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From: David Genereux, Town Manager
To: Board of Selectmen

RE: Proposed Warrant Articles

Listed below is the first draft of articles for discussion and/or placement on the Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant by the Board of Selectmen. Please be advised that the proposed article numbers and the wording of the articles themselves are subject to change.

We anticipate that three copies of the town meeting warrant will be produced:

- 1.) First Draft (March 16) showing all articles, excluding citizen petitions, without financials
- 2.) Second Draft (March 30) – All articles, with all financials
- 3.) Third and final copy (last week in April or first week in May) – All articles, financials, and recommendations

PROPOSED WARRANT TIMELINE:

- 2/23 Closing date set for receipt of warrant articles; FY 2016 budget distribution and presentation
- 3/09 Review of FY 2016 budget
- 3/13 Warrant closes (60 days prior to Town Meeting)
- 3/16 First draft of warrant produced, most financials completed; no signatures, post with TC, distribute BOS/FinCom/PB commence hearings, if applicable, and provide recommendations
- 3/23 BOS vote recommendations
- 4/13 BOS vote recommendations; final financials (snow/ice deficit) produced
- 4/27 BOS to endorse and post warrant
- 5/12 Town Meeting

ARTICLES:

REPORTS

To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon.
Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

FY15 INTER/INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to balance certain line items within the FY15 budget approved under Article 4 of the May 13, 2014 Annual Town Meeting or its continued date.

Or take any action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

FY 2015 STABILIZATION FUND TRANSFER - SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Town Stabilization Fund a sum of money to balance certain line items within the FY15 budget approved under Article 4 of the May 13, 2014 Annual Town Meeting or its continued date.

Or take any action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

TOWN BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to fix compensation of all officials of the Town, provide for a reserve fund, determine sums to be raised and appropriated, including those from available funds, in order to defray expenses including debt and interest for fiscal year 2016 (FY16) – approve the budget; or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

CMRPC PER CAPITA RATE/APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to approve a per capita rate of .25944, as assessed upon the population of 13,457 persons in the Town of Uxbridge, as listed on the 2010 national census, and in doing so, vote to confirm the amount of \$3,491.28 appropriated for this purpose in Article 4 to pay the Town's portion of the FY 2016 operating expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) pursuant to MGL Chapter 40B, Section 7.

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to establish and authorize G.L.c.44, §53E ½ revolving funds for the continuation of: Library book repairs, not to exceed \$15,000, derived from late fines and fees, under the Library Trustees; recreation program costs, not to exceed \$10,000, derived from program fees, under the Recreation Committee; compost bin costs, not to exceed \$2,000, derived from compost bin sales, under the Board of Health; operational and restoration costs associated with the Uxbridge Community Garden, not to exceed \$12,000, to be derived from user fees and donations, under the Community Garden Committee; first aid/CPR training, not to exceed \$10,000, derived from course tuition and fees, under the Fire Chief; securing and/or demolition of buildings deemed unsafe and associated site cleanup, not to exceed \$30,000, derived from fees charged for those activities and 2.5% of permit revenue generated by the Inspectional Services Department, under the said department; Operation and restoration costs associated with Pout Pond; under the Pout Pond Recreation Committee, not to exceed \$12,000, derived from user and activity fees and concession sales.

Or take any other action relating thereto.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET (ENTERPRISE FUND)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries, expenses and debt service of the Sewer Department (Wastewater) Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of

the Sewer Department Enterprise Fund received during fiscal year 2016; or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET (ENTERPRISE FUND)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries, expenses and debt service of the Water Department Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Water Department Enterprise Fund received during fiscal year 2016; or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

AMBULANCE DIVISION BUDGET (ENTERPRISE FUND)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries and expenses of the Ambulance Division Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Ambulance Division received during fiscal year 2016; or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

ESTABLISHMENT OF CABLE TELEVISION PUBLIC ACCESS ENTERPRISE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Enterprise Fund for the Cable Television Public Access Department under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ of Massachusetts General Laws and to forthwith transfer the a sum of money from the Cable Access Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account to said fund.

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money for the salaries and expenses of the Community Access Television budget for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset revenues received during FY 2016 by the Cable PEG Access Enterprise Fund.

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Cable Committee

FY 2015 STABILIZATION FUND TRANSFER – COMMUNICATIONS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$300,000 from the Town Stabilization Fund and to authorize expenditure of up to that amount to purchase replacement two way communications equipment for the Police Department, permanent emergency generators for the Town Hall and Senior Center, and/or other emergency preparedness equipment or services deemed necessary, said expenditures to be offset by the acceptance of any grants or gifts given for these purposes;

Or take any action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

ACCEPTANCE OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE 22F RELATIVE TO PARAPLEGIC VETERANS, SPOUSES, AND SURVIVING SPOUSES

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22f, which will allow an exemption of 100% of taxes on domiciles of paraplegic veterans, their spouses and surviving spouses, to be effective July 1, 2015, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

**ACCEPTANCE OF INCREASE IN EARNED ABATEMENT FOR SENIOR WORK
ABATEMENTS PURSUANT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5K**

To see if the Town will vote to accept an increase in maximum worked abatement under the senior work off program to \$1,000 under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5k. or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

