

TOWN OF BOLTON



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

Annual Town Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2015
Tuesday, May 5, 2015 if necessary
7:00 p.m.
Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium

Annual Town Election
Monday, May 11, 2015
Noon to 8:00 p.m.
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S STATEMENT

Bolton has come out of the long recession in a strong financial position. It has been more than a decade since an override request has been presented to Town Meeting. This year's budget maintains Town services while avoiding going to the Prop 2 ½ levy limit and uses some free cash to reduce the FY16 tax rate.

Free cash is best reserved for capital projects and one-time expenses. This year we have limited the capital projects presented on the warrant but need to address (in Article 4) an unprecedented snow and ice deficit. Even with that extraordinary expense, however, we have been able to maintain our cash reserve at a recommended level.

Maintaining an adequate level of free cash and not taxing to the levy limit are indications that the Town is managing its finances well. This year we have taken another prudent financial step by beginning to fund the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB), which Town Meeting established two years ago to address the cost of future payments to retired town employees.

The budget process is challenging every year but this year it was particularly difficult as the Nashoba Regional School District originally proposed a 6.7% increase in the school budget. The budget approved by the School Committee ultimately cut the increase in Bolton's assessment by more than half but the last minute timing of the change and the seeming lack of scrutiny applied to the NRSD budget concerns this Board.

In many ways the Town's budget is a policy document, in which our collective municipal priorities are detailed. The annual challenge of maintaining town services while avoiding overrides has prompted the Select Board to identify areas where costs can be reduced without compromising services.

Our decision to regionalize dispatch services with the Nashoba Valley Regional Dispatch District at Devens is a recent example. We determined that despite the excellent work of our current dispatchers, overall dispatch services will improve in a regional setting. While cost savings associated with this move will not be fully realized for several years, we were able to remove a \$45,000 request for fire department radios from this year's warrant because regional grant funds will be available to purchase that equipment.

The proposal to transfer ownership and maintenance of Route 117 to the state Department of Transport is another example. Between maintenance costs, necessary repairs and improvements (like a traffic light or better sidewalks) the potential cost saving to the Town are in the millions of dollars over the next decade. Serious consideration needs to be given to whether we should continue to pay 100% of the costs of a road that is primarily used by residents of other towns.

The Board of Selectmen want to thank all involved with bringing this warrant to Town Meeting:

- Town employees and department heads, who have spent a great deal of time preparing their budgets and assisting in the budgeting process;

- Our volunteer boards, particularly the Advisory Committee, for the considerable time they spent in detailed reviews of budget request submissions and in crafting the FY16 budget that is being presented to Town Meeting; and
- Our Town Treasurer Donna Madden and our Town Accountant Julie Costello for their insights and the assistance provided throughout the budget cycle.

Finally, Town Administrator Don Lowe and Town Secretary Linda Day deserve our special thanks for the countless hours spent preparing and revising the warrant and for the assistance they provide the Board of Selectmen on a daily basis throughout the year.

Lawrence Delaney, Chairman
Mark Sprague
Stanley Wysocki

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT

Introduction

This statement summarizes Bolton's FY16 budget and provides comparable data to FY15. The FY16 budget is produced with the cooperation of the Town Administrator, Department Heads, Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant and Town Treasurer. Special thanks to Town Secretary, Linda Day and Town Accountant, Julie Costello who support the Advisory Committee year-round, and especially from January through April when the Advisory Committee meets each week.

<u>Revenue Table</u>			
Revenue	FY16	Amt Incr (Decr) from FY15	% Incr (Decr) from FY15
Tax Levy of Prior Year	17,641,668	-----	-----
Prop 2-1/2 Levy Limit	441,042	-----	-----
New Growth Debt Excluded from Prop 2- 1/2	165,000 1,631,555	(141,957) (144,264)	-46.25% -8.12%
Taxable Levy Limit (sum of above)	19,879,265	461,778	2.38%
Allowance for Abatement and Exemption	(160,000)	(472)	0.30%
State Revenue	649,558	(844)	-0.13%
Local Receipts Other Available Funds	1,245,146 303,549	45,000 (246,891)	3.75% -44.85%
Free Cash (for Operating Budget)	121,386	(113,614)	-48.35%
Free Cash (for Articles)	462,493	(105,635)	-18.59%
Borrowing	245,470	470	0.19%
Total Revenue	22,746,867	39,792	0.18%

FY16 budget highlights:

- For the second consecutive year, the budget presented at town meeting does not use the full property tax capacity of the town. The budget is \$176,698 below the maximum tax capacity.
- This winter the Town spent an unprecedented \$550,000 on Snow & Ice. \$370,000 of free cash is being used to pay for the FY15 Snow & Ice deficit.
- Debt payments continue to decline, \$106,174 from FY15 to FY16. For the first time in recent years, Bolton's debt service is below \$2,000,000 per year.
- Education is the largest component of the FY16 budget, increasing by \$448,331. The education budget increase is greater than all other operating budgets combined.

