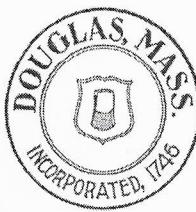


**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
TOWN OF DOUGLAS  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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 Sixth of May 2024, A.D.** for a Special Town Meeting commencing at 7:00 P.M.; for the following purposes:



- Article 1. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Transfers/Amendments
- Article 2. Snow & Ice Account Transfer
- Article 3. Prior Year Bills
- Article 4. Transfer from Free Cash to the OPIOID Special Revenue Account
- Article 5. Capital Improvement Supplemental Budget
- Article 6. Municipal Center Oil Spill
- Article 7. North Street Project – Additional Match

## Article 1: Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Transfers/Amendments

To see if the Town will vote to amend the action taken on Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting of Monday, May 1, 2023 by transferring from available funds the following sums of money to the following budget line items in the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget; or take any other action related thereto.

Increase Treasurer/Collector Wages	\$2,000
Increase Fin Com Expenses	\$5,000
Increase Town Audit	\$1,000
Increase Technology Expenses	\$5,000
Increase Town Report Expenses	\$1,000
Increase Town Hall Office Supplies	\$4,000
Increase Community Development Expenses	\$45,000
Increase Landfill Maintenance	\$8,600
Increase Fire Wages	\$38,500
Increase Fire Expenses	\$3,868
Increase Ambulance Wages	\$27,400
Increase Ambulance Expenses	\$3,868
Increase Weights and Measures	\$950
Increase Highway Expenses	\$5,000
Increase Highway Maintenance Expenses	\$35,000
Increase Cemetery Expenses	\$2,900
Increase COA Wages	\$16,350

Decrease Highway Wages	\$83,000
Decrease Public Nurse Wages	\$12,000
Decrease Norfolk County Agricultural	\$79,168
Transfer from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	\$31,268

#### **Article 2: Snow & Ice Account Transfer**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$75,000** to the FY24 Snow & Ice Account; or take any other action related thereto.

#### **Article 3: Prior Year Bills**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **\$5,639.35** to pay the following prior year's bills; or take any other action related thereto.

• Cablecast Community Media (Cable)	\$ 571.28
• NEDT (Public Bldg. Maint.)	\$1,542.75
• CH Neurology Foundation (School)	\$2,185.32
• OTIS (School)	<u>\$1,340.00</u>
	<b>\$5,639.35</b>

#### **Article 4: Transfer from Free Cash to the OPIOID Special Revenue Account**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$73,365.40** from free cash to the OPIOID Special Revenue Account; or take any other action related thereto.

#### **Article 5: Capital Improvement Supplemental Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following as submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee and or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$324,800** to fund the following Capital Projects; or take any other action relative thereto.

<b>Projects:</b>	<b>Previously Approved Projects</b>	<b>Appropriated Funds</b>	<b>Total Project Costs</b>
Roadway Paving/Repairs		\$26,800	\$26,800
EV Charging Station Replacement/Repairs		\$38,000	\$38,000
Post Office & Adult Social Center Parking Lot Paving & Associated Costs	ATM 5/2/2022 \$90,000	\$50,000	\$140,000
Highway Department Dump Truck w/Plow & Sander (In addition remove the word International)	ATM 5/1/2023 \$265,000	\$20,000	\$285,000
School Security		\$140,000	\$140,000
Cable Broadcast Server and all associated costs		\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Total Appropriated Funds</b>		<b>\$324,800</b>	

*The funds shall include the following transfers from previously approved capital/special articles with the remainder coming from free cash as noted:*

Assessor's Revaluation	Art 2 STM 5/3/21	\$ 4,058.02
Police Cruisers	Art 4 STM 5/1/23	\$ 614.02
Cable Studio Equipment	Art 10 ATM 5/2/16	\$50,000.00
<b>Transfer from Previously Approved Projects</b>		<b>\$54,672.04</b>
<b>Transfer from Free Cash</b>		<b><u>\$270,127.96</u></b>
<b>Total Transfer from all Sources</b>		<b>\$324,800.00</b>

#### **Article 6: Municipal Center Oil Spill**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$77,680** from Free Cash to amend Article 8 of the November 8, 2021 STM and Article 3 of the November 16, 2022 STM warrant for the purpose of remaining cleanup costs, additional engineering costs, and all other associated costs arising from an oil spill in the Municipal Center basement; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Commentary: This is ongoing. Town Meeting previously approved funds in the amount of \$265,000.*

#### **Article 7: North Street Project - Additional Match**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$67,000** from Free Cash for the purpose of matching a \$529,300 Site Readiness grant award to complete the design and engineering involving a water/sewer/stormwater infrastructure upgrade and road widening/realignment project with sidewalks on North Street, from Gilboa Street to the Sutton town line, plus completing the design and engineering involving a 300,000 gallon elevated water storage tank on Parcel 117-61.1; or take any other action relative thereto.

**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.

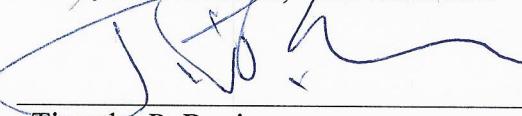
HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, the Time and Place of said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS SECOND DAY OF APRIL 2024, A.D.

**THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

  
Michael E. Fitzpatrick, Chairman

  
Maxwell S. Postma, Vice Chairman

  
Timothy P. Bonin

  
Ross I. Smith

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  
Carol E. Field, Constable or  
Benjamin Tusino, Constable

4-18-24  
Date

