



# WARRANT

Town of Leverett  
FY 2021 Annual Town Meeting  
Saturday, June 20, 2020  
9:00 A.M. Leverett Elementary School

## ***Franklin, SS.***

To one of the Constables of Leverett:  
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet outside at the Elementary School on Saturday, June 20, 2020, at 9:00 in the morning (9:00 A.M.), then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

**Article One:** To choose all necessary town officers to serve for periods prescribed by law or Town bylaw, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Two:** To see if the Town will vote to extend the mandate of the Revenue Committee for an additional year to continue to explore, examine, and present for consideration potential ongoing revenue opportunities for the Town of Leverett. The Committee will do so in keeping with the original terms as set forth in the 2019 Town Meeting Warrant Article Twenty-five. The Selectboard shall appoint or reappoint up to seven (7) individuals to serve on this Committee for a period of one year, or take any action relative thereto.

## **Housekeeping articles:**

**Article Three:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$80,000 into the Stabilization Account to fund the Capital Plan, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Four:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Account #712 for the Fiber Optic Network construction to the town debt principal account, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Five:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$24,745.29, which is the sum received from Medicaid for Special Education Cost at Leverett Elementary School as follows: \$22,745.29 to the OPEB trust account and \$2,000 to the FY 2021 operating budget of the Elementary School to cover expenses incurred for Medicaid reporting, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Six:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$89,154 from the unspent Mass. School Building Authority project funds into Stabilization, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Seven:** To see if the town will vote to rescind the provisions of MGL Chapter 41 Section 108L, an educational incentive statute for police officers in Massachusetts, known as “The Quinn Bill” that was adopted at the Annual Town Meeting on April 27, 2002, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Eight:** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the following spending limits for the revolving funds for certain town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, or take any action relative thereto:

Revolving Fund	Revenue Source	Use	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenditures
Library	Fees for copying and printing	Copier and printer expenses	Spending limit of \$1,000
Library	Fines	Purchase books, audios & videos	Spending limit of \$3,000
Town Grounds Maintenance	Sale of plants, donations	Maintain town gardens & landscape town property	Spending limit of \$1,000
Fire Inspections	Inspections	Fire Inspectors and fire inspection expenses	Spending limit of \$2,500
Home Composting Program	Sale of compost bins and donations	Home composting bin distribution program expenses	Spending limit of \$1,000
Council on Aging	Fees and Donations	Costs associated with programs sponsored by the Council on Aging	Spending limit of \$5,000

**Article Nine:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for construction and/or maintenance of highways or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the Selectboard to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Ten:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2021 as permitted by MGL Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Eleven:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$803.66 from Bond Premiums Reserved to the Town Interest Account, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Twelve:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$941.22 from Bond Premiums Reserved for School Debt Payment to the School Interest Account, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Thirteen:** To see if the Town will vote to set the salaries of elected officials as provided by MGL Chapter 41, Section 108, to be made effective from July 1, 2020 as presented in the budget, or take any action relative thereto.

**Bills of Prior years, need 4/5 vote to pass**

**Article Fourteen:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,254 from Free Cash to pay the FY 20 Franklin County Solid Waste Management District invoices to the Transfer Station as a bill of prior year, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Fifteen:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,276 from Free Cash to pay the FY 20 benefits invoice for Union 28 employees as a bill of prior year, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Sixteen:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section VI of the Amherst Pelham Regional School District Agreement by adding subsection (j) as follows: For Fiscal Year 2021 only, the alternative operating budget assessment shall be calculated as 45% of a five-year average of minimum contributions with the remainder of the assessment allocated to the member towns in accordance with the per-pupil method found in Section VI (e) of the Amherst Pelham Regional School District Agreement. The five-year average of minimum contributions will include the five most recent years, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Seventeen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as shall be necessary to meet Town expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Eighteen:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$13,000 from Free Cash to purchase, install and cover other related expenses for a new boiler at the Public Safety Complex, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Nineteen:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,025 from Free Cash to assist in the cost to purchase, install and cover other related expenses related to repairs of the geothermal heating system at the Library, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Twenty:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$8,000 from Free Cash to cover additional repairs to a 4 ton geothermal unit of the Library's Geothermal heating system which burned internally from a compressor which malfunctioned, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Twenty-One:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,900 from Free Cash to clean and repoint the Town Hall chimney and related expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Twenty-Two:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,950 from Free Cash for the construction of a new Police Department evidence room at the Public Safety Complex, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Twenty-Three:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,600 from Free Cash for the purchase of two sets of firefighter protective turnout gear to replace two expired sets that meet the latest NFPA standard, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Twenty-Four:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,250 from Free Cash to serve as a 5% grant match for the Assistance to Firefighter Grant through FEMA for the acquisition of jaws of life and other vehicle extraction equipment, use of the funds to be contingent upon the receipt of the grant funds, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Twenty-Five:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$14,263 from Free Cash for expenses related to exploring the deep well solution to the water situation for the Teawaddle Hill Road neighborhood, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Twenty-Six:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash to cover a new DEP requirement for a one time per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other substances testing of the water in the Teawaddle Hill Road neighborhood, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Twenty-Seven:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,700 from Free Cash to cover a legacy deficit in the Police Detail account, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Twenty-Eight:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$7,000 from Free Cash for the transfer of town building phones, including the Leverett Elementary School, over to a voice over internet (VOIP) system, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Twenty-Nine:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,000 from Free Cash to install an air conditioning system for the server room at the Leverett Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Thirty:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$13,000 from Stabilization to purchase a new gas stove and related equipment and expenses for the Leverett Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto. **Needs 2/3 vote to pass**

**Article Thirty-One:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$48,000 from Stabilization to purchase new radios and related equipment and expenses for the Police and Fire Departments, or take any action relative thereto. **Needs 2/3 vote to pass**

**Article Thirty-Two:** To see if the town will vote to borrow the sum of \$227,500 for the purchase and equipping of an excavator for the Highway Department, such borrowing to be contingent upon the passage of a subsequent debt exclusion election, or take any action relative thereto. **Needs 2/3 vote to pass**

**Article Thirty-Three:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning-Bylaw as follows, or take any action relative thereto.:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Leverett Zoning-Bylaw, the proposed changes are:

- proposed revisions to Section 2200. Use Regulations;
- addition of a section 2240. Accessory Buildings and Uses to add a new section 2248. that addresses Temporary Storage Units; and
- proposed revisions to Article VI. Definitions to add new definitions for Inns, Storage Units and Microbreweries and to amend the existing definition for Structures.

The complete text of the proposed revisions is on file with the Town Clerk and is available for inspection from her and is also available from the Town of Leverett website posted to Planning Board and will be available at Town Meeting.

**Needs 2/3 vote to pass**

**Article Thirty-Four:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to release unto Denzel G. Hankinson and Frances R. Hankinson of 77 Depot Road Leverett, MA, the following easement held by the Town as the easement is no longer needed, or take any other action relative thereto:

an appurtenant easement for passage and for installation of utilities and services within a strip of land fifty (50) feet in width along the stone wall on the west boundary of the tract being conveyed, extending southerly from Depot Road to the opening for a passageway in said stone wall.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof on the Post Office, in the Town Hall and Congregational Church at Leverett, the Baptist Church at North Leverett and the Village Co-op at Moores Corner, seven days at least before the day of said meeting.

**Given under our hands this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.**

**SELECTBOARD OF LEVERETT**

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Peter d'Errico, Chair

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Julia Shively

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Thomas Hankinson

A true copy I attest:

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Lisa Stratford, Town Clerk

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Constable: \_\_\_\_\_