

TOWN MEETING ACTIONS

TOWN OF DUDLEY

ANNUAL SPRING 2018 TOWN MEETING WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss

To either of the Constables in the Town of Dudley, 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 the Town of Dudley, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Shepherd Hill Regional High School Auditorium in said Dudley on **Monday, May 21, 2018 and Tuesday, May 22, 2018, if needed**, and other such times as may be voted, if needed at 7:00 P.M. then and there to take action on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1- (Selectmen) Town Reports -To see if the Town will vote to receive the reports of the several Town Officers and all Committees, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2- (Selectmen) Hear Committee Recommendations- To hear and act on the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance & Appropriation Advisory Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3- (Board of Selectmen) Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds and Stabilization Fund the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four Dollars and Thirty Two Cents (\$2,234.32) to pay unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4 – (Town Administrator) FY 2018 Supplemental Budget Appropriations – To see if the Town will vote to determine the sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from any available funds to defray the supplemental charges and expenses of the Town and including debt and interest for Fiscal Year 2018 voted under Article 16 of the May 22, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto:

the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$5,000.00) to the Postage Account #0001-145-5341-02,

the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$12,000.00) to the Medicare Account #0001-145-5747-02,

the sum of Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and Zero Cents (\$4,498.00) to the Unemployment Trust Account #0800-000-5780-00).

ARTICLE 5 – (Economic Development Committee) Transfer to General Fund – To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$2,500.00) from the Economic Development Marketing Account #0001-969-5827-00 to the General Fund Balance Account #0001-000-3590-00, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6 - (Board of Selectmen) FY 2019 Budget - To see if the Town will vote to determine the sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds to defray the charges and expenses of the Town and provide for a reserve fund (s), determining the compensation for elected offices and including debt and interest for the ensuing year beginning on July 1, 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Note: Please See “Appendix A” for Fiscal Year 2019 Detail Departmental Expenditures.)

GENERAL FUND	BUDGET FY 2019
ACCOUNTANT	\$67,389
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$14,807
ASSESSORS	\$111,676
BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$141,618
BUILDING INSPECTOR	\$60,334
CEMETERY COMMISSION	\$1,200
CLERK (TOWN) – (Includes Town Clerk salary of \$63,380.25)	\$117,075
CONSERVATION	\$8,285
COUNCIL ON AGING	\$101
EMERGENCY MGT	\$2,000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM	\$100
F.A.A.	\$15,704
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$1,046,939
HEALTH	\$36,621
HIGHWAY	\$893,961
HISTORICAL COMM.	\$750
INFORMATION Tech.	\$22,067
INSPECTORS –SEALER OF WEIGHTS	\$2,501
LIBRARY	\$323,230

MODERATOR	\$1
MUNICIPAL EXPENSES	260,272
PARKS	\$0
PERSONNEL BOARD	\$650
PLANNING BOARD	\$47,086
POLICE	\$1,354,745
RECYCLING	146,550
SELECTMEN	\$144,403
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$141,281
TREASURER/COLLECTOR – (Include sTreasurer/Collector Salary of \$88,457.65)	\$3,393,077
TREE WARDEN	\$11,250
VETERANS SERVICES	\$136,652
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$4,211
TOTAL GENERAL FUND:	\$8,506,536
<u>SCHOOLS</u>	
DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL	\$9,393,316
SO. WORCESTER COUNTY REG. VOC.	\$826,574
TOTAL EDUCATION:	\$10,219,890
State Assessments	\$25,807
<u>ENTERPRISE FUNDS:</u>	
Water Department	\$977,331
Sewer Department	\$957,227
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS:	\$1,934,558
TOTAL TOWN BUDGET (with State Assessments):	\$20,686,791
TOTAL TOWN BUDGET (Less State Assessments):	\$20,660,984
<u>GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVENUE SOURCES:</u>	
Taxation (Real property, personal and debt exclusions)	10,104,532
New Growth	50,000
Debt Exclusions	1,987,098
State Aid & Reimbursements	2,038,528
Override	1,544,333
Local Receipts	2,813,595
Stabilization Fund	0

