

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

ANNUAL 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 Middle-High School Hyland Athletic Field, on Lincoln Street, in Manchester-by-the-Sea, on Monday, the 21st day of June, two thousand and twenty-one AD, at six thirty o'clock in the evening, for the purpose, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to receive and place on file the reports of the Town boards and committees appearing in the Annual Report, or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to fix the 12-month fiscal year salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, as amended, as follows: or take any other action relative thereto.

Moderator	\$0.00
Chairman, Selectmen	\$0.00
Other four Selectmen	\$0.00

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money as the Town's share of the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4. To see what sums of money the Town will raise by taxation or otherwise to pay Town debts and charges for the ensuing 12 months, effective July 1, 2021, and appropriate the same.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money called for under the following items, or any other sums, for the purposes indicated, and to determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, or by borrowing; or take any other action relative thereto:

Dept.	Item	Requested	Recommended	Funding Source
1. DPW	Road resurfacing	\$350,000	\$209,000	Fund Balance
2. DPW	Vehicle Replacements (3)	\$180,000	\$180,000	Taxation
3. DPW	Compost Facility Engineering	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Taxation
4. DPW	Shop Equipment	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Taxation
5. DPW	Drainage/Sidewalk Improvements	\$300,000	\$300,000	Fund Balance
6. DPW	DPW Garage Assessment	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Taxation
7. DPW	Central Street Culvert	\$300,000	\$150,000	Fund Balance
8. DPW	Storm Damage Repair	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Taxation
9. Town Hall	Renovations/Upgrades incl. elevator	\$200,000	\$200,000	Taxation
10. Town Hall	Room 5 AV equipment	\$ 52,000	\$ 52,000	PEG Access Funds
11. Land Mgmt	Planning Board Studies/Rezoning	\$ 38,000	\$ 0	NA
12. Library	Accessible Bathroom Design; Furnishings	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	Taxation
13. Park/Rec	Sweeney Park Design/Engineering Efforts	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	Taxation
14. Public Safety	Fire Engine Replacement Fund	\$250,000	\$250,000	Fund Balance
15. Public Safety	Police Speed Trailer	\$ 13,100	\$ 13,100	Taxation
16. Public Safety	Police Station Access Control; Cell Cameras	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	Taxation
17. Public Safety	Replacement Police Cruiser & Motorcycle	\$ 56,325	\$ 56,325	Taxation
18. Public Safety	Fire Gear and rope rescue equipment	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000	Taxation
19. Public Safety	Fire Station repairs/upgrades	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Taxation
20. Harbor	Harbormaster Floating Office	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Waterway Fund
21. Water	Plant Upgrades/Equipment Replacement	\$190,000	\$190,000	Water Enterprise, Retained Earnings, & Taxation
22. Water	Pipe replacement/improvements	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Water Enterprise, Retained Earnings, & Taxation
23. Sewer	Plant Upgrades/Equipment Replacement	\$300,000	\$300,000	Sewer Enterprise, Retained Earnings, & Taxation
TOTAL			\$3,290,425	

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$1,780 for the purpose of paying charges for trail work done in Chebacco Woods (\$1150) and for filings at the Southern Essex Registry of Deeds (\$630) from fiscal year 2020 which were received after the closing of accounts for that fiscal year or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Town's assessment from the District for the Gross Operating and Maintenance Budget of the Manchester-Essex Regional School District including debt service - said sum to be calculated solely in accordance with the "Agreement Between the Towns of Essex and Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts with Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District". as most recently amended, by invoking and approving the provision found in paragraph four of G.L. c. 71. § 16B allowing District members "to reallocate the sum of their required local contributions to the District in accordance with the regional agreement", for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand twenty-one: or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Manchester-Essex Regional School Committee

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2022; and further to reserve for future appropriation a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for open space, including land for recreational space, historic resources, and community housing purposes, as well as a sum of money to be placed in the 2022 Budgeted Reserve for general Community Preservation Act purposes; and further to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum or sums of money for Community Preservation projects or purposes as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee as follows; or take any other action relative thereto.

1. Community Preservation Committee Expenses (studies, etc.)	(administrative)	\$ 20,000*
2. Sweeney Park: Design/engineering for field upgrades	(open space & recreation)	\$ 68,375
3. Landscape Restoration for all Parks and Tucks Point	(open space & recreation)	\$ 20,000
4. Pickleball Courts at Sweeney Park	(open space & recreation)	\$ 75,000
5. Automatic Defibrillators for Parks	(open space & recreation)	\$ 15,000
6. Singing Beach Bathroom preservation	(open space & recreation)	\$ 5,000
7. Title Research/Survey Work Western Woods	(open space & recreation)	\$ 25,000
8. Friends of Manchester Trees – Tree Restoration	(open space & recreation)	\$ 11,000
9. Affordable Housing Trust Project Funding	(community housing)	\$ 200,000
10. Historic Restoration of Library Landscaping	(historic preservation)	\$ 15,000
11. Morss Pier Engineering Study for restoration	(historic preservation)	\$ 33,000
12. Tuck's Point Public Access Restoration	(historic preservation)	\$135, 629
	TOTAL	\$ 623,004

(*Administrative amount limited to a maximum of 5% of total annual revenue)

