

2013
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 on Monday, November 18, 2013 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 for renovations to the Town Hall and Library building at 30 Martin Street in order to improve health, safety, and the working environment; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to renew its membership and to participate in the [Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District](#) for a minimum of three years, pursuant to Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1958, as amended by Chapter 410 of the Acts of 1996, G.L. c. 252, ss. [5](#) and [5A](#), and other applicable laws, subject to an assessment through a reduction in Cherry Sheet revenue in an amount to be determined annually by the District Commissioners, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health to enter into all agreements and to execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to affect this vote; 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 an engineering consultant to review the present status of the encroachment of structures into the Federal Channel of the Essex River and to work with Town officials and other stakeholders to eliminate encroachments, draft plans for realignment of the Federal Channel, draft plans for reconfiguration of the Federal Channel, and take any other actions to provide all other precursors necessary to apply to the Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Legislature, or any other entity for Federal dredging assistance against an encroachment-free backdrop, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and to execute any and all instruments as be necessary to affect this vote; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to amend [Section 6-3.4.2 of the Town of Essex Zoning Bylaws](#), Uses Requiring Special Permit, by adding a use to be known as “Medical Marijuana Treatment Center/Registered Marijuana Dispensary” as subsection “m” of said Section, and further, to amend [Section 6-2.2 of the Town of Essex Zoning Bylaws](#), Definitions, by adding the following definition after the definition of “Lot Measurements” in said Section:

Medical Marijuana Treatment Center or Registered Marijuana Dispensary:

a not-for-profit entity registered under 105 CMR 725.100, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as edible marijuana-infused products (“MIPs”), tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers. Unless otherwise specified, Medical Marijuana Treatment Center or Registered Marijuana Dispensary refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of marijuana.

; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to accept [G.L. c. 40, § 6A](#) to allow the annual appropriation of a sum of money for the purpose of advertising the Town’s resources, advantages, and attractions; and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for said appropriation for fiscal year 2014; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract for up to ten years for the provision of youth summer camp services; 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 the removal from utility poles of direct fire alarm wiring and equipment that is no longer needed; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to allow the Essex Public Safety Committee to retain the services of a consultant in carrying out the Committee’s charge; 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 purchase electronic control devices for the Police Department; 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 a sum of money to retain the services of a consultant to update the [Town's Open Space Plan](#); or take any other action relating 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 fund the Town's [Other Post-Employment Benefits \(OPEB\)](#) Trust Fund; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to fund a deficit in the Emergency Medical Dispatch reimbursable grant fund; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to fund an anticipated deficit in the fiscal year 2013 Assessors' Overlay account; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be added to the Conomo Point Legal Budget for fiscal year 2014; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Town's Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 16

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 21st day of October, two thousand thirteen.

Jeffrey D. Jones, Chairman

Lisa J. O'Donnell

Susan Gould-Coviello

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