

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
IN THE TOWN OF LANCASTER**

**September 18, 2023**

**Mary Rowlandson Elementary & Luther Burbank Middle Schools -- 7:00 PM**

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs, to meet at Mary Rowlandson Elementary & Luther Burbank Middle Schools, 103 Hollywood Drive in said Lancaster on Monday, the eighteenth of September 2023, at 7:00 in the evening, and to act on the following:

**ARTICLE 1**

**Nashoba Regional High School New Building  
Select Board**

To see if the Town will approve the \$241,714,926 borrowing authorized by the Nashoba Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of a new Nashoba Regional High School, 12 Green Road, Bolton, MA 01740 including site work and athletic fields, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Nashoba Regional School District's Project School Building Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-five and 09/100 percent (55.09%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

*Motion: Move that the Town hereby approves the \$241,714,926 borrowing authorized by the Nashoba Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of a new Nashoba Regional High School, 12 Green Road, Bolton, MA 01740 including site work and athletic fields, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Nashoba Regional School District's Project School Building Committee; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-five and 09/100 percent (55.09%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that the approval of the District's borrowing by this vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 21/2); and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. (Majority Vote)*

NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION  
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION  
DELIVERED AT TOWN MEETING

The town voted via poll clicker: 233 – YES 78 – No  
The moderator declared the article passes by majority 9/18/2023

A motion to reconsider the vote was moved and seconded  
A show of hands vote to reconsider was taken. The moderator declared the motion fails.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**Amend Water Enterprise Fund**  
*Board of Public Works*

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 6 of the May 3, 2023, Annual Town Meeting to appropriate the sum of \$ 1,142,165 from the Water Enterprise Fund, to finance the operation of the Water Department for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, as outlined below, or act in any manner relating thereto. The operating expenses for the Water Enterprise are entirely funded by water revenue.

<b>Water Enterprise Appropriations</b>	
<i>Salaries &amp; Wages</i>	\$ 371,760
<i>Operational Expenses</i>	\$ 429,905
<i>Reserve Fund Transfers (in/out)</i>	\$ 50,000
<i>Debt Payments (principal)</i>	\$ 175,000
<i>Debt Payments (interest)</i>	\$ 115,000
<i>Indirect Costs to the General Fund</i>	\$ 0
<i>Total Costs to the Water Enterprise Fund</i>	\$ 1,142,165

Or take any other action relative thereto.

*Motion: Move to amend the vote taken under Article 6 of the May 3, 2023 Annual Town Meeting to appropriate \$1, 142, 165 from the Water Enterprise Fund to finance the operation of the Water Department for fiscal year 2024 as printed in Article 2 of the warrant. (Majority vote)*

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATION: AFFIRMATIVE ACTION  
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELIVERED AT TOWN MEETING

The town voted by show of hands  
The Moderator declared the article passes by majority. 1 no vote noted. 9/18/2023

**ARTICLE 3**  
**Supplemental Classification Plan for Emergency Services**  
*Select Board*

To see if the Town will vote amend the Classification and Compensation Plan by accepting the temporary classification schedule entitled "PS: Public Safety Officials", a copy of which can be seen below, which was adopted by the Select Board in accordance with §140-3 at its meeting on August 7, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

<b>Public Safety Wage Scale</b>									
<i>differential</i>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>	<b>Step 7</b>	<b>Step 8</b>
Firefighter	<b>PS1</b>	\$ 20.10	\$ 20.70	\$ 21.32	\$ 21.96	\$ 22.62	\$ 23.30	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.72
EMT									
Firefighter/EMT	<b>PS2</b>	\$ 23.83	\$ 24.54	\$ 25.28	\$ 26.04	\$ 26.82	\$ 27.63	\$ 28.45	\$ 29.31



2. Section 220-8.1. AB, Use Regulation Schedule, so that the line reads as follows:

ITEM	USE	R	NB	LI	LI2	GI	EZ	NOTES
AB.	Accessory apartment in a single-family dwelling with no change in the principal use of the premises	p	p	p	p	p	p	

Or take any other action relative thereto.

*Motion: Move to amend the Zoning Bylaw, as printed in the article 4 of the warrant (Majority vote)*

**PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:**

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

The town voted by a show of hands

The moderator declared the article passes unanimously. 9/18/2023

**A True Copy Attest**

**Amanda Cannon  
Town Clerk**

