

**2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Board of Selectmen
Town of Hatfield
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Hampshire, ss.

To either the Police Chief or Town Clerk for the Town of Hatfield in said Hampshire County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Lions Club Pavilion, Billings Way, in said Hatfield on

TUESDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF MAY 2021

at six o'clock in the evening to take action on all articles except Article 1 and to meet on Tuesday the 18th day of May, 2021 in Memorial Town Hall at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to take action under Article 1.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTIONS

ARTICLE 1.

Submitted by: Town Clerk

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the following years: one Selectman for a term of three years; one Assessor for a term of two years; one Assessor for a term of three years; one member of the Board of Health for a term of three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years; one Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith for a term of one year; one member to the Hatfield Housing Authority for a term of two years; one member of the Hatfield Housing Authority for a term of five years; one Library Trustee for a term of three years; one member of the Planning Board for a term of five years; and two members of the School Committee for a term of three years.

The polls will be open at seven o'clock in the forenoon on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, and kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

GENERAL TOWN ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2 *(Majority vote)*

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend without appropriation any State or Federal grants and gifts and awards from any public or private source that become available in Fiscal Year 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3 *(Majority vote)*

Submitted by: Town Treasurer

To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for Fiscal Year 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4 *(Majority vote)*

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works under G.L. c. 90 concerning the use of funds made available through the state's Transportation Bond Issue, and to appropriate such sum of money as may be the Town's apportionment of such bond funds in accordance with the said Memorandum of Agreement; or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 5 *(Four-fifths vote)*

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money for the following Fund Balance deficits for prior years; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Hall Garage	(24,003.75)
Smith Academy Library	(9,253.34)
North St. Sewer	(87,816.53)
Town Hall Stairs	(17,128.25)
Phase II Accessibility Renovations	(227,153.14)
Cash Variance	<u>(49,701.00)</u>
Total Special Revenue Fund Balance	\$ (415,056.01)

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 6 (*Four-fifths vote*)
Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money for prior year expenses for various boards and departments; or take any other action relative thereto. *RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE*

ARTICLE 7 (*Majority vote*)
Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the FY2021 Vocational Schools Budget to fund the FY2021 Public Schools Budget deficit; or take any other action relative thereto.
RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 8 (*Majority Vote*)
Submitted by Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee

To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2021 Snow and Ice Budget for unforeseen expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.
RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 9 (*Two-thirds vote*)
Submitted by: Treasurer

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 5B, to appropriate by transfer from the Water Stabilization Fund and the Sewer Stabilization Fund all of the money in both funds to the Stabilization Fund, and to abolish the Water Stabilization Fund and the Sewer Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10 (*Majority vote*)
Submitted by: Town Clerk

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money to be paid as a one-time, lump sum in FY 2022 to the Town Clerk in recognition of an unforeseen increase in work during FY2021 due to newly expanded early voting requirements mandated by the State; or take any other action relative thereto.
RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 11 *(Majority vote)*

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 11 of the June 16, 2020 Annual Town Meeting, an appropriation of \$1,600,000 to fund a portion of the Town's sewer and water infrastructure project on Route 5; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12 *(Majority vote)*

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 21 of the May 8, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, an authorization to fund the construction of a new hiking trail; or take any other action relative thereto.

PETITION ARTICLE

ARTICLE 13

Submitted by: Petition

To see if the Town will vote to Rescind (undo, cancel) the vote on ARTICLE 1 taken at the Special Town Meeting on November 21, 2020, which authorized the Board of Selectmen to:

“acquire by gift or purchase, or to take by eminent domain, such temporary and permanent easements and rights as may be necessary in connection with the Route 5 Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements Project, including without limitation easements for the installation and maintenance of pump stations, force mains, manholes, pipes, conduits and related improvements, as follows: (a) a permanent easement of approximately 1,100 square feet at 34 West Street and a temporary construction easement of approximately 250 square feet; (b) a permanent easement of approximately 1,200 square feet at 32 West Street; and (c) a permanent easement of approximately 1,000 square feet at 12 Church Street; and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money for such acquisition; or take any other action in connection therewith.”

