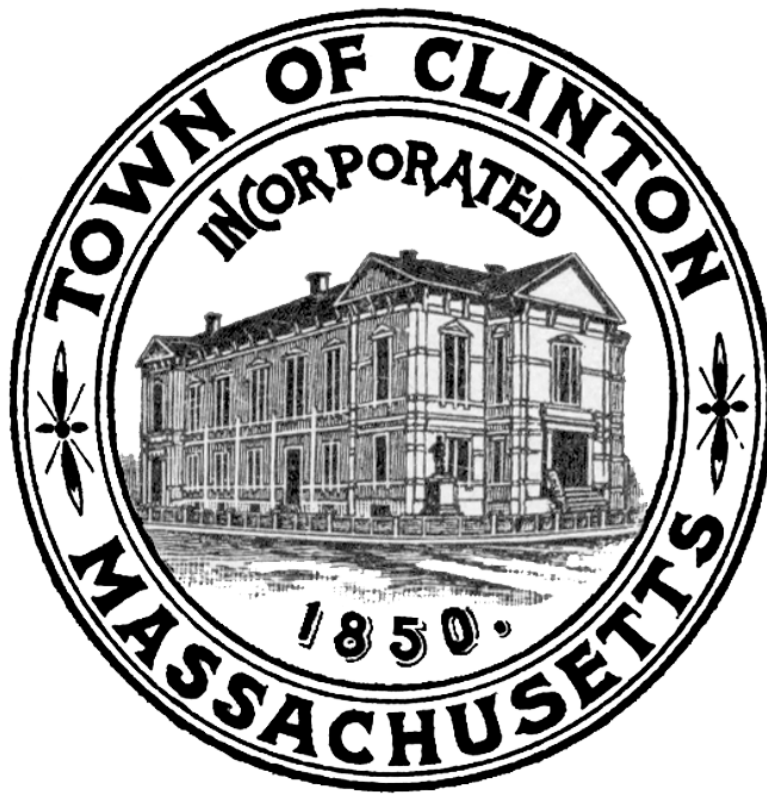


Annual Town Meeting Warrant



Town Hall Fallon Auditorium
June 22, 2020
7:00 P.M.

TOWN OF CLINTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

WORCESTER, SS.

To the Constable of the Town of Clinton in the County of Worcester.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town, qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Clinton on Monday, the twenty-second day of June 2020 at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

To receive the reports of the Town officers and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officials of the Town, as provided by Chapter 41, Section 108, of the Massachusetts General Laws, said salaries and compensation to be effective from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefore, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from the current tax levy or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town charges from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, as those charges appear in the Finance Committee Report of Recommendations, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer and Town Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement with a banking institution for Fiscal Year 2021 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F, of the Massachusetts General Laws, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,800.00, or any other sum, said sum to be expended for social services in accordance with programs as approved by the Board of Selectmen, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000.00, or any other sum, said sum to be expended as the Town of Clinton's share to the Wachusett Health Education Action Team (WHEAT, Inc.), which committee is a delegate agency of the United Way of Tri-County, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws to set the limits on the total amounts that may be expended from each of the Town's revolving funds established under the Town's Administrative By-Laws, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Revolving Fund	Spending Limit
Gas/Plumbing Inspection	\$50,000.00
Council on Aging	\$20,000.00
Town Hall Use	\$ 5,000.00
Olde Home Day	\$25,000.00
Fuller Field	\$ 5,000.00
Town Clerk	\$15,000.00

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Assessors Overlay Reserve Account the sum of \$30,000.00, or any other sum, said sum to be used to continue the Senior Tax Rebate Program for Fiscal Year 2021, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$34,640.00, or any other sum, said sum to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the following unpaid bill, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association

\$34,640.00

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000.00, or any other sum, to the Health Insurance Trust Fund, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000.00, or any other sum, to the Stabilization Fund, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Landfill Enterprise Fund retained earnings the sum of \$1,500,000.00, or any other sum, to the Capital Projects & Infrastructure Improvements Stabilization Fund, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund the sum of \$175,000.00, or any other sum, said sum to be used for the support of cable access related services, programming and equipment, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from the Landfill Enterprise Fund Closure Reserve the sum of \$4,200,000.00, or any other sum, to be used for the Phase I & Phase II Landfill Closure and South Meadow Pond Dredging Project and all related work, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Public Works)

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from the Capital Projects & Infrastructure Improvements Stabilization Fund the sum of \$1,000,000.00, or any other sum, said sum to be expended by the Department of Public Works for road resurfacing and infrastructure improvements as approved by the Board of Selectmen, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Public Works)

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund the sum of \$250,000.00, or any other sum, said sum to be expended by the Department of Public Works for water system improvement projects, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Public Works)

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend the appropriation authorization under Article 25 from the 2019 Annual Town Meeting to allow these fund to be used for water & sewer system improvements and equipment in addition to exterior painting and installation of a disinfection by-product removal system at the Burditt Hill Tank and interior/exterior painting and installation of mixing valve system at the Mulberry Water Tank, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Public Works)

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote amend the borrowing authorization to lease from the Rubbish Enterprise Fund under Article 18 from the 2018 Annual Town Meeting for the purchase of a rubbish packer truck, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Public Works)

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from the Stabilization Fund or transfer from available funds the sum of \$180,000.00, or any other sum, said sum to be expended by the Department of Facilities & Grounds for replacement of the splash pad at Philbin Memorial Park and all related work, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Facilities & Grounds)