Revenues

- This FY16 warrant will raise an additional \$945,713 of revenue by taxation, over that raised by last year’s warrant which represents a 5.0% increase. The use of free cash and budget restraints reduce the amount of revenue needed to fund the town by \$176,698 under the allowable levy limit based on Proposition 2 ½.

Each year the Massachusetts Department of Revenue reviews the Town’s finances and certifies the amount of unrestricted cash. The Town uses Certified Free Cash to meet operating and capital project requirements. Bolton’s Certified Free Cash on July 1, 2014 was \$983,879.

<u>Expenditures Table</u>			
Expenditures	FY16	Amt Incr (Decr) from FY15	% Incr (Decr) from FY15
General Government	1,279,516	44,331	3.59%
Public Safety	2,070,110	74,508	3.73%
Education	13,345,320	448,331	3.48%
Public Works	1,394,682	39,125	2.89%
Human Services	146,393	15,848	12.14%
Culture & Recreation	444,302	8,251	1.89%
Debt Service	1,960,277	(106,174)	-5.14%
Employee Benefits	1,014,557	259,836	34.43%
Other Insurance	68,932	150	0.22%
Total Operating Expenditures	21,724,089	784,206	3.75%
Snow & Ice Deficit	100,000	(8,109)	-7.50%
Interest Charges	-	-	-
State & County	9,567	1,685	21.38%
Warrant Articles Using Free Cash or Other Available Funds	591,042	(254,526)	-30.10%
Warrant Articles Borrowing	245,470	470	0.19%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	22,670,168	523,727	2.36%

Expenditures

Projected FY16 expenditures increase by \$523,727 (2.36%) above the FY15 budget. \$887,428 of free cash and other available funds are being used to fund town operations and capital projects. Major contributors to the FY16 expenditure increase include: Education, Free Cash Target and Employee Benefits.

Education makes up 61.5% of the FY16 operating budget, increasing by \$448,331 (3.48%) over the FY15 budget. The FY16 school district increases are \$391,696 for Nashoba Regional, \$40,135 for Minuteman Regional, and \$16,500 for Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School.

The Free Cash Target for the FY16 budget increased by \$150,000.

Employee Benefits increase by \$259,836 (34.43%) over the FY15 budget. This increase is due to a \$186,000 contribution to Bolton’s Other Post Employment Benefits trust (OPEB). OPEB refers to all benefits, with the

exception of pensions, that retirees receive, primarily health insurance. In addition, the Worcester Regional Retirement Assessment increases by \$68,922 over the FY15 budget.

This Selectmen's budget addresses the town's operating and capital needs and stays under the available levy limit.

Signed,
Advisory Committee
Connie Benjamin
William Bergen
Brad Cote, Chairman
Anastasia Downey
Ted Kirchner
Joe Myerson

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BOLTON
WORCESTER, ss

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, May 4, 2015
Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Bolton, in the County aforesaid:

GREETINGS - In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bolton aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium in said Bolton, on the 4th day of May, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: Accept Annual Reports

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee, or any other Town officers, boards, or committees for the calendar year 2014; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Note: Annual Reports are available at the Town Hall, Library and on our website at www.townofbolton.com.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 2: Unpaid Bill for Fiscal Year 2014

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,942.47 (Two thousand nine hundred forty two dollars and forty seven cents) for the purpose of paying the following unpaid FY14 bill, pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 64; or do or act relating thereto.

\$2,942.47 Whitewater, Inc.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: This is an unpaid bill from the previous fiscal year for services that have been rendered.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: 4/5 Majority

Article 3: Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$21,724,089 (Twenty one million seven hundred twenty-four thousand eighty-nine dollars) or any other amount, as set forth in the budget for the purposes of operating and maintaining the various departments of the Town, and to meet such appropriation:

- a. The sum of \$125,000 (One hundred twenty five thousand dollars) be transferred from the Cell Tower Fund;
- b. The sum of \$50,000 (Fifty thousand dollars) be transferred from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to be applied to the Ambulance Department budget;

- c. The sum of \$121,386 (One hundred twenty-one thousand three hundred eighty-six dollars) or any other amount, be transferred from Free Cash;
- d. The sum of \$21,427,703 (Twenty one million four hundred twenty-seven thousand seven hundred three dollars) to be raised by taxation; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 4: Off-set of Snow and Ice Deficit

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$370,000 (Three hundred seventy thousand dollars), or some other sum, for the purpose of supplementing the snow and ice removal line item in the FY2015 operating budget; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: Due to the nearly unprecedented snow fall that occurred this past winter, the Town's snow and ice budget is in deficit in excess of \$370,000. This article will assure the snow and ice deficit is covered in full before the new fiscal year begins.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: No Recommendation (3-3)

Vote Required: Majority

Article 5: Reauthorization of a Revolving Fund for Web-based Municipal Software Services

