

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Berlin in the County of Worcester:

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Berlin Memorial School in said Berlin on Monday, the fourteenth day of November, 2016 next, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, or in relation thereto:

ARTICLE 1 - To see if the Town will vote to request the Board of Selectmen expend from the Highland Commons cultural funds an additional sum not to exceed one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) to supplement sums approved under Article 36 of the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of the elevator project for the 1870 Town Hall building, demolition and replacement of the Historical Commission curatorial building, associated site work, and the additional architectural cost to oversee the project, or take any action relative thereto. (1870 Town Hall Advisory Committee/Historical Commission/Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2 - To see if the Town will vote to close out the following Special Article accounts:

Article 15 FY83 Dump Closing \$9,008.81 (Raise & Appropriate)
Article 17 FY14 Refinish & Seal Hallway & Stairs-Library \$7,500.00 (Free Cash)
Article 27 FY15 Emergency Service Study \$1,350.00 (Free Cash)
Article 10 STM FY15 Solar Panels Community Garden \$187.02 (Free Cash)
All sums to be appropriated to the Stabilization Fund; and

Article 19 FY16 Thermal Imaging Camera \$2,720.00 (Public Safety Funds)
Article 30 FY16 Replacing 8 Windows at Library \$2,625.00 (Cultural Funds)
Article 29 FY16 Council on Aging Bus for Transportation \$4,100.00 (Senior Housing Fund)
Article 3 STM FY16 Council on Aging Bus Startup cost \$2.75 (Art 29 FY16 – Senior Housing Fund)
Article 17 FY17 Replacement of breathing apparatus and air cylinders \$51,575 (Public Safety Funds)
And to return the unspent balances to their respective Highland Commons mitigation accounts,

Or take any action relative thereto (Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3 – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, according to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8C, to expend the sum of \$355,000 from the Conservation Fund, for the purpose of acquiring by gift, purchase or eminent domain for conservation and passive recreation purposes, , a certain property, known as the Webjo Co., Inc. Property consisting of 80 acres, more or less, located on Lyman Road by the Northborough Town line; that said land be conveyed to said Town , to be held under the care, custody, management and control of the Conservation Commission of the Town of Berlin pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C; that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Berlin any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and /or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (P.L. 88-578, 78 Stat 897) and/or any other grants and/or reimbursements for the acquisition of said property; that said grants and/ or reimbursements be placed in the Conservation Fund for the purpose of accomplishing future open space preservation or acquisitions; and that the Board of Selectman and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments that they believe to be in the best interest of the Town of Berlin to effect said purchase and to grant a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184, Sections 31-33, to Sudbury Valley Trustees, or take any action relative thereto. (Conservation Commission)

ARTICLE 4 – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, according to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8C, to expend the sum of \$500,000 from the Conservation Fund, for the purpose of acquiring by gift, purchase or eminent domain for conservation and passive recreation purposes, , a Conservation Restriction to be held jointly by the Town of Berlin and the Sudbury Valley Trustees, over certain property, known as Great Oak Farm, consisting of 40.39 acres, more or less, located on Highland Street, Berlin Assessor's Map 20 as Lots 47 and 48 and Map 21 as Lots 1, 2, 10, 10-1 and 17; ; that said Conservation Restriction be conveyed to said Town, to be held under the care, custody, management and control of the Conservation Commission of the Town of Berlin pursuant to M.G. L. Chapter 40, Section 8C and Sudbury Valley Trustees;; that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized to accept said Conservation Restriction meeting the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 184, Sections 31-33 on said property; that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Berlin any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under Chapter 132A, Section 11 and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article; that said grants awards and/ or reimbursements be placed in the Conservation Fund for the purpose of accomplishing future open space preservation or acquisitions; and that the Board of Selectman and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Berlin to effect said purchase, or take any action relative thereto. (Conservation Commission)

ARTICLE 5 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or borrow, or transfer from available funds fifty-one thousand five hundred seventy five dollars (\$51,575), for the purpose of replacement of the breathing apparatus compressor system, or take any action relative thereto. (Fire and EMS Chief/Selectmen)

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof as per vote of the Town in said 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 meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 24th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Judith Booman
Judith Booman, Chairman

Thomas Andrew
Thomas Andrew, Vice Chairman

Christine Keefe
Christine Keefe, Clerk

A true copy attest: Mark Williams, Constable

Worcester, s.s.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Berlin by posting up attest copies thereof at the Town Hall, the Town Offices, and the Post Office 21 days before the time of holding said meeting, as within directed.

Mark Williams, Constable

10/25/16 Date