

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FISCAL YEAR 2022**

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

FRANKLIN, SS:

To either of 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 Ralph C. Mahar, Auditorium, located at 507 South Main Street, in said Orange on Monday, the twenty first day in June 2021, at seven in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

The amount of available "Free Cash" for the General Fund, certified by the Director of Accounts is \$273,006

The amount of "Retained Earnings" for the Water Enterprise Fund, certified by the Director of Accounts is \$164,391

The amount of "Retained Earnings" for the Sewer Enterprise Fund, certified by the Director of Accounts is \$128,983

ARTICLE 1: TOWN REPORT

To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Officers and Committees as printed in the Annual Town Report; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: SPENDING LIMITS

To see if the Town will vote to approve annual spending limits for FY21 for revolving funds established in the Town Bylaws, in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, s.53E1/2, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021:

Revolving Fund	FY21 Spending Limit
Hazardous Spill	\$ 20,000
Gas Inspector	\$ 15,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 25,000
Excavation and Trench Permit	\$ 5,000
Airport Fuel	\$117,989
Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$ 15,000
Board of Health	\$ 30,000
Landfill & Recycling	\$ 30,000
Landfill & Recycling	\$ 10,000
Dog Fund	\$ 50,000
Planning Board	\$ 25,000
Council on Aging	\$ 6,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: BALANCE AGREEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements with the approval of the Board of Selectmen during Fiscal 2022 as permitted by M.G.L. c44, §53F; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: AUTHORIZE BORROWING

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 in accordance with the M.G.L. c44, §4; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: GRANT APPLICATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any state and Federal grants that do not require Town appropriation; or take any other action relative thereto

ARTICLE 6: SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or their designee to sell or otherwise dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property and surplus real estate of the Town in accordance with Chapter 76 of the *General Bylaws of the Town of Orange* and the procedures required by M.G.L. c.30B §15 and §16; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$745,556 for the Water Enterprise Fund beginning July 1, 2021 in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½, amount to be funded from the following sources; or take any action relative thereto.

User Charges	\$733,502
Water Liens	\$896
Other Departmental Revenue	\$2,907
Investment Income	\$2,250
Development Charges	\$6,000
Retained Earnings	\$0
Total Revenues	\$745,556

To be expended as follows:

Direct Costs

Salaries & Wages	\$281,818
Expenses	\$253,250
Equipment	\$35,000
Capital Outlay	\$27,000
Debt & Interest	\$0
Emergency Reserve	\$15,000
Subtotal	\$612,060

Indirect Costs **\$133,496**

Total Expenses **\$745,556**

ARTICLE 8: WWTP/SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$981,177.00 for the WWTP/Sewer Enterprise Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½, amount to be funded from the following sources; or to take any other action relative thereto.

User Fees	\$940,977.00
Connection Fees	\$200.00
Sewer Liens Revenue	\$40,000.00
Total Revenues	\$981,177.00

To be expended as follows:

	Direct
Salaries & Wages	\$226,945.00
Expenses	\$268,243.00
Capital Outlay	\$150,000.00
Debt & Interest	\$222,841.00
Emergency Reserve	\$10,000.00
Subtotal	\$878,029.00
Indirect Costs	\$103,148.00
Total Expenses	\$981,177.00

ARTICLE 9: BOOM MOWER 4TH LEASE PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of \$28,570.00 for the fourth-year payment on a 5-year lease for the Highway Boom Mower, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: TRANSFER FROM TRANSFER STATION WINDOW STICKER REVENUE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$4,060.00 from the Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue Account to the Sanitation Wages account in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28C (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of maintenance of existing inactive landfill or other solid waste facilities; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: ENGINEERING FACILITY BUILDING ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,975.00 from the Engineering Facility Building Account into the Sanitation Composting Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: ELECTED OFFICERS COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided by M.G.L. c.41, §108 effective July 1, 2021, as contained in the budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: TOWN BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2021

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021; or take any other action relative thereto. (OMNIBUS BUDGET)

ARTICLE 14: TRANSFER FROM AMBULANCE RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account the sum of \$65,719.00 for the 1st payment for the Fire Department Ambulance; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: CAPITAL PLAN BORROWING FY22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow the sum of \$418,969.92 for the following Capital Projects and to meet such appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow such sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sec. 7 or with any other enabling authority: or take any other action relative thereto (Requires 2/3 majority).

Police Cruiser	\$55,000.00
Election Booths	\$4,000.00
2021 Hybrid Ford Escape	\$30,350.00
Freightliner 108SD Dump Truck/Plow Truck	\$270,000.00
Emergency Stand by Generator	\$30,000.00
Pavement Repairs	\$15,000.00
Broom Attachment for Loader	\$19,619.92
Total Borrowing:	\$423,969.92

ARTICLE 16: AIRPORT NEW WHEEL LOADER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow the sum of \$100,000.00, which is the Town's 20% local match, for a new Airport Wheel Loader, contingent upon the receipt of a State or Federal grant, and to meet such appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow such sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sec. 7 or with any other enabling authority: or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: FIRE DEPT. SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and borrow \$306,000.00 to replace the expiring Fire Department self-contained breathing apparatus, said vote is contingent on the Proposition 2 ½, so called, debt exclusion election vote.

