

**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 16th day of MAY, 2018** 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: Select Board)

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

**ARTICLE 3** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$2,000.00 for Dam Inspections, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Town Accountant and Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 4** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$4,000.00 for an Audit of the Town's finances, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Town Accountant and Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 5** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$2,167.00 for the Board of Assessors to undertake property revaluation, or take any other action relative thereto.  
(Submitted: Board of Assessors and Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 6** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Other Post-Employment Benefits account, or take any other action relative thereto.  
(Submitted: Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 7** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$4,467,670.50 to defray expenses of the Town, on a departmental basis, for the fiscal year 2019 period; and further 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, Town Clerk, Planning Board, Road Commissioner, and Board of Health for fiscal year 2019; or take any other action relative thereto.  
(Submitted: Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 8** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$33,000.00 from Certified Free Cash to the General Stabilization Account, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE 9** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L., c. 44, § 4 and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L., c. 44, § 17, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Select Board)

**ARTICLE 10** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to enter into compensating balance agreements with bank offices having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during the fiscal year 2019, as permitted by M.G.L., c.44, §53 F, or take any other action relative thereto.  
(Submitted: Select Board)

**ARTICLE 11** To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all grant monies received during FY19 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 12** 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 M.G.L., c. 44, § 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: Select Board)

**ARTICLE 13** To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2019 beginning on July 1, 2018 for the revolving funds established in the Town By-laws, Chapter 3, Section 5 for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with M.G.L. c 44, §53E½, or take any other action relative thereto:

MOTION: Moved that the Town fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2019 beginning on July 1, 2018 for the revolving funds established in the Town By-laws, Chapter 3, Section 5 for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with M.G.L. c 44, §53E½, as follows:

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer	Limit on Spending
Building Inspections	Building Commissioner	\$18,000.00
Plumbing, Heating and Gas Inspections	Plumbing/Heating/Gas Inspector	\$4,000.00
Cemetery Services	Cemetery Commission	\$3,000.00
Planning	Planning Board	\$3,000.00
Conservation	Conservation Commission	\$1,500.00
Zoning	Zoning Board	\$1,000.00
Animal Control	Animal Control Officer	\$2,000.00
Library	Library Trustees or Director	\$1,000.00
Board of Health	Board of Health	\$5,000.00
Electrical	Electrical Inspector	\$4,000.00
Police – Pistol Permits	Police Chief	\$4,000.00
Council on Aging	Council on Aging	\$3,500.00
Fire Dept.	Fire Inspector	\$2,500.00

**ARTICLE 14** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000.00 from the Norcross Gift Account to the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Capital Improvement Planning Committee)

**ARTICLE 15** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$183,000.00 from Certified Free Cash for the purpose of paying the remaining portion of the planning, engineering, designing repairs and/or alterations to Monson Road, and all costs and expenses incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Select Board)

**ARTICLE 16** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$500.00 to the Wales Community Events Donations gift account for the purpose of supporting Wales Olde Home Day, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Select Board)

**ARTICLE 17** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer donations in the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gift Account in the amount of \$3,741.91 to the Wales Community Events Donations gift account for the purpose of supporting Wales Olde Home Day, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Select Board)

**ARTICLE 18** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Wales Zoning Bylaws Chapter 8, § 8.4.5 by deleting the language “**registered mail**” and replacing with “**certified mail return receipt requested,**” or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted: Zoning Board of Appeals, Select Board)

**ARTICLE 19** To see if the Town will vote to amend General Bylaws Chapter 3.2 § 16 by adding the following: “An exception to the residency requirement may be made for a worthy person upon recommendation of the Council of Aging by majority vote”, or take any other action relative thereto.  
(Submitted: Council of Aging, Select Board)

## **ARTICLE 20**

To see if the Town will vote to Amend the Town of Wales Zoning By-Laws, Section 7.10 ‘Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations’ by amending the following sections as set forth below and further to authorize non-substantive changes to the lettering and number of the zoning bylaws to be consistent with the zoning bylaws:

### **7.10.3 Definitions**

Delete the current definition of **As-of-right-siting**: As-of-right-siting shall mean that development may proceed without the need for a special permit, variance, amendment, waiver, or other discretionary approval. As-of-right-siting is subject to site plan review to determine conformance with local zoning ordinances or bylaws. Development of a large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation in any area other than a designated location shall require a special permit in accordance with the Wales Zoning Bylaws in additions to site plan review.

And replace it with the following:

**As-of-right-siting**: As-of-right-siting shall mean that development shall require a special permit, variance, amendment, waiver, or other discretionary approval. As-of-right-siting is subject to site plan review to determine conformance with local zoning ordinances or bylaws. Development of a large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation in any area other than a designated location shall require a special permit in accordance with the Wales Zoning Bylaws in additions to site plan review.

and

Delete the current portion of Section **7.14.1 Setbacks**

c. Rear yard: The rear yard depth shall be at least 50 feet, provided however, that where the lot abuts a Residential Housing, the rear yard shall be not less than 150 feet.

And replace it with the following:

With the following: c. Rear yard: The rear yard depth shall be at least 150 feet.

And to add the following):

Section 7.16.2 (a) Mitigation for loss of forest habitat within the installation. If forestland is proposed to be converted to a ground-mounted solar electric installation the plans shall show mitigation measures that create a wildflower meadow habitat within and immediately around the solar electric system and a successional forest habitat in the surrounding areas managed to prevent shading until such time as the installation is decommissioned. Site Plan conditions may include conditions to effectuate and make enforceable this requirement.”

Or any action hereto.”

(Submitted: Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 21** And you are further required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Wales who are qualified to **VOTE** in Town Affairs, to meet at the Wales Senior Center at 85 Main Street, in said Wales, on **WEDNESDAY**, the **23rd day of May, 2018** at 12 o'clock in afternoon until 8:00 p.m. then and there to act on the remaining article:

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

- (1) Board of Select member for a three-year term (2021)
- (1) Treasurer for a three-year term (2021)
- (1) Tax Collector for a three-year term (2021)
- (1) Moderator for a three-year term (2021)
- (1) Road Commissioner for a three-year term (2021)
- (1) Constable for a three-year term (2021)
- (1) Library Trustee for a three-year term (2021)
- (1) Board of Health member for a three-year term (2021)
- (1) Planning Board member for a three-year term (2021)
- (1) School Committee member for a three-year term (2021)
- (1) Tantasqua Representative for a three-year term (2021)
- (1) Board of Assessors member for a three-year term (2021)
- (1) Board of Assessors member for a one-year term (2019)
- (1) Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term (2021)

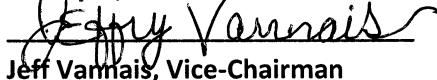
And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Town.

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 day of April, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

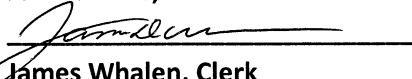
**WALES SELECT BOARD**



Ed Boyce, Chairman



Jeff Vannais, Vice-Chairman



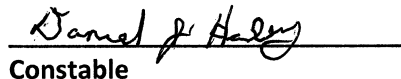
James Whalen, Clerk

**BACON WILSON, P.C.**

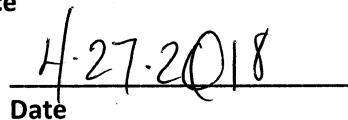
**TOWN COUNSEL**

Attest: A True Copy

Posted at Wales Senior Center, Town Office, Library, Post Office



Constable

  
Date