

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Officer's Return, Town of Reading:

By virtue of this Warrant, I Laura A Gemme, on 10-11, 2024 notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at the place and at the time specified by posting attested copies of this Subsequent Town Meeting Warrant in the following public places within the Town of Reading:

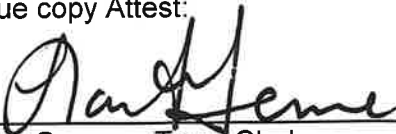
- Precinct 1 J. Warren Killam School, 333 Charles Street
- Precinct 2 Reading Police Station, 15 Union Street
- Precinct 3 Reading Municipal Light Department, 230 Ash Street
- Precinct 4 Joshua Eaton School, 365 Summer Avenue
- Precinct 5 Reading Public Library, 64 Middlesex Avenue
- Precinct 6 Barrows School, 16 Edgemont Avenue
- Precinct 7 Birch Meadow School, 27 Arthur B Lord Drive
- Precinct 8 Wood End School, 85 Sunset Rock Lane
- Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street

The date of posting being not less than fourteen (14) days prior to Tuesday, November 12, 2024, the date set for Town Meeting in this Warrant.



~~Constable~~ Town Clerk

A true copy Attest:



Laura Gemme, Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in the Local Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Reading Memorial High School Performing Arts Center, 62 Oakland Road, in said Reading, on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members in accordance with the provisions of the Reading Home Rule Charter.

ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Select Board, School Committee, Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Finance Committee, Bylaw Committee, Town Manager, Town Accountant and any other Town Official, Board or Committee.

Select Board

ARTICLE 2 To choose all other necessary Town Officers and Boards or Committees and determine what instructions shall be given to Town Officers and Boards or Committees, and to see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate by borrowing or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the purpose of funding Town Officers and Boards or Committees to carry out the instructions given to them, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY 2025-35 Capital Improvements Program as provided for in Section 7-7 of the Reading Home Rule Charter and as previously amended, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2024, as adopted under Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 29, 2024; and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to be added to the amounts appropriated under said Article, as amended, for the operation of the Town and its government, or take any other action with respect thereto.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay bills remaining unpaid from prior fiscal years for goods and services actually rendered to the Town, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in payment for development within the Town's 40R Smart Growth Zoning Districts from Free Cash into the Smart Growth Stabilization Fund; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025, and vote to dedicate all of the payments received from the Commonwealth pursuant to Chapter 40R of the Massachusetts General Laws to the Town's Smart Growth Stabilization Fund, effective for fiscal year 2026, beginning on July 1, 2025; or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds received from Opioid Settlements from Free Cash to the Opioid Settlement Receipts Special Reserve Fund; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay the costs of the Haven Street Infrastructure Project, including replacement of roadway, sidewalks, and related improvements, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager; and, for the purpose of meeting such appropriation, authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, or take any other action with respect thereto.

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to adopt a mandatory charge per kilowatt-hour upon Reading Municipal Light Plant's electricity consumers located within the Town of Reading by accepting the provisions of G.L. c. 25, § 20(c), and authorize the Select Board to execute all documents necessary to qualify the Town as a Green Community under G.L. c.25A, § 10, including the Renewable energy Trust Fund Membership Agreement; or take any other action related thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 8.8.1.3 of the General Bylaws, Effective Voice Control, by deleting the section and inserting, in place thereof, the following:

8.8.1.3 Effective Voice Control

An animal shall be deemed to be "under effective voice control" if it is (i) within the handler's sight, (ii) refrains from aggressive behavior, (iii) comes immediately when called by its handler, and (iv) the handler is carrying a leash per dog. Aggressive behavior is any behavior that would cause a reasonable person to believe the dog poses an unjustified imminent threat of physical injury to a person or another dog, including but not limited to jumping on, repeatedly barking at, or approaching any person without their consent.

Or take any other action related thereto.

