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Special Town Meeting Warrant

Originally held on Monday, October 5th, 2026

Article 1 Continued on Monday, October 19th, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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 19th, 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 Tranfers					
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*	*Selectmens Expenses*
$8,300.00	*10122.95*	*STM 1/29/24 A4 Town Hazard Mit Plan*	*($11,038.43)*	*10135.00*	*Accounting Salaries*

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$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	($99,488.37)	54320.11	Police Off-duty Pay
$407.36	60241	Building Inspector Expense			
$1,913.92	60292.01	Animal Control Expenses			
$4,000.00	20430.00	Tree Removal			
$500.00	40491.15	Animal Inspector Expenses			
$2,000.00	30001.91	STM 3/26 A5 Gateway Bleachers			
$6,223.47	30001.10	Vocational Education			
$1,987.41	20422.00	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	40491.00	Board of Health Salaries			
$853.95	40491.03	Board of Health Expenses			
$221.32	40494	Council on Aging Expenses			
$71.00	40543	Veterans Agent Salary			

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$1,983.40	*40543.01*	*Veterans Benefits/Service*			
$190.00	*90919*	*Wood Landfill Test Costs*			
$396.48	*40500.01*	*Library Expenses*			
$593.07	*40544*	*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	*90830.00*	*PVPC Assessment*			
$931.00	*90193.03*	*Police/Fire Accident Insu*			
$1,984.05	*90917.00*	*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	*54454.00*	*Police Firearm Permits*			
Totals					
$295,565.50			*$ (295,565.50)*		

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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.

Andy Meyers of Maynard Hill Road moved to amend the article by adopting an alternate schedule of year-end transfers. The alternate schedule would exclude the Snow and Ice deficit, which would instead be covered by WRAP funds from the state.
John Baldasaro of Lyon Hill Road seconded the motion to amend the article. He then asked Brian to summarize the matter for voters who had not attended the initial meeting.
Brian reiterated that the article had been tabled by vote at the previous Special Town Meeting. Since that meeting, the Finance Committee had met and discussed an alternative approach to the year-end transfers that would exclude funding for the Snow and Ice deficit.
John Baldasaro asked about the Town's confidence in the line-item figures, citing uncertainty expressed at the previous meeting. Brian stated that there was a high level of confidence in the figures as presented. It was also confirmed that the Finance Committee, Select Board, interim Accountant, and Town Administrator had reviewed the line items and supported the alternate schedule as presented.

Voters present: 30 | Yes: 30 No: 0 | The motion to amend the article passed unanimously.

Nicholas Chisuano of Park Knox Road moved to accept the amended article as presented. Florence Bolduc of Sylvester Hamilton Road seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

Voters present: 30 | Yes: 30 No: 0 | The article, as amended, passed unanimously.

Rich Holzman of Ingell Road moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting. Jill Strong of Middlefield Road seconded the motion.

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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