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E½ to reauthorize the Town Administrator to maintain a Revolving Fund into which funds generated from a technology fee surcharge on permit fees shall be deposited with an annual expenditure cap of \$30,000 (Thirty thousand dollars), with the Revolving Fund, originally approved in Article 7 of the 2010 Annual Town Meeting, to be accounted for separately from all other monies in the Town and used for the purpose of funding web-based municipal software maintenance, digitization of plans and expansion of the software technology by adding additional modules and hand-held devices such as netbooks in the field with the Town Administrator authorized to expend from the fund; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: As an ongoing funding mechanism for maintenance and operations of web-based municipal software this article seeks town meeting approval to reauthorize the Revolving Fund which is funded by a 7.5% technology fee surcharge applied to permits issued to fund web-based municipal software, which will be used by Town departments. Monies from the Revolving Fund may be used by the Town Administrator for web-based municipal software maintenance, digitization of plans and expansion of the software technology by adding additional modules and hand-held devices such as netbooks in the field.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 6: Authorization of a Revolving Fund for the Cadet Program

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E½ to authorize the Nashoba Cadet EMT Program Coordinator to maintain a Revolving Fund into which funds generated from fees paid for courses shall be deposited with an annual expenditure cap of \$2,500 (Two thousand five hundred dollars) with the Revolving Fund to be accounted for separately from all other monies in the Town and used for the purpose of paying the program expenses of

the Nashoba Cadet EMT Program, with the Nashoba Cadet EMT Program Coordinator authorized to expend from the fund; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: The Nashoba Cadet EMT Program has had a revolving account at the Nashoba Regional School District for at least past 15 years. Due to recent changes to IRS regulations, the district can no longer deposit into this account. Therefore, this revolving account will be set up for the Cadet EMT Program through the town so that funds received from adults who take the EMT course each year with our high school students can be deposited. These funds are used to supplement the program budget for equipment, trainings, etc.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 7: Route 117 Transfer

To see if the Town will vote to support efforts by the Town and the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to accept Main Street, also known as Route 117, from the Stow town line to the Lancaster town line, as a state highway; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: This non-binding article proposes a vote of support for the Town's efforts to transfer control of Main Street, Route 117, from the Town of Bolton to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). If accepted by MassDOT, this would transfer the responsibility for the cost of any and all associated infrastructure improvements to the road and adjacent sidewalks from the Town to the State.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: No Recommendation (2-2)

Vote Required: Majority

Article 8: Permitting and New Traffic Lights and Associated Hardware for Still River Road Intersection

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$270,000 (Two hundred seventy thousand dollars) for the purchase and installation of new hardware for the traffic lights at the intersection of Main Street and Still River Road, including all permitting fees associated with the project and all other costs incidental and related to the project; and to meet said appropriation, raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide \$20,000 (Twenty thousand dollars), and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$4,530 (Four thousand five hundred thirty dollars) be transferred from unexpended funds from the Defibrillators article, as previously appropriated by Article 23 of the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting; and borrow the sum of \$245,470 (Two hundred forty five thousand four hundred seventy dollars); and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7(9), and 7(14) or any other authority, to borrow up to the sum of \$245,470 (Two hundred forty five thousand four hundred seventy dollars); provided, however, that the principal, interest, and associated costs on said borrowing shall be contingent on the Town voting to exempt said borrowing from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C(k) (Proposition 2 ½); or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: The traffic signals and associated hardware at the intersection of Route 117 and Route 110 (Main Street & Still River Road) are in poor condition. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get replacement parts for

this system. This article would provide funds for the procurement and installation of all new hardware including traffic signals as well as funds for all associated permitting expenses.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Disapproved

Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

Article 9: Amendment to Bolton's Town Base Map and Zoning Map

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bolton, Massachusetts Town Base Map and Zoning Map dated May 14, 2012 to include the Mixed Use Village Overlay District, as shown on the plan entitled "Bolton, Massachusetts Town Base Map and Zoning Map last revised February 7, 2015" on file at the Town Clerk's Office and available for inspection during regular Town Hall business hours; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Planning Board

Summary: Update the Town of Bolton Zoning Map to include the Mixed Use Village Overlay District approved at the May 5, 2014 Town Meeting. The Mixed Use Village Overlay District includes properties east and west of the intersection of I-495 and Route 117 zoned Business, Limited Business and Residential and designated on the Bolton Assessors Map as Map 4C, Parcel 24; Map 4C, Parcel 35; Map 4C, Parcel 39; Map 4D, Parcel 28; Map 4D, Parcel 29; Map 4D, Parcel 30; Map 4D, Parcel 33; Map 4D, Parcel 34; Map 4D, Parcel 61; and the portion of Map 4D, Parcel 71 zoned Business.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

Article 10: Amendment to the Code of the Town of Bolton to Amend Division I, Part III Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 250 Zoning, Article V Special Regulations, Section 250-23.2 Mixed Use Village Overlay District, Subsection G(2)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Bolton, Division I, Part III Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 250 Zoning, Article V Special Regulations, Section 250-23.2 Mixed Use Village Overlay District, Subsection G(2) as follows (deletions in (parenthesis and italics) and additions are underlined); and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Code of Bolton; or do or act relating thereto.

