

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING/ELECTION
WARRANT

HAMPSHIRE SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westhampton in the County of Hampshire

GREETING.

IN THE NAME OF The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** in said WESTHAMPTON on **SATURDAY the EIGHTH day of MAY 2021 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning**, and to meet at the **TOWN HALL** for the election on **SATURDAY the FIFTH day of JUNE 2021 from 8:00AM to 12:00 P.M.** then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by ballot necessary officers to serve in the ensuing year:

Selectboard	One for three years
Board of Assessors	One for three years
Board of Assessors	One for two years
Board of Assessors	One for one year
Planning Board	One for three years
Planning Board	One for two years
Finance Committee	Four for three years
Library Trustees	Two for three years
Hampshire Regional School Committee	One for three years
Westhampton Elementary School Committee	One for three years
Moderator	One for one year
Tree Warden	One for one year
Constable (Center District)	One for three years

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectboard.

ARTICLE 4: To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41 G.L., which requires that salaries of elected officials be fixed by vote of the Town.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges in the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money to meet Westhampton's share of Hampshire Regional School District's assessment for Fiscal Year 2022, or any lesser sum as may be certified by the District, provided that any such certification shall be made prior to the establishment of the tax rate, and to meet this appropriation, a sum of money be raised by taxation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for the Elementary School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for Vocational school tuition, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for Vocational school transportation, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,500.0 for a Financial Audit for the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,925.00 for an Actuary Audit of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Treasurer/Collector/Town Clerk Support/Training Expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,620.00 for Administrative Assistant Search/Training Expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for painting interior walls and refinishing floors of great hall at Town Hall, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for design and construction of a break room in the highway department garage, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money as may be certified from available funds, due to the Town as Chapter 90 Highway funds, from the Transportation Bond Issue, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for ambulance services, as provided by an agreement with the City of Easthampton, and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transferred from available funds, or otherwise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide \$20,000 to hold in anticipation of unemployment benefits for Town employees in accordance with Chapter 151A of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a revolving fund not to exceed \$2000 for the Fire Department, under MGL Chapter 44, sec 53 E1/2, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a revolving fund not to exceed \$6000 for the Westhampton Cemetery, under MGL Chapter 44, Sec 53 E1/2, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a revolving fund not to exceed \$8,000.00 for the Police Department School Resource Officer payroll, under MGL Chapter 44, sec 53 E1/2, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for Police Department equipment and training, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500.00 for Police Reform Training, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto. (Free Cash balance \$518,509.00 /Stabilization balance as of January 31 \$383,515.18)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Free Cash to balance the budget, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a resolution as follows:

Resolution Declaring Westhampton to be a Pollinator-Friendly Community

The purpose of this resolution is to increase pollinator education and take action to further support the health of pollinators.

Bees, butterflies and other pollinators are vital parts of our ecosystem. They provide essential services for valued crops and thus contribute to our local agricultural economy. The caterpillars of moths and butterflies are an exceedingly important food source for songbirds, enabling them to successfully rear their young.

As a right-to-farm community, our action in support of pollinator health concurrently supports local farms. In addition, these efforts increase community resilience, enhance food security and contribute to the overall health of the environment.

Some pollinator species are in sharp decline due to multiple stressors, including a loss of habitat, the impact of climate change, the arrival of non-native parasites and pathogens, an increase in artificial lighting, and exposure to pesticides and other environmental contaminants. The overall impact is a reduction in biodiversity.

A federal strategy to promote the health of honey bees and other pollinators was created to address these issues due to the fact that pollinators contribute over 15 billion dollars in agricultural value to the United States each year.


In addition, Massachusetts created a Pollinator Protection Plan (in 2017) which outlines best management practices and actions to benefit pollinators.

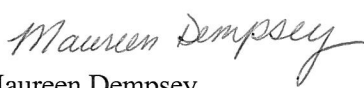
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Westhampton join in this effort to support pollinators by declaring the town of Westhampton a Pollinator-Friendly Community. As such, the town encourages the adoption of policies and practices that support pollinator health including:

- ☐ Increasing community education on pollinators and pollinator health.
- ☐ Following pollinator-friendly best practices as outlined in the Massachusetts Pollinator Protection Plan.
- ☐ Expanding pollinator habitat on town properties.

The Town Clerk is requested to send copies of this resolution to Governor Charles Baker and Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner John Lebeaux, or to take any other action in relation thereto.


HEREOF 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 26th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.


Philip Dowling


Maureen Dempsey

Selectboard of Westhampton

Teri Anderson

A true copy, ATTEST:  Constable of Westhampton

HAMPSHIRE, ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Westhampton by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, Westhampton Public Library and Outlook Farm, at least seven days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Return of Service: Robert E Miller 4/29/21
Constable Date