

**2020 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 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020

at six o'clock in the evening to take action on all articles except Article 1 and to meet on Tuesday the 23rd day of June, 2020 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 member of the Board of Selectman for a term of three years; one Assessor for a term of three years; two members of the School Committee for a term of three years; one Library Trustee for a term of three years; one member of the Planning Board for a term of five years; one Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith for a term of one year; one Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years; one member of the Board of Health for a term of three years; a Moderator for a term of three years; one member of the Redevelopment Authority for a term of five years; one Member of the Hatfield Housing Authority for the term of 5 years; and a Town Clerk for a term of three years.

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Hatfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the Rt. 5 Sewer and Water Infrastructure Project?

_____ Yes _____ No

The polls will be open at seven o'clock in the forenoon on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, and kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

GENERAL TOWN ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen (Majority vote)

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 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.
(RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 3

Submitted by: Town Treasurer (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for Fiscal Year 2021 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto. *(RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE)*

ARTICLE 4

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen (Majority vote)

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

Submitted by Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto. *(RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE)*

ARTICLE 6

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 year; or take any other action relative thereto.

Rural Education Achievement Program	(28,770.70)
School Lunch	(2,206.00)
SPED	<u>(2,490.13)</u>
Total Special Revenue Fund Balance	(33,466.83)

(RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 7

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen (Majority vote)

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 8

Submitted by: School Department (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2020 School Operating Budget for unforeseen special education expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *(RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE)*

ARTICLE 9

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer or otherwise provide a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget for unforeseen expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. *(RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE)*

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING PROJECTS

ARTICLE 10

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen (2/3 vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1,600,000 for the purpose of funding the Town's portion of a sewer and water infrastructure project for Route 5, with the balance of the expected \$3,600,000 cost anticipated to come from the Commonwealth; and to determine whether to do so by raising and appropriating some or all of said amount from tax levy, by transferring funds from existing accounts, and/or by authorizing the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow under G.L. c. 44, § 7 or any other enabling authority; provided that no bonds or notes shall be issued hereunder unless the Town has voted at an election to exempt the amounts required to pay such bonds or notes from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½; and provided further 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 11

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer or by borrowing, a sum of money not to exceed \$1,600,000 for the purpose of funding the Town's portion of a sewer and water infrastructure project for Route 5, with the balance of the expected \$3,600,000 cost anticipated to come from the Commonwealth; and to determine whether to do so by raising and appropriating some or all of said amount from tax levy, by transferring funds from 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 12

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer or otherwise, a sum of money for the purpose of renovating the Council on Aging Center; and to appropriate by transfer for the same purpose a sum of money from the appropriation by borrowing that was authorized under Article 2 of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting of October 26, 2016, which sum is included in the balance remaining after the completion of the project for which the loan was authorized; or take any other action relative thereto. *(RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE)*

ARTICLE 13

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen (2/3 vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying unforeseen costs associated with the Phase II Memorial Town Hall Building Improvements Project; and to determine whether to do so by raising and appropriating some or all of said amount from tax levy, by transferring funds from 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 appropriate by transfer for the same purpose the following sums which are available from prior funding authorizations:

Annual Town Meeting, May 2017, Article 17 Memorial Town Hall Front Steps & Railing, the amount of \$24,469.50;

Annual Town Meeting, May 2012, Article 26 Town Hall Entryway, the amount of \$21,047.50;

Annual Town Meeting, May 2017, Article 16, Feasibility Study of the Council on Aging, Museum and HCTV Studio, the amount of \$16,000.00;

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 take any other action relative thereto.

(RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE)

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ARTICLES

ARTICLE 14

Submitted by: Community Preservation Commission (Majority vote)

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 2021, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2021 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses **\$ 8,250**

Reserves:

From FY 2021 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve **\$ 24,000**
 From FY 2021 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve **\$ 24,000**
 From FY 2021 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve **\$ 24,000**
 From FY 2021 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve **\$159,750**

or take any other action relative thereto.
(RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 15

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen (Majority vote)

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, 2020 as follows:

REVOLVING FUND	AUTHORIZED TO SPEND FUND	REVENUE SOURCE	USE OF FUND	FY 2021 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)*

ARTICLE 16

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee (Majority vote)

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)*

ZONING BY-LAWS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 17

Submitted by: Planning Board (2/3 vote)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7B.5 of the Zoning Bylaws, concerning standards and conditions for marijuana establishments, by:

- a. inserting a new sub-section E which will read: “No marijuana cultivation, whether outdoors or in a greenhouse (Table of Use Regulations 3.11 and 3.12), shall be located (i) in the Rural Residential (RR), Outlying Residential (OR), Town Center (TC) or Business (B) districts within five hundred feet (500’) of any pre-existing residential use (Table of Use Regulations 1.0) located on a lot that is not under common ownership with the lot on which the marijuana establishment is proposed, or (ii) in the Agricultural (AG) district within three hundred feet (300’) of such a use. No such setback shall apply with respect to marijuana cultivators located in the Industrial (I) and/or Light Industrial (LI) districts. The distances under this section shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the residential building to the nearest point of the security fencing associated with the proposed marijuana cultivator.” and
- b. re-lettering the existing subsections E through N so that they will be identified as subsections F through O, respectively;

or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18

Submitted by: Planning Board (2/3 vote)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Table of Uses in the Zoning Bylaws by moving the entries for “Medium Ground Mount Solar Generating System” and “Large Ground Mount Solar Generating System” from Section 6.0 of the said Table, entitled “Accessory Uses,” to Section 5.0 thereof, entitled “Wholesale, Transportation and Industrial Uses,” and renumbering them from 6.25 and 6.26 to 5.31 and 5.32, respectively, or to take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ARTICLES

ARTICLE 19

Submitted by: Community Preservation Commission (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve account the sum of \$6,725.00, 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.

ARTICLE 20

Submitted by: Community Preservation Commission (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve account the sum of \$36,438.00, to rehabilitate recreational land by creating a public Pavilion at Smith Academy Park at the corner of School Street and Main Street under the direction of the Hatfield Open Space Committee, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

GENERAL BY-LAWS ARTICLE

ARTICLE 21

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen (2/3 vote)

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.

ARTICLE 22

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 9th day of June two thousand twenty.

Diana M. Szynal Diana M. Szynal, Chair

Edmund Jaworski Edmund Jaworski

Brian F. Moriarty Brian F. Moriarty

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

June 9th, 2020

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

ATTEST: [Signature],
POLICE CHIEF

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