

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN WARRANT

Worcester, SS.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF **SUTTON** IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER,

GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton, qualified to vote in Town elections and in Town affairs, to assemble at **The Middle/High School Auditorium, 383 Boston Road** in said **SUTTON** on

**MONDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF
MAY, 2024**

At **7:00 o'clock in the evening**. Then and there to act on the following article(s) to wit:

ARTICLE 1

AUTHORITY: Elected Board

SPONSOR: Select Board

To receive the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 2

AUTHORITY: Multiple Member Body

SPONSOR: Cemetery Commissioners

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to employ themselves in the work of the several cemeteries and to fix the compensation to be paid from appropriations for said department, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3

AUTHORITY: Multiple Member Body

SPONSOR: Board of Health

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to employ themselves in the performance of their work necessary to maintain health standards set by their department, and to fix the compensation to be paid from appropriations for said department, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4

AUTHORITY: Elected Board

SPONSOR: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Sewer Department, for the ensuing 2025 Fiscal Year, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5

AUTHORITY: Elected Board

SPONSOR: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Transfer Station, for the ensuing 2025 Fiscal Year, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6

AUTHORITY: Elected Board

SPONSOR: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Treasury, or borrow, if necessary, to pay Town Debts and Charges for the ensuing 2025 Fiscal Year, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7

AUTHORITY: Elected Board

SPONSOR: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase and/or lease purchase of departmental equipment, the remodeling, reconstructing and making of extraordinary repairs to Town buildings, the cost of engineering services relating to the development of Town owned property and other purposes relating to the Town's Fiscal Year FY2025 Capital Projects Plan, including all incidental or related costs; and, as may be necessary, to authorize lease purchase agreements for terms of up to five years; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8

AUTHORITY: Elected Board

SPONSOR: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow the amount of money made due to the Town of Sutton as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' share of the state aid to Highways under Chapter 90, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9

AUTHORITY: Elected Board

SPONSOR: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote take under Article 12 of the May 8, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, transferring \$370,000 from the Special Education Tuition Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding the School Department's costs for Special Education out of district placements, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10

AUTHORITY: Elected Board

SPONSOR: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$82,653 from Free Cash to the opioid expense account to be administered by the Police Chief and Fire Chief, which funds may be expended for all of purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid-litigation settlement documents, a document prepared by the Substance Abuse Bureau of the Commonwealth's Office of Health and Human Services Department, found at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-abatement-terms/download> entitled "Abatement Strategies", and consistent with any state guidelines or regulations further clarifying allowable uses of opioid litigation settlement funds; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11

AUTHORITY: Elected Board

SPONSOR: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Compensated Absences Reserve Fund to the FY2025 Police Department's Chief's salary account, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12

AUTHORITY: Elected Board

SPONSOR: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to accept the alteration of the layout of Depot Street a public way, as ordered by the Select Board, to include within said layout the parcels of land shown as "Parcel S-E-1", "Parcel S-E-2", "Parcel S-E-3", and "Parcel S-E-4" on a plan entitled "Layout Alteration Plan Depot Street Sutton, Massachusetts," dated April 5, 2024, prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., and on file with the Town Clerk, and, further, to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain and on such terms as the Select Board deems appropriate, the fee in and to and/or permanent and temporary easements in said parcels for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Sutton, including, without limitation, for utility purposes, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13

AUTHORITY: Elected Board

SPONSOR: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to accept the last sentence of G.L. c.32, §4(2)(b) which allows eligible call firefighters of the Town who are later appointed as permanent firefighters of the Town to obtain retirement credit for the time they served as a call firefighter for the Town in excess of the 5 years that is otherwise allowed by law, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14

AUTHORITY: Citizen Petition

SPONSOR: Tracy Kolofsky, et al.

We the undersigned hereby petition the Sutton Select Board to place an article on the next annual town meeting warrant to accept Stockwell Farm Way as a public roadway.

ARTICLE 15

AUTHORITY: Elected Board

SPONSOR: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.149, §33E which provides that a Town employee may take a leave of absence of not more than 30 days in a calendar year to serve as an organ donor, without loss of or reduction in pay, without loss of leave to which the employee is otherwise entitled and without loss of credit for time or service, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16

AUTHORITY: Multiple Member Body

SPONSOR: Sewer Commission

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the Town's share of the costs to remediate a sewer main break at 63 Canal Street, Millbury pursuant to the terms of the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with the Town of Millbury, including all incidental or related costs, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17

AUTHORITY: Multiple Member Body

SPONSOR: Sewer Commission

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to upgrade and replace the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, 23 Hough Road, including all incidental or related costs, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18

AUTHORITY: Elected Board

**SPONSOR: Blackstone Valley Vocational
Regional School Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$10,000,000 debt authorized by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee on February 15, 2024 and amended by its actions of March 14, 2024 to pay costs of roof reconstruction and the replacement to energy efficient rooftop HVAC units at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, located at 65 Pleasant Street, Upton, MA including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto. Such debt approval by the Town to be contingent upon the District's ability to secure grant approval from the Massachusetts School Building Authority Accelerated Repair grant program, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting copies attested by you in the following places:

- the store in Sutton Center
- the Town Hall (Municipal Center)
- each of the Post offices
- the Senior Center, Hough Road
- the Whittier's Farm Milk Store, Douglas Road
- the store in Manchaug at the Four Corners
- the elderly housing community center
- the store in Heritage mall in Wilkinsonville
- on the town's website and local access cable channel.


In said SUTTON, at least SEVEN days before the holding of said meeting.

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

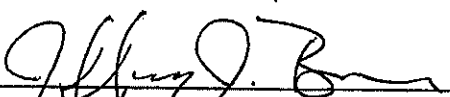
Given under our hands this 23rd day of APRIL in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-four.

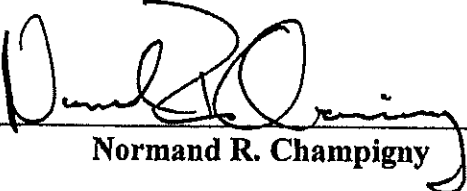
SUTTON SELECT BOARD


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POSTED: 04-25-24
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