

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TOWN OF DOUGLAS
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
High School Auditorium
7:00 PM**

Worcester, SS

To any Constable of the Town of Douglas, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Douglas who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Douglas High School Auditorium, 33 Davis Street, in said Douglas, on **Tuesday, the Thirteenth of November 2018, A.D.** for a Special Town Meeting commencing at 7:00 P.M.; for the following purposes:



Article 1.	Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Transfers / Amendments
Article 2.	Prior Year Bills
Article 3.	Transfer from Free Cash to the OPEB Account
Article 4.	Transfer from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account (Closeout from Insurance Reimb. Account < \$150K)
Article 5.	Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District FY19 Budget
Article 6.	Ratify Fire Fighter / EMT Union Contract
Article 7.	Enter Into a Five (5) Year Contract with Charter
Article 8.	Enter Into a Municipal Energy Purchase Contract for a Term Up To Five (5) Years
Article 9.	Enter Into a Long Term Lease of Martin Road Park
Article 10.	Supplement Green Communities Funding
Article 11.	Amend General Bylaw - Board of Selectmen as Licensing Authority for Marijuana
Article 12.	Accept MGL c64N(3) – Local Tax Option on Marijuana Sales

Article 1. - Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Transfers / Amendments:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the action taken on Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 7, 2018, by transferring from available funds the following sums of money to the following budget line items in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget:

Increase Assessor's Wages	\$1,500
Increase Civil Defense Expense	\$2,000
Increase Treasurer / Collector Wages	\$8,000
Increase Cemetery Expense	\$12,000
Increase Fire Wages	\$16,000
Increase Ambulance Wages	\$48,350
Increase Fire Expense	\$3,000
Increase Landfill Maintenance	\$800
Increase Total Insurance & Employee Benefits	\$35,000
Increase Building Department Expenses	\$26,000
Increase Technology Expenses	\$55,000
Increase Public Building Maintenance Expenses	\$15,000
Decrease Library Expense	\$2,701
Decrease Building Wages	\$6,000

Or take any other action related thereto.

Article 2. - Prior Year Bill

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the following sums of money to pay the following prior year’s bills, or take any other action relative thereto.

School – Koopman Lumber	\$29.99
IT – GovConnect	\$129.75
W / S – Charter Communications	\$181.00
Cable – Charter Communications	\$175.18

Article 3. - Transfer from Free Cash to the OPEB Account

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$17,500 from Free Cash to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Account, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 4. - Transfer from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account (Closeout from Insurance Reimbursements Account < \$150K)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$32,390 from Free Cash to the Stabilization, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 5. - Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District FY19 Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,518 for its operating and capital assessment by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2018, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 6. - Ratify Fire Fighter / EMT Union Contract

To see if the Town will vote to ratify the collective bargaining agreement executed by the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Fighter / EMT Union on October 23, 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 7. - Enter Into a Five (5) Year Contract with Charter

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a five (5) year contract with Charter Communications for internet services, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 8. - Enter Into a Municipal Energy Purchase Contract for a Term Up To Five (5) Years

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a Municipal Energy purchase contract for a term up to five (5) years, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 9. – Enter Into a Long Term Lease of Martin Road Park

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Recreation Commission to enter into a long term lease agreement with Douglas AxMen Soccer Club for the Martin Road Park, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 10. - Supplement Green Communities Funding

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, for all associated costs, the sum of \$60,000, for the purpose of funding the following:

LED Street Light Account – Article 4 of STM 5/7/18 & All Associated Costs	\$25,000
Library Heating & Weatherization & All Associated Costs	\$35,000

And same to be spent under the direction of the Town Administrator, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 11. - Amend General Bylaw - Board of Selectmen as Licensing Authority for Marijuana

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Douglas General By-laws, by adding the following Section 9: Marijuana, to Article 4: Licenses and Permits, or take any other action relative thereto:

SECTION 9: MARIJUANA

(a) No person shall carry on the business cultivate, process, package, deliver, obtain, manufacture, process, package, brand, sell or otherwise transfer, or test marijuana or marijuana products, or otherwise operate a Marijuana Establishment as defined by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94G within the Town unless first duly licensed thereof by the Board of Selectmen, to be renewed annually.

(b) The number of Marijuana Retail Licenses issued in the Town of Douglas shall be limited to the greater of three (3) or twenty (20%) percent of licenses issued in the Town of Douglas for retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold, which shall be calculated by rounding up to the next whole number.

(c) The Board may adopt reasonable rules and regulations related to the issuance of such licenses, including the fees to be paid therefore and the conditions to be satisfied by any applicant for such a license.

(d) Applicants for a license annually shall file an application on a form provided by the Board of Selectmen, signed under the penalties of perjury by the applicant, containing such information as the Board of Selectmen may reasonably require from time to time. Each applicant shall pay an application fee as may be reasonably determined from time to time by the Board of Selectmen.

(e) The Board of Selectmen must act upon the application at one of their next three regularly scheduled meetings, holding a public hearing thereon, with due written notice provided to the applicant of the time, date and location where such hearing will be heard.

(f) The Board of Selectmen may approve, deny or approve the application with conditions. Such decision shall be based on the evidence taken at the public hearing, consistent with the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public, and consistent with the regulations promulgated by such board.

(g) The Board of Selectmen or its agents may at any time enter upon the premises of a person who is licensed by them under this Section, to ascertain the manner in which the person conducts the business carried on under such license.

(h) The Board of Selectmen may issue orders as appropriate to aid in the enforcement of this regulation and may enforce these provisions in equity, including the request for injunctive relief, in a court of competent jurisdiction. Any failure to comply with any Order issued hereunder shall result in the issuance of a formal warning. Any failure to comply with such a warning shall result in a fine of \$100.00. Any failure to comply after the issuance of said initial fine may be punishable by a subsequent fine of \$300.00. Each day of a continued non-compliance shall constitute a separate violation. Further, the Board of Selectmen may hold a hearing, with notice to the licensee, to determine if such license should be modified, suspended or revoked.

Home Rule Amendment [art. 89 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution]; Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G, § 3, 935 CMR 500.000.

Article 12. - Accept MGL c64N(3) – Local Tax Option on Marijuana Sales

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64N, Section 3 to impose a 3% local sales tax on the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the Town of Douglas, or take any other action relative thereto.

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to serve this Special Town Meeting Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in the Municipal Center and at least two (2) other places in the Town of Douglas to which the public has general access, at least fourteen (14) days before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, the Time and Place of said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS SIXTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018, A.D.

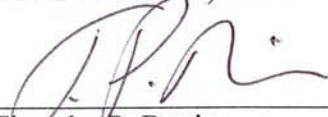
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN



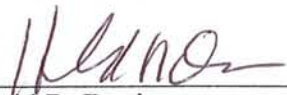
Kevin D. Morse, Chairman



David P. Cortese, Vice Chairman



Timothy P. Bonin



Harold R. Davis

Michael D. Hughes

I have this day posted an attested copy of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting in the Municipal Center and at least two other places in the Town to which the public has general access as directed.

Carol E. Field, Constable or
Debra Blain, Constable

Date