# WARRANT FOR THE 2023 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 in the Cronin Auditorium located in The Bromfield School on Saturday, the 29th day of April, 2023 at 12:00 p.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: PAY BILLS OF PRIOR FISCAL YEARS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay bills of Fiscal Year 2022, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Inserted by Select Board)

#### ARTICLE 3: AYER ROAD TITLE RESEARCH

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the General Stabilization Account to conduct title research for properties along Ayer Road, between Route 2 and the Ayer Town Line, as part of the Transportation Improvement Program's requirements for the \$12+ Million road reconstruction grant, to be expended by the Department of Public Works Director, with the approval of the Town Administrator, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Inserted by Select Board)

#### ARTICLE 4: TOWN'S FINANCIAL SOFTWARE, MUNIS, UPGRADE and TRAINING

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the General Stabilization Account, to be expended by the Finance Director, to upgrade the Town's financial software, MUNIS, and to provide for the necessary training as well, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Inserted by Select Board)

#### ARTICLE 5: TAX TITLE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the General Stabilization Account, to be expended by the Treasurer/Collector with the approval of the Finance Director, to provide for hiring a tax title legal expert to assist the Finance Department with its legal work related to tax title, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Select Board)

# ARTICLE 6: BARE HILL POND ALGAE BLOOM MONITORING

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the General Stabilization Account, to be expended by the Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee, to provide the Bare Hill Pond Management Committee with the necessary funds to assist them in monitoring and dealing with algae blooms on Bare Hill Pond, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Inserted by Select Board)

#### ARTICLE 7: OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Fiscal Year 2022 Certified Free Cash to be placed in an Opioid Settlement Account to be expended by various public safety departments, with the approval of the Select Board, in conformance with the legal requirements of the various legal settlements, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Select Board)

#### ARTICLE 8: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Fiscal Year 2022 Certified Free Cash, to be combined with the funds in the omnibus budget, and deposited into the Town's OPEB account, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Select Board)

# ARTICLE 9: TRANSFER FROM CERTIFIED FREE CASH TO THE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Fiscal Year 2022 Certified Free Cash to the Stabilization Account, in accordance with the Town Code, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Inserted by Finance Committee)

# ARTICLE 10: TRANSFER FROM CERTIFIED FREE CASH TO THE CAPITAL STABILIZATION AND INVESTMENT FUND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Fiscal Year 2022 Certified Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Inserted by Finance Committee)

#### ARTICLE 11: 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 2024, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Select Board and Finance Committee)

#### ARTICLE 12: 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 11 of the Warrant for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting for salaries and wages of non-school officials and employees in order to fund performance-based wage adjustments for Fiscal Year 2024, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Inserted by Select Board)

# ARTICLE 13: APPROVE NEW DPW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND FUNDS TO PAY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

To see if the Town will vote to approve the most recent Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and AFSCME 93, Harvard Department of Public Works which has been approved by said Union and the Select Board and to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer a sum of money to pay for the cost of funding Fiscal Year 2024 of said agreement, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Inserted by Select Board)

# ARTICLE 14: 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, and that any funds remaining will be returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto: (Inserted by the Capital Planning and Investment Committee)

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	Description of Acquisition or Project	Board or Official Authorized to Expend Funds	Amount	Funding Source
1	Renovate Girls' Locker Room	Superintendent of Schools with School Committee approval	\$ 150,000	Capital Stabilization Fund
2	Passenger Van for Schools	Superintendent of Schools with School Committee approval	\$ 30,000	Capital Stabilization Fund
3	Bromfield School Flooring	Superintendent of Schools with School Committee approval	\$ 130,000	Capital Stabilization Fund
4	Bromfield School Gym: Painting, Curtain, Basketball Hoops	Superintendent of Schools with School Committee approval	\$ 125,000	Capital Stabilization Fund
5	Council on Aging Building Solar Panels	Permanent Building Committee with Select Board approval	\$ 170,000	Capital Stabilization Fund
6	Library Fire Alarm	Facilities Manager with Select Board approval	\$ 50,000	Capital Stabilization Fund
7	Painting of Municipal Buildings	Facilities Manager with Select Board approval	\$ 185,000	Capital Stabilization Fund
8	Public Safety Building Elevator	Facilities Manager with Select Board approval	\$ 150,000	Capital Stabilization Fund
9	Paving Public Safety Building Parking Lot	Facilities Manager with Select Board approval	\$ 100,000	Capital Stabilization Fund
10	Hybrid Fire Command Car	Fire Chief with Select Board approval	\$ 65,000	Capital Stabilization Fund
11	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Air Compressor	Fire Chief with Select Board approval	\$ 60,000	Capital Stabilization Fund
12	Field Rotation/Restoration	Recreation Director with approval of Parks & Recreation Commissioners	\$ 25,000	Capital Stabilization Fund
13	Road Maintenance	Director of Public Works with the approval of the Select Board	\$ 200,000	Capital Stabilization Fund
14	Town Voice Over Internet Protocol Phone System	Town Administrator with the approval of the Select Board	\$ 70,000	Capital Stabilization Fund

