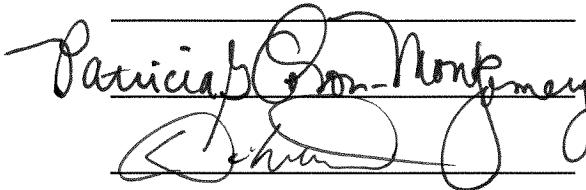
ARTICLE 37: To take up any other matter which may legally be brought before this meeting.

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 day of April in the year two thousand twenty-four.

_____ Roger A. Fuller, Co-Chair

 Patricia G. Colson-Montgomery, Co-Chair

 Donald A. Willard, Clerk

Select Board

**Town of Chesterfield
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Hampshire, SS.**

A true copy. Attest:

_____ **Constable.**

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.

_____ **Constable of Chesterfield**

Posted _____

Returned _____