Per petition of the Community Preservation Committee

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$271,388 to be deposited into the Town's Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund, subject to said appropriation being expended from the Trust Fund only for the purposes authorized by section 20 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½ as most recently amended, to set the following Fiscal Year 2022 spending limitations on expenditures from the revolving fund(s) set forth in the Town's Revolving Fund By-law. Article IV, Section 11 of the General By-laws:

Program or Purpose: Costs Associated with Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea Recreation Programs; FY2022 spending limit: \$325,000.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to: (a) transfer from the Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, for the purpose of holding, storing, purifying or preserving water, to the Board of Selectmen for the conveyance of easements, the care, custody and control of portions of the Town-owned property located in the Town of Hamilton, which property is shown on Hamilton Assessors Map 71 as Parcel 1, described in the Order of Taking recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 3713, Page 278, and subject to a conservation restriction held by

the Hamilton Conservation Commission and recorded in Book 15373, Page 403, and which portions to be transferred are shown approximately as "Proposed Permanent 40' Easement 33,530 Sq. Ft., 0.77 Acres" and "Proposed Temporary Construction Easement 20,916 Sq. Ft., 0.48 Acres" on a plan entitled "Town of Hamilton & Town of Manchester-By-The-Sea Proposed Easement Plan", prepared by Woodard & Curran, dated February, 2021, on file in the Town Clerk's office, as the same may be amended, (b) authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to the Town of Hamilton a permanent public way easement and a temporary construction easement in, on and under the foregoing portions for the purpose of altering the layout of Chebacco Road in Hamilton, (c) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept from the Town of Hamilton, if applicable, deeds conveying Hamilton's right, title and interest in the portions of Chebacco Road to be discontinued upon said alteration, which discontinued portions are shown approximately on the aforesaid plan as "Existing ROW (To Be Abandoned) 31,272 Sq.Ft., 0.72 Acres" and "1964 ROW (To Be Abandoned) 44,726 Sq.Ft., 1.03 Acres" and are to be subject to the conservation restriction; and (d) authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit a petition to the General Court under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution to authorize the change in use, transfer, and conveyance of easements in said portions of the Town-owned property and to amend the conservation restriction encumbering said property; or take any other action relative thereto.

Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote:

- a) To express its opposition to the proposal by Strategic Land Ventures (SLV) to erect a large, multi-family complex on the parcel recorded as #43 0 18, which is adjacent to School Street and Route 128 and abuts land dedicated to conservation purposes which in aggregate approximate 1,600 acres in Manchester and Essex, and which is located within the major watershed supplying Manchester's drinking water, given that proposal's threats to the life, health and safety of residents throughout the Town and of wildlife on and near the parcel; and
- b) To express support for the goal of producing more affordable housing units in Manchester as noted in the Manchester Housing Production Plan, and to commend and endorse the work of the Manchester Affordable Housing Trust, the Manchester Housing Authority and their allied organizations in their efforts to do so including through expansion/renovation of housing units at Newport Park and The Plains, and through the pursuit of means other than the proposal by SLV to erect a large, multi-family complex on the parcel recorded as #43 0 18, i.e. that are more consistent with the scale of existing commercial properties in the Town, more pedestrian friendly in their locations and design, and not a significant threat to life, health and safety of Town residents or of wildlife.

Per petition of Citizens

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XII (Earth Removal) Section 4 (General Limitations,) of the General By-Laws by inserting the following:

P. In consideration of the safety and health of Town residents, no permit for the use of dynamite or other explosives (Blasting) shall be approved for the purposes of constructing:

- i) Any commercial (i.e. non-residential) structure containing more than 100,000 square feet;
- or
- ii) Any individual structure in the Town containing more than twenty (20) housing units,

Unless a) the Board is satisfied that in its specific circumstances such Blasting will conform to the guidelines promulgated by the Board for the safe and effective use of Blasting for large projects, and will be monitored by the Fire Department for compliance with all applicable safety codes, and b) the Board manifests such satisfaction by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of its then current members.

Per petition of Citizens

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article X (Police and other Regulations) of the General By-laws by adding a new Section 46, as follows:

Access to Large Developments: Construction of any housing project in the Town larger than either i) one hundred (100) units or ii) 75,000 square feet is prohibited unless such a project includes two paved access roads open at all times for ingress and egress. Two access roads are necessary to protect the safety and health of the residents of the project and the Town.

Per petition of Citizens

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to maintain and fully support Police and Fire Dispatch services here in Manchester, and not regionalize these vital services to the North Shore Regional 911 Services in Middleton, MA.

Per petition of Citizens

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to pass over proposed zoning by-law recodifications to the 2018 Zoning By-laws at the 2021 Manchester-by-the-Sea Annual Town Meeting

Per petition of Citizens

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds for the purpose of reducing the tax rate, or take any other action relative thereto.

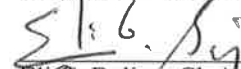
Per petition of the Board of Selectmen

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, twenty-one (21) 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 3rd day of May, 2021.

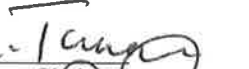
BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Eli G. Boling, Chairman

Ann Harrison

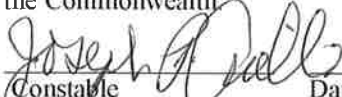


Jeffrey Bolmer-Turner, Vice Chairperson

Rebecca Jaques


John Round

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

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Constable Date of Posting Received by Town Clerk