# ARTICLE 15: CAPITAL PLANNING AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE DEBT PAYMENT

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 Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to fund the Capital Planning and Investment Committee's debt service for Fiscal Year 2024, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Inserted by Finance Committee and Capital Planning and Investment Committee)

# ARTICLE 16: CAPITAL PLANNING AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE DEBT RECOMMENDATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to borrow 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 following funding sources, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

(Inserted by Finance Committee and Capital Planning and Investment Committee)

Description of Acquisition or Project		Board or Official Authorized to Expend Funds	Amount	Funding Source	
1	Heavy Duty Dump Truck	Director of Public Works with the approval of the Select Board	\$ 240,000	Borrowing M.G.L. Ch. 44	
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#### ARTICLE 17: AMEND USE OF PRIOR ARTCLES AND EXTEND SUNSET DATES

To see if the Town will vote to amend its votes under: Article 9, #12, of the June 20, 2020 Annual Town Meeting; Article 8, #4, of the May 15, 2021 Annual Town Meeting; and Article 18, #1, of the May 24, 2022 Annual Town Meeting to allow the previously appropriated funds to be used to provide for an HVAC engineering study and that Article 9, #12, of the June 20, 2020 Annual Town Meeting and Article 8, #4, of the May 15, 2021 Annual Town Meeting by extending their respective sunset dates extended to June 30, 2025, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Capital Planning and Investment Committee)

#### ARTICLE 18: 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 2024 Community Preservation budget as printed in the 2023 Finance Committee Report, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee)

#### ARTICLE 19: 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 2024, and that any funds remaining will be returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

(Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee)

	Description of Acquisition or Project	Board or Official Authorized to Expend Funds	Amount	Funding Source
1	ADA Playground Upgrade	Parks and Recreation Commission	\$ 50,000	Fiscal 2024 Community Preservation Fund Unspecified Reserves
2	Baseball and Softball Field Improvements	Parks and Recreation Commission	\$ 35,404	Fiscal 2024 Community Preservation Fund Unspecified Reserves

3	Littleton County Road Conservation Restriction	Conservation Commission	\$ 200,000	Fiscal 2024 Community Preservation Fund Unspecified Reserves
4	Fire Reports Preservation	Harvard Fire Department	\$ 5,760	Fiscal 2024 Community Preservation Fund Unspecified Reserves
5	Affordable Housing Reserves	Municipal Affordable Housing Trust	\$ 36,100	Fiscal 2024 Community Preservation Fund Unspecified Reserves
6	Debt Payment on Town Hall	Finance Director	\$ 45,938	Fiscal 2024 Community Preservation Fund Unspecified Reserves
7	Community Preservation Committee Administrative Expenses	Community Preservation Committee	\$ 2,000	Fiscal 2024 Community Preservation Fund Unspecified Reserves

#### ARTICLE 20: LEASE OF LAND FOR INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ARRAY AT THE DPW

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to lease the Old Landfill Area at the Department of Public Works, located off Depot Road, for the purpose of installing a ground mounted solar photovoltaic system for a term to be specified in a Power Purchase Agreement and lease agreement between the Town and the company chosen to install the photovoltaic system, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Inserted by Select Board)

#### ARTICLE 21: FY2024 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 2024, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Finance Director)

## ARTICLE 22: HARVARD PARKS AND RECREATION NON-BEACH REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 21 of the Town Code, Departmental Revolving Funds, by adding thereto the following new section to authorize the establishment of a revolving fund, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the Parks and Recreation non-beach and non-field revenue, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Submitted by Harvard Parks and Recreation Commission).

### §21-5.10 Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund.

A. Fund name. There shall be a separate fund called the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund, authorized for use by the Harvard Parks and Recreation Director.

**B.** Revenues. The Town Accountant shall establish the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the Fund all of the fees charged and received by the Harvard Parks and Recreation Director in connection with various non-beach activities.

<u>C.</u> Purposes and expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Harvard Parks and Recreation Director may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund for the expenses of the programs for which the fees are collected.

<u>D.</u> Fiscal years. The Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2023.

#### **ARTICLE 23: 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 2024, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto: (Inserted by Finance Committee)

Revolving Fund	<b>Expenditure Limit</b>
Council on Aging	\$ 35,000.
Fourth of July Committee	40,000.
Fire Department S.A.F.E. Program	30,000.
Application Review Advertising	
& Professional Service Cost	1,000.
Harvard Community Cable	
Access Committee	25,000.
Parks and Recreation Beach	120,000.
Parks and Recreation Field Maintenand	ce 65,000.
HES EVCS Revolving Fund	20,000.
Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund	120,000.

