

**TOWN WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

HAMPDEN, S.S.

TOWN OF WALES

GREETINGS: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Wales that the Annual Town Meeting will be held in the WALES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 41 Main Street, in said Wales, on **WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of MAY, 2011** at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the subject matter of this warrant can then and there be reached, to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1 To hear the reports of Town Officers and act on same, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2 To hear the reports of Committees and act on same, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements with bank offices having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during the fiscal year 2012, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 F, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to defend all suits that may be brought against the Town and to prosecute all suits on behalf of the Town, to engage counsel for same, and to settle such suits as they deem advisable, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept such federal or state grants or monies as may be advisable and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend any funds received there from in accordance with the terms of said grants, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to reauthorize revolving funds for certain Town departments and officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

REVOLVING FUND	AUTHORITY TO SPEND	REVENUE SOURCE	USE OF FUND	FY`12 BUDGET
Building Inspections	Building Commissioner	Inspection Fees	Expenses and costs related to provision of inspection services	\$18,000

Plumbing, Heating And Gas Inspections	Plumbing/Heating/Gas Inspector	Inspection fees and expense reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to provision of inspection services	\$5,000
Cemetery Services	Cemetery Commission	Fees received in connection with opening and closing graves	Expenses and costs related to opening and closing graves, including payment to other departments related thereto	\$3,000
Planning	Planning Board	Filing fees and expense reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to processing applications, publishing notices, and holding hearings	\$5,000
Conservation	Conservation Commission	Filing fees, expense reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to processing applications, publishing notices, and holding hearings	\$5,000
Zoning	Zoning Board	Filing fees and expense reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to processing applications, publishing notices and holding hearings	\$2,000
Animal Control	Animal Control Officer	Fines and fees	Expenses and costs related to provision of animal control services for which fees and fines are assessed	\$2,000
Library	Library Trustees or Director	Fees and fines	Expenses and costs related to library programs and activities for which fees and fines are assessed	\$1,000
Board of Health	Board of Health	Fees and reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to enforcing State & Local Board of Health regulations	\$10,000
Electrical	Electrical Inspector	Permit fees and expenses	Expenses and costs related to inspections	\$5,000
Police – Pistol Permits	Police Chief	Pistol Permit Fees	Expenses and costs related to pistol permit application review and issuance	\$5,000
Council on Aging	Council on Aging	Fees and reimbursements	Expenses and costs related to programs and activities for Seniors	\$3,500
Highway Superintendent	Highway Superintendent	Permit fees and expenses	Expenses and costs related to driveway permits	\$1,500
Fire Dept.	Fire Inspector	Permit Fees	Expenses and costs related to provisions of inspection services	\$1,500
Cable Advisory	Cable Committee	Fees	Expenses and costs related to Cable Committee	\$1,500

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize an Offset Receipt Account, said amount not to exceed SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) more or less, for the operation of the **TRANSFER STATION** provided, however, that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E, such

costs shall be offset by the estimated receipts from the fees charged to users of the services provided by the Transfer Station, or take any other action thereto. (Submitted: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all grant monies received during FY12 for the Wales Public Library Grant Account, for the use of the Wales Public Library, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Library Trustees)

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,500.00 from the amount appropriated for FY10 Dam Inspections to the FY12 Dam Inspections line item for the purpose of complying with State Mandated inspections of town-owned dams every three years, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from the amount appropriated for FY10 GASB 45 Implementation to the FY12 GASB 45 line item for the purpose of complying with State Mandated OPEB reporting, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Accountant)

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote of June 3, 1976 establishing the Park Commission as consisting of one member of the Conservation Commission, one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Recreation Committee, to also include four residents of the Town to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and to place the management and maintenance of the Union Road Town Beach, Sichols Colony Town Beach, Needham Memorial Park and the Town Fountain under the direction of the Park Commission, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Park Commission)

