

**TOWN OF ORANGE**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Special Town Meeting**  
**Monday December 2, 2024**

FRANKLIN SS:

To the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

**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 on Town affairs, to meet at Ruth B. Smith Auditorium, located at 6 Prospect Street, in said Orange on Monday, the second day of December 2024, at seven in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1: PREVIOUS YEAR'S BILL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,477.50 from Legal Expenses to pay a previous year's bill for MacNicol & Toombs; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Requires a 9/10 vote)

**ARTICLE 2: PREVIOUS YEAR'S BILL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,547.11 from Lib- Children's Librarian expenses to pay a previous year's bills for Playaway; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Requires a 9/10 vote)

**ARTICLE 3: PREVIOUS YEAR'S BILL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$787.50. from General Technology 001-159-5382-1000-00000 to pay a previous year's bill for CAI Technologies; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Requires a 9/10 vote)

**ARTICLE 4: PREVIOUS YEAR'S BILL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$110.94 from Public Works Telephone to pay a previous year's bill for Spectrum Enterprise; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Requires a 9/10 vote)

**ARTICLE 5: PREVIOUS YEAR'S BILL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$4,556 from FY25 account #650-710-5902-1000, labeled "Debt Service & Interest" to pay invoice # 23-54-DV, from the Orange Police Department dated 07/10/2023, for the Water Dept. portion of Police Detail Work during the North Main Street Water and Sewer Main Replacement Project, being an invoice that did not make inclusion into the State Revolving Fund remittance documentation for the project, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64-Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years.

(Requires a 9/10 vote)

**ARTICLE 6: PREVIOUS YEAR'S BILL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$4,556 from FY25 account #660-443-5390-1000, labeled "Purchase Services," to pay invoice #23-54-DV from the Orange Police Department, dated July 10, 2023. This invoice covers the Wastewater Dept. portion of police detail work during the North Main Street Water and Sewer Main Replacement Project. The invoice was not included in the State Revolving Fund remittance documentation for the project. This appropriation is in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64, which allows for the payment of certain unpaid bills from previous years.

(Requires a 9/10 vote)

## **ARTICLE 7: PREVIOUS YEAR'S BILL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,101.27 from Fire Department Expense to pay National Grid, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64-Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years, or take any action relative thereto.

(Requires a 9/10 vote)

## **ARTICLE 8: RESCIND HR BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Human Resource/Personnel Policies bylaw, Chapter 52 of the Town of Orange Bylaws, approved under Article 24, of the June 15, 2015 Annual Town Meeting; and further to dissolve the Human Resource Board; or take any other action relative thereto.

## **ARTICLE 9: OATH OF OFFICE BYLAW**

To see if the Town will approve the following bylaw:

In accordance with M.G.L. c.41, section 107, all newly elected and appointed or re-elected and re-appointed officials or members of a Town of Orange board, commission, or committee shall swear or affirm an oath of faithful performance of their duties at the commencement of each term. The oath will be performed by the Town Clerk before they can assume their position, take a seat or vote in a public meeting of the board, commission or committee that they have been elected or appointed to. Any individual appointed to a position that has not been sworn in by the Town Clerk within 60 days of their appointment shall be deemed to have declined the position; and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the number format for the Code of Orange; or take any other action relative thereto.

## **ARTICLE 10: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT WAGES**

To see if the Town will appropriate and transfer from Free Cash or another designated account \$10,833.54 to increase funding for the Adm-Admin.Coor.Wages 001-128-5112-1000-00000; or take any action relative thereto.

## **ARTICLE 11: WATER TOWER LAND ACCEPTANCE OR TAKING**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise for general municipal purposes, a newly created fee simple parcel abutting 158 Governor Dukakis Drive for the purpose of creating a new buildable lot in the industrial park on the southwesterly side of Governor Dukakis Drive, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts, from Power Fund Real Estate, LLC, for the construction of a water tower, said land is specifically shown on a plan, to be recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, and is filed with the Town of Orange Town Clerk, entitled "Approval Not Required Subdivision Plan for Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. 158 & 184 Governor Dukakis Drive, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts," prepared by Colliers Engineering & Design, dated September 19, 2023, and as amended, and is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe found on the southwesterly side of Governor Dukakis Drive, said point marking the southeasterly corner of the parcel to be conveyed; thence N 86° 15' 22" W along land now or formerly of Seaman Paper Company of Massachusetts, Inc. a distance of 414.13 feet, more or less, to an unmarked point; thence turning and running N 00° 17' 40" E along land now or formerly of the Grantee, used as the municipal airport, a distance of 49.48 feet, more or less, to an unmarked point; thence turning and running S 86° 15' 22" E along land now or formerly of Power Fund Real Estate, LLC, a distance of 417.58 feet, more or less, to an unmarked point on the westerly side of Governor Dukakis Drive; thence turning and running S

