

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Essex, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Memorial School Gymnasium/Cafeteria at 43 Lincoln Street, in Manchester-by-the-Sea, on Monday, the 13th day of November, two thousand and twenty-three AD, at six thirty (6:30pm) in the evening, for the purpose, to wit:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Article 2: Town Meetings, Section 1 changing the date of the Annual Town Meeting from the first Monday in April to the fourth Monday in April or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Select Board

The Select Board recommends approval

The Finance Committee recommends approval

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$30,000 for the purpose of paying for enhanced security to the Town's computer network or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Select Board

The Select Board recommends approval

The Finance Committee recommends approval

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$80,000 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of an operational review of the School District aimed at determining if there are additional opportunities for greater efficiencies and cost savings or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Select Board

The Select Board recommends approval

The Finance Committee recommends approval

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws by amending the language in the Table of Uses, Section 4.2, Item E.7 and Note 13 removing the limitation that existing outbuildings can only be occupied by an employee of the parcel owner and adding a prohibition on short term rentals for such outbuildings or take any other action relative thereto. The full text of the proposed changes is available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Library, or on-line at the Town's web site at [STM-11132023-zoning-article-changes-REVISED \(manchester.ma.us\)](http://STM-11132023-zoning-article-changes-REVISED/manchester.ma.us)

Per Petition of the Select Board and Planning Board

The Select Board recommends approval

The Finance Committee takes no position on the article

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$916 to pay for prior fiscal year expenses or take any other action relative thereto.

Per Petition of the Select Board

The Select Board recommends approval

The Finance Committee recommends approval

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to authorize the purchase of a new sport utility vehicle for the Fire Department for a cost of \$64,000 and to fund this purchase from unused funds in the appropriation for the Fire Department's new ladder truck as approved at the June 2023 Special Town Meeting or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Select Board

The Select Board will make its recommendation at the Meeting

The Finance Committee will make its recommendation at the Meeting

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to reallocate funds in the amount of \$35,000 in the FY24 Conservation Commission salary budget to a new Professional Services account within the Conservation Commission budget and to reallocate funds in the amount of \$10,000 in the FY24 Planning Department salary budget to the Professional Services account within the Planning Department Budget to accommodate changes from in-house employees to contracted services for the Conservation Agent and Town Planner or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Select Board

The Select Board recommends approval

The Finance Committee recommends approval

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease agreement for up to 10 years with Harbor's Point Associates for the use of the Community Center building for various community needs and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$10,000 for expenses related to the use of the building or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Select Board

The Select Board recommends approval

The Finance Committee will make its recommendation at the Meeting

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws Article XIV Resident Parking by deleting the location resident vehicle stickers are to be placed, amending the process for obtaining stickers, clarifying where parking placards may be used, and authorizing the Select Board to designate streets for resident only parking instead of listing these in the bylaw or take any other action relative thereto. The full text of the proposed changes is available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Library, or on-line at the Town's web site at [Amended-Parking-Bylaw-111323-STM \(manchester.ma.us\)](https://www.manchester.ma.us/Amended-Parking-Bylaw-111323-STM)

Per Petition of the Select Board

The Select Board recommends approval

The Finance Committee takes no position on the article

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws, Article X Police and Other Regulations, Section 30A No Parking Zones by allowing two (2) new spaces along Beach Street just east of Tappan Street to compensate for parking spaces removed to create a new crosswalk at Reed Park or take any other action relative thereto.

Per Petition of the Select Board

The Select Board recommends approval

The Finance Committee takes no position on the article

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be utilized and spent for the purpose of acquiring by purchase, or acquisition by eminent domain land,

buildings, spaces and or fixtures making up a portion of the property currently occupied by the Manchester Community Center, whatever its corporate form, adjacent to the railroad tracks and an easement for the right to pass and repossess, and to authorize the Selectmen to so acquire by purchase or eminent domain, said property currently and rights occupied by the Manchester Community Center for the purpose of operating a Community Center, by the Manchester Community Center, whatever its corporate form, or its non-profit successor, and to direct the Selectmen to take steps to procure by purchase or eminent domain the fee simple to the land underlying the Community Center, where located as of September 1, 2023, or to see what action it will take thereon.

Per petition of the Select Board

The Select Board does not recommend approval

The Finance Committee does not recommend approval

ARTICLE 12: To add to the General Bylaw of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea, a new section reading as follows:
Any zoning amendment adopted by the Town Meeting shall not go into effect without submission to the ballot in accordance with St. 1991, c. 270, Section 1.

Per petition of the Select Board

The Select Board does not recommend approval

The Finance Committee takes no position on the article

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize, and direct, the Selectmen to convey and reconvey, from the Town of Manchester by the Sea to the Town of Manchester by the Sea, subject to the dictates of Article 97 of Amendment of the Massachusetts State Constitution, certain land held by the Town making up Powder House Hill Reservation, including parcels identified by the Assessors as Parcel 42-0-4, Parcel 42-0-10, Parcel 41-0-96, and Parcel 41-0-59.

Per petition of the Select Board

The Select Board will provide its recommendation at the Meeting

The Finance Committee takes no position on the article

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize, and direct, the Selectmen to convey and reconvey, from the Town of Manchester by the Sea to a charitable corporation or trust whose purpose includes the preservation of land or water, under perpetual conservation deed restrictions prohibiting building structures, roads or signs and prohibiting the removal or destruction of trees and other vegetation, and prohibiting actions detrimental to water and soil conservation or other activities detrimental to water and soil conservation or other activities detrimental to the land to the retention of land or water conservation areas, under G.L. c. 184, Section 31-33, as are necessary to protect the green open space, certain parcels of land currently held by the Town making up the Powder House Hill Reservation, including parcels identified by the Assessors as Parcel 42-0-4, Parcel 42-0-10, Parcel 41-0-96, and Parcel 41-0-59.

Per petition of the Select Board

The Select Board does not recommend approval

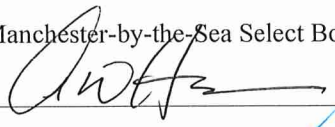
The Finance Committee takes no position on the article

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall Building, one at the Police Station, one at the Fire House, one at the Memorial School, and one at the Post Office, fourteen (14) days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk three (3) days before the day of this meeting.

Given under our hands at Manchester-by-the-Sea, aforesaid, this 26th day of October, 2023.

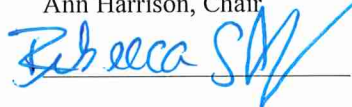
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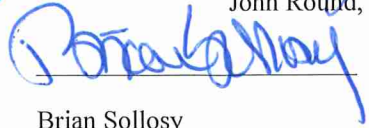
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John Round, Vice Chair



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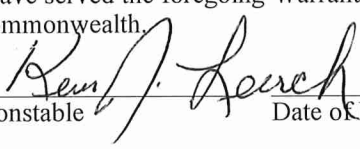
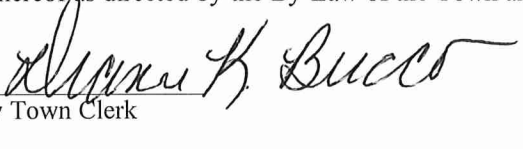
Brian Sollosy



Catherine Bilotta

To the Town Clerk:

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof as directed by the By-Law of the Town and the Commonwealth.

 10-30-23 
Constable Date of Posting Received by Town Clerk