Water and Sewer Indirect Fees	142,778
Total Revenue Sources:	18,680,864
WATER & SEWER REVENUES	1,934,558
OTHER SOURCES – FREE CASH	214,901
TOTAL FUNDING	20,830,323
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GENERAL FUND BUDGET EXPENSES:	
General Fund Budget (including schools)	18,726,426
State & County & Regional Assessments	25,807
State Assessment: Cherry Sheet Offset	18,532
Overlay – Assessors	125,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET with Assessments	18,895,765
TOTAL ENTERPRISE BUDGET	
Sewer	
Funding: From Sewer Fees & Charges	957,227
Water	
Funding: From Water Fees & Charges	977,331.00
Total Enterprise Budget (Sewer & Water)	1,934,558
GRAND TOTAL TOWN BUDGET:	20,830,323

ARTICLE 7 – (Capital Improvement Planning Committee/Town Administrator) Repairs to the Municipal Center – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable State statute, or transfer from available funds the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$450,000.00) to undertake extraordinary repairs to the Municipal Center, including but not limited to replacing the existing Evapco Closed Circuit Cooling System and related controls, and replacing the existing PVC membrane roofing system and flashing, including design and incidental costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8 – (Fire Department) Purchase Fire Gear – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars and Zero Cents (\$19,990.00) for the purchasing of approximately ten (10) sets of fire gear, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9 – (Town Administrator) Fund LED Conversion –To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of Two Hundred

Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00) for the purpose of funding the conversion of existing streetlights to energy efficient and long lasting LED, including design and incidental costs, the same to be spent under the direction of the Town Administrator, or to act in any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10 - (Treasurer/Collector) Transfer from Receipts Reserved Account - To see if the Town will transfer the amount of Two Hundred Nine Thousand Dollars and Ninety -Five Cents (\$209,000.95) from Receipts Reserved-Ambulance Account #0001-000-3240-11 as follows: One Hundred Six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$106,200.00) to Maturing Debt Account #0001-145-5910-02; One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and Eighty One Cents (\$1,323.81) to Maturing Debt Interest Account #0001-145-5915-02; and One Hundred One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$101,477.14) to Capital Stabilization Account #803-000-5785-00; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11- (Sewer Department) Fund Inflow Infiltration Study – To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of Eighty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$80,000) from Sewer Retained Earnings Account #0060-000-3590-01, for the purpose of funding an Infiltration and Inflow Analysis required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12 -(Sewer Department) Transfer Funds to Sewer Retained Earnings – To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Twelve Thousand Ninety Three Dollars and Ninety Five Cents (\$12,093.95) from Pumps and Meters Account #0360-900-5780-18 to Sewer Retained Earnings Account #0060-000-3590-01 for the purpose of closing out the Lakeview Ave. #1 pump station project, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13- (Water Department) Transfer Funds to Water Retained Earnings– To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Three Dollars and Fifty One Cents (\$1,503.51) from Water Main Account #0361-900-5844-00 to Water Retained Earnings Account #0061-000-3590-01 for the purpose of closing out the Pine Street/Mill Street project, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14 - (Board of Assessors) Fund Property Revaluation Services -To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$ 12,000.00) to fund one fifth (1/5) of the cost of triennial re-certification of real estate and personal property values for FY2023 as required by the Commonwealth's Department of Revenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15 – (Board of Selectmen) Dam Breach Hazard Classification Analysis – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds and the Stablization Fund the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$12,000.00) for a Dam Breach Hazard Classification Analysis for Carpenter Pond Dam as required by the Massachusetts Office of Dam Safety, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16- (Fire Department) Purchase First Responder Gear – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Zero Cents (\$11,396.00) for the purchase of fire responder bags and tactical EMS gear including an AED, Quick Clot Bandages, Cat Tourniquets and Narcan to equip approximately four (4) police cruisers for the protection of police officers from potential injury due to the existing opioid crisis, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17- (Town Accountant) Compensated Absence Trust – To see if the Town will vote to transfer Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Two Dollars and Zero Cents (\$28,502.00) as follows from the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget: Eight Thousand Five Hundred Two Dollars (\$8,502.00) from Group Insurance #0001-145-5745-01 and Twenty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$20,000.00) from Highway Contracted Wages #0001-420-5114-01 to the Compensated Absence Trust #0800-000-5790-00 for retirement costs associated with municipal employees, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18- (Town Administrator) Add to Stabilization Fund – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19 - (Town Clerk) Accept State Statute - To see if the Town will vote to adopt Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 3F allowing the Town to designate a place on its property and motor vehicle excise tax bills so that residents can voluntarily pledge money to provide support for veterans and/or their dependents in need of immediate assistance, such donated funds to be deposited into a special account for future expenditures within the purposes identified in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 3F, without further appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20 – (Board of Selectmen) Declare Disposition of Property –To see if the Town will vote to approve the sale of a portion of land located on Center Road, Assessor’s Map 247 Lot 47 pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B§16 as available for disposition, said portion of land consisting of 1.97 acres ± for the purpose of providing a new entrance and egress to 50 Center Road, property owner Samantha Costello, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21 – (Treasurer/Collector) Insurance Premium Payable by Surviving Spouse - To see if the Town will vote to adopt Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 9D1/2, and pay the premium cost payable by the surviving spouse of an employee or a retired employee for group, general, surgical, medical, dental or other health insurance, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22- (Economic Development Committee) Establish Recreation Commission – To see if the Town will vote to abolish the existing Recreation Commission and in its place establish a new “Recreation Commission” consisting of seven (7) members including the Town Administrator and the Highway Superintendent, ex officio, and five (5) residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen, for the purpose of developing