#### ARTICLE 24: AMEND CHAPTER 39, FIREARMS and EXPLOSIVES, of the CODE of HARVARD

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 39, Firearms and Explosives, of the Town Code by making the following revisions or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

[key to revisions: underlining = additions; strikethrough = deletions]

Hunting, Trapping, Firearms, and Explosives

§ 39-1 Discharge prohibited; exceptions. Consent required for hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms or explosives on public or private property. It is expressly understood that hunting, trapping or the discharge of firearms or explosives on public or private property is not allowed without written consent and having that consent on one's person at all times during any of these activities.

A. No person shall hunt, trap, or snare game, fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind within the limits of any highway, park or other public property, or Bare Hill Pond, except without the permission of the Select Board; or on any private property, except without the written a consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof; provided, however, that this bylaw shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any law enforcement office acting in the discharge of their duties. And such consent shall be carried at all times by such person and, upon request, it shall be shown to any police officer, game warden, or to any other local or state law enforcement official or to the property owner, legal occupant, or his/her agent.

B. For the purposes of this bylaw, regulations promulgated by state agencies having jurisdiction over public property within the Town specifically authorizing hunting and/or fishing thereon shall constitute written consent.

#### § 39-2 Exceptions

- A. This bylaw shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property nor to any law enforcement office acting in the discharge of their duties.
- B. Person(s) legally licensed under M.G.L. Chapter 131 hunting on public land owned or maintained by the Town, so long as written permission of the Town is granted; said written permission shall be carried with the person hunting at all times and, upon request, it shall be shown to any police officer, game warden, or to any other local or state law enforcement official or Town official.
- § 39-3 Violations and penalties.
- A. Any police officer of the Town may enforce the provisions of this section.
- B. As an alternative to criminal fines imposed under M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 90, Violations Violators of this bylaw shall be punishable by a civil fine of not to exceed less than \$250 nor more than \$500, \$50.00 for each offense.

(Inserted by Police Chief)

#### **ARTICLE 25: CITIZEN PETITION**

### Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag & Seal of Massachusetts

Whereas the history of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is replete with instances of conflict between the European Colonists and the Native Nations of the region, who first extended the hand of friendship to the Colonists on their shores in 1620, and helped them to survive starvation during the settlers' first winters on their land;

Whereas members of the Native Nation for whom the State of Massachusetts is named were ambushed and killed by Myles Standish, first commander of the Plymouth Colony, in April of 1623, barely two years after the Pilgrims arrived on their shores;

Whereas the Colonial broadsword brandished above the head of the Native man on the Massachusetts State Flag and Seal is modeled after Myles Standish's own broadsword, borrowed for that purpose from the Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth by the illustrator Edmund Garrett in 1884;

Whereas the belt binding the Native's cloak on the Flag and Seal is modeled after a belt worn by Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, who was among the Wampanoag leaders who resorted to a mutually destructive war in 1675-76 in defense of Native lands against Colonial encroachment;

Whereas the proportions of the body of the Native man in the Flag and Seal were modeled from a Native skeleton kept in Winthrop, the bow modeled after a bow taken from a Native man shot and killed by a colonist in Sudbury in 1665, and his facial features taken from a photograph of an Ojibwe chief from Great Falls, Montana, considered by the illustrator to be a "fine specimen of an Indian," though not from Massachusetts;

Whereas the history of relations between Massachusetts since Colonial times and the Native Nations who continue to live within its borders includes the forced internment of thousands of so-called "praying Indians" on Deer Island, in Boston Harbor, where they died by the hundreds of exposure in 1675, their subsequent enslavement in Boston, Bermuda, and the Caribbean Islands, the offering of 40 pounds sterling as bounty for

the scalps of Native men, women and children in Massachusetts beginning in 1686, increased to 100 pounds sterling for the scalps of Native adult males by 1722, half that amount for Native women and children;

Whereas Native Nations within the boundaries of Massachusetts were kept in a state of serfdom, and their members considered wards of the state until the nonviolent action of the so-called Mashpee Rebellion of 1833 led to the granting of Native self-governance by the Massachusetts legislature in 1834, as if the sovereign right of Native self-government was the Massachusetts legislature's to confer;

Whereas Native Americans were legally prohibited from even stepping foot into Boston from 1675 until 2004, when that law was finally repealed;

Whereas the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of the colonists at Plymouth Plantation in the year 2020, afforded every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to an awareness of the possibility of a better relationship between the descendants of the Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of the Commonwealth;

Whereas Native Americans have long suffered the many abuses of racism, the appropriation of their symbols for public schools and sports teams, the loss of their ancestral lands and the encroachment of their cultural lifeways;

