

# **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FISCAL YEAR 2026**

**TOWN OF ORANGE  
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**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 Sixteenth day of June 2025, 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 \$978,675.00

The amount of "Retained Earnings" for the Water Enterprise Fund, certified by the Director of Accounts is \$227,267.00

The amount of "Retained Earnings" for the Sewer Enterprise Fund, certified by the Director of Accounts is \$486,867.00

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

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 from 001-613-5700-2000-00000 Library Repair Fire Detection & Suppression System to pay Fire Equipment Incorporated in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64-Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Year's; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Requires a 9/10<sup>th</sup> vote*

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

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,121.60 from 001-422-5519-1000-10000 PW-Sand/Gravel/Culverts to pay Putnam Pipe in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64-Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Year's; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Requires a 9/10<sup>th</sup> vote*

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

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 from Fire Department Expense to pay the Town of Athol Fire Department Ambulance, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64-Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Year's; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Requires a 9/10<sup>th</sup> vote*

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

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$95.12 from Fire Department Expense to pay Zoll Medical Corporation, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64-Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Year's; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Requires a 9/10<sup>th</sup> vote*

**ARTICLE 5: SNOW AND ICE**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$102,796.49 from Free Cash to Snow and Ice to cover the deficit; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 6: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 from the Water Department Retained Earnings for the purchase of a backhoe for the Water Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from Water Department Retained Earnings to Water Articles 650-459-5701-2000-00000, "Aging Main Replacement"; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 8: TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM SEWER SALARIES & WAGES TO SEWER EXPENSES**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$159,884.75 from Sewer Salaries & Wages to Sewer Expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9: GALE BROOKS SCHOOL**

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to award up to a 30-year lease for the former Gale Brooks School located at 168 Athol Road, Orange, Massachusetts, more particularly described in a deed to the Town of Orange, dated March 1, 1946, and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 879, Page 395, to allow for its continued use as a Head Start and early care and education services for low and moderate income children by a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, provided that the lessee shall be responsible for all utilities, maintenance, repair and replacement of all mechanical systems, and provided that the lease will be awarded by the Chief Procurement Officer, in compliance with the Uniform Procurement Act, M.G.L. c. 30B (Chapter 30B); or take any other action relative thereto.

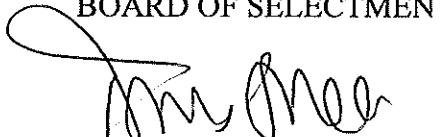
**ARTICLE 10: NORTH MAIN STREET PROFESSIONAL DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$88,503.26 from Highway Expenses for 50 percent of the cost of Professional Design and Engineering Services for the reconstruction of North Main Street, covering Construction Phase Services through December 2027. The remaining balance will be funded through Chapter 90 funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

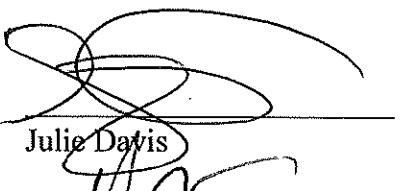
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five.

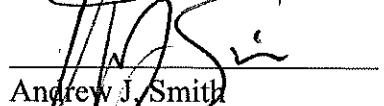
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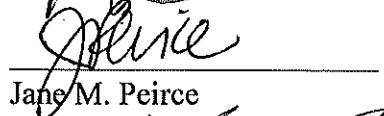
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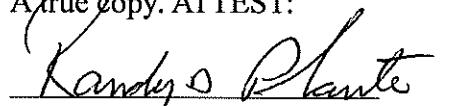
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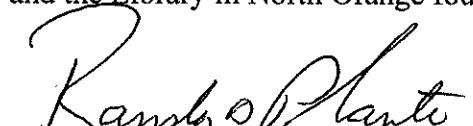
A true copy. ATTEST:



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 fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.



Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

5-29-25

Date