ARTICLE 18: PARCS GRANT APPLICATION AND APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to (a) transfer from Capital Stabilization, a sum of money and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to spend said sum for the purpose of improving and renovating the Butterfield Park and 95 East River Street, including, without limitation all costs incidental or related thereto; provided, however, that no funds shall be expended until the Town of Orange has received a grant commitment or allocation for a portion of such costs under so-called PARC Grant Program (301 CMR 5.00) and/or under any federal and/or other state program for the foregoing project, and (b) authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or its designee to apply for and accept on behalf of the Town funds granted under the PARC Grant Program and/or any other funds, gifts, grants, under any federal and/or other state program in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the said project on behalf of the Town of Orange; or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 21: TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH – BUILDING DEMOLITION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,000.00 to establish a Building Demolition Fund for the purpose of paying for clean-up of properties that the Building Commissioner has declared a public hazard or unsafe; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH – FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of \$16,000.00 to establish an account for the replacement of Fire Dept Firefighter Protective Clothing; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23: NORTH MAIN STREET WATER AND SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,354,000.00 to pay costs of water and sewer infrastructure on North Main Street and appurtenances thereto, including, but not limited to, planning, bidding and construction, as well as all other costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow \$3,354,000.00 of said sum under General Laws Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority and issue bonds or notes of the Town upon such terms as the Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen shall determine and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by like amount; or take any action thereto (Requires 2/3 majority).

ARTICLE 24: WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT CREATION

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 5B, to create a Wastewater Stabilization account named “Wastewater Treatment Facility Equipment Replacement Stabilization” for the repair and/or replacement of major system assets at the Wastewater Treatment Facility; or take any action thereto.

ARTICLE 25: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – IAF, AFL-CIO, CLC, LOCAL 4569

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money. to fund the cost of increases in bargaining unit members’ wages for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. (FY21 0%, FY22 2%, FY 23 2%) under the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Orange (represented by the Board of Selectmen) and the Town’s full-time Orange Career Firefighters bargaining unit employees (represented by the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, CLC, Local 4569) in accordance with Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws. Any appropriation is subject to IAFF, AFL-CIO, CLC, Local 4569 ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Orange and the Orange Career Firefighters IAF, AFL-CIO, CLC, Local 4569) (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – SEIU, LOCAL 888 (MAINTENANCE UNIT)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the cost of increases in bargaining unit members’ wages for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. (FY21 0%, FY22 2%, FY 23 2%) under the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Orange (represented by the Board of Selectmen) and the Town’s Maintenance bargaining unit (represented by SEIU, Local 888) in accordance with Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws. Any appropriation is subject to SEIU, Local 888, ratifying the Memorandum of

Agreement #1 between the Town of Orange and the SEIU, LOCAL 888 (JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2023); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT-NEPBA, LOCAL 58 (POLICE OFFICERS)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, to fund the cost of increases in bargaining unit members' wages for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. (FY21 0%, FY22 2%, FY 23 2%) under the collective Bargaining agreement between the Town of Orange (represented by the Board of Selectmen) and the Town's Full-time Police Officers and Detectives bargaining unit employees (represented by the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 58) in accordance with the Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws. Any appropriation is subject to NEPBA, LOCAL 58 (POLICE OFFICERS, ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Orange And the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 58 (Police Officers Unit) July 1, 2020- June 30, 2023); or taken any other action relative thereto.

Article 28: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT- SEIU, LOCAL 888 (CLERICAL UNIT)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, to fund the cost of increases in bargaining unit members' wages for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. (FY21 0%, FY22 2%, FY 23 2%) under the collective Bargaining agreement between the Town of Orange (represented by the Board of Selectmen) and the Clerical unit employees (represented by the SEIU, Local 888 (Clerical Unit) in accordance with the Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws. Any appropriation is subject to SEIU Local 888, Clerical Unit, ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Orange and the SEIU Local 888, (Clerical Unit) July 1, 2020- June 30, 2023); or taken any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29: TOWN CLERK POSITION APPOINTED

To see if the Town will vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30: RESCIND BORROWING

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authorizations from prior town meetings:

STM 08/16/2018 – Article 4 Fire Station Structural Repairs – rescind \$27,200

Or take any other action relative thereto.

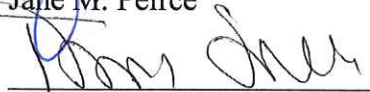
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 20th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Jane M. Peirce



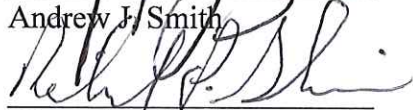
Thomas J. Smith



Patricia J. Lussier



Andrew J. Smith



Richard P. Sheridan

Selectmen, Town of Orange

A true copy. ATTEST:

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

FRANKLIN, SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall and Post Office in Orange and the Library in North Orange seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

Date