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from the Stabilization Fund or transfer from available funds the sum of \$62,500.00, or any other sum, said sum to be expended by the Department of Facilities & Grounds for re-roofing of the Field House at Veterans Athletic Field and for the repair and/or replacement of water fountains in the Clinton Public Schools, including all related work, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Facilities & Grounds)

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from the Stabilization Fund or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000.00, or any other sum, said sum to be expended by the Department of Facilities & Grounds for the repair and construction to relocate offices at Town Hall and the purchase and installation of a new phone system for said building, including all related work, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Facilities & Grounds)

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from the Stabilization Fund or take from available funds the sum of \$30,950.00, or any other sum, said sum to be expended by the Department of Public Works to fund retroactive wages as part of a negotiated agreement between the Town of Clinton, through the Board of Selectmen, and the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees – Council #93 for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, having been negotiated in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 150E, as amended, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Finance Committee - Approved)

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from the Stabilization Fund or take from available funds the sum of \$53,189.00, or any other sum, said sum to be expended by the Department of Facilities & Grounds to fund retroactive wages as part of a negotiated agreement between the Town of Clinton, through the Board of Selectmen, and the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees – Council #93 for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, having been negotiated in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 150E, as amended, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Finance Committee - Approved)

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, transfer, or borrow, the sum of \$110,400, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, according to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8C, to expend said sum for the acquisition and project costs associated with acquiring for a shared-use path, by negotiated purchase or

otherwise, a certain property consisting of four (4) parcels of land of approximately 11.04 acres or about 480,800 square feet of land, as described in the railroad valuation maps as:

- Parcel 1: starting on Val Section V-5-Map 31 at Engineering Station 1568+25 and ending at Engineering Station 1571+05 containing approximately 36,300 square feet / 0.83 acres of land;
- Parcel 2: starting on Val Section V-5-Map 31 at Engineering Station 1572+00 and continuing on Val Section V-5-Map-32 and ending at Engineering Station 1595+11 containing approximately 315,000 square feet / 7.23 acres of land;
- Parcel 3: starting on Val Section V-5-Map 32 at Engineering Station 1595+20 and ending at Engineering Station 1605+35 containing approximately 77,000 square feet / 1.77 acres of land and includes the Tunnel between Clamshell Road and Route 70 (Boylston Street); and
- Parcel 4: starting on Val Section V-5-Map 32 at Engineering Station 1605+40 and ending at Engineering Station 1610+50 containing approximately 52,500 square feet / 1.21 acres of land;

Said property be conveyed to said Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8C, and as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts statutes relating to Conservation and Recreation, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission; that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized to convey a perpetual conservation restriction and trail development rights* in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184 Sections 31-32 to the Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust, Inc.; that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under Chapter 132A, Section 11 and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article; and that the Board of Selectman and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to affect said purchase. Provided, however, that the funds appropriated hereunder shall not be expended unless the Town is approved for a MassTrails Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation or other grant source in the amount of \$88,320, and a contribution in the amount of \$22,080, or other required matching funds, is made to the Town by the Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust prior to closing, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws to change all references to the “Board of Selectmen” to “Select Board,” and all references to individual Selectmen to “Select Board Member”; or act in any other manner in relation thereto, such bylaw change to take effect upon the enactment of the legislation in Article 27.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Administrative By-Laws by eliminating or reducing the numerical requirement of a quorum to conduct any legal town meeting, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court to enact legislation to change the name of the "Board of Selectmen" to the "Select Board" and the title of "Selectman" to "Select Board Member", and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments to said act before its enactment by the General Court that are within the scope of the general objectives of the petition; or act in any other manner in relating thereto.

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the filing of special legislation to allow the Board of Selectmen to issue six (6) additional Chapter 138, Section 12 all alcohol pouring liquor licenses for the Town of Clinton, notwithstanding the limitation on the number of such licenses which may be granted, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the filing of special legislation to amend Chapter 375 of the Acts of 1945 to authorize the Parks & Recreation Commission to act as the Fuller Field Commission as provided under said statute, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court to enact legislation to continue the employment of Police Chief Mark R. Laverdure, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments to said act before its enactment by the General Court that are within the scope of the general objectives of the petition; or act in any other manner in relating thereto.

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to amend the appropriation authorization under Article 17 from the 2016 Annual Town Meeting to allow these funds to be used for the design, purchase and installation of a lighting system for the Little League Field at Savage Field and to borrow the sum of \$100,000.00, or any other sum, to fund said project, or act in any manner relating thereto.

(Finance Committee – Approved)

ARTICLE 32

We, the undersigned, Voters of the Town of Clinton request the following Article to be placed on the Warrant of the next Annual Town Meeting:

To see if the Town will vote to borrow or take from free cash the sum of \$260,000, or any other sum, said sum to be expended by the Facility Department for the design, purchase & installation of a lighting system for the Little League Field located at Savage Field.

(Citizens Petition)

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting, as aforesaid.

GIVE UNDER OUR HANDS, this third day of June in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William F. Connolly, Jr. – Chair
Sean J. Kerrigan, Vice-Chair
Edward J. Devault, Clerk
Michael J. Dziokonski
John J. Boisoneau

WORCESTER, SS.

By virtue of this Warrant, I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Clinton aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the time and place for the purpose within named, by publishing in The Item, a newspaper published in the said Town, as hereby directed.

Kevin R. Haley
Constable for the Town of Clinton