§250-23.2. Mixed Use Village Overlay District

G. Authority.

(2) The Planning Board, by grant of a special permit, may authorize projects that:

- (a) Allow for mixed use development;
- (b) Decrease the required parking;
- (c) Increase the percent of impervious surface through a Transfer of Development Right (TDR) process;
- (d) Decrease the required front or other setbacks;
- (e) Allow for multiple buildings on one lot; *(and/or)*
- (f) Allow for increased building footprint within the Mixed Use Village Overlay District up to maximum lot coverage of 10%(.); and/or
- (g) Increase the building density for residential use to a maximum of ten housing units per acre; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Planning Board

Summary: Amending the Code of the Town of Bolton, Division I, Part III Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 250 Zoning, Article V Special Regulations, Section 250-23.2 Mixed Use Village Overlay District will establish the density requirement for residential use. Currently the density for residential use remains one building per 80,000 square feet in accordance with Section 250-13 of the Code of the Town of Bolton undermining the intent of the overlay district.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

Article 11: Petition for a Special Act Providing for Recall Elections in the Town of Bolton

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court to adopt a special act as set forth below, provided, however, that the Great and General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments thereto before enactment by the Great and General Court, which amendments shall be within the public purposes of said petition "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. Authority to recall and time restrictions.

Any holder of an elected office in the Town of Bolton may be recalled therefrom by registered voters of the Town as hereinafter provided. No recall petition shall be filed against an officer within six months after he/she takes office, nor, in the case of an officer subjected to a recall election and not recalled thereby, until at least six months after the election at which his/her recall was submitted to the voters.

Section 2. Initiation of recall petition.

Any 30 registered voters of the Town of Bolton may initiate a recall petition by filing an affidavit with the Town Clerk. The affidavit shall contain the name of the officer sought to be recalled and a statement of the grounds of recall. The Town Clerk shall provide a sufficient number of copies of petition blanks demanding such recall (printed forms of which shall be kept on hand) to the voters who made the affidavit. The blanks shall be issued by the Town Clerk and bear the Clerk's signature and Official Seal; they shall be dated and addressed to the Selectmen and shall contain the names of all persons to whom issued, the number of blanks so issued, the names of all persons to whom issued, the name of the person sought to be recalled, the grounds of recall as stated in the affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to such office. Such blanks must be provided within five town hall business days during regular business hours. Said recall petition shall be returned and filed with the Town Clerk on the 28th day after the filing of the affidavit. In the event that the town hall is not open on the 28th day, the petition may be filed during normal business hours on the next town hall business day. The petition, before being returned and filed, shall be signed by qualified voters of the town, equal in number to at least 20 percent of the qualified voters of the town as of the date the affidavit was filed with the Town Clerk. Every signature must be accompanied by the signer's place of residence, giving the street and number. The Registrars of Voters shall forthwith certify the number of signatures.

Section 3. Statement of grounds.

The reasons for which a recall may be initiated include but are not limited to:

- A. Lack of Fitness (insobriety while performing official functions, involuntary commitment to a mental health facility, being placed under guardianship or conservatorship by a probate court);

- B. Corruption (conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude, conviction of bribery, or extortion).
- C. Neglect of Duties (repeated absences from meetings without just cause. Just cause shall include but not be limited to illness or regular vacation periods).
- D. Misfeasance (performance of official acts in an unlawful manner, or a willful violation of the conflict of interest law, open meeting law or other ethical violations).

Section 4. Notice to officer, resignation or recall election to be ordered.

If the petition shall be found and certified by the Registrars of Voters to be sufficient, the Town Clerk shall forthwith submit it with the certificate to the Selectmen. The Selectmen shall forthwith give written notice to said officer of the receipt of said certificate and, if the officer sought to be removed does not resign within seven calendar days, shall order an election to be held on a day fixed by them not less than 45 days nor more than 60 days after the date of the Town Clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition is filed. However, if any other Town election is to occur within 90 days after the date of said certificate the Selectmen may, at their discretion, postpone the holding of the recall election to the date of such other election. If a vacancy occurs in said office after a recall election has been so ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as in this section provided.

Section 5. Candidates to succeed officer.

Any officer sought to be recalled may not be a candidate to succeed himself/herself. The nomination of other candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election, and the conduct of the same shall all be in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections, unless otherwise provided by this act.

Section 6. Duties of incumbent.

The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of his/her office until the recall election. If the officer is not recalled, he/she shall continue in the office for the remainder of his/her unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided in this act. If the officer is recalled in the recall election, he/she shall be deemed removed upon the election of his/her successor, who shall hold office during the unexpired term. If the successor fails to take office within five days after receiving notification of his/her election, the incumbent shall thereupon be deemed removed and the office vacant.

Section 7. Ballots for recall election.

- A. Ballots used in a recall election shall submit the following propositions in the order indicated: For the recall of (name of officer). Against the recall of (name of officer). Immediately at the right of each proposition, there shall be an oval above which reads "vote for one". The voter, by filling in said oval, may vote for either of such propositions. Under the propositions shall appear the word "Candidates," and the direction "vote for one" and beneath this the names of candidates nominated as hereinbefore provided. In case of other forms of balloting, appropriate provision shall be made to allow the same intent of the voter.
- B. If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the affirmative, then the candidate who received the highest number of votes in the special election to fill the vacancy shall be elected. If a majority of votes on the question is in the negative, the ballot for candidates need not be counted.

