

TOWN OF BOLTON



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009

Annual Town Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium

Annual Town Election
Monday, May 11, 2009
Noon to 8:00 p.m.
Town Hall

****PLEASE BRING THIS WARRANT TO TOWN MEETING ****

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S STATEMENT

As you will see, this is a small warrant, representative of efforts by your town government to continue what has been started, but keep costs and taxes down in this year of worldwide recession. Departments and committees have been very cooperative and the Advisory Committee has worked tirelessly to provide a budget that continues services. The school district assessment is a modest increase that keeps most of the educational services intact. Revenues are down and the threats of state aid reductions limit our flexibility. We are anticipating another difficult year next year, so have planned this year's budget with more free cash than usual held over to help fund next year's budget.

One of the savings in this year's budget involves consolidation of the tax collector and treasurer positions. This will require an affirmative ballot vote at the election to make the tax collector position appointed, a process that started last year with approval at the annual town meeting. With Margaret R. Child moving out of town, the time is right to make this change, save funds, and yet continue with the tax collection services the town needs. We believe this change in the tax collector position will increase the town's flexibility going forward, but we need voters' approval to take the final step in the transition process.

Your town government is committed to meeting service needs in the most cost effective means it can. We have an excellent management and employee team in place and the items in this warrant allow that team to continue with its efforts. We appreciate the voters' understanding and support as we move through this difficult financial environment.

Curtis Plante, Chairman
Kenneth F. Troup
Stanley Wysocki

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT

The Town's fiscal 2010 budget is the product of a great deal of work by many people. These include the Department Heads, who developed the original projections, and the Town Accountant and Secretary, who combined these projections into a coherent whole. The volunteer boards and committees who oversee many of the Town's operations also made important contributions to the budgeting process. The Advisory Committee reviewed all of the material and implemented spending reductions that brought expenditures more closely into line with revenues. Finally, the Selectmen provided a last review and established the final budget figures which are being presented to the Annual Town Meeting. The Town is fortunate in having an unusually capable group of professional public servants and a large number of board and committee volunteers who spend many evenings overseeing the Town's governmental activities.

Revenues to the Town from property taxes are expected to rise by +5.2% in fiscal 2010. The sources of this increase are the basic +2.5% allowed by Proposition 2½, +0.6% from additional value added to the tax base (often referred to as "new growth") and +2.1% from debt service payments that have been excluded by the Town's voters from Proposition 2½ limits. Taxes on a per house basis should rise by a little less than this because there are a few more houses and building lots over which taxes will be spread in the coming fiscal year relative to the current one.

Education is the Town's largest area of expenditure, exceeding \$11 million this coming year, or 60.6% of the entire budget. The percentage would be higher if debt service related to the Schools were included. The overall Nashoba Regional School System budget is up +1.5%. We think that this is reasonable given higher costs for salaries and health insurance. We commend the School administration and the School Committee for crafting a budget that ensures high quality education, but, at the same time, responds to the current difficult economic times. Because of a State formula that impacts more affluent communities adversely, Bolton's share of the Nashoba budget is up +3.2%, somewhat more than the overall rise for the System. Our spending for vocational education, through the Minuteman School, will rise by +11.0%, to \$352 thousand, even though the number of students we send to Minuteman is expected to be constant. Again, the reason for this inconsistency is a State-imposed formula. Bolton's overall spending on education will be up +3.4% in fiscal 2010 from the current year's budgeted amount.

Public Safety (primarily Police, Fire, Dispatch and Ambulance) is the Town's next largest area of expenditure at \$1.6 million, or 8.7% of the overall budget. Expenses in this area are projected to be up +0.6% in the coming fiscal year.

Public Works at \$1.3 million, or 7.1% of the budget, is the third largest area of Town expenditure. Expenses in this sector are actually anticipated to decline -2.8% in fiscal 2010. The primary reasons for the reduced expenditure level are lower costs related to the transfer station and a moderate reduction in planned spending for road repaving.

General Government expenditures are targeted at \$1.1 million, or 5.6% of the total budget. These are set to decline by -7.6%. This reduction has been achieved by a variety of measures: the Assistant to the Town Administrator position has been eliminated; the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector positions are planned to be consolidated; the legal services budget has been reduced moderately; the absence of a general election in the upcoming fiscal year reduces election expenses; and a sharp reduction occurred in the Planning Board's need for purchased services.

