

**TOWN OF SCITUATE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 8, 2024
WARRANT**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, PLYMOUTH SS

To either of the constables of the Town of Scituate, in said County

GREETINGS: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs therein, to meet at the Scituate High School Gymnasium, 606 Chief Justice Cushing Highway on

MONDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL 2024 NEXT

At seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. Unpaid Prior Year Bills

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$16,419.81**, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of paying prior fiscal year unpaid bills, or take any other action relative thereto.

Department	Vendor	Date	Amount	Funding Source
DPW	Sullivan, James	6/19/2023	\$ 153.53	Free Cash
DPW	Industrial Communications LLC	6/23/2023	\$ 2,340.00	Free Cash
Police	Thomson Reuters	6/30/2023	\$ 349.80	Free Cash
Police	O'Reilly Auto Parts	6/8/2023	\$ 11.74	Free Cash
Police	Greater Boston Police Council	7/1/2022	\$ 1,900.00	Free Cash
Police	Scituate Boat Works	4/2/2023	\$ 859.32	Free Cash
Police	UPS	6/23/2023	\$ 107.20	Free Cash
IT	Govconnection	3/8/2023	\$ 7,560.00	Free Cash
Fire	All-Comm Technologies, Inc.	4/14/2023	\$ 142.20	Free Cash
Fire	South Shore Health Express	6/22/2023	\$ 504.00	Free Cash
Fire	West Marine Pro	6/8/2023	\$ 56.94	Free Cash
Fire	Tessco	3/31/2023	\$ 167.72	Free Cash
Fire	Bulldog's Performance Plus, LLC	10/25/2022	\$ 941.16	Free Cash
COA	Wel-Design Alarm Systems	2/10/2023	\$ 400.00	Free Cash
COA	South Shore Health Express	6/30/2023	\$ 120.00	Free Cash
Water	Eurofins Eaton Analytical	4/13/2023	\$ 700.00	Water-Ent RE
Harbormaster	Concord Electric Supply	6/26/2023	\$ 106.20	Waterways RE
	Total		\$ 16,419.81	

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ARTICLE 2. FY 24 Budget Reconciliations

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of **\$966,516.00** or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of fully funding the following accounts established under Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the April 10, 2023 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

Department	Line Item	To Amount	From Amount	Comment
Facilities Department	Public Buildings 1410580.585500	\$ 65,000.00		Additional funds for roof at First Parish fire station, boiler repair at library and library elevator mandated upgrade requirement.
Fire Department	Uniforms 1220540.558100	\$ 30,000.00		Outfitting for six firefighters filling open vacancies
Police Department	Uniforms 1210540.558100	\$ 15,000.00		Outfitting for three police officers filling open vacancies
DPW Public Grounds	Capital Outlay 1429580.585100	\$ 6,000.00		Safety equipment
DPW Public Grounds	Regular Salaries 1429510.511000		\$ 100,000.00	Vacancies
DPW Highway	Regular Salaries 1422510.511000		\$ 40,000.00	Vacancies
DPW Roads & Seawalls	Roads & Seawalls 1411580.585600	\$ 300,000.00		Replenish for amounts used for beach nourishment project
Snow & Ice	Overtime 1423510.512000; Roadway Maintenance 1423540.543300; Equipment Rentals 1423520.527100		\$ 276,000.00	Mild winter
Advisory Committee	Printing & Forms 1131540.542500	\$ 2,566.00		Printing of Advisory Committee booklets - more color pages, extra town meeting
Advisory Committee	PT Salaries 1131510.518000		\$ 2,566.00	Recording secretary not used
Transfer Station Enterprise	Supplies 63433540.542300	\$ 45,000.00		Bag sales exceeded estimated sales and needed to order additional stock of all sizes
Transfer Station Enterprise	Transfer Station Enterprise Retained Earnings		\$ 45,000.00	
Waterways Enterprise	Technical Services 66298520.530900	\$ 5,000.00		Harbor Wi-Fi design & engineering
Waterways Enterprise	Waterways Unspent Article 10/23 STM Art 7 Grant Match 66298923.589000.23SO7		\$ 5,000.00	Grant match appropriated was more than needed