Section 8. Appointment of recalled or resigned official.

No person who has been removed from an office or who has resigned from office while recall proceedings were pending against him/her shall be appointed to any Town office within two years after such removal or such resignation.

Section 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: Presently, no mechanism exists to recall elected officials in Bolton. This article seeks the adoption of a special act of the Legislature to permit Bolton voters to recall elected officials should the need arise in the future.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 12: Amendment to the Personnel Policies: Sick Leave

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Bolton, Chapter 70, Personnel Policies, Section 70-12, B. Sick Leave, (1) as follows (deletions in (parenthesis and italics) and additions underlined); or do or act relating thereto.

- (1) All benefits-eligible employees shall accumulate sick leave at the rate of 1 ¼ day for each month of employment (15 days per fiscal year). Unused sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of *(120)* 150 working days. Sick leave is intended for use in time of illness only and as such carries no “buy-back” or “cash-in” valuation; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Human Resources Director

Summary: This amendment brings non-union employees more in line with union employees.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 13: Amendment to the Personnel Policies: Longevity Pay

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Bolton, Chapter 70, Personnel Policies, Section 70-12, I. Longevity Pay as follows (deletions in (parenthesis and italics) and additions underlined); or do or act relating thereto.

- I. Longevity pay. All benefits-eligible employees (*who work an average of 40 hours per week*) shall receive longevity payments according to the following schedule.

Length of Service (years)	Annual Amount
<i>(15)</i> <u>10</u>	\$350
<i>(20)</i> <u>15</u>	\$450
<i>(25)</i> <u>20</u>	\$550
<u>25</u>	<u>\$650</u>

- (1) (*Benefits-eligible employees who do not work an average of 40 hours per week shall receive longevity payments on a prorated basis*)

- (2) (1) On an annual basis, the Selectmen should review any benefits-eligible employee who has accumulated over 20 years of service to the Town and may award a meritorious award up to \$100 for this service.
- (3) (2) This amount shall be paid in one lump sum in the first pay period following the anniversary of the employees's date of hire. The date of hire shall be considered the date when the employee began working for the Town at least 20 hours per week on a continuous basis.
- (4) (3) Temporary, seasonal, and non-benefits-eligible employees are not entitled to longevity pay.
- (5) (4) Longevity pay shall be paid annually and shall be based only on actual service for prior year.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: This amendment brings non-union employees more in line with union employees.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 14: Wilder Road Culvert Engineering

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty five thousand dollars) to fund the engineering of a new culvert on Wilder Road and all costs incidental; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty five thousand dollars) be transferred from unexpended funds from the Sampson Road and Main Street Culvert article, as previously appropriated by Article 22 of the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Department of Public Works

Summary: The current culvert is failing. These funds are being requested so that the new culvert can be engineered. Once it is engineered we will have to request funds for the construction/replacement of the culvert.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Capital Planning Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 15: Berlin Road Culvert Engineering

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$35,000 (Thirty five thousand dollars) to fund the engineering of a new culvert on Berlin Road and all costs incidental; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$15,450.02 (Fifteen thousand four hundred fifty dollars and two cents) be transferred from available funds and the sum of \$8,073 (Eight thousand seventy-three dollars) be transferred from unexpended funds from the Sampson Road and Main Street Culvert article, as previously appropriated by Article 22 of the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting; and the sum of \$6,280 (Six thousand two hundred eighty dollars) be transferred from unexpended funds from the Houghton Building Repairs article, as previously appropriated by Article 21 of the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting; and the sum of \$3,680 (Three thousand six hundred eighty dollars) be transferred from unexpended funds from the Fyfeshire Dam Phase II article, as previously appropriated by Article 8 of the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting; and the sum of \$787.84 (Seven hundred eighty-seven dollars and eighty four cents) be transferred from unexpended funds from the Master Plan enhancements article, as previously appropriated by Article 9 of the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting; and the sum of \$700 (Seven hundred dollars) be

transferred from unexpended funds from the Web-based Municipal Software article, as previously appropriated by Article 6 of the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting; and the sum of \$29.14 (Twenty nine dollars and fourteen cents) be transferred from unexpended funds from the Continuation of Cleanup of Gasoline Contamination article, as previously appropriated by Article 18 of the May 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Department of Public Works

Summary: The current culvert is failing. These funds are being requested so that the new culvert can be engineered. Once it is engineered we will have to request funds for the construction/replacement of the culvert.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Capital Planning Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 16: Truck and Plow Repairs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$40,000 (Forty thousand dollars) to fund repairs to sander trucks including cabs, bodies and plows; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Department of Public Works

Summary: Due to the age of the trucks and exposure to the elements and corrosive salt, there is a considerable amount of rust in the snow removal vehicles. These repairs need to be made to keep the vehicles in running condition.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Capital Planning Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 17: Department of Public Works Office Expansion

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$36,000 (Thirty six thousand dollars) to fund the expansion of the DPW office; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$36,000 (Thirty six thousand dollars) be transferred from unexpended funds from the Houghton Building Repairs article, as previously appropriated by Article 21 of the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Department of Public Works

