

**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 Special Town Meeting will be held in the WALES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 41 Main Street, in said Wales, on **Monday, the 6th day of August, 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 see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$48,000.00 from Capital Stabilization for the purchase and equipping of a New Fire Department Command SUV, or take any other action thereto. (Submitted: Fire Chief, Wales Fire Department)

ARTICLE 2 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 and adding the following sections as set forth below:

To amend **Section 7.14.3 Size** by deleting the words "**five acres**" and replacing them with the words "**twenty acres**" as set forth below,

7.14.3 Size

The area covered by the large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation shall not exceed ~~five acres~~ **twenty acres**, in aggregate, of all arrays, structures and building and shall not include wetlands.

and to amend **Section 7.16.3 Landscape Maintenance** by deleting the word "**considered**" and replacing it with the word "**selected**" as set forth below,

7.16.3 Landscape Maintenance

Native plant species shall be used, with diverse species ~~considered~~ **selected** on a case-by-case basis, when landscaping and/or creating natural vegetation barriers to abutters. Use of plants identified by the most recent copy of the "Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List" maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, is prohibited.

and to add the following subsections to **Section 7.16.2 Land Clearing, Soil Erosion, and Habitat impacts**:

7.16.2 (a) If any portion of proposed project is in a priority habitat or estimated habitat of rare wildlife according to the Massachusetts National Heritage Endangered Species Program's (MA NHESP) BIOMAP2, the project must be reviewed and approved by MA NHESP before proceeding. Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of LSGMSPI. Grading that substantially disturbs the existing soil profile and structure is prohibited. Sites shall be selected where construction may be accomplished without such earthwork.

7.16.2 (b) To retain ecosystem services and protect the aesthetic and rural character of this town. If forest land is proposed to be converted to LSGMSPI, the plans shall designate thereon an area of unprotected forested land on same lot of a size equal to 2x the total area of such installation. Such designated land shall remain in substantially its natural condition without alteration, including unauthorized forestry tree cutting until such time as the installation is decommissioned. The special permit may be conditioned make this requirement enforceable. This is not appealable.

7.16.2. (c) All fencing shall be placed a minimum of 6" above ground level to facilitate wildlife movement or to adhere to the National Electric Code (NEC) whichever is more facilitative.

or to take any action hereto. (Submitted: Planning Board)

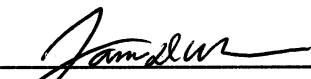
And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Town.

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 17th day of July, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

WALES BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Ed Boyce, Chair



James Whalen, Vice-Chair

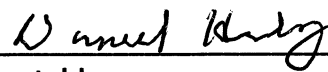


William J. Matchett, III, Clerk

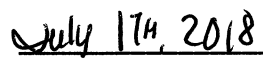
**BACON WILSON P.C.
TOWN COUNSEL**

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

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitant of the Town of Wales by posting attested copies of the same at least seven days before the date of the meeting, as directed within.



Constable



Date

I attest that this is a true copy of the signatures on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Leis Phinney
Town Clerk