

**WARRANT FOR THE 2020 TOWN OF HARVARD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

WORCESTER, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Harvard:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet on the field in front of the Library and The Bromfield School, located on Massachusetts Avenue, on Saturday, the 20th day of June, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. by the clock to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: ANNUAL REPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to hear the reports of the Select Board, School Committee, and any other officers or committees that may be ready to make a report and act thereon.

(Inserted by Select Board).

ARTICLE 2: EXTEND SUNSET DATES

To see if the Town will vote to extend the expenditure authorization expiration date for the expenditures authorized under the following articles:

- 1) Article 41 (Conservation Commission Invasive Plants) of the Warrant of April 5, 2016;
- 2) Article 19 (Bromfield Hot Water Tanks), Article 21 (Bromfield Bathroom Renovation), and Article 28 (Conservation Commission Invasive Plants) all of the Warrant of May 5, 2018;
- 3) Article 3 (Extend Sunset Date) of the Warrant of May 4, 2019 originally for Article 22 (Fire Pond Restoration) of the Warrant for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting; and
- 4) Article 22-4 (Conservation Commission Land) of the Warrant of May 4, 2019

to June 30, 2022, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 3: OMNIBUS BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2021, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 4: VOTING BOOTHS AND STANCHIONS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended by the Town Clerk, to purchase new portable voting booths and stanchions to be used for voting (early and election day voting) for the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 5: CHARLIE WAITE FIELD ELECTRICAL REPAIR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Department of Public Works Director, with the approval of the Select Board, to replace the underground electrical system at the Charlie Waite Field in order to facilitate the operation of the irrigation system, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 6: PERFORMANCE-BASED WAGE ADJUSTMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to supplement the amount appropriated under Article 3 of the Warrant for the 2020 Annual Town Meeting for salaries and wages of non-school officials and employees in order to fund performance-based wage adjustments for Fiscal Year 2021, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(Inserted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 7: PURCHASE AND INSTALL SCADA CONTROL PANELS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Department of Public Works, with the approval of the Select Board, for the purchase and installation of two supervisory control and data acquisition control panels for the Harvard Water Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(Inserted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 8: REPLACE VALVES AND RE-PIPE DECK GUN ON FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Select Board, to replace the valves that are used for water supply during a fire event and the piping for the deck gun on Engine 2, which will allow it to be lowered below the height of the rest of the truck while in transit, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(Inserted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 9: CAPITAL PLANNING AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, the following sums of money to be expended by the following boards and officials for the capital projects and acquisitions described and numbered below, each of which shall be a separate appropriation, and to provide for said appropriations from the funding sources, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

<i>Description of Acquisition or Project</i>	<i>Board or Official Authorized to Expend Funds</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Funding Sources</i>
1 Police Cruiser Replacement	Police Chief with Select Board approval	\$45,950	Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund
2 Middle School Ramp (add alternates)	Superintendent of Schools with School Committee approval	\$230,000	Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund
3 Reconstruct and Repair Town Roads	Department of Public Works Director with Select Board approval	\$225,000	Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund
4 Ayer Road Engineering Study	Department of Public Works Director with Select Board approval	\$75,000	Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund

5	Light Duty Utility Truck w/plow	Department of Public Works Director with Select Board approval	\$65,000	Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund
6	Small Tractor for Athletic Fields and Sidewalks	Department of Public Works Director with Select Board approval	\$49,000	Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund
7	Restore and Expand War Monument on the Common	War Monument Committee with Select Board approval	\$32,000	Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund
8	Ayer Road Market Study and Fiscal Impact Analysis	Planning Board with Select Board approval	\$37,000	Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund
9	DPW Building Needs Study	Department of Public Works Director with Select Board approval	\$40,000	Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund
10	Cronin Auditorium Improvements/Renovation	Superintendent of Schools with School Committee approval	\$50,000	Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund
11	Bromfield Athletic Lockers/Shower Design Study	Superintendent of Schools with School Committee approval	\$20,000	Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund
12	Bromfield Air-Conditioning	Superintendent of Schools with School Committee approval	\$150,000	Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund

(Inserted by the Capital Planning and Investment Committee)