Summary: This building is small and does not provide adequate storage and functionality for the department. These funds will be used to add approximately 300 square feet of space which will provide a separate office for the Director and adequate storage for records and plans.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Capital Planning Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 18: Department of Public Works Shop Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$12,000 (Twelve thousand dollars) to fund the expansion of the DPW crew room; and to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$12,000 (Twelve thousand dollars) be transferred from unexpended funds from the Houghton Building Repairs article, as previously

appropriated by Article 21 of the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Department of Public Works

Summary: The current crew room is cramped and not large enough to hold current staff. It becomes even more cramped when seasonal help are working. These funds will be used to expand the crew room into the old DPW office towards the back of the building. It will also provide a sink and stove for crew to use during lunch and/or extended storms.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 19: Town Hall Parking Lot Lights

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$8,000 (Eight thousand dollars) to fund the purchase and installation of two commercial grade solar parking lot lights for the upper parking lot at Town Hall; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Department of Public Works

Summary: The lighting at this parking lot has been an issue for a long time. Several solutions have been explored and have not been able to properly illuminate this area. It is a safety concern as there are meetings at Town Hall most nights of the week. These funds will be used to install two commercial grade solar lights so as to provide adequate lighting for this area.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 20: Repair Dam Wall and Pond Embankment at Fyfeshire Conservation Area

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$36,000 (Thirty six thousand dollars) for repair to a stone dam wall and pond embankment at the upper pond in the Fyfeshire Conservation Area; and that to meet this appropriation, the funds be transferred from available funds from the Fyfeshire Dam article previously appropriated by Article 14 of the May 2, 2012 Annual Town Meeting; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Conservation Commission

Summary: The lower dam at the Fyfeshire Conservation Area was lowered and a new spillway was built allowing the impoundment to remain while removing the dam from state jurisdiction. The work was completed within budget and the Commission seeks to make repairs to dam walls of the upper impoundment. The upper dam walls are in poor condition and eroding threatening the integrity of the upper dam.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Disapproved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 21: Land Lease for a Solar Facility

To see if the Town will vote to transfer care, custody and control of an approximately 8.06 acre portion of the landfill located on the property located at 95 Forbush Mill Road, which property is shown on Assessors' Map 5A as Lot 11 and described in a deed recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 3658, Page 401, to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of leasing and granting easements thereon; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease such portion for the development thereon of a

renewable energy facility for such term of years up to twenty-five years, and to grant such access and/or utility easements on said portion as necessary or convenient to serve said facility, which lease and easements are to be on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Board of Selectmen determines to be in the best interests of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any documents and take any actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: This article proposes to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease a portion of the landfill property for development of a renewable energy facility.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

Article 22: Solar Energy Payment In Lieu of (PILOT) Tax Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into and execute on behalf of the Town a tax agreement, as authorized by MGL Chapter 59, section 38H, with Syncarpha Still River, LLC with respect to annual payments of personal property taxes for a term of up to 25 years relative to a solar energy system with an AC-rated capacity of up to 2.5+/- megawatts, to be installed on a parcel of land owned by Davis Farms Trust (dba Bolton Orchards) and located at 125 Still River Road, Bolton, on Lot 2A thereof as demarcated on a plan of land dated November 2012 and recorded at Book 898, Page 110; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Assessors and Board of Selectmen

Summary: Bolton Orchards plans to lease approximately 15 acres +/-, which are immediately adjacent to the existing solar facility, of its sand gravel pit south of Main Street and east of Still River Road for 25 years for the installation of a ground-mounted 2.5+/- megawatt solar energy system that will connect with National Grid's distribution grid. The article authorizes the Selectmen to work with the Board of Assessors and the developer of the project, as recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, to negotiate a mutually-acceptable annual payment to the town of taxes to reflect the business value of the project.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 23: Resolution by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to support the Resolution voted and signed by the Board of Selectmen on August 28, 2014; or do or act relating thereto.

WHEREAS, Bolton is bisected by a 10" natural gas pipeline that is more than 35 years old that is operated by Tennessee Gas Pipeline LLC, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, Inc. ("Kinder Morgan"); and

WHEREAS, Kinder Morgan has proposed a new 30" high-pressure gas pipeline through northern Massachusetts as part of a proposed Northeast Direct Energy Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS the Project also proposes a new 12" natural gas pipeline to be installed in Bolton and neighboring towns connecting the existing Bolton pipeline with a location on the Worcester-Shrewsbury line (the "Worcester Lateral"); and

WHEREAS Kinder Morgan has identified properties in Bolton that it intends the Worcester Lateral to cross but has declined to provide the Town of Bolton with detailed and current information on the route it is proposing; and

WHEREAS, it appears that Kinder Morgan is proposing that the Worcester Lateral cross some of the most historic, scenic and environmentally sensitive farmland and open space in Bolton including conservation land owned by the Town of Bolton; and

WHEREAS, a high-pressure gas pipeline, by its nature, carries the potential for leak, rupture or devastating explosion causing untold damage to property and lives; and,