Town Forest Committee/Board of Health

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 8.8.3.2 of the General Bylaws by (1) inserting a new Section 8.8.3.2.3, as follows:

8.8.3.2.3 Town Forest

The maximum number of off-leash dogs shall not exceed two per handler in the Town Forest. Any dog that does not remain under effective voice control, as defined in Section 8.8.1.3, must be placed on a leash or removed from the Town Forest immediately. Dog waste must be removed in accordance with Section 8.8.3.3. Dogs must be leashed when entering or exiting the Town Forest. Visitors who do not abide by these rules may be required to leave the Town Forest, in addition to any enforcement action provided for under G. L. c.40, §21D and Section 1.8 of these Bylaws.

and (2) renumbering the remaining sections accordingly; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Town Forest Committee/Board of Health

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide \$150,000 or any other sum or sums of money for the Town Forest thinning project, which will include \$50,000 for Phase 4 of the dead tree removal program and \$100,000 for Phase 5 of the invasive plants control program; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Town Forest Committee

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 15A, to transfer care, custody, management and control of the property known as Grove Street Lot 5, Assessor Map 44 Lot 136, as shown on a plan of land entitled "GROVE STREET, LOT 5 PARKING," prepared by Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., date January 23, 2023, as on file with the Town Clerk, to the Reading Conservation Commission for the sole purpose of passive recreation and open space management, including the installation, maintenance, and repair of a passive trail network with associated signage; provided, however, that Reading Department of Public Works shall have the right to replace, repair, maintain, and make necessary improvements to the existing parking area on the property, as shown on said plan; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purposes of making improvements, including full replacement of the floor at the Reading Memorial High School Field House, including the costs of installation, construction, consulting services, audits, plans, documents, cost estimates, bidding services and all related expenses incidental thereto and necessary in connection therewith, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Town Manager; and, for the purpose of meeting such appropriation, authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw, for the for the purpose of achieving compliance with G.L. c. 40A, §3A, the MBTA Communities Act, by amending Zoning Bylaw provisions relating to multi-family housing and business uses, and altering the boundaries of existing zoning districts or establishing new districts, including amendments or insertions within Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10, Tables 5.3.1, 6.3, 9.1.1.7 and 10.5.6, and Appendix C found in the Zoning Bylaw and as generally drafted and described in the materials from the September 19, 2024 Community Planning and Development Commission public hearing entitled "Business-D (Main St) + DSGD 40R, Proposed Bylaw Amendments, Track Changes Version, 9-19-24" and "Business D Conversion (Main Street) 11 x 17 Concept Map", such documents on file with the Town Clerk and available online at <https://www.readingma.gov/826/MBTA-Communities-3A-Process>, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Community Planning and Development Commission

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw, for the for the purpose of achieving compliance with G.L. c. 40A, §3A, the MBTA Communities Act, by amending Zoning Bylaw provisions relating to multi-family housing uses, and altering the boundaries of existing zoning districts or establishing new districts, including amendments or insertions within Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10, Tables 5.3.1, 6.3, 9.1.1.7 and 10.5.6, and Appendix C found in the Zoning Bylaw and as generally drafted and described in the materials from the September 19, 2024 Community Planning and Development Commission public hearing entitled "Apartment-80 + DSGD 40R, Proposed Bylaw Amendments, Track Changes Version, 9-19-24" and "A-80 Expansion (Existing Developments) Concept Map 11 x 17", such documents on file with the Town Clerk and available online at <https://www.readingma.gov/826/MBTA-Communities-3A-Process>; or take any other action with respect thereto.


Community Planning and Development Commission

and you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least one (1) public place in each precinct of the Town not less than fourteen (14) days prior to November 12, 2024, or providing in a manner such as electronic submission, holding for pickup or mailing, an attested copy of said Warrant to each Town Meeting Member.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this 24th day of September, 2024.

Carlo Bacci, Chair



Karen Gately Herrick, Vice Chair

Christopher Haley, Secretary



Mark L. Dockser



Melissa Murphy

SELECT BOARD OF READING



Town Clerk ^{Constable}