

**Special Town Meeting Warrant****Monday, October 5th, 2026****6:00PM**

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, October 5th, 2026, at 6:00 in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: Year-End Transfers

To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money previously appropriated by the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, from the following appropriations to other appropriations, as recommended by the Select Board and Finance Committee, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 33B, and to take any other action relative thereto:

Year End Transfers					
Positive Balance	Account Number	Name	Negative Balance	Account Number	Name
\$381.86	10124.02	General Office Expense	(\$649.14)	10122.01	Town Administrator Salary
\$628.93	10124.03	Town Report	(\$1,157.48)	10122.02	Administrative Asst
\$500.00	10124.08	Inspector Certification Costs	(\$3,046.12)	10124.00	Selectmen's Expenses
\$8,300.00	10122.95	STM 1/29/24 A4 Town Hazard Mit Plan	(\$11,038.43)	10135.00	Accounting Salaries
\$873.06	10122.98	ATM 6/9/25 A5 Prior Year Bills	(\$1,000.00)	10135.07	Audit Expense
\$2,900.00	10122.99	STM 11/24/25 A2 Prior Year Bills	(\$4,000.00)	10141.05	Assessors Consultant
\$5,109.00	10115.01	Reserve Fund	(\$100.00)	10141.06	Assessors Maps
\$1,000.00	10135.08	Outsourced Accounting Services	(\$12,928.75)	10145.05	Treasurer Services

\$18,000.00	10135.81	ENCFY25-Audit Encumbrances	(\$10,427.52)	10145.07	Payroll Expenses
\$8,658.46	10141.02	Assessors Clerk Salary	(\$1,133.69)	10146.00	Collector Salary
\$251.47	10141.08	Assessor Clerk Training	(\$63.70)	10146.03	Tax Taking Expenses
\$850.00	10145.02	Treasurer Expenses	(\$223.00)	10124.01	Town Counsel Services
\$9,450.12	10145.03	Land Court Fees	(\$741.87)	10161.00	Town Clerk Salary
\$632.25	10145.04	Bank Charges/Fees	(\$120.42)	10161.01	Town Clerk Assistant Salary
\$119.87	10146.02	Collector Expenses	(\$178.94)	90192.06	Town Hall Internet
\$1,780.00	10146.08	Tax Title Software	(\$1,271.28)	90192.01	Town Hall Repairs
\$49.19	10161.02	Town Clerks Expenses	(\$8,643.93)	90192.00	Town Hall Expenses
\$98.01	10161.9	STM 1/29/24 A5 Town Clerk Computer	(\$50.15)	60110.00	Fire Chief Salary
\$793.69	10162	Elections	(\$1,800.00)	60110.03	Fire Dept. Wages
\$29.04	10171	Conservation Comm. Expens	(\$1,823.12)	60110.01	Fire Expenses
\$200.00	10175.00	Planning Board Expenses	(\$40.10)	60110.09	Truck Maintenance
\$300.00	10176.00	Zoning Bd of Appeals Exp.	(\$107.20)	60240.00	Building Inspector Salary
\$3,026.28	90100.00	Town Hall Custodian Salar	(\$132.65)	60292.00	Animal Cntrl Off. Salary
\$500.80	90192.09	Phone Service	(\$48.51)	40491.02	Insp. of Animals Salary
\$2,380.00	90192.13	Permit Eyes (Bldg Isp/BOH)	(\$37.00)	30001.00	Gateway Regional School
\$288.87	90192.07	Website	(\$1,814.39)	20422.03	Highway Contract Services
\$2,768.88	90192.12	Old School Building Maintenance	(\$83.64)	20423.01	Uniforms
\$360.00	60110.10	On-Call FF Stipends	(\$3,667.81)	20423.02	Supplies/Repairs
\$346.67	60110.04	Training	(\$368.11)	20423.00	Town Garage Heat/Light
\$284.17	60110.06	Building Maintenance	(\$29,059.06)	20422.02	Snow Removal Salaries
\$1,241.80	60110.07	Medical Supplies	(\$99,192.06)	20423.07	Snow Removal Expenses
\$1,543.90	60110.08	Testing	(\$971.10)	40491.01	Trans. Station Salary
\$1,377.95	60110.94	ATM 6/25 A24 Fire Dept Rep & Maint	(\$116.96)	40494.01	COA Salary
\$544.74	60110.95	STM 3/26 A1 Used Fire Chief Vehicle	(\$41.00)	40492.00	Historical Comm. Expenses
\$4,160.00	60231.02	Ambulance Replacement Fund	(\$97,488.37)	54320.11	Police Off-duty Pay
\$407.36	60241	Building Inspector Expens			