**ACCEPTANCE OF INCREASE IN EARNED ABATEMENT FOR VETERANS WORK
ABATEMENTS PURSUANT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5N**

To see if the Town will vote to accept an increase in maximum worked abatement under the Veteran's work off program to \$1,000 under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5N. or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

**ACCEPTANCE OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 71, SECTION 71E;
ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 71E, which authorizes the creation of special revenue funds by the School Committee, for the receipt and expenditure of funds received as tuition or fee payments for adult and continuing education programs.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

**ACCEPTANCE OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 71, SECTION 71F;
TUITION PAYMENTS FOR NONRESIDENT STUDENTS AND STATE REIMBURSEMENTS
FOR STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 71F, which authorizes the creation of special revenue funds by the School Committee, for the receipt and expenditure of funds received as tuition payments for nonresident students and as state reimbursements for students who are foster care children.

SPONSOR: School Committee (Anticipated)

DISPOSITION OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to sell the following town owned properties and to authorize the Town Manager to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to sell such properties and any access easements in and to said properties;

Property Address	Map & Parcel	Assessed value	Acreage
277 Aldrich Street	Map 44 Parcel 4646	\$1,410	.06 acres
Blackstone Street	Map 26 Parcel 959	\$20,600	5.14 acres
27 Cherry Street	Map 26 Parcel 3349	\$300	7841 SF
111 Hunter Road	Map 24 Parcel 1873	\$517	.11 acres
5 Kennedy Street	Map 19 Parcel 3957	\$77,400	.332 acres
0 Millville Road	Map 30 Parcel 4543	\$39,800	9.95 acres
392 Millville Road	Map 35 Parcel 0456	\$4,700	.2 acres
434 Millville Road	Map 35 Parcel 1334	\$138,900	7.1 acres
0 Pond Street	Map 33 Parcel 3073	\$564,100	141 acres
57 Power Street	Map 19 Parcel 4055	\$90,900	1.63 acres
175 Providence St	Map 51 Parcel 1417	\$104,500	7 acres
0 Quaker Highway	Map 35 Parcel 3645	\$13,000	16.19 acres

5 Quaker Street	Map 56 Parcel 0753	\$5,600	.24 acre
13 Rice Street	Map 19 Parcel 0129	\$66,500	6,600 sf
330 River Road	Map 46 Parcel 4319	\$24,320	6.08 acres
Susan Parkway	Map 35 Parcel 464	\$500	.12 acres

Or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

DISPOSITION OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZATION OF A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT – 558 HAZEL STREET

To see if the Town will vote to dispose of a portion of Town-owned property, by authorizing a ground mounted solar field, encompassing about 10 acres more or less, to be located on the Town-owned capped sludge landfill, located at 558 Hazel Street, Uxbridge Ma for a period of 20 years, said installation to be subject to the acceptance of an annual lease payment and other terms as negotiated by the Town Manager; furthermore, through acceptance of the this article, the Town authorizes the Town Manager to negotiate a PILOT agreement pursuant to an affirmative vote of the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with G.L. C. 59, §38H, and regulations promulgated thereunder, with respect to annual payments in lieu of personal property taxes over a 20 year period; furthermore, the Town authorizes the Town Manager to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary pursuant to a favorable vote by the Board of Selectmen;

Or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

DISPOSITION OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY (15 ACRES OF 285 SUTTON STREET); PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT.

To see if the Town will vote to dispose of a portion of town-owned property, by authorizing a ground mounted solar field, encompassing about 15 acres more or less, to be located on a portion of Town owned property, located at 285 Sutton Street, Uxbridge Ma, known locally as the “100 Acre lot” for a period of 20 years, said installation to be subject to the acceptance of an annual lease payment and other terms as negotiated by the Town Manager; furthermore through acceptance of the this article, the Town authorizes the Town Manager to negotiate a PILOT agreement pursuant to an affirmative vote of the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to G.L. C. 59, §38H, and regulations promulgated thereunder, with respect to annual payments in lieu of personal property taxes over a 20 year period; furthermore the Town authorizes the Town Manager to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary pursuant to a favorable vote by the Board of Selectmen;

Or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Town Manager

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL BYLAWS § 120-8 POUT POND RECREATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to amend § 120-8 of the General Bylaws of the Town which reads: “The Pout Pond Recreation Committee shall promulgate recreation rules to ensure the health and safety of all visitors to Pout Pond” by removing “ensure” and adding “promote”.

Or take any other action relating thereto

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL BYLAWS § 327-3 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

To see if the Town will vote to amend § 327-3 of the General Bylaws of the Town which reads: “No person shall place snow, ice or any other materials, including leaves, gravel, sand, or similar debris from private property onto the traveled portion of a public way or sidewalk so as to impede or obstruct the

use of such public way or sidewalk or so as to create a hazard or unsafe condition on such a public way or sidewalk,” by adding at the end of the section “Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred and fifty dollars \$150.00.”

Or take any other action relating thereto

SPONSOR: Town Manager

SCENIC ROAD – LAUREL STREET, CHOCOLOG ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to make Laurel Street in its entirety and Chocolog Road starting at the intersection of Mill Street to the Douglas line, scenic roads.

SPONSOR: Historic Commission