Of special note, the Library's budget, at \$300 thousand, is up +40.9% from the previous fiscal year. This reflects the expectation that the new Library will be open for approximately one-half of fiscal 2010. Because the new Library is much larger than the old one, it will have significantly higher personnel, utility and maintenance costs. The percentage increase in the Library's budget is slightly less than what was estimated when the Library proposal was presented at Town Meeting. As the new Library is anticipated to be open for all of fiscal 2011, another substantial increase in its budget is likely then.

In other areas of interest, the Town's health insurance bill is expected to rise by +11.1% to \$328 thousand. Also, the Town's contribution to the Worcester Regional Retirement System will rise by +6.9% to \$240 thousand. Given the severely negative recent investment returns from the financial markets, it is likely that the Town will have to make relatively large contributions to the Retirement System over the next few years in order to make up substantial shortfalls from the fund's actuarial assumptions.

Debt service is projected at \$2.2 million, or 12.0% of the overall budget. This is a +19.3% increase over the current year. The rise is due to the need to begin paying for the new Library and Public Safety Center that the Town is building. Construction of these two projects will cause debt service to rise for the next two years.

In addition to the basic budget, the Town Meeting warrant contains seven articles that, if passed, will involve spending from the Town's "free cash" reserves, or require borrowing. To be paid from current reserves ("free cash") are \$50,000 for a Fyfeshire dam State-mandated engineering study; \$7,500 for new speed control signs on Route 117 near the Emerson/Florence Sawyer School complex; \$5,000 for our 4th of July celebration; and \$3,000 for tree replacement overseen by the Historical Commission. To be paid over time with borrowings are \$40,000 for a new Department of Public Works chipper; \$60,000 to connect the Emerson School to the Florence Sawyer School's public water supply; and \$10,000 to develop a regional hazardous waste site.

The overall Town budget is \$18,643,843. After adjusting for the articles using "free cash" discussed in the paragraph above, for snow and ice removal overages and for variations in State and County fees, the total would be \$18,827,998. This is a +4.2% rise from last year. Excluding debt service, the increase is +2.5%.

Dave Lindsay, Chairman
Burt Shnitzler
Bob Czekanski
Randy Dinjian
Connie Benjamin
Larry Delaney

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BOLTON
WORCESTER, ss

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, May 4, 2009
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, 2009 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 2008; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Note: Copies of the 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: simple majority

Article 2: Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$18,643,843 (Eighteen million six hundred forty three thousand eight hundred forty-three 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 \$70,000 (Seventy thousand dollars) from the Cell Tower Fund;
- b. The sum of \$120,000 (One hundred twenty thousand dollars) from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to be applied to the Ambulance Department budget;
- c. The sum of \$0 (dollars) from the Overlay Reserve Account;
- d. The sum of \$599,707 (Five hundred ninety nine thousand seven hundred seven dollars) or any other amount, to be transferred from Free Cash;
- e. The sum of \$17,854,136 (Seventeen million eight hundred fifty four thousand one hundred thirty-six 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: simple majority

Article 3: Stabilization Fund Transfer

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$175,000 (One hundred seventy-five thousand dollars) from the stabilization fund to the assessor's overlay account; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: Because of uncertainties about the way telecommunications companies' property is taxed by Bolton and other towns in Massachusetts, it was necessary for the town to put aside an additional \$175,000 for potential use by the assessors if there is a future abatement. In order to balance the budget, town officials recommend that funds from the Stabilization Fund, which has a balance of more than \$985,000, be used for the potential abatement. The funds will remain in the General Fund until needed and if not needed can be returned to the Stabilization Fund at a future town meeting.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: 2/3 majority

Article 4: Increase in Demand Fees

To see if the Town will vote to charge the sum of \$10 for each written demand issued by the Collector of Taxes as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 15, to be added to and collected as part of the tax, to be effective July 1, 2009; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Treasurer

Summary: This article would increase the demand fee from \$5 to \$10 for excise and real estate bills. The increase requested will bring Bolton in line with what many other communities are charging. Massachusetts General Law was changed last year to allow communities to increase demand fees up to \$30.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: simple majority

Article 5: Implementation of a Permanent Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten thousand dollars) to cover capital costs associated with implementing a permanent regional household hazardous waste facility; and that to meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(9), or any other authority, to borrow up to that amount; the principal, interest, and associated costs on the borrowing to be contingent on the Town voting to exempt such 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: Department of Public Works