Department	Line Item	To Amount	From Amount	Comment
Widows Walk Enterprise	Electricity 61661520.521100	\$ 25,000.00		Electricity exceeded budget; adjustments made for FY25
Widows Walk Enterprise	Widows Walk Enterprise Retained Earnings		\$ 25,000.00	
Sewer Enterprise	Long Term Debt Interest 64440590.591500	\$ 62,950.00		Issued bond in December 2023 for Inflow & Infiltration program for more than anticipated
Sewer Enterprise	Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings		\$ 62,950.00	
Water Enterprise	Water Rebate Program 65450520.538800	\$ 10,000.00		Popularity of program
Water Enterprise	Water Capital Outlay 65450580.585100	\$ 250,000.00		Expanding fiber connections to additional sites & technology in conjunction with potential grant project and engineering and permitting of new poles
Water Enterprise	Water Capital Outlay 65450580.585100	\$ 130,000.00		Old Oaken Bucket Source Water Improvement & Aeration; removed from FY25 capital plan for funding in FY24 budget due to need
Water Enterprise	Charges & Assessments 65450560.560200	\$ 20,000.00		6% rate increase by Town of Marshfield for purchase of water for Humarock area
Water Enterprise	Regular Salaries 65450510.511000		\$ 125,000.00	Vacancies
Water Enterprise	Water Enterprise Retained Earnings		\$ 285,000.00	
	Total	\$966,516.00	\$ 966,516.00	

or take any other action relative thereto.

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ARTICLE 3. Community Preservation Act

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to appropriate the sums of money as indicated below. Appropriations for the items below are to be expended from Community Preservation Undesignated Funds unless otherwise indicated. All such sums appropriated are further to be expended subject to all terms and conditions of the applications regarding such projects filed with the CPC and the votes of the CPC regarding approval of such items.

1. \$6,806 From Community Preservation fund balance, to be reserved for the creation and support of Community Housing consistent with the Act; FY24 previously voted set-asides were insufficient to meet the 10%;
2. \$6,806 From Community Preservation fund balance, to be reserved

for the creation and support of Open Space consistent with the Act; FY24 previously voted set-asides were insufficient to meet the 10%.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 4. Change Town Clerk from Elected to Appointed Position

To see if the Town will vote to change the Town Clerk from an elected to an appointed position by voting to do the following:

1. Amend Home Rule Charter

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court, in compliance with Clause (1), Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments of the Constitution, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

An act changing the position of town clerk in the town of Scituate from an elected position to an appointed position

SECTION 1. The charter of the town of Scituate, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the Commonwealth as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out, in Article 3, Section 3-1(a), the words "town clerk".

SECTION 2. Said charter is hereby further amended by striking out Article 3, Section 3-7(a) and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

(a) Term of Office - There shall be a town clerk appointed by the Town Administrator with the approval of the Select Board for three years."

SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Scituate at the next town election following the effective date of this act in the form of the following question that shall be placed on the official ballot:

"Shall an act passed by the General Court entitled 'An act changing the position of town clerk in the town of Scituate from an elected position to an appointed position' be accepted?

Below the question shall appear a summary of the act prepared by town counsel and approved by the select board. If a majority of the votes cast in answer to the question are in the affirmative, sections 1 and 2 shall take effect in the town of Scituate, but not otherwise.

2. Amend General Bylaws

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of General Bylaws by striking out, in Section 20210, the words "Town Clerk"; provided, however, that said amendment shall not become effective until the effective date of the special legislation referred to in this article providing for a corresponding amendment to the Scituate Home Rule Charter changing the Town Clerk from an

elected position to an appointed position.


And to take any other action relative thereto.

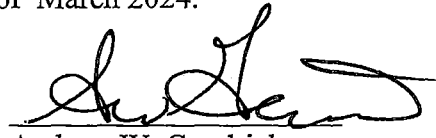
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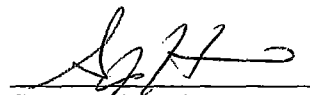
And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices in Town and one at Town Hall fourteen (14) days at least before holding said meeting.

HEREOF fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

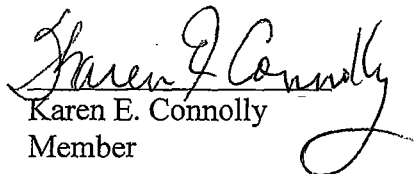
Given under our hands this 12th day of March 2024.


Maura C. Curran
Chair


Andrew W. Goodrich
Vice-Chair


Susan J. Harrison
Clerk


Karen B. Canfield
Member


Karen E. Connolly
Member

**SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF SCITUATE**