04° 17' 00" W along a curve on Governor Dukakis Drive, with a radius of 650.00 feet, a distance of 49.40 feet, more or less, to the point at the place of beginning,

and further to appropriate a sum of money for the acquisition of said parcel or take any other vote or votes in relation thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 12: WATER TOWER LAND ACCEPTANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept by gift or otherwise acquire for general municipal purposes, a newly created fee simple parcel abutting 184 Governor Dukakis Drive for the purpose of creating a new buildable lot in the industrial park on the southwesterly side of Governor Dukakis Drive, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts, from Seaman Paper Company of Massachusetts, Inc., for the construction of a water tower, said land is specifically shown on a plan, to be recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, and is filed with the Town of Orange Town Clerk, entitled "Approval Not Required Subdivision Plan for Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. 158 & 184 Governor Dukakis Drive, Town of Orange, Franklin County, Massachusetts," prepared by Colliers Engineering & Design, dated September 19, 2023, and as amended, and is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe found on the southwesterly side of Governor Dukakis Drive, said point marking the northeasterly corner of the parcel to be conveyed; thence N 86° 15' 22" W along land now or formerly of Power Fund Real Estate, LLC a distance of 271.47 feet, more or less, to an unmarked point; thence turning and running S 03° 44' 38" W along land now or formerly of the Grantor a distance of 100.00 feet, more or less, to an unmarked point; thence turning and running S 86° 15' 22" E along land now or formerly of the Grantor a distance of 165.00 feet, more or less, to an unmarked point; thence turning and running N 62° 37' 09" E along land now or formerly of the Grantor a distance of 99.77 feet, more or less, to an unmarked point on the westerly side of Governor Dukakis Drive; thence turning and running N 30° 28' 53" E along a curve on Governor Dukakis Drive, with a radius of 80.00 feet, a distance of 32.62 feet, more or less, to an unmarked point; thence continuing on the curve on Governor Dukakis Drive N 22° 08' 31" E, with a radius of 30.00 feet, a distance of 20.97 feet, more or less, to the point at the place of beginning; or take any other vote or votes in relation thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 13: TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN ACCOUNT TO HANGAR DESIGN PROJECT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 from the airport layout plan account to pay the town's portion of a \$268,000.00 federal and state grant for the design phase of a six-bay municipal hangar construction project at the airport; or take any action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 14: TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH TO AIRPORT WAGES**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$8,400.00 from free cash or another designated account to the airport wages account to restore the position of airport lineperson from part-time to full-time for the remainder of fiscal year 2025; or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 15: ANIMALS ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS**

To see if the Town will vote to approve and adopt the following bylaw, Chapter 175 Article VII: Prohibited conduct; Animals on Streets and Sidewalks; No person shall permit or suffer any goat, sheep, cow or other neat, equine, swine, or fowl of any kind or description belonging to him or her, or under his or her care to go at large in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public place in the town, or upon the private property of another without their expressed permission.

Violations and penalties; Any person guilty of a violation of this article shall be penalized by noncriminal disposition and subject to a fine as set forth in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article I; and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format for the Code of Orange; or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 16: NONCRIMINAL DISPOSITION; ENFORCEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Noncriminal disposition; enforcement bylaw as follows: Chapter I: GENERAL PROVISIONS Article 1 1.2. Noncriminal disposition; enforcement Chapter 175, Article VII of the bylaws "pertaining to any goat, sheep, cow or other neat, equine, swine, or fowl at large or upon any public place in town" Enforcing Agent: Police Department and/or Animal Control Officer. Penalty or Fine: **First Offense:** Notification of town by-law violation and referral to Orange Agricultural Commission. **Second Offense:** Written Warning. **Any subsequent offense:** \$50; and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format for the Code of Orange; or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 17: WASTEWATER QUABBIN BLVD/ RANDALL POND PUMPSTATION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$80,000 from WWTP/Sewer Enterprise Fund retained earnings for the replacement and installation of the failed pump at Quabbin Blvd/Randall Pond pumpstation, in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §53F½; or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 18: WASTEWATER GRIT REMOVAL FROM AERATION BASIN**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$40,000 from WWTP/Sewer Enterprise Fund retained earnings for the WWTP aeration basin pumping and grit removal, in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §53F½; or take any other action relative thereto.

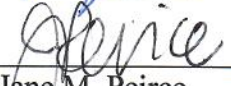
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 13th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

  
Thomas J. Smith

  
Patricia A. Lussier

  
Andrew J. Smith

  
Jane M. Peirce

  
Julie Davis

Selectmen, Town of Orange