Summary: Generally the Town of Bolton holds a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for residents once every two to three years. These events cost the Town of Bolton an average of \$18,000. This article will fund Bolton's portion of a permanent regional collection facility that will be set up in Devens, MA. This facility will be open to region members approximately twenty days per year. Residents who use the facility to dispose of hazardous materials will be required to pay a fee for disposal. The Town will also be required to pay a "user" fee which will be approximately \$2,000 annually. The proposed borrowing for this article will not be approved unless the debt exclusion is approved at the town election.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved (2 to 1)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: 2/3 majority

Article 6: Purchase of a Wood Chipper

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (Forty thousand dollars) for the purchase of a wood chipper for use in the Department of Public Works; and that to meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(9), or any other authority, to borrow up to that amount and to issue bonds or notes of the Town; the principal, interest, and associated costs on the borrowing authorized by this vote to be exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C(k) (Proposition 2 1/2) only in the event that the voters exempt said borrowing amount at the annual town election; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to expend the monies so appropriated for the foregoing purposes; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Department of Public Works

Summary: The chipper being used by the Public Works Department is currently over twenty years old. It is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain the unit and obtain parts. The new chipper will replace the old piece of equipment. While a debt exclusion will be voted upon at the town election, the proposed borrowing for this article will occur even if the debt exclusion is not approved by voters. This article is endorsed by the Capital Planning Committee.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: 2/3 majority

Article 7: Replacement of School Zone Flasher Units

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 (Seven thousand five hundred dollars) to fund the purchase of new school zone flasher units to replace the old units located on the north and south sides of Main Street in the Town Center and that to meet this appropriation, \$3,494.11 be transferred from unexpended funds from line item 122-5712 for the Route 117 traffic signs as voted by Article 3 of the November 2, 2002 Special Town Meeting; and the balance to be transferred from available funds; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Public Ways Safety Committee

Summary: The Public Ways Safety Committee recommends replacing the two, old, existing school zone flashers in the center of town with new up-to-date school zone flashers. The cost will include the removal of the old school zone flasher units and the purchase and installation of new units. The existing school zone flasher units are in poor condition, especially the unit on the north side of Main Street which is unreadable. The new units, which use LED lights, will provide better illumination as well as use less power; and their digital time clocks are easier to set and regulate, and will maintain accurate time even during power failures.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: simple majority

Article 8: Fyfeshire Dam Phase II Inspection

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of the sum of \$50,000 (Fifty thousand dollars), pursuant to any applicable statute, for a Phase II Inspection including all studies, investigations and analyses appropriate to evaluate the structural safety and hydraulic capacity of the Fyfeshire Dam, and to conduct inspections of the dam every 90 days by a Registered Professional Engineer; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Conservation Commission

Summary: A Phase 1 study of the Fyfeshire Dam was mandated by the Department of Environmental Management in 2008. The Phase 1 study found the overall condition of the Fyfeshire Dam to be Unsafe. The dam dates back to 1878 when a button factory mill was built with an associated dam. Maintenance has been done over the years but the structural deficiencies today along with the downstream development categorically make the dam a significant hazard dam. In March of 2009 a Certificate of Non-Compliance and Dam Safety Order was issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation Ordering a Phase II Investigation and routine inspections by a Registered Professional Engineer. Passage of this article will allow the town to comply with the Dam Safety Order.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: simple majority

Article 9: Amendment to the Administrative Bylaws, Dog and Kennel Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1.1.5 a) and Sections 1.9.1.2, 1.9.1.3 and 1.9.1.9 of the Town of Bolton Administrative Bylaws as follows (deletions in *parenthesis and italics*) and additions are underlined); or do or act relating thereto.

1.1.5 The preceding sections notwithstanding, any person violating the provisions of any section of these bylaws which is subject to a specific penalty may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition as provided in M.G.L. Chapter 40 s 21D which includes the giving, to the violator, a written notice to appear before the clerk of the district court. The non-criminal method of disposition may also be used for violations of any rules or regulations of any town officer, board or department which is subject to a specific penalty. Without intending to limit the foregoing, the following bylaws, rules and regulations are to be included within the scope of this section, the specific penalties listed shall apply and in addition to police officers, who in all cases shall be enforcing officers, the Town personnel listed shall also be enforcing officers:

a) General Protective and Regulating Provisions of Section 1.9

Penalty: \$20.00 a day

Enforcing Officer:

