

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**TOWN OF DOUGLAS**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Monday, November 14, 2016**  
**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 **Monday, the Fourteenth of November 2016, A.D.** for a Special Town Meeting commencing at 7:00 P.M.; for the following purposes:



Article 1.	Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Transfers/Amendments
Article 2.	Ratify Amendment to Firefighters' Collective Bargaining Agreement
Article 3.	Transfer from Free Cash to the OPEB Account
Article 4.	Transfer from Free Cash to Stabilization Account (Ambulance Payment)
Article 5.	Amend Article 8 of the ATM 5-5-14 Capital Projects
Article 6	Debt Exclusion – Purchase of Rescue Pumper
Article 7	Debt Exclusion – Purchase of Catch Basin Cleaner Truck with Plow & Sander
Article 8	Amend Article 8 of the ATM 5-5-14 Water Booster Station
Article 9.	Land Acquisition – Water & Sewer Department
Article 10.	Sullivan Property – Gift of Land/Order of Taking

**Article 1. Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Transfers/Amendments**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$46,574**, and transfer from ambulance receipts reserved for appropriation the sum of **\$125,000**, to fund the following amendments to Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 2, 2016:

Increase Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Assessment by	\$16,304
Increase Ambulance Wages by	\$125,000
Increase Council on Aging Wages by	\$1,360
Increase Douglas Schools - Personnel & Expenses by	\$85,326
Decrease Property & Liability Insurance by	\$25,000
Decrease Library Fire Door by	\$1,500
Decrease Building Department Wages by	\$2,300
Decrease Health Insurance by	\$27,616

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Article 2. Ratify Amendment to Firefighters' Collective Bargaining Agreement**

To see if the Town will vote to ratify the amendment to the Douglas Firefighters' Collective Bargaining Agreement and to amend Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 2, 2016 by raising and appropriating an additional **\$39,000** for Fire Department Wages/Salaries, or take any other action relative thereto.

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

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$73,322** 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 (Ambulance Payment)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$11,664** from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account, or take any other action related thereto.

**Article 5. Amend Article 8 of the ATM 5-5-14 Capital Projects**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014 by transferring the sum of **\$70,000** from Free Cash to the Municipal Center HVAC Replacement, Gym Roof Replacement, and 1st Floor Window Replacement – Capital Projects, for additional project costs, or take any other action related thereto.

**Article 6. Debt Exclusion – Purchase of Rescue Pumper**

To see if the Town will appropriate, contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2-1/2 Debt Exclusion, **\$475,000** or any other amount, to pay costs of purchasing and equipping a rescue pumper truck for the use of the Fire Department, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 7. Debt Exclusion – Purchase of Catch Basin Cleaner Truck with Plow & Sander**

To see if the Town will appropriate, contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2-1/2 Debt Exclusion, **\$235,000** or any other amount, to pay costs of purchasing and equipping a catch basin cleaner truck, with plow and sander, for the use of the Highway Department, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 8. Amend Article 8 of the ATM 5-5-14 Water Booster Station**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014 – Water Booster Station Replacement, by transferring the sum of **\$35,340.47** from Article 16 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 18, 1996 - Franklin Street/Water Tank Capital Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 9. Land Acquisition- Water & Sewer Department**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of **\$400,000** to purchase real property located at 104 Main Street (Route 16), and as further described in a filing located in the Office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 10. Sullivan Property – Gift of Land/Order of Taking**

To see if the Town will vote to take by eminent domain 9+/- acres of land located at 286 Webster Street and shown on the Douglas Tax Assessors Maps as Map 205, Parcels 2 and 3, and as further described in a filing in the office of the Town Clerk, and further, to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer a sum of up to **\$1.00** to pay for such confirmatory taking, and to place such land in the custody of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale, and finally, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of said land, 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 EIGHTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER 2016, A.D.

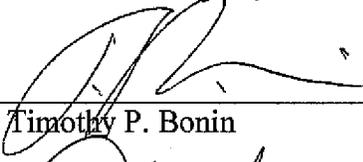
**THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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Kevin D. Morse, Chairman

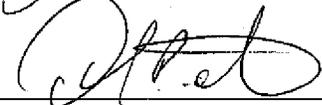
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Michael D. Hughes, Vice-Chairman



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Timothy P. Bonin



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David P. Cortese



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Harold R. Davis

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.

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Carol E. Field, Constable or

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Date

Debra Blain, Constable