, or take any other action relative thereto.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING PROJECTS

ARTICLE 14 *(Two-thirds vote)*

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing communications equipment for the Fire and Police Departments; to fund such appropriation in part by transferring the sum of \$10,000 which was originally appropriated under Article 21 of the May 15, 2012 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of purchasing mobile software for the Police Department; and to determine whether to fund the balance by raising and appropriating some or all of said amount from tax levy, by transferring funds from other existing accounts, and/or by authorizing the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow pursuant to G.L. c. 44§ 7 or any other enabling authority, provided that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved under this article, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs so approved in accordance with G.L. c. 44, § 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and any other Town official to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this article; or to take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 15 *(Majority vote)*

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 16 *(Majority vote)*

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of funding the paramedic equipment rental during FY 2022; or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 17 (*Majority vote*)

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money to remove and replace the underground fuel tank at Highway Garage; or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 18 (*Majority vote*)

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of replacing eight fire hydrants; or take any other action thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 19 (*Majority vote*)

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of replacing 1000' feet of water main on Elm Court; or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 20 (*Majority vote*)

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of replacing a walk-in freezer at Smith Academy School; or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 21 (*Majority vote*)

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of replacing flooring and windows at the Public Library; or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 22 (*Two-thirds vote*)
Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 14 and all other enabling laws, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or purchase, or to take by eminent domain, such temporary and permanent easements and rights as may be necessary in connection with the Route 5 Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements Project, including without limitation easements for the installation and maintenance of pump stations, force mains, manholes, pipes, conduits and related improvements, as follows:

- a. a permanent easement of approximately 1,100 square feet at 34 West Street and a temporary construction easement of approximately 250 square feet;
- b. a permanent easement of approximately 1,200 square feet at 32 West Street; and
- c. a permanent easement of approximately 1,000 square feet at 12 Church Street;

and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money for such acquisition; or to take any other action in connection therewith.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ARTICLES

ARTICLE 23 (*Majority vote*)

Submitted by: Community Preservation Commission

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2022, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses **\$8,250**

Reserves:

From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$ 28,800
From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$ 28,800
From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$ 28,800
From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$193,350

or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 24 (*Majority vote*)

Submitted by: Community Preservation Commission

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation historic resources reserve account the sum of \$9,862.00, to be used to preserve and restore historic town vital records under the direction of the Hatfield Town Clerk, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

REVOLVING FUNDS ARTICLE

ARTICLE 25(*Majority vote*)

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to set the spending limits for the revolving funds, under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53 E ½ , for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as follows:

REVOLVING FUND	AUTHORIZED TO SPEND FUND	REVENUE SOURCE	USE OF FUND	FY 2022 SPENDING LIMIT
Community Garden	Agriculture Advisory Commission	Plot Fees	Expenditures for Maintenance	\$5,000.00
DPW Motor Grader	DPW Director	Rental Fees	Maintenance and Salaries	\$5,000.00
Hazardous Materials	Fire Chief	Departmental Receipts	Expenditures Regarding Hazardous Materials	\$20,000.00
Tax Title	Treasurer	Departmental Receipts	Expenditures Regarding Tax Title	\$25,000.00
TOTAL SPENDING AUTHORIZED \$55,000.00				

or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET

ARTICLE 26 (*Majority vote*)

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee

To see if the Town will vote to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer, including appropriations from the Cable TV Enterprise Fund, Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, Ambulance Revenue, Ambulance Surplus, School Choice, Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest, Overlay Surplus, Free Cash, and from available funds, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, funds in the Water and Sewer Retained Earnings and Cable TV Retained Earnings Fund, to defray the charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, to set the salaries of all elected officials in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and to provide a Reserve Fund for the ensuing year, or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 27 (*Majority vote*)

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer, a sum of money to fund the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

GENERAL AND ZONING BY-LAWS ARTICLE

ARTICLE 28 *(Two-thirds vote)*

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by adding the following:

“Section 1.21: Select Board. The Board of Selectmen in Hatfield shall be known as the ‘Select Board,’ but shall have all of the powers and responsibilities of a board of selectmen within the meaning of the Massachusetts General Laws and shall be a board of selectmen in all but name.”

and further, wherever the words “Board of Selectmen” appear in the General Bylaws or the Zoning Bylaws, such words shall be replaced with the words “Select Board”; or take any other action relative thereto.

ZONING BY-LAWS ARTICLE

ARTICLE 29 *(Two-thirds vote)*

Submitted by: Planning Board

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hatfield Zoning Map by changing the portion of Map 211, Lot 32 shown as Rural Residential to Light Industrial, so that the entire lot is within the Light Industrial District; and to amend Section 2.2 of the Zoning Bylaws by adding, at the end of the first sentence thereof, the following: “and amended by and at the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2021 (Warrant Article __)”;

ARTICLE 30 *(Majority vote)*

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to hear any and all reports which have to do with the welfare of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in five (5) places in the Town of Hatfield, at least eight days before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 27th day of April two thousand twenty-one.

Diana M Szynal Diana M. Szynal, Chair

[Signature] Edmund Jaworski

Brian F Moriarty Brian F. Moriarty

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF HATFIELD IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

4/29/2021, 2021

I HAVE THIS DAY POSTED TRUE AND ATTESTED COPIES OF THE ABOVE WARRANT IN FIVE PUBLIC PLACES IN THE TOWN OF HATFIELD.

ATTEST: [Signature],
MICHAEL DEKOSCIAK Chief of Police