recreational programs and the enhancement of recreational facilities and opportunities within the Town of Dudley, and to accept gifts and donations for the same purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23- (Economic Development Committee) Establish Agricultural Commission – To see if the Town will vote to establish an Agricultural Commission consisting of five (5) members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen, three (3) of whom shall be town residents who own farms and two (2) of whom shall be “at large” residents interested in promoting farming, which Commission shall serve to advise the Board of Selectmen on how the Town can best support farming in Dudley, and to serve as a forum as matters of interest to farmers in Dudley, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24- (Planning Board) Amend Zoning Bylaws -To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws, and Zoning Bylaws Map relative to large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations, by amending SECTION III, SPECIAL USE REGULATIONS, 3.12.00 LARGE SCALE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC, 3.12.02 Applicability, second paragraph, by adding the following phrase immediately following the words with the Town Clerk at the existing end of said paragraph:

, and as shown on the map entitled “Zoning Map Amendment Proposed Solar Overlay District Parcels 215-019-000-000 and 215-019-000, 99 Ramshorn Road, Dudley, MA”, dated March 2018, which map is hereby made a part of the Zoning Bylaws and Official Zoning Map and is on file in the Office of the Planning Board and the Town Clerk.

And by adopting the above referenced zoning map amendment per the above reference map, which is to be on file with the Town Clerk and the Planning Board, and by amending the existing Zoning map to include said Solar Overlay District, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25 – (Planning Board) Amend Zoning Bylaws - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws, SECTION II USE AND DENSITY RESTRICTIONS, 2.04.00 DENSITY REGULATIONS, 2.04.02 Density Requirement Table (Setbacks, Etc.), MEASUREMENT, BUS 15 DISTRICT, Minimum Lot Frontage (Feet), by changing 200 to 100, and by adding the phrase and/or drive-through uses following the existing phrase (multiple family) structures that is presently at the end of Footnote # 2 under said Table 2.04.02., or to take any other action relative thereto.