ARTICLE 10: OLD LIBRARY ROOF ADDITIONAL FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$921,360 to be combined with funds (\$480,000) appropriated under Article 23 (#3) of the Annual Town Meeting of May 2019 to completely replace the roof and gutter system and repair all identified masonry issues in the exterior envelope, and to determine whether such appropriation shall be provided by a borrowing pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, contingent upon the passage of a Proposition Two and One-half debt exclusion ballot question(s) at the June, 2020 Annual Town Election, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

ARTICLE 11: CAPITAL PLANNING AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE FISCAL YEAR 2021 DEBT RECOMMENDATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, the following sums of money to be expended in FY21 by the following boards and officials for the capital projects and acquisitions described and numbered below, each of which shall be a separate appropriation, and to determine whether such appropriation shall be provided by a borrowing pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, contingent upon the passage of a Proposition Two and One-half debt exclusion ballot question(s) at the June, 2020 Annual Town Election, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

	<i>Description of Acquisition or Project</i>	<i>Board or Official Authorized to Expend Funds</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Funding Sources</i>
1	COA Hildreth House Expansion/Addition	Council on Aging with Select Board approval	\$4,300,000	Borrowing MGL Ch. 44
2	Middle School Ramp Replacement	Superintendent of Schools with School Committee approval	\$660,000	Borrowing MGL Ch. 44

(Inserted by the Capital Planning and Investment Committee)

ARTICLE 12: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the report and recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Budget as printed in the 2020 Finance Committee Report, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee)

ARTICLE 13: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the following sums of money to be expended by the following boards and officials for the projects and purposes described and numbered below, each of which shall be a separate appropriation and transfer, and to provide for said appropriations from the funding sources with expenditures to begin in Fiscal Year 2021, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

	<i>Description of Acquisition or Project</i>	<i>Board or Official Authorized to Expend Funds</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Funding Sources</i>
1	Tennis Court Resurfacing	Harvard Public Schools	\$40,000	Fiscal 2021 Community Preservation Fund Unspecified Reserves
2	Restoration of the Bromfield Wall along Massachusetts Avenue	Harvard Historical Commission	\$89,200	Fiscal 2021 Community Preservation Fund Unspecified Reserves

3	Preservation of Historic Fire Department Documents	Harvard Fire Department	\$6,000	Fiscal 2021 Community Preservation Fund Unspecified Reserves
4	Affordable Housing Funds	Municipal Affordable Housing Trust	\$33,000	Fiscal 2021 Community Preservation Fund Unspecified Reserves
5	Conservation Commission Fund	Conservation Commission	\$150,000	Fiscal 2021 Community Preservation Fund Unspecified Reserves
6	Community Preservation Committee FY21 Administrative Expenses	Community Preservation Committee	\$2,500	Fiscal 2021 Community Preservation Fund Unspecified Reserves

(Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee)

ARTICLE 14: NEW AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ to establish the Town's ambulance service as an enterprise fund effective July 1, 2020 and transfer the balances of the Ambulance Revolving Fund and Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to the fund balance of said enterprise fund, or take any other vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Finance Director)

ARTICLE 15: FY2021 ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds sums of money to defray the regular expenses of both the Town Sewer, and Ambulance Enterprise Funds, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ for Fiscal Year 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by Finance Director)

ARTICLE 16: AMEND THE CODE OF HARVARD, CHAPTER 21, REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of Harvard, Chapter 21, Revolving Funds, by adding thereto a new section, Section 21-5.8, Park and Recreation Field Maintenance Revolving Fund as follows:

§ 21-5.8 Parks and Recreation Field Revolving Fund.

- A. Fund name. There shall be a separate fund called the Parks and Recreation Field Maintenance Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- B. Revenues. The Town Accountant shall establish the Parks and Recreation Field Maintenance Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the Fund all of the program and activity fees charged and received by the Parks and Recreation Commission in connection with the activities at the town fields operated by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- C. Purposes and expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Parks and Recreation Commission may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Parks and Recreation Field Maintenance Revolving Fund for the expenses of the Town Fields.