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses of the Town for fiscal year 2012 period, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers of the Town of Wales as provided by Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended: Moderator, Selectmen, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector, Clerk, Planning Board, Road Commissioner, and Board of Health for fiscal year 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 200A, Section 9A, as amended by section 65 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010, which includes new notice requirements and provides for an updated and simplified process of managing abandoned funds (unclaimed checks or tailings), or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Treasurer)

ARTICLE 16 To see if the Town will vote to direct the Wales Board of Selectmen to return the Wales Senior Center to its original and intended use as a CDBG funded facility, without any municipal offices or substantial non-senior related services, within two weeks, or take any other action thereon. (Submitted: By Petition)

ARTICLE 17 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Bylaw allowing the recall of any elected town official upon receipt of a petition signed by 100 or more registered voters and a 2/3 vote of an annual town meeting or special town meeting or majority vote at a general election or take any other action. (Submitted: By Petition)

ARTICLE 18 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise fund the amount of \$45,000.00 for the purchase and equipping of a non-CDL Dump Truck for the Wales Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Road Commissioner)

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 4 1.) DOG RESTRICTIONS, Section 3 Procedure Following Impoundment subsection iii. by deleting the test thereof and inserting the following:

iii. The owner or keeper of any impounded dog may obtain its release by obtaining a license for any such dog not currently licensed and by reimbursing the Animal Control Officer at the rate of THIRTY DOLLARS (\$30.00) for the initial handling of the dog and EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$18.00) a day for each day or portion thereof that the dog has been impounded. When the animal is impounded at the Town Pound, the daily fee shall be divided as follows: EIGHT DOLLARS (\$8.00) per day to the Town of Wales and TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) per day to the Animal Control Officer, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Town Clerk)

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer from available funds, to the Wales Board of Library Trustees, the sum of \$2,257.12, such monies having been accrued as interest incidentally to the maintenance of the library building fund, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Library Board of Trustees)

ARTICLE 21 To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.41, Section 1B to make the elected position of Road Commissioner an appointed position, such appointment to be made by the Board of Selectmen for a term not to exceed three years; provided, however, that before such change may take effect, the change must be approved by the voters of the Town at the spring 2012 Annual Town Election, and provided further that the Road Commissioner elected at such election shall hold such elected office only until an appointment is made under the authority of G.L. c.41, Section 1B, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws, Chapter Two, Town Meetings, Section 5, by deleting the words, "the Selectmen shall cause to be mailed to each dwelling house in the town, a copy of the Annual Report" and inserting a new sentence at the conclusion of said section as follows: "The Selectmen shall post the Town Report on the Town's website and make available copies thereof available at Town Hall.", or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Board of Selectmen)

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Wales, qualified to **VOTE** in Town Affairs, to meet at the Wales Senior Center on 85 Main Street, in said town, on **TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2011** at 12 o'clock in the afternoon until 8:00 p.m. then and there to act on the remaining article:

ARTICLE 23 To give their vote on a ballot for the following officers:

- (1) Board of Selectmen for a 3-year term (2014)
- (1) Board of Assessor for a 3-year term (2014)
- (1) Board of Health Member for a 3-year term (2014)
- (1) 1 Cemetery Commissioner for a 3-year term (2014)
- (1) Constable for a 3-year term (2014)
- (2) Library Trustee for a 3-year term (2014)
- (3) Planning Board Members for a 3-year term each (2014)
- (1) Wales School Committee Members for a 1-year term (2012)
- (2) Wales School Committee Members for a 3-year term (2014)
- (1) Moderator for a 1-year term (2012)

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Town.

Hereof, fail not, and make return of the warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 20th day of April, Two Thousand and Eleven.

A True Copy

ATTEST:

Mike Wasiluk, Constable

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael Valanzola, Chairman

Jeff Vannais, Vice-Chair

Richard Learned, Clerk

Kopelman & Paige, P.C.
TOWN COUNSEL