

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting  
June 5, 2023  
Town of Wrentham  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Norfolk

To the Constables of the Town of Wrentham in the County of Norfolk;

**Greetings:**

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn qualified voters of said Town of Wrentham to assemble at the King Philip Regional High School, 201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA at 7:00PM on Monday, June 5, 2023 then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1: Annual Report**

To see if the Town will consider the reports of the Town Officers or any committee or commission and act thereon, or take any other relative action thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

**Article 2: Fix Salaries for Elected Officials**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officials of the Town as provided by MGL c. 41 §108 as amended, or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

**Article 3: FY23 Snow & Ice Expenses**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds in the treasury, or appropriate by transfer from funds previously appropriated to other accounts, a sum of money to supplement the current Fiscal Year 2023 operating budgets, or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

**Article 4: Prior Year Bills**

To see what action the Town will take with regard to unpaid bills outstanding, or overdrafts from prior year(s), to vote to raise and appropriate, to appropriate by transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or appropriate by transfer from funds previously appropriated to other accounts, a sum of money for the same, or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

**Article 5: FY24 Water Enterprise Fund Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise through Water Enterprise Fund Revenue or transfer from any available source of funds, such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the regular expenses of the Water Enterprise Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 (Fiscal Year 2024), or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

**Article 6: FY24 Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available source of funds, such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the regular expenses (Operating Budget) and approve the Operating Budget of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 (Fiscal Year 2024), or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

**Article 7: ALS Ambulance Lease/Purchase**

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to pay costs of acquiring an equipped ALS Ambulance and to determine whether this amount shall be raised through the use of a lease purchasing financing agreement in accordance with MGL c.44 §21c or otherwise provided; to see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to pay the first annual payments on any such lease purchase finance agreement, or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

**Article 8: Capital Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds in the treasury, appropriate by borrowing, or appropriate by transfer from funds previously appropriated to other accounts, a sum of money to fund capital items, or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

**Article 9: Stabilization Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds in the treasury, or appropriate by transfer from funds previously appropriated to other accounts, a sum or sums of money to one or more of the Town's Stabilization Funds, or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

**Article 10: Other Post-Employment Benefits**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds or appropriate by transfer from other accounts, a sum of money to the Town's "Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)" Trust Fund established by Town Meeting June 2012, or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

**Article 11: Establishment of Recreation Revolving Account**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the existing Recreation Revolving Fund authorized in 1991 pursuant to MGL c. 44 §53D, transferring the balance to a new MGL c.44 §53E ½ Recreation Revolving Fund and amend Chapter 18 §7E of the authorized Revolving Funds, of the General Bylaws of the Town of Wrentham by adding one revolving fund to the table as follows:

(1) Revolving Fund	(2) Department, Board, Committee, Agency, or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund	(3) Fees, Charges, or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	(4) Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	(5) Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund	(6) Other Requirements /Reports	(7) Fiscal Years
Recreation	Recreation Department / Recreation Commission	Revenue from Recreation Dept. Activities	Part-time wages & Operational Expenses	\$400,000		Fiscal Year 2024 and subsequent years

or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

**Article 12: Revolving Fund Expenditures**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the total expenditures for the following revolving funds pursuant to MGL c. 44, §53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 to be expended in accordance with bylaws heretofore approved:

Fund	Approved Total Expenditures
Police Equipment	\$50,000
Recycling and Solid Waste	\$50,000
Firearms Licenses	\$30,000
Wrentham Cultural Council	\$10,000
Communications	\$30,000
Public Health Alliance	\$125,000
Recreation	\$400,000

or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

**Article 13: Opioid Settlement**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$42,528, or such other amount as Town Meeting may approve, for the purpose of programs and projects set out in the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements and the National Opioid Settlement Agreement to combat the opioid epidemic including; Opioid Use Disorder (“OUD”) Treatment; Support Programs for People with OUD in Treatment and Recovery; Connects to Care for People with or at risk of developing OUD; Harm Reduction efforts to prevent overdoses deaths or other opioid related harms; Support of diversion and deflection programs and strategies for criminal-justice-involved persons with OUD; Support of Pregnant or Parenting Women And Their Families, Including Babies With Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome; To Prevent Misuse of Opioids and Implement Prevention Education, or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

**Article 14: Collective Bargaining – Fire Department**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, to appropriate by transfer from available funds in the treasury or appropriate by transfer from funds previously appropriated to other accounts, a sum of money to fund the Wrentham Fire Union Contract, or take any other action relative thereto. (Finance Committee)

**Article 15: Community Preservation Act**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2024:

**Appropriations:**

From FY2024 estimated revenues for committee administrative expenses: \$15,000

From FY2024 estimated revenues for bond payments: \$51,000

**Reserves:**

From FY2024 estimated revenues for Historic Preservation Reserve: \$37,200

From FY2024 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve: \$37,200

From FY2024 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve: \$37,200

From FY2024 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve: \$194,400

or take any other action relative thereto. (Community Preservation Committee)