Whereas the land area now known as the Town of Harvard shares a rich Native history with modern tribal Nations like the Nipmuc, who lived here for thousands of years before the first colonial settlers arrived, in 1658;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Harvard hereby adopts this resolution in support of the work of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, created by a Resolve of the General Court in 2021 and appointed by the Governor to recommend changes to the current flag and seal of Massachusetts; and in support of a new seal and motto for the Commonwealth that may better reflect our aspirations for harmonious and respectful relations between all people who now call Massachusetts home. The town clerk shall be advised to forward a copy of this resolution to Representative Antonio Cabral and to Senator Nick Collins, co-chairs of the Joint Committee on State Administration, and to Sen. Jamie Eldridge and Representative Danillo Sena, and request that they continue their strong advocacy and support for the work of the aforementioned Special Commission. (Inserted by Citizen Petition)

#### ARTICLE 26: 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 27: 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 9th day of May, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., to cast their ballots for the following officers and questions:

Moderator, 1 position for 1 year; Select Board, 2 positions for 3 years; Library Trustees, 2 positions for three years; School Committee, 2 positions for 3 years; Warner Free Lecture, 2 positions for 3 years; Warner Free Lecture, 1 position for 2 years

#### QUESTION #1 - Permanent Water Connection with Devens

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 bond issued in order to fund the costs of making various water system improvements, including, but not limited to, (i) the construction of a new water system interconnection between the Town of Harvard and Devens water distribution systems; and (ii) an associated pumping system and chemical feed facility, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

YES\_\_\_\_\_NO\_\_\_ (Requires a majority vote for passage.)

Summary of ballot question: In February, at the Special Town Meeting held on February 13<sup>th</sup>, the Town voted to support this endeavor by passing Article 3. This ballot question is needed in order to finalize the funding for this project. The project itself will allow for a water connection to Devens and will help the Town deal with current and future water treatment issues. Most importantly, the water connection to Devens will provide for a source of water that is already treated for Per-fluorinated and Poly-fluorinated Substances (PFAS).

### QUESTION #2 - Department of Public Works Heavy Duty Truck Debt Exclusion

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 bond issued to purchase a new heavy-duty vehicle to replace a 1999 heavy duty vehicle?

YES\_\_\_\_\_NO\_\_\_ (Requires a majority vote for passage.)

Summary of ballot question: This ballot question will allow the Town to replace a twenty-four-year-old heavy duty plow vehicle with a newer more efficient heavy-duty plow vehicle.

### QUESTION #3 - Community Preservation Fund - Change Surcharge

Shall the Town of Harvard amend its acceptance of sections 3 to 7, inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body at its Special Town Meeting held on February 13, 2023, a summary of which appears below?

YES\_\_\_\_\_NO\_\_\_ (Requires a majority vote for passage.)

Summary of ballot question: Harvard accepted Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, and established a "Community Preservation Fund" with a dedicated funding source. Fund monies may be spent to (1) acquire, create and preserve open space, which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, wetlands, farm land, forests, marshes, beaches, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas, (2) rehabilitate and restore land for recreational use, (3) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic buildings and resources, (4) acquire, create, preserve and support affordable housing and (5)

rehabilitate and restore open space and affordable housing that was acquired or created with community preservation funds.

The current funding source is a 1.1% surcharge on the annual property tax assessed on real property. This amendment will increase the surcharge from 1.1% to 3% and add the following exemptions from the annual surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile of a person who qualifies for low income housing, or low or moderate income senior housing, as defined in the Act; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property as defined for property tax classification purposes; and (3) \$100,000 of the value of each parcel of commercial or industrial property as defined for property tax classification purposes. This amendment will take effect starting in fiscal year 2024, which begins on July 1, 2023. The surcharge will continue to be calculated in the same manner by multiplying the real estate tax on the parcel by the adopted percentage. A taxpayer receiving any other exemption or abatement of tax on real property receives a pro rata reduction in surcharge.

### QUESTION #4 - Charter Amendment - Moderator Term of Office

Shall this town approve the	charter amendme	ent approved b	y the First Ses	ssion of the 2022	2 Annual Town
Meeting on May 14, 2022 as	summarized bele	ow?			

YES\_\_\_\_\_NO\_\_\_ (Requires a majority vote for passage.)

<u>Summary of proposed Charter amendment</u>: The Charter amendment proposed at the First Session of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting changes the term of office for the Moderator from one year to three years. The proposed Charter amendment has been approved by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth. If approved at this election, it will take effect at the next annual election.

(The polls will be open from 8:00 a.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 on the Town website, 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 Anday of March, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

**Harvard Select Board:** 

Richard Maiore, Chair

Erin McBee

Charles Oliver

Donal Ludwig

Kara McGuire Minas

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Town Clerk	(month and day) , 2023.	