



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF CONWAY

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

December 9, 2023

FRANKLIN, SS To either of the Constables of the Town of Conway in said county, **GREETINGS.**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Grammar School, at 24 Fournier Road in said Town of Conway, on Saturday, the 9th day of December, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. to act on the following:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,000 from any available sources to the compensated absences account; or take any action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: TREASURER

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDATION: 3-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 3-0 (2 not present)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to approve a line to line transfer of \$3,074 from the Police Department salary line 001-210-5400-000-110-0 to the Police Department expenses line 001-210-5400-000-420-0 for equipment and training; or take any action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: CHIEF OF POLICE

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDATION: 3-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 3-0 (2 not present)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.5 million dollars to pay for emergency deficit spending for town road repairs and other flood related expenses, including engineering and design, and to meet said appropriation, authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, § 8(9), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

(2/3rds vote required)

SUBMITTED BY: SELECTBOARD

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDATION: 3-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 3-0 (2 not present)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to convey a fee simple interest in the property known as and numbered 0 Off Ashfield Road, as further identified in the Town Assessor's records as Map 409 Lot 18.1, through deed to the successful bidder Hank Horstmann for the sum of \$6,501.00, more or less, on such terms and conditions as the Selectboard deems to be in the best interest(s) of the Town, and to execute any and all agreement(s) and document(s) to effectuate the conveyance of said property, if any; or take any action relative thereto:

SUBMITTED BY: SELECTBOARD

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDATION: 3-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 3-0 (2 not present)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, §5K and §5N, and request the Selectboard to establish a property tax work-off program for taxpayers who are veterans or qualifying seniors (over 60 years of age) to take effect in FY25; or take any action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF ASSESSORS

SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDATION: 3-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 3-0 (2 not present)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$7,000 from any available sources for software, hardware and training to allow Assessors to enter information on site during assessments; or take any action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF ASSESSORS
SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDATION: 3-0
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 3-0 (2 not present)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies from the Community Preservation Fund, with each item considered a separate appropriation:

- A. \$7,825 for use by the Town of Conway Open Space Committee as fiscal agent for the Selectboard approved plan from *Pollinate Conway!* for Veterans Memorial Park Habitat Restoration with Native Plants [from the Open Space/Recreation Account]; and
 - B. \$14,074.80 for use by the Town of Conway Office of the Town Clerk to advance archival storage of the Town's vital records [from the Historic Resources Account];
- or take any action relative thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Section 10 to the "Form and Conduct of Town Government, The Town Meeting," as follows, and by renumbering existing Sections 10 through 21 thereunder to Sections 11 through 22, respectively:

**FORM AND CONDUCT OF TOWN GOVERNMENT
THE TOWN MEETING**

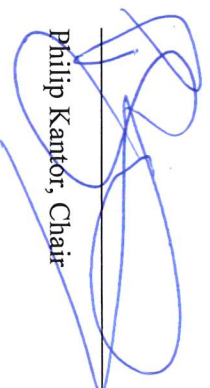
Section 10: The Moderator will use the most recently published edition of "Town Meeting Time" as the manual for conducting Town Meetings.

or take any action relative thereto.

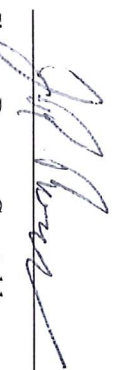
SUBMITTED BY: SELECTBOARD
SELECTBOARD RECOMMENDATION: 3-0

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 21st day of November, two thousand twenty-three.



Philip Kantor, Chair




Jimmy Recore, Constable
11/21, 2023
(date)



Erica Goleman

Posted at:
Conway Post Office
Baker's Country Store
Town Hall
Town Office Building



Christopher Waldo
TOWN OF CONWAY SELECTBOARD