(Section 1.9.1 (*nuisance dogs and kennels*) – Animal Control Officer)

Section 1.9.2 (hawkers and peddlers) - Police Department

Section 1.9.3 (junk dealers) - Police Department

(Section 1.9.4 (*livestock at large*) - Animal Control Officer)

Section 1.9.5 (tethering to a tree) - Director of Public Works

Section 1.9.7 (lumber piles) - Director of Public Works

Section 1.9.8 (digging in highway) - Director of Public Works

Section 1.9.10 (unregistered motor vehicle) - Police Department

Section 1.9.13 (town beach) - Police Department

Section 1.9.14 (motorized recreation vehicle) - Police Department

Section 1.9.19 (hunting and trapping) – Police Department

1.9.1.2 For the purposes of this Section 1.9(.1)

“Kennel” shall be defined as one (1) pack or collection of more than three (3) dogs six (6) months old or older on a single premises, whether maintained for breeding, boarding, sale, training, hunting, or other purposes.

“At Large” shall be defined as any dog off the premises of its owner or keeper, and not under the direct control of a person demonstrating the ability to properly control the dog.

1.9.1.3 At no time shall a person owning or keeping a dog in the Town allow such dog to be unlicensed, uncollared, untagged, at large or to become a “public nuisance” to others within the Town Limits. A dog shall be deemed a “public nuisance” for, but not limited to, the follow reasons:

- attacking or chasing persons or domestic animals
- damaging property of others beyond its owner/keepers property
- interfering with or disrupting organized school or public activities
- interfering with the use of a public right-of-way
- chasing moving vehicles
- exhibiting a vicious disposition
- barking or howling excessively resulting in complaints to the Police or Animal Control Officer
- running at large
- creating other disturbance

1.9.1.9 Violations of (*this*) Section 1.9.1 and Section 1.9.4 or Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 136A through 174D shall be subject to impoundment of the animal by the Animal Control Officer, and/or a fine upon the owner or keeper of a dog or livestock so found to be at large, dangerous or a public nuisance; (as referenced in Bolton Bylaws Section 1.1.5;) and/or by criminal or non-criminal disposition as provided in said Chapter 140, Sections 151A, 157, and 173A. Such fines shall not be more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense, no more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the second offense and not more than the maximum allowed by law for subsequent offense(s). Any violation resulting in impoundment shall also require payment to the Town of Bolton of a pick-up fee of ten dollars (\$10), plus normal boarding fees.

Sponsor: Animal Control Officer and Police Chief

Summary: This bylaw update will protect the public by prohibiting dogs and livestock from being out of their owners’ control while not being a restrictive leash law. It also establishes greater fines for second offenses. Due to time often spent by the Police Department and the Animal Control Officer, this will also be a cost saving measure for the town since it modifies the fine structure for violations by those who are repeat offenders. The Town of Stow recently adopted a similar bylaw.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: simple majority

Article 10: Establishment of a Stabilization Fund by Minuteman Regional Vocational
Technical School District

To see if the Town will vote to approve the establishment of a stabilization fund by the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District, beginning July 1, 2009, under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16G½; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Minuteman Vocational Technical School District

Summary: Approval of this article casts the town's vote in favor of the establishment of a stabilization fund at the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District. No appropriation is requested at this time. The stabilization fund balance will be developed from the Minuteman District budget, not the town budget. Minuteman wishes to establish this stabilization fund to make emergency capital repairs. Given the age of the Minuteman physical plant, some repairs, such as a new roof, are likely to be necessary in the foreseeable future. A stabilization fund would allow Minuteman to appropriate funds without having to go to the member towns for additional money by way of a special town meeting, should an emergency arise.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved (2 to 1)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Disapproved

