



TOWN OF MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT

Essex, ss.

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

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Memorial Elementary School, 43 Lincoln Street in said Town on Tuesday the 17th day of May two thousand twenty-two.

Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of choosing by ballot the following officers:

Three CONSTABLES each for a three-year term

One member of the **MANCHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY** for a five-year term

One member of the **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES** for a three-year term

One MODERATOR for a one-year term

Three members of the **PLANNING BOARD** each for a three-year term

Two members of the **SCHOOL COMMITTEE** each for a three-year term

Two members of the **BOARD OF SELECTMEN** each for a three-year term

And to respond to the following non-binding ballot question per Petition of the Board of Selectmen:

Question 1: Do you recommend that the Board of Selectmen pursue securing Public Safety Dispatch services through the North Shore Regional 911 Center, phasing out our local dispatching operations?

Summary: For the past 18 months the Board of Selectmen has been reviewing options for the delivery of public dispatch services primarily to our Fire/Rescue and Police Departments. Our current In-House service has deficiencies including antiquated software and limited staffing for handling large incidents or simultaneous incidents. The Town needs to either bolster its In-House operations by providing 2 dispatchers 24/7 or seek services through a regional entity. The State's North Shore Regional 911 Center has completed a Feasibility Study confirming its ability to provide the necessary equipment and staffing for dispatch service to the Town and is offering a no-cost contract guaranteed through 2029 and renewable through 2039 with the agreement of the Parties. Under the regional model, the Town will incur the cost of maintaining a receptionist-staffed lobby for 16 hours a day. Audio/video contact will be available in a secure lobby the rest of the time. Under the In-House model, dispatchers will provide lobby coverage 24 hours a day.

Cost Comparisons for the next seven years: (in today's dollars)

Regional 911 Center: 7 yr Town Capital Costs: \$20,000; 7 yr Town Operating Costs: \$1.31 million

In-House 911 Service: 7 yr Town Capital Costs: \$500,000; 7 yr Town Operating Costs: \$5.27 million

A YES VOTE means that you support moving to the Regional 911 Center.

YES ___

A NO VOTE means that you support increasing Town Capital and Operating costs, as described above, to update our In-House dispatch service.

NO ___

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.
Given under our hands this 7th day of April, 2022.

Jeffrey Bodmer-Turner
Jeffrey Bodmer-Turner, Chair

Rebecca S. Jaques, Vice Chair

Ann Harrison
Ann Harrison

Eli G. Boling
Eli G. Boling

John Round
John Round

Selectmen of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea

To the Town Clerk:

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

Stephen Driscoll
Constable

4/14/22
Date of Posting

Stephen Driscoll
Printed Name

