WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
Saturday
April 6, 2013

Essex, ss

To either the Constables of Wenham, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the Town affairs and elections. The Town Meeting will take place in the Perkins Auditorium in the Bessie Buker School in said Town on Saturday, the sixth of April, 2013 at 1:00 PM. The Election of town officers to be by official ballot from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM will take place at the Wenham Town Hall, 138 Main Street, on Thursday, April 11, 2013.

ARTICLE 1: Budget Appropriations

To see if the Town will determine what sum of money may be necessary to defray the Town expenses of the twelve month period (Fiscal Year 2014) beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 and to make appropriations for the same and to determine the source thereof.

ARTICLE 2: H-W Building Maintenance Revolving Fund

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund in accordance with M.G.L., chpt. 44, sec. 53E1/2 for the following department for the specific purposes outlined below for Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:

A. H-W Building Maintenance
Fees and reimbursements from the Town of Hamilton and the HWRSD for the purpose of purchasing supplies, services, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses related to building maintenance; to be expended by the DPW; not to exceed $20,000 during fiscal year 2014. Or take any other action relative thereto.

B. H-W Grounds Maintenance
Fees and reimbursements from the Town of Hamilton and the HWRSD for the purpose of purchasing supplies, services, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses related to grounds maintenance; to be expended by the DPW; not to exceed $20,000 during fiscal year 2014. Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: Emergency Service Cost Reimbursement

To see if the Town will vote to recover the costs of providing emergency Fire Department response services for motor vehicle accident(s)and hazardous materials releases from the parties responsible; to authorize the Selectmen to adopt regulations to define the nature and method of assessment of such costs, including all direct and indirect costs associated with rendering and collecting for emergency services rendered, and establish fees therefore; and to authorize Selectmen and /or the Wenham Fire Department, directly or indirectly through a third party billing service, to demand, recoup and or collect such costs from responsible individuals, business entities and/or insurance carriers that have provided insurance coverage applicable to such emergency services, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE 4: Road Work - Chapter 90 Funding

To vote from available funds, under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, a sum of money for work on Town Roads, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department, pursuant to Chapter 30, Section 39M; Chapter 149, Section 44J; and Chapter 149, Section 26-27F; said work to conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department.

ARTICLE 5: Cemetery and Other Trust Funds

To accept the Cemetery and other Trust Funds received in FY2013, as printed in Part I of the Town Report, and on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 6: CPA Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2014 Community Preservation budget; to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2014; and to approve the appropriation to expend or set aside the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; a sum of money for recreational use; a sum of money for the preservation of historic resources; and a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: Conversion of Town Clerk to an Appointed Town Office

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 41, Section 1B, to make the office of Town Clerk a position appointed by the Board of Selectmen, provided that approval of this article is accepted by vote of a majority of the voters at the 2013 Annual Town Election on April 11, 2013, on the following ballot question: Shall the town vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed office of the town? Yes ___ No ___.

ARTICLE 8: Conversion of Tree Warden to an Appointed Town Office

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 41, Section 1B, to make the office of Tree Warden a position appointed by the Board of Selectmen, provided that approval of this article is accepted by vote of a majority of the voters at the 2013 Annual Town Election on April 11, 2013, on the following ballot question: Shall the town vote to have its elected Tree Warden become an appointed office of the town? Yes ___ No ___.

ARTICLE 9: Town Clerk- Term Length-Citizen's Petition

To see if the Town of Wenham will vote to change the length of term for position of Town Clerk, from one year to three years, effective with the Annual Town Election, April 2014.

ARTICLE 10: Election of Town Officers

Moderator, one year term; Town Clerk, one year term; Selectman, one position, three year term; Assessor, one position, three year term; Tree Warden, one position, one year term; Planning Board, one position, five year term; Board of Health, one position, three year term; Cemetery Commissioner, one position, three year term; one position for one year-to fill an unexpired term; Water Commissioner, one position, three year term; Hamilton Wenham Regional Library Trustee, one Wenham position, three year term, Wenham Housing Authority, one position, five year term; and three Hamilton Wenham School Committee members for three years or take any other action relative there to.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof: one at Town Hall and H-W Library; one at the Senior Center and the Bulletin Board outside the Wenham Post Office fourteen days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 5 day of March, 2013

Molly B. Martins

Patrick A. Wilson

Kenneth F. Whittaker

"In pursuance of the above written warrant I have this 25 day of March, 2013, posted the attested copies thereof as directed therein."

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST:

Constable of the Town of Wenham
Date March 25, 2013
PAUL E. MENDASCH