



# WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING May 10, 2010

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex, ss.

To any Constable in the Town of Weston, Greetings:

In the name of The Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Auditorium of the Senior High School in said Town, and also in the Gymnasium of the Senior High School if the number of voters in attendance shall exceed the capacity of the Auditorium, on Monday, the tenth day of May 2010, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., to act upon the following articles:

## **ARTICLE 1: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2010 OPERATING BUDGET**

To amend the following line items in the Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budget adopted under Article 2 of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting, by reducing line items and appropriating additional funds as follows:

	<u>Changing From</u>	<u>Changing To</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Unemployment Compensation	\$70,000	\$108,000	\$38,000
Insurance, Workers' Compensation	290,000	176,000	(114,000)
Town Clerk & Registrars of Voters – Salaries	110,724	122,919	12,200
Town Clerk & Registrars of Voters – Expenses	23,710	26,559	2,900
Conservation Commission – Expenses	122,100	147,100	25,000
Fire Salaries	2,371,331	2,399,331	25,000
Fire Expenses	263,750	263,752	4,000
Public Works – Salaries	1,672,919	1,632,919	(40,000)
Public Works – Snow and Ice Control	252,900	388,900	137,000

And as funding therefor, that \$90,100 be transferred from available funds (free cash); or take any other action relative thereto.

*Article 1 Explanation: This article provides additional funding for unanticipated costs for unemployment compensation, holding the special primary and election for U.S. Senator, and extraordinary costs incurred this winter for snow and ice removal, as well as for flooding issues related to the March rainstorm.*

**The Finance Committee unanimously supports adoption of this Article.**

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## **ARTICLE 2: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2010 BROOK SCHOOL APARTMENTS ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

To amend the following line item in the Fiscal Year 2010 Brook School Apartments Enterprise Budget adopted under Article 5 of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting, by appropriating additional funds as follows:

	<u>Changing From</u>	<u>Changing To</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Repairs and Replacements	\$92,084	\$117,084	\$25,000

And as funding therefor, that \$25,000 be transferred from Brook School Apartments Enterprise fund retained earnings; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Article 2 Explanation: This article transfers additional funds to the Repairs and Replacements appropriation to cover costs incurred by flooding of three apartments in the March rainstorm. The Town is insured for this damage, but with a \$25,000 deductible. Retained earnings in the Brook School Apartments Enterprise Fund as of June 30, 2009 were certified at \$182,977.*

**The Finance Committee unanimously supports adoption of this Article.**

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## **ARTICLE 3: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2010 RECREATION ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

To amend the following line item in the Fiscal Year 2010 Recreation Enterprise Budget adopted under Article 4 of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting, by appropriating additional funds as follows:

	<u>Changing From</u>	<u>Changing To</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Expenses	\$467,950	\$498,950	\$31,000

And as funding therefor, that \$31,000 be transferred from Recreation Enterprise fund retained earnings; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Article 3 Explanation: This article transfers additional funds to the Expenses appropriation to replace a 10 year old truck requiring extensive repairs that will cost more than the truck is worth. Retained earnings in the Recreation Enterprise Fund as of June 30, 2009 were certified at \$46,324.*

**The Finance Committee unanimously supports adoption of this Article.**

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**ARTICLE 4: APPROPRIATE FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES – MELONE HOMESTEAD**

To appropriate an additional sum of money for historic resource purposes under the Community Preservation Program, to be used for the rehabilitation and restoration of the Melone Homestead, located at 27 Crescent Street; said sum to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, and as funding therefor, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Article 4 Explanation: This project is nearly complete, and has involved structural stabilization of the Melone Homestead, including electrical, heating and plumbing system improvements, lead paint removal, addition of an upstairs bathroom and dormer, and other repairs to make use of this property as a housing unit for conservation-related employees and to provide facilities for the use of Town conservation organizations. \$325,000 was previously appropriated for this project. In order to obtain a certificate of occupancy, the existing wood stove must be re-installed with additional fireproofing and a new deep well may be required. The estimated additional cost is \$8,500.*

**The Finance Committee unanimously supports adoption of this Article.**

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**ARTICLE 5: APPROPRIATE FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES**

To appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund to reserve for future appropriation an additional sum of money for acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Article 5 Explanation: The Community Preservation Act requires that 10% of revenues be set aside annually for historic resources. At the time of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting, we expected a state match of 29%. We actually received a state match of 37% (which is expected to be partially offset by a slightly lower than originally projected Fiscal Year 2010 property surcharge). The amount that was set aside at Annual Town Meeting is insufficient based on the higher state match and must be increased to comply with the Community Preservation Act. An additional amount of \$16,000 will be requested.*

**The Finance Committee takes no position on this Article.**

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And you are to serve the warrant by posting four attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, at the Kendal Green Railroad Station, at the Town of Weston Transfer Station and on the kiosk at the front of the Weston High School on Wellesley Street by the gymnasium, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands April 13, 2010.

Steven L. Charlip  
Douglas P. Gillespie  
Michael H. Harrity  
Selectmen of the Town of Weston