WHEREAS, the Project and the Worcester Lateral will destroy large amounts of forest, wetlands, conservation land and farmland, and require maintenance in perpetuity of a 30-50 foot right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Worcester Lateral will adversely affect property values, adversely affect residents' livelihood and otherwise negatively impact the integrity of the town's scenic character; and

WHEREAS, our energy challenges are better addressed through investments in energy conservation measures as well as green and renewable energy solutions; and

WHEREAS, Bolton and our neighboring communities have adopted comprehensive master plans, zoning bylaws, wetlands bylaws and other land use controls to provide for the orderly development of our communities and the conservation and protection of our communities for future generations to come, as good stewards of the land should; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of environmental threats to our forests and streams from improvident development is the fundamental purpose for the adoption of our land use controls and master plans; and

WHEREAS, Bolton and our neighboring communities have publicly and privately set aside large tracts of land and restricted their development for conservation and open space purposes as part of their master plans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen of Bolton hereby declare they:

Stand in opposition to Kinder Morgan's Northeast Direct Energy Project and to the Worcester Lateral; and

Stand in opposition to all similar projects that may be later proposed; and

Stand in opposition to any efforts to locate any portion of the Worcester Lateral within Bolton's borders; and

Will participate in and provide comments to any scoping meetings held by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission with regard to the Worcester Lateral, that question the need for the new pipeline and that identify alternative routes outside of Bolton; and

Will seek to intervene in any proceeding before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission which seeks a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience with regard to the Worcester Lateral and oppose Kinder Morgan's; application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen of Bolton hereby call upon our State and Federal legislators and executive branch officers:

To enact legislation and take any such other actions as are necessary to oppose such energy projects that go against our commitment to public safety, the environment, our economic well-being and sense of community; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: On August 28th, 2014, the Bolton Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to approve the above Resolution. By placing this article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant, it affords the residents of Bolton the opportunity to declare whether or not they endorse this resolution as well.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 24: Pertaining to Lands Protected Under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth ("Article 97 Land")

To see if the Town will vote to instruct our State Representative and State Senator representing Bolton to vote NO on any legislative proposal to Article 97 or to remove any Land from the protection of Article 97 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in order to plan, construct or install any high-pressure interstate or interstate natural gas pipeline and any other related infrastructure; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: In 1972 Massachusetts voters approved Article 97 – “The people shall have the right to clean air and water, freedom from excessive and unnecessary noise, and the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic qualities of their environment; and the protection of the people in their right to the conservation, development and utilization of the agricultural, mineral, forest, water, air and other natural resources is hereby declared to be a public purpose. The general court shall have the power to enact legislation necessary or expedient to protect such rights. Bolton has quite a bit of land that falls under Article 97. A ‘YES’ vote instructs our State Representative and State Senator to uphold Article 97 of our Massachusetts Constitution.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 25: Patching the Driveway from Emerson School to Florence Sawyer School

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars) to patch various sections of the driveway from Emerson School to Florence Sawyer School; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Department of Public Works

Summary: The driveway running from Emerson School to Florence Sawyer School is severely deteriorated. This will help to alleviate the deterioration.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Capital Planning Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 26: Granting of Liquor License to Slater's

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court to adopt a special act as set forth below that would authorize the Town of Bolton to issue a license pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 12 for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises at 356 Main Street in Bolton, to Slater's d/b/a Great Brook Farms, provided, however, that the Great General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments thereto before enactment by the Great and General Court, which amendments shall be within the public purposes of said petition;

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 11 and 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, or any vote cast in the Town of Bolton pursuant to Chapter 386 of the Acts of 1986, or any vote cast in the Town of Bolton pursuant to Chapter 706 of the Acts of 1967, or any vote cast in the Town of Bolton pursuant to Chapter 146 of the Acts of 1996, or any other special act or general law to the contrary, the licensing authority for the Town of Bolton may grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under Section 12 of Chapter 138 to Slater's d/b/a Great Brook Farms, for the premises located at 356 Main Street. The license shall be subject to all of said Chapter 138 except said Sections 11 and 17.

(b) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license to any other location but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location if the new applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue indicating that the license is in good standing with the department and that all applicable taxes have been paid.

(c) If the license granted under this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority of the Town of Bolton. The licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location subject to all of the procedures set forth under Section 15A of Chapter 138.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: Although by its population, Bolton could grant additional liquor licenses, votes taken in Bolton during the late 1960s require that additional full liquor licenses can only be granted following home rule legislation. The business owner of Slater's seeks a full license for the premises located at 356 Main Street.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 27: Citizen's Petition - Amendment to the Code of the Town of Bolton, Division 1, Part II, General Legislation - to add Chapter 172, Noise, Article I, Compression Release Engine Brake Use and Serviceable Mufflers

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Bolton, Division 1, Part II, General Legislation by inserting new Chapter 172, Noise, Article I, Compression Release Engine Brake Use and Serviceable Mufflers as follows;

Chapter 172. Noise

Article I. Compression Release Engine Brake Use and Serviceable Mufflers

§172-1. Use and equipment restrictions.

