

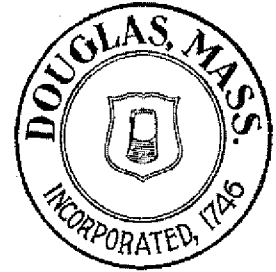
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TOWN OF DOUGLAS
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Monday, November 17, 2014
High School Auditorium
7:00 PM

Worcester, SS

To any Constable of the Town of Douglas, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Douglas who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet in the Douglas High School Auditorium, 33 Davis Street, in said Douglas, on **Monday, the Seventeenth of November 2014, A.D.** for a Special Town Meeting commencing at 7:00 P.M.; for the following purposes:



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| Article 1. | Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Transfers/Amendments |
| Article 2. | Transfer from Free Cash to Stabilization Account (Ambulance Payment) |
| Article 3. | Transfer from Free Cash to Stabilization Account (Auction Proceeds) |
| Article 4. | Transfer from Davis Street-Gleason Court Water Loop Project to Stabilization Account |
| Article 5. | Transfer from Free Cash to OPEB Account |
| Article 6. | Waterways-Douglas Dive Rescue Team Account |
| Article 7. | Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Budgetary Adjustments |
| Article 8. | Economic Development Initiative |
| Article 9. | Acceptance of Strong Chief – Fire Department |
| Article 10. | Purchase of Property Located at 19 Main Street |
| Article 11 | <i>By Petition</i> - In Support of Strong Families for Responsible Sports Scheduling |

Article 1. Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Transfers/Amendments

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as are necessary to fund the following amendments to Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014:

Increase Selectmen's Expense by	\$3,000
Increase Ambulance Wages by	\$115,000
Increase Debt Expense by	\$228,650
Increase Technology (Information Management) Wages by	\$3,000
Increase Treasurer/Collector Wages by	\$3,000
Increase School Department Personnel/Expenses by	\$32,000
Increase Municipal Building Expenses by	\$10,000
Increase Highway Maintenance Expense by	\$11,500
Increase BVT. High School Assessment by	\$11,227
Decrease Town Clerk Expenses by	(\$4,000)
Decrease Highway Wages by	(\$6,500)

Or take any other action related thereto.

Article 2. Transfer from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account (Ambulance Payment)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,775 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 3. Transfer from Free Cash to Stabilization Account (Land Auction Proceeds)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$133,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 4. Transfer from Davis Street-Gleason Court Water Loop Project to Stabilization Account

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$17,067 from Article 11 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 7, 2012 (Davis Street – Gleason Court Water Loop) to the Stabilization Account, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 5. Transfer from Free Cash to the OPEB Account

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$33,500 from Free Cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Account, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 6. Waterways-Douglas Dive Rescue Team Account

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,000 from the Waterways Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account to a Waterway Dive Rescue Team Account for the purpose of paying costs associated with the purchase of supplies, equipment and training, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 7. Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget Transfers/Amendments

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from retained earnings, to fund the following amendment to Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014:

Increase Water/Sewer Capital Outlay by	\$19,000
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Or take any other action related thereto.

Article 8. Economic Development Initiative

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to pay for consultants for planning, grant writing, and other services associated with economic development in the Town of Douglas, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 9. Acceptance of Strong Chief – Fire Department

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 48, Sections 42, 43, and 44 establishing a Fire Department under the control of the officer known as the Chief of the Department, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 10. Purchase of Property Located at 19 Main Street

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$70,000 to purchase the property located at 19 Main Street, and as further described in a filing on file in the office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 11: By Petition - In Support of Strong Families for Responsible Sports Scheduling

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following article – submitted by Petition:

IN SUPPORT OF STRONG FAMILIES FOR RESPONSIBLE SPORTS SCHEDULING We, the voting citizenry of Douglas, MA do hereby formally petition our local town government board of selectmen and town officials to add a binding vote question to the Special town meeting warrant scheduled for November 17, 2014 which is supporting strong families in our town by requiring the creation of a town bylaw which acts by:

1: Prohibiting the scheduling of any “regularly scheduled” town-sponsored school sporting or other activities between the hours of 8 am to 12 noon on any given Sunday throughout the year. To be enacted by the school committee or responsible town officials.

2. Prohibiting any “regularly scheduled” private children’s sports or other private children’s organizations to use the town-owned land or facilities to conduct children’s sports games or children’s activities on any given Sunday throughout the year between 8 am and 12 noon on Sundays. To be enacted by the recreation committee or responsible town officials.

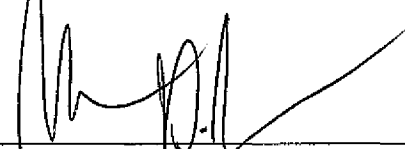
In the context of this petition, “children’s sports or activities” are defined as any gathering or activity that is specifically designed or designated for participation by youth from the ages of <1 to <18 years old, or put more broadly designed for any in those groups who have not yet attained graduation from secondary school to include any “organized” children’s activities. This would not prohibit the un-organized or random use by citizens of any age, at any time according to the town hours of operation but definitely does not allow for “voluntary practices” or “captains practices”. “regularly scheduled” means any regular season events including playoffs, games and practices or other activities which are specifically organized for children. It does not include specially designated annual events such as tournaments and multi-town, county, state or country sponsored organized children’s competitions.

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to serve this Special Town Meeting Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in the Municipal Center and at least two (2) other places in the Town of Douglas to which the public has general access, at least fourteen (14) days before the time of holding said meeting.

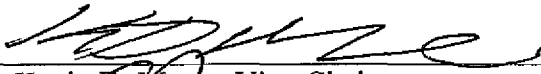
HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, the Time and Place of said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER 2014, A.D.

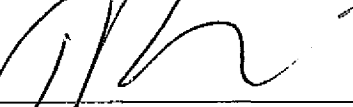
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN



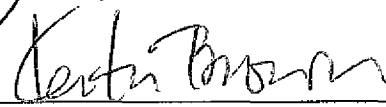
Michael D. Hughes, Chairman



Kevin D. Morse, Vice-Chairman



Timothy P. Bonin

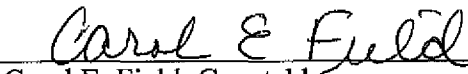


Keith F. Brown



Harold R. Davis

I have this day posted an attested copy of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting in the Municipal Center and at least two other places in the Town to which the public has general access as directed.



Carol E. Field, Constable or

Debra Blain, Constable

Date

10.30.14