D. Fiscal Years. The Parks and Recreation Field Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2020.

and by also deleting from said Chapter 21, Section 21-5.3, Ambulance Service Revolving Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 17: REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to set the following limits on the amounts to be expended from the following revolving funds during Fiscal Year 2021:

Revolving Fund	Expenditure Limit
Council on Aging	\$35,000.
Fourth of July Committee	\$40,000.
Fire Department S.A.F.E. Program	\$15,000.
Application Review Advertising & Professional Service Cost	\$1,000.
Harvard Community Cable Access Committee	\$25,000.
Parks and Recreation Beach	\$65,000.
Park and Recreation Field Maintenance	\$65,000.

or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 18: AMEND CHAPTER 412 OF THE ACTS OF 2018 – CAP ON PROPERTY TAXES FOR MEANS TESTED SENIORS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court of Massachusetts to amend Section 1 of Chapter 412 of the Acts of 2018 as follows:

[Key to revisions; underlining = additions; ~~striketrough~~ = deletions]

“SECTION 1. With respect to each qualifying parcel of real property classified as class one, residential in the town of Harvard there shall be ~~an exemption from a cap on~~ an exemption from a cap on the property tax equal to 10 per cent of total annual household income, or such other per cent of income as determined under section 3. The exemption shall be applied to the domicile of the taxpayer only. The exemption provided for in this section shall be in addition to any other exemptions allowed pursuant to the General Laws, provided that, in no event shall the property taxes be reduced by more than 50 per cent by this exemption.”

Or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 19: CITIZEN PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to place the following parcels of land under the authority and jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission, ownership remaining with the citizens of the town.

- A. Pond Road Walking Path – 0.9 acres along Pond Rd. – GIS Map 22A lot 15
- B. Bare Hill Pond Beach – 8.27 acres on the end of Pond Rd. – GIS Map 22A lot 14
- C. Bare Hill Pond Woods – 9.17 acres on Pond and Whitman Rd.s – GIS Map 22A lots 8-13
- D. Charlie Waite Fields – 5.05 acres on Lancaster County Rd – GIS Map 8 lot 62.4
- E. Harvard Park/McCurdy track – 13.93 acres on Lancaster County Rd. – GIS Map 8 lots 21.1, 21.2, 21.3
- F. Ryan Land & Depot Rd. Fields – 30.33 acres on Depot Rd. – GIS Map 12 lot 1.2

(Inserted by Citizens Petition)

ARTICLE 20: ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS OF PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts of land or interests in land for any municipal purpose, and authorize the Select Board to acquire said parcels of land or interests therein so donated or purchased by eminent domain for the purpose of confirming and making clear the Town's title to said parcels of land or interests therein, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Select Board)

ARTICLE 21: ACCEPTANCE OF HIGHWAY FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to accept State funds to be used for reconstruction and improvements of public ways, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Select Board)

And furthermore, in the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at The Bromfield School, 14 Massachusetts Avenue, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of June, 2020, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., to cast their ballots for the following officers and questions:

Moderator, one position for one year; Select Board, two positions for three years; Library Trustee, two positions for three years; School Committee, two positions for three years; and Warner Free Lecture Society Trustee, two positions for three years.

QUESTION #1 – GENERAL OVERRIDE

Shall the Town of Harvard be allowed to assess an additional \$320,000 in Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for the purpose of funding the operating budgets of the Public Schools and the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020?

YES _____ NO _____

(Requires a majority vote for passage.)

QUESTION #2 – COUNCIL ON AGING HILDRETH HOUSE EXPANSION/ADDITION

Shall the Town of Harvard be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to design, engineer, bid, and construct a new detached addition to the Hildreth House?

YES _____ NO _____

(Requires a majority vote for passage.)

QUESTION #3 – MIDDLE SCHOOL RAMP REPLACEMENT

Shall the Town of Harvard be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to replace the Middle School Ramp?

YES _____ NO _____
(Requires a majority vote for passage.)

QUESTION #4 – SLATE ROOF FOR OLD LIBRARY

Shall the Town of Harvard be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the additional bonds issued in order to replace the slate roof on the Old Town Library and repair the brickwork adjacent to the roof?

YES _____ NO _____
(Requires a majority vote for passage.)

(The polls will be open from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at the Post Office in Harvard, and one at the Post Office in Still River, as directed by vote of the Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 7th day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty.

Harvard Select Board:

Alice von Loesecke, Chair

Richard Maiore

Kara McGuire Minar

Stuart Sklar

Lucy B. Wallace