- A. It is unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to use or operate, or cause to be used or operated, within the Town limits of the Town of Bolton, any compression brake, engine brake, dynamic brake or mechanical exhaust device designed to assist in the deceleration or braking of any motor vehicle, if such device or devices result in excessive, loud or otherwise unusual noise.
- B. It is prohibited to operate a motor vehicle not properly equipped with an engine exhaust muffler as per state and federal regulations; or equipped with a defective, damaged, or inappropriately modified engine exhaust muffler and/or associated exhaust system components resulting in excessive, loud or otherwise unusual noise.
- C. Violations shall be punishable by a fine of \$200.

§172-2. Enforcement.

Sound level measurements shall be performed to demonstrate compliance with this bylaw by the Town of Bolton Police Department using a calibrated sound level meter capable of meeting or exceeding ANSI Standard S1.4 for Type 2 accuracy. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 202.20, no motor vehicle shall generate a sound level in excess of 86 decibels [dB(A)] measured with fast meter response at 50 feet from the centerline of a public travel lane with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less; or 90 decibels [dB(A)] measured with fast meter response at 50 feet from the center line of a public travel lane with speed limits of more than 35 miles per hour.

§172-3. Exemptions.

The provisions of this bylaw shall not apply in the event of an emergency.

Sponsor: Citizen's Petition

Summary: The purpose of the Compression Release Engine Brake Use and Serviceable Mufflers Bylaw is to establish an ordinance that will help to minimize engine noise of downshifting trucks travelling through Bolton.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Disapproved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Disapproved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 28: Citizen's Petition - Rescind Selectmen's Decision to Regionalize Dispatch

To see if the Town will vote to rescind authorization given to the Town Administrator to execute a regionalization agreement with Nashoba Valley Regional Dispatch District and for future decisions for regionalization of the Bolton Communication Center to be voted on by the Town during the Annual Town Meeting.

Sponsor: Citizen's Petition

Summary: During the Board of Selectmen's Meeting on March 19th, 2015 a motion was passed by the selectmen to regionalize the Town's 911 Communication Center with the Nashoba Valley Regional Dispatch District despite opposition and concerns from town residents. The purpose of this article is to allow the Town the opportunity to vote on this issue and have future considerations for regionalization be brought to the Town for a vote.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Disapproved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Disapproved

Vote Required: Majority

Article 29: Authorize Town Election

To see if the Town will vote to meet at the Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium in Bolton, on Monday, May 11, 2015, between the hours of noon and 8 p.m. to elect by ballot the following officers; or do or act relating thereto.

ONE YEAR: One Moderator, One Town Clerk, One member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

TWO YEARS: Two members of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

THREE YEARS: One member of the Board of Selectmen, One member of the Board of Health, One member of the Board of Assessors, One member of the Cemetery Committee, One Library Trustee, One member Nashoba Regional School Committee, One member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

FIVE YEARS: One Housing Authority member and One Planning Board member.

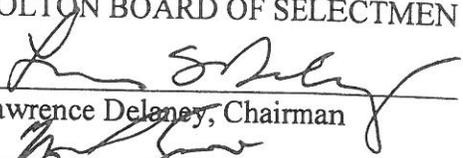
Vote Required: Majority

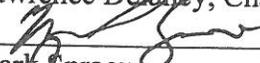
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the U.S. Post Office, Town Library, Town Hall and Police Station at least seven (7) days before the time for holding said meeting.

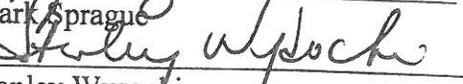
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid;

Given under our hands and seal, this 2nd day of April in the year of our Lord, Two thousand fifteen.

BOLTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Lawrence Delaney, Chairman


Mark Sprague


Stanley Wysocki

A true copy. Attest: _____ Constable of Bolton _____ Date

Worcester, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Bolton by posting up attested copies of the same at the U.S. Post Office, Town Library, Town Hall and Police Station at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Constable of Bolton: _____ Date: _____

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BOLTON
WORCESTER, ss
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
Monday, May 11, 2015
12 noon to 8:00 p.m.

To the Constables of the Town of Bolton in the County of Worcester,

Greetings:

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 the Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium in Bolton, Massachusetts on Monday, the Eleventh day of May, 2015 between the hours of 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following question:

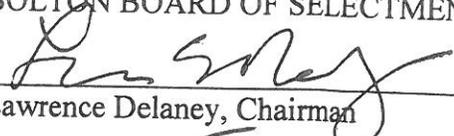
Question No. 1: Shall the Town of Bolton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half so called, the amount required to pay for the bond issued for the purchase and installation of new hardware for the traffic lights at the intersection of Main Street and Still River Road, and all permitting fees associated with the project.
Yes ___ No ___

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the U.S. Post Office, Town Library, Town Hall and Police Station, in said Town at least seven (7) days before the time of holding said Election.

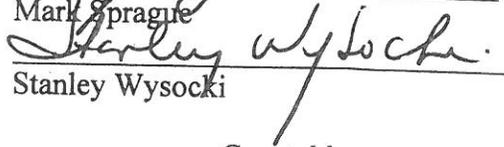
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