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*Tom Dave*

Town Clerk

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Special Town Meeting Warrant

Monday, March 10, 2025

6:30PM

Town of Chester

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**Hampden, SS:**

To any of the Constables in the Town of Chester in the County of Hampden,

**Greetings:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Chester qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet in the Chester Town Hall Auditorium, 15 Middlefield Road, in said Town on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:30 in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1: RECLASSIFY WATER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES**

*To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the following expenses from the Water Department Expense Account to the Water Department Retained Earnings Account; or take any other action relative thereto:*

12/03/2024	Double M&T Excavation	\$16,900.00
12/31/2024	Aqueous Infrastructure	\$ 6,995.00
12/31/2024	Aqueous Infrastructure	\$ 6,130.00
	Total	\$30,025.00

**Majority vote required**

**Bob Daley made a motion to amend the article to read:**

**To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from the Water Department Retained Earnings Account the sum of \$30,025.00 to pay for the following bills previously charged to the Water Dept.**

**John Baldasaro seconded the motion.**

**26-Yes 0-No Amendment was approved**

**Bob Daley then made a motion to accept the amended article as read, John Baldasaro seconded the motion.**

**26- Yes 0-No All in Favor Article Approved**

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**Article 2:                   BILLS FROM A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR**

*To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$216.01 to pay the following bills incurred in FY2024; or take any other action relative thereto:*

3/22/24	Turley Publications	\$58.66	Conservation Commission Expenses	10171.00
6/14/24	Turley Publications	\$45.83	Conservation Commission Expenses	10171.00
6/21/24	Turley Publications	\$48.88	Conservation Commission Expenses	10171.00
9/2021	MA DOR	<u>\$62.64</u>	Payroll Expenses	10145.07
		\$216.01		

**9/10 vote required**

**John Baldasaro accepted the article as read, Brian Forgue seconded.**

**26-Yes 0-No All in favor Article approved**

**Article 3:                   REPLENISH FUNDS IN HIGHWAY SALARIES ACCOUNT**

*To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,000 to replenish the Highway Department Salaries Account 20422.00, spent for overtime; or take any other action relative thereto:*

**Majority vote required**

**John Baldasaro accepted the article as read, Brian Forgue seconded.**

**26- Yes 0-No All in favor. Article approved.**

**Article 4:                   RESCIND VOTE ON COUNCIL ON AGING FLOOR**

*To see if the Town will vote to rescind the appropriation of \$6,000 made under Article 13 of the Annual Town Meeting of 2023 for flooring in the Council on Aging room in the lower level of Town Hall; or to take any other action in connection therewith:*

**Majority vote required**

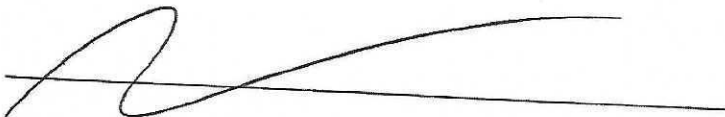
**John Baldasaro accepted the article as read, Brian Forgue seconded.**

**John B discussed that the floor was no longer in need of repair so the money set aside for that would go back into free cash.**

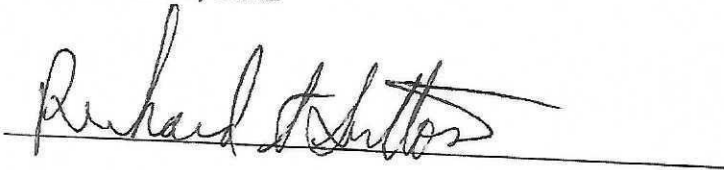
**26-Yes 0-No All in Favor Article approved.**

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof, in three public places within the Town of Chester, fourteen (14) days at least, before the day and hour of holding said meeting.

Therefore, Fail Not and make due return of said Warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk of the Town of Chester, at or before the day and hour of holding said meeting.



John Baldasaro, Chair



Richard "Andy" Sutton, Vice Chair



Craig Gauthier, Clerk

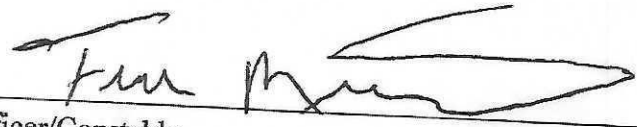
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As per instructions in this Warrant, I have this 24th day of February, 2025, posted same in three public places, Chester Town Hall, Chester Village Marketplace, Chester Center, prior to 6:30PM.

SGT   
Chester Police Officer/Constable

**Article 5: REPLENISH FUNDS IN TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT**

*To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,597.00, which was erroneously posted to the general fund instead of Tax Collector Receipts in FY2021 and FY2022 and rolled into Free Cash at the end of those respective fiscal years, to replenish the Tax Collector Account 4324.00; or take any other action relative thereto:*

FY2021	\$3,088.00
FY2022	<u>\$2,509.00</u>
	\$5,597.00

**Majority vote required**

**John Baldasaro accepted the article as read, Brian Forgue seconded.**

**Beath Lansing asked why now? John said it was suggested to do this by the auditor. It was posted incorrectly and this will make it cleaner accounting wise.**

**26-Yes 0-No All in favor. Article approved.**

**John Baldasaro made a motion to dissolve the meeting, Brian Forgue seconded.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm**

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