\$1,913.92	60292.01	Animal Control Expenses			
\$4,000.00	20430.00	Tree Removal			
\$500.00	40491.15	Animal Inspector Expenses			
\$6,223.47	30001.10	Vocational Education			
\$1,987.41	20422	Highway Dept. Salaries			
\$173.89	20422.01	Highway Admin Assistant			
\$1,275.75	20423.91	ATM 6/24 A16 Highway Training Fund			
\$1,200.00	20423.92	STM 10/24 A1 Prior Year Bills			
\$26,136.91	20423.03	Stone/Gravel/Asphalt			
\$3,956.18	20423.04	Gas/Oil/Diesel			
\$439.50	20427.01	Cemetery Laborer Salaries			
\$827.70	40491	Board of Health Salaries			
\$853.95	40491.03	Board of Health Expenses			
\$221.32	40494.00	Council on Aging Expenses			
\$71.00	40543	Veterans Agent Salary			
\$1,983.40	40543.01	Veterans Benefits/Service			
\$190.00	90919	Wood Landfill Test Costs			
\$396.48	40500.01	Library Expenses			
\$593.07	40544.00	Recreation Comm. Expenses			
\$1,169.22	20427.03	Parks Maintenance			
\$1,143.00	40493.9	Preservation Project			
\$700.00	40493.91	ATM 6/19 A17 Flag Poles & Monument			
\$183.00	40543.02	Memorial Day			
\$328.00	90917.02	Bonds			
\$14.46	90830	PVPC Assessment			
\$931.00	90193.03	Police/Fire Accident Insu			
\$1,984.05	90917	Unemployment Ins./SUTA			

\$34,610.75	90914.00	Group Health Insurance			
\$4,703.28	90916.00	Medi/FICA			
\$617.05	54830.02	Town Clock Donations			
\$1,048.85	54830.08	Flag Donations			
\$2,500.00	54830.16	Covid 19 Donation			
\$34,812.76	54680.57	Shared Police Salaries			
\$72,885.95	53136.70	Shared Police PFY Budget Surplus			
\$2,853.81	54454	Police Firearm Permits			
Totals					
\$293,565.50			\$ (293,565.50)		

Submitted by Town Administrator

Majority vote required.

Explanation

This article provides for the transfer of previously appropriated funds between Town accounts to address year-end budget requirements and ensure that sufficient appropriations are available for lawful expenditures incurred during the fiscal year. The transfers do not increase the total amount originally appropriated by Town Meeting; rather, they reallocate existing appropriations among authorized Town purposes.

ARTICLE 2: To Correct Transfers from Free Cash to Stabilization Funds

To see if the Town will vote to rescind and reduce, in whole or in part, the amounts previously voted under Articles 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 8th, 2026, which authorized transfers from Free Cash to the Educational Stabilization Fund, Town Vehicle Stabilization Fund, Town Building Stabilization Fund, Town Insurance Stabilization Fund, and OPEB Trust Fund, respectively, and to reduce the aggregate amount of said transfers from \$99,000 to an amount not exceeding the \$60,600.00 of certified Free Cash available to the Town at the time of said Annual Town Meeting, by reducing the individual transfers as follows:

Educational Stabilization Fund: \$37,000 reduced to \$19,600;

Town Vehicle Stabilization Fund: \$25,000 reduced to \$14,000;

Town Building Stabilization Fund: \$22,000 reduced to \$15,000;

Town Insurance Stabilization Fund: \$10,000 reduced to \$8,000;

OPEB Trust Fund: \$5,000 reduced to \$4,000;

for a total corrected transfer from Free Cash of \$60,600.00, or such lesser amount as may be available and legally transferable, and to take any other action relative thereto.

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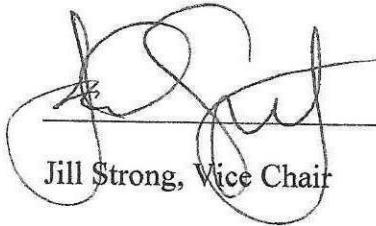
6:00PM

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.

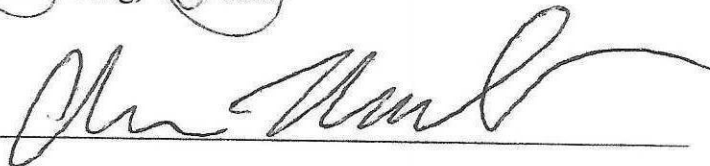
Therefore, Fail Not and make due return of said Warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk of the Town of Chester, at or before the day and hour of holding said meeting.



Brian Fergie, Chair

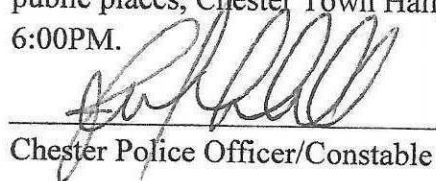


Jill Strong, Vice Chair



Chris Martenson, Member

As per instructions in this Warrant, I have this 21st day of September, 2026, posted same in three public places, Chester Town Hall, Chester Village Marketplace, Chester Post Office, prior to 6:00PM.



JENNIFER DUBIEL, CHIEF OF POLICE

Chester Police Officer/Constable