

2018
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Essex
Warrant for Special Town Meeting

Essex, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Essex;

GREETINGS:

In name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Essex, qualified to vote as the laws direct, to meet in said Essex at the Essex Elementary School, 12 Story Street, on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. and there and then to act on the following Articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to retain the services of an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) to assist the Town with the development and comparison of various options for the future renovation and/or replacement of the Town's existing public safety building, either at the existing site or at some other site, and either as a combined facility on one site or as separate police and fire facilities on separate sites; and further, to assist the Town with the procurement of architectural, engineering, construction and related services as necessary for the assessment of options and the ultimate design, project oversight, and construction of a chosen option; and further, to provide the Town with traditional OPM services during the development and implementation of any chosen option; or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the environmental assessment by qualified engineers and related professionals of a site or sites that may be used in the future for public safety building construction or renovation, including but not limited to geotechnical suitability and contamination analysis and related advisory services; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for renovations and repairs, furnishings and equipment for the existing fire and police headquarters building at 24 Martin Street, including the cost of any design, engineering, construction, installation and/or related services and everything incidental and related thereto; or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the purchase, delivery, setup, furnishing, and complete operational outfitting of a self-contained prisoner holding cell for use by the Essex Police Department; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to contract for senior citizen transportation services; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7-3.1 of the Town's General Bylaws, Pigs and Piggeries, Permit Required, which presently reads:

7-3.1 PERMIT REQUIRED. No individual or individuals, partnership, company or corporation shall keep pigs or swine within the limits of the town without first obtaining a permit from the Board of Selectmen. All permits shall expire on December 31 of each year unless sooner revoked. Any permit may be revoked at any time by the Board of Health for cause.

Permits will be granted for the keeping of no more than four pigs for home use only.

No such permit shall be granted by the Board of Selectmen without first having a public hearing, notices of which shall be posted at the town hall and at each of the post offices in the town at least seven days before time and place of hearing.

By adding the following new provision as a fourth paragraph:

The provisions of Section 7-3 of the Town's General Bylaws, shall not apply to the keeping of one pig if the pig is kept as a household pet on residential premises and the pig weighs less than 275 pounds; provided, however, that the owner or keeper shall comply with any requirements established by the Board of Health. Nothing in Section 7-3 is intended to limit or restrict the authority of the Board of Health to exercise its independent authority to regulate the keeping of any number of pigs and piggeries in the Town of Essex.

; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for repairs and renovations, furnishings and equipment for the Centennial Grove Cottage and its adjacent garage, including the cost of any design, engineering, construction, installation and/or related services and everything incidental and related thereto, in order to prepare the buildings for use by the Essex Youth Commission for youth programming and for storage, respectively. Said funds shall be expended by the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Youth Commission; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to create a VOIP telephone expense line in the Police Department Budget for fiscal year 2019, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to add to the new expense line; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to replace the Fire Department's base radio transmitter, including all costs for removing and disposing of the old transmitter and installing the new transmitter; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow sums of money to: a) be added to the Finance Committee's Reserve fund for fiscal year 2019, and b) be added to the Wastewater Department's sewer maintenance line item for fiscal year 2019; or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to pay unpaid bills from past fiscal years; or take any other action relating thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies; one at the Post Office, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Essex Elementary School, in said Essex, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hand this 30th day of July, two thousand eighteen.

Lisa J. O'Donnell, Chairman

Andrew C. Spinney

Peter D. Phippen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ESSEX

Return of the Warrant:

Date: _____

I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof – one at the Post Office; one at the Town Hall; and, one at the Essex Elementary School in said Essex; at least fourteen days before the time for holding said meeting.

Constable