Vote Required: 2/3 majority

Article 11: To Fund an Alternative Water Supply for Emerson School

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 (Sixty thousand dollars) or any other amount for the purpose of constructing a new water line and related equipment to serve the Emerson School from the Florence Sawyer School public water supply well, including engineering and construction expenses, and any other associated costs; and that to meet this appropriation, \$48,881.19 (Forty-eight thousand eight hundred eighty-one dollars and 19 cents) shall be transferred from unexpended proceeds of the town's Sewer Bonds dated June 15, 2007, which bonds were issued for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant pursuant to the vote of the town passed May 1, 2006 (Article 8); and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however that no expenditures shall be made hereunder until the Board of Selectmen determines (which determination shall be conclusive) that after the transfer of such unexpended bond proceeds, the remaining amount of unexpended bond proceeds from the town's Sewer Bonds dated June 15, 2007 is sufficient to complete the wastewater treatment plant project referred to above; and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(9), or any other authority, to borrow the difference and to issue bonds or notes of the Town; the principal, interest, and associated costs on the borrowing authorized by this vote to be exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C(k) (Proposition 2 1/2) only in the event that the voters exempt said borrowing amount at the annual Town election; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to expend the monies so appropriated for the foregoing purposes; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: As a result of a 2008 Department of Environment Protection (DEP) audit of public water supply wells, the town was notified that the well located immediately behind Emerson School does not comply with Zone I requirements. The town hired an engineer who analyzed existing well data and reviewed alternative approaches to achieving compliance. The engineer recommended that Emerson School be connected to the Florence Sawyer School well and determined that the existing Florence Sawyer well is capable of supplying both schools. After the project is completed, the town and school district plan to use the existing Emerson well for irrigation and other non-potable purposes. The town estimates that design and engineering will be up to \$20,000, and that construction will be \$40,000 to include lines, pumps, and any tanks required as part of the design. The engineer hopes to have firmer numbers by town meeting which will be shared with the voters prior to voting. Approving this article will allow the town to come into compliance and obtain favorable rates for the borrowing and in the construction bidding process. While a debt exclusion will be voted upon at the town election, the proposed borrowing for this article will occur even if the debt exclusion is not approved by voters. This article is endorsed by the Capital Planning Committee.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: 2/3 majority

Article 12: Tree Replacement Program

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,000 (Three thousand dollars) to continue the shade tree replacement program along Main Street; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Tree Warden, Historical Commission

Summary: In May 2006 a modest tree replacement effort was approved. Since then, 10 “road salt-resistant” varieties of maple, sweet gum, elm and red oak have been planted along Main Street and several unsightly stumps in the National Register Historic District have been ground down.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: simple majority

Article 13: Funding for July 4th Celebration

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000 (Five thousand dollars), pursuant to any applicable statute, for the purpose of contributing to funding of the July 4th Celebration; or do or act relating thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Summary: The funding would be used to support Bolton Celebrates efforts to organize the town's annual 4th of July parade, fireworks and family activities. Private donations will continue to represent the majority of event costs with town funding supporting primarily the fireworks display.

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: Approved

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved

Vote Required: simple majority

Article 14: Authorize Town Election

To see if the Town will vote to meet at the Town Hall in Bolton, on Monday, May 11, 2009 between the hours of 12 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;

THREE YEARS: One member of the Board of Selectmen, Two members of the Board of Health, One member of the Board of Assessors, One Tax Collector, One Library Trustee, One member of the Cemetery Committee, Three Parks & Recreation Commissioners, One Trustee of the Francis E. Whitcomb Benevolent Fund, One Commissioner of Trust Funds, One member of the Nashoba Regional School Committee;

FIVE YEARS: One member of the Planning Board; One member of the Housing Authority.

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 nine.

BOLTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Curtis Plante, Chairman) Selectmen

Kenneth F. Troup) of

Stanley Wysocki) Bolton

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

In obedience to the Warrant, I have notified and warned the said inhabitants of the Town of Bolton to meet at the time and place, 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 hereof.

Constable of Bolton: _____ Date: _____

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BOLTON
WORCESTER, ss
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
Monday, May 11, 2009
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 Town Hall, First Floor, 663 Main Street on Monday, the Eleventh day of May, 2009 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 vote to have its elected Tax Collector become an appointed Tax Collector? Yes ___ No ___

Question No. 2: Shall the Town of Bolton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued to cover capital costs associated with implementing a permanent regional household hazardous waste facility? Yes ___ No ___

Question No. 3: Shall the Town of Bolton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the purchase of a wood chipper for use in the Department of Public Works? Yes ___ No ___

Question No. 4: Shall the Town of Bolton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the purpose of constructing a new water line and related equipment to serve the Emerson School from the Florence Sawyer School public water supply well, including engineering and construction and any other associated costs? 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.

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 2nd day of April in the year of our Lord, Two thousand nine.

BOLTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Curtis Plante, Chairman

Kenneth F. Troup

Stanley Wysocki

A true copy, Attest: _____ Constable _____ 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: _____

**Board of Selectmen
Bolton, Ma 01740**

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009**

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