Existing Density Requirement Table showing proposed amendment change (highlighted, with proposed deletion (200) bracketed and crossed off, and proposed replacement (100) underlined and italicized):

MEASUREMENT	DISTRICT									
	RES 10	RES 15	RES 30	RES 43	RES 87	BUS 15	IND 43	IND 130	LI 43	LI 87
Minimum Lot area (Square Feet)	10,000 ¹	15,000	30,000	43,560	87,000	15,000 ¹	43,560	130,630	43,560	87,120

Minimum Lot Frontage (Feet)	100 ²	100	100	150	150	<u>200 100²</u>	200	200	100	100
Minimum Front Yard (Feet) ³	20	30	35	40	40	20	45	45	30	50
Minimum Side Yard (Feet)	10	15	15	25	25	10	25	25	30	30
Minimum Rear Yard (Feet)	15	20	25	25	25	35	40	40	30	30
Maximum Lot Coverage (Percent)	50	30	20	20	20	20	65	65	65	65
Maximum Building Height (Feet)	45	35	35	35	35	40	40	40	45	45 ⁵

Existing Density Requirement Table Footnote # 2 showing proposed amendment (highlighted, underlined and italicized):

2. Two - hundred (200) feet of frontage is required for apartment building (multiple family) structures and/or drive-through uses.

ARTICLE 26 – (Town Administrator) Local Marijuana Tax – To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 61N, Section 3, to impose an excise tax on the retail sale of marijuana for adult use at a rate of 3%, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27 – (Town Accountant) Authorize Revolving Funds -To see if the Town will vote to establish Fiscal Year 2019 spending limits for the revolving funds set forth in Article 45 of the Town’s General Bylaws, as follows:

Arrest Warrant Services:	\$10,000.00
Animal Care	\$15,000.00
Board of Health Education Programs	\$ 1,000.00
Cemetery Fees:	\$ 2,000.00
COA Meals:	\$ 5,000.00
Cruiser Use:	\$50,000.00
Fire Penalties/Violations:	\$ 7,500.00
Fire Outside Details	\$15,000.00
Firearms Permit Services:	\$15,000.00
Geneology Services:	\$ 3,000.00
Town Gift Shop:	\$ 2,000.00
Hazardous Materials Collection:	\$ 9,000.00
Inspector Services:	\$80,000.00
Library Lost Books:	\$ 5,000.00
Municipal Hearings:	\$ 2,000.00
Planning Documents:	\$ 1,000.00
Tax Title Fees:	\$75,000.00
Vet Bricks/Memorial:	\$ 6,000.00
Website:	\$ 3,000.00

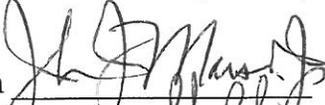
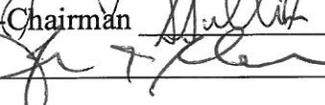
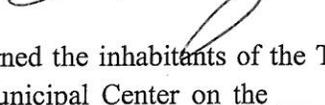
ARTICLE 28 – (Town Administrator) Acceptance of Easements - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, easements in perpetuity from owners of record in cases where such easements are deemed necessary or desirable for the installation and maintenance of drainage infrastructure, water mains, sewer pipes and stations or for other construction, which easements are in the interests of public health, welfare, safety, or public convenience; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29 – (Petition Article) Historic Records Preservation -To see if the Town will appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$10,000) for the purpose of archival preservation, or take any other action relative thereto.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at the Dudley Municipal Center and on the Town of Dudley Web site and by posting notice of availability of the Warrant on one (1) Cable Access Channel.

Warrant to be posted at least seven (7) days before holding of said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time of holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 7th of May in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

John Marsi, Chairman 
Steven Sullivan, Vice-Chairman 
Jonathan Ruda, Clerk 
Paul M. Joseph _____
Kerry Cyganiewicz 
Dudley Board of Selectmen

I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Dudley by posting up attested copies of the same at the Dudley Municipal Center on the ____ of ____ 2018 and Shepherd Hill Regional High School on the ____ of ____ 2018. I also observed it posted on the Town's Website and notice of availability on the Dudley Cable Access Channel on the ____ of ____ 2018.

Thereby making my return to the Dudley Town Clerk on the ____ of ____ 2018.

Constable, Town of Dudley