**Article 16: Community Aggregation**

To see if the Town, pursuant to MGL c.164, §134a, will authorize the Town Administrator to initiate the process to aggregate the electrical load of interested electricity consumers in the Town, and to enter into agreements for services to facilitate the sale and purchase of electric energy and other related services, or take any other action or relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

**Article 17: Additional On-Premise Alcohol Licenses (*Home Rule Petition*)**

To see if the Town will vote to request the State Legislature to increase the number of alcohol licenses for the Town of Wrentham, or take any other action relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

**Article 18: Chief of Police Retirement Age (*Home Rule Petition*)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation as set forth below, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendment which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WRENTHAM TO CONTINUE THE EMPLOYMENT OF POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM MCGRATH.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, William McGrath Chief of the Police Department of the Town of Wrentham, may continue to serve in such position until reaching the age 70 (June 3, 2030), until the date of his retirement, or until the date he is relieved of his duties by the Town Administrator of the Town of Wrentham at his discretion, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of his office. The Town Administrator may, at the Town's own expense, require that William McGrath be examined by an impartial physician designated by the Town Administrator to determine such capability.

No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of William McGrath under Chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service subsequent to William McGrath reaching age 65, and upon retirement, he shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retired upon reaching age 65.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon its passage, or take any other action relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

**Article 19: Demand Fee**

To see if the Town will charge for each written demand issued by the collector a fee of \$15.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by MGL c.60, §15, effective as of July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

**Article 20: Civil Service – Fire Department (*Home Rule Petition*)**

To see if the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act reading as follows:

"**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the positions of regular and permanent members of the fire department, persons holding the titles of full-time firefighter, captain, and deputy fire chief of the fire department, of the Town of Wrentham shall be exempt from chapter 31 of the General Laws.

**SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act shall not impair the civil service status of any person holding the positions of regular and permanent members of the fire department, persons holding the titles of full-time firefighter, captain, and deputy fire chief of the fire department, of the Town of Wrentham on the effective date of this act.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.";

,to authorize the General Court to make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; and (b) to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all other

action necessary or advisable to remove the positions of regular and permanent members of the fire department, persons holding the titles of full-time firefighter, captain, and deputy fire chief of the fire department, in the Town of Wrentham from Civil Service.

**Article 21: Nomination Papers** *(General Bylaw)*

To see if the Town will vote to accept provisions of MGL c.53 §9A: In any city or town which accepts this section, in a city by vote of the city council subject to the provisions of its charter, and in a town by vote of the town meeting, the following provisions shall apply with respect to nomination papers:

The final date for obtaining blank nomination papers for nomination to city or town office shall be forty-eighty-week day hours prior to the hour on which nomination papers are required to be submitted to the registrars of voters for certification. Each candidate shall file with the city or town clerk prior to obtaining blank nomination papers a statement containing his name and address and the city or town office for which they intended to be candidate. No candidate for city or town office shall receive more blank nomination papers than will contain the number of signatures required to place their name in nomination, multiplied by 5, or take any other relative action thereto. (General Bylaw Committee)

**Article 22: Dog License Fees** *(General Bylaw)*

To see if the Town will vote to delete, "Paragraph A of Section 283-3 Other Charges" of the Town Code as it pertains to additional collections fees for failure to license dog, or take any other action relative thereto. (General Bylaw Committee)

**Article 23: Senior Living Community Moratorium** *(Citizens Petition)*

To see if the Town will vote to temporarily suspend new construction and applications for Senior Living Communities based on §390-13.5. Senior living communities. [Amended 6-3-2019 ATM bylaw that are not already approved as of June 5, 2023 pending the creation of a study committee jointly appointed by the Select Board and the Moderator. The committee will be charged with studying the impact of § 390-13.5. Senior living communities on each zoning district and recommending changes to the bylaw designed to protect the town and each district from developments that significantly alter their character and to refer its recommendations to the Planning Board to redraft or repeal the bylaw. The Study committee will report their findings at June 2024 Town Meeting. (Citizen Petition)

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Wrentham this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of May in the year two thousand twenty-three:

WRENTHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN



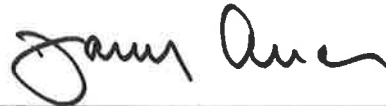
Joseph F. Botaish, II



Christopher Gallo



William Harrington



James Anderson



Michelle Rouse

A true copy.

Constable's Certificate of Services:

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Wrentham qualified to vote at elections and town affairs to meet as within commanded by posting attested copies of the Warrant, one at the Town Offices and five other places in said Town, being not less than fourteen (14) days at least before the day appointed for holding said meeting, as directed by the Bylaws of the Town of Wrentham.

This 10 day of May, 2023.

Constable

