

2014
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Essex
Warrant for Special Town Meeting

Essex, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Essex;

GREETINGS:

In name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Essex, qualified to vote as the laws direct, to meet in said Essex at the Essex Elementary School on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. and there and then to act on the following Articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following, Town-owned properties from the Board of Selectmen, acting as Conomo Point Commissioners, which properties are currently held for purposes of lease, to the Board of Selectmen, acting as Conomo Point Commissioners, for general municipal purposes:

9 Beach Circle, Map 19, Lot 96
8 Conomo Lane, Map 19, Lot 84
103 Conomo Point Road, Map 19, Lot 98
138 Conomo Point Road, Map 24, Lot 37
153 Conomo Point Road, Map 24, Lot 17
1 Robbins Island Road, Map 19, Lot 79

; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the property known as 5 Beach Circle, Map 19, Lot 100, depicted on the approved Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Central Conomo Point, Beach Circle, Conomo Point Road, Essex, MA" which is on file with the Essex Town Clerk, from the Conomo Point Commissioners for purpose of lease to the Board of Selectmen, acting as Conomo Point Commissioners, for the purpose of conveyance, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting as Conomo Point Commissioners, to convey said property, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting as Conomo Point Commissioners, to enter into all agreements and to execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient on behalf of the Town to affect said conveyance, subject to terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen, acting as Conomo Point Commissioners, deem appropriate; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the management of property at Conomo Point including but not limited to renovation, demolition, and contents management of structures and maintenance of all outdoor areas; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to retain the services of an engineering firm to develop a subdivision plan for the Robbins Island neighborhood, which is part of the central area of Conomo Point and to represent the Town in all phases of the application and approval process; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to conduct a detailed design and planning study with respect to the future use of Conomo Point properties north of Clammers' Beach, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting as Conomo Point Commissioners, to retain the services of a landscape architect, planning firm, and/or such other professionals as it deems necessary to complete said study. The scope of work for said study may include, but shall not be limited to making recommendations as to which properties should continue to be leased, which properties should be sold (if any), and which properties should be vacated to revert to public use, based upon factors such as: a) the synthesis of past studies, b) which properties are still under Bridge Leases as of January 1, 2015, and c) the DEP requirement to reduce Town-owned leased property wastewater flow; among other factors; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to fund the Town's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, including the Community Preservation Fund, or borrow a sum of money to preserve and rehabilitate the east end of the Town Hall, in order to eliminate a structural instability problem and any work incidental or related thereto; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to retain the services of a Project Manager to oversee the next phase of Town Hall renovation; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to retain the services of an architect, under direction of a Project Manager, to provide a preliminary cost estimate for the design, construction, and oversight of the next phase of Town Hall renovation; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund, including fiscal year 2015 estimated annual revenues, a sum or sums of money for Community Preservation projects or purposes, all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be added to the Water Enterprise Fund maintenance line item for fiscal year 2015; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be added to the Sewer Enterprise Fund maintenance line item for fiscal year 2015; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to retain the services of an engineering firm to appeal on behalf of the Town the most-recently-effective Federal Emergency Management Agency flood maps and associated methods and studies; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Essex Marina at 35 Dodge Street to purchase additional gallons of sewer capacity in accordance with Section 7-7.5 of the Town of Essex Bylaws; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53I to establish a special fund to be known as the "Essex Bicentennial Celebration Fund" in which shall be deposited such sums as may be appropriated or received for the purpose of funding bicentennial events and activities during the year 2019, and which may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen in the year of the celebration and in the preceding or succeeding year, with any surplus remaining after such celebration is concluded to be returned to the general fund; and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be added to said special fund upon its creation, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum or sums of money to be added to the Town's building capital improvements fund, and/or recreational capital improvements fund, and/or purchase of vehicles and major equipment that qualify as capital purchases fund; or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend the fiscal year 2015 Wage & Salary Scale to add a range of hourly wages for a part-time Council on Aging Director; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to amend the fiscal year 2015 General Budget by adding a line item for a part-time Council on Aging Director into the Council on Aging Budget and revising other Council on Aging budget lines as necessary, and further; to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be added to the Council on Aging Director line item; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to purchase and to fully equip a police cruiser, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a purchase agreement on such terms and conditions as the Board deems in the best interest of the Town in order to replace one of the existing police cruisers; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the vehicle replaced by the new cruiser by sale or trade and to take other action as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to amend the fiscal year 2015 General Budget to correct typographical errors by increasing the Animal Control Officer Stipend line item from \$3,733 to \$8,000 and by increasing the Animal Inspector Stipend line item from \$3,733 to \$5,500, all in accordance with the originally-voted fiscal year 2015 Wage & Salary Scale; and further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available fund, or borrow sums of money to be added to said line items to fund those adjustments; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to replenish the Finance Committee's Reserve Fund for fiscal year 2015; or take any other action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to pay unpaid bills from past fiscal years; or take any other action relating thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies; one at the Post Office, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Essex Elementary School, in said Essex, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hand this 21st day of October, two thousand fourteen.

Jeffrey D. Jones, Chairman

Lisa J. O'Donnell

Susan Gould-Coviello

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ESSEX

Return of the Warrant:

Date: _____

I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof – one at the Post Office; one at the Town Hall; and, one at the Essex Elementary School in said Essex; at least fourteen days before the time for holding said meeting.

Constable