

**Warrant for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting (FY2023)**  
**Town of Phillipston**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**May 4, 2022**

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Phillipston, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Phillipston Memorial School, 20 The Common, Phillipston, Massachusetts on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following articles:

**Customary Articles**

**ARTICLE 1:**

To choose all necessary Town Officers, Boards and Committees for the ensuing year, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 2:**

To receive and hear the reports of the Town Officers, Boards and Committees for the Fiscal Year 2021, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 3:**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 268A, Section 21A of the General Laws, to approve the appointment of a member of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Board of Cemetery Commissioners, Board of Assessors, Finance Committee, Historical Commission, Agricultural Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Commission as Clerk for their respective Boards, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 4:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend any grants which do not require further appropriation of funds by the Town, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 5:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of revenue for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2022 in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 4 of the General Laws and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the Chapter 44, Section 17 of the General Laws, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 6:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of Highway reimbursement funds allotted by Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division for the Fiscal Year 2023 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 6A of the General Laws, and Acts in amendment thereof, for a period of not more than two years from their dates of issue, or act in relation thereto.

**Operating Budget Articles**

**ARTICLE 7:**

To see if the Town will set the salary and compensation of all elective Town Officers as provided by Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws, and raise and appropriate a sum of \$112,805 therefor, or act in relation thereto.

<b>Board or Position</b>	<b>FY22 as Voted</b>	<b>FY23 Proposed</b>
Assessors	4,844	4,965

Board of Health	3,829	3,925
Cemetery Commission	1,007	1,032
Constable	750	769
Moderator	377	386
Planning Board	6,886	7,058
School Committee	6,046	0
Board of Selectmen	9,598	9,838
Tax Collector	28,788	31,667
Town Clerk	48,332	53,165
<b>ARTICLE GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>110,456</b>	<b>112,805</b>

**ARTICLE 8:**

To raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or otherwise provide such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to pay the Town charges for the twelve-month period commencing July 1, 2022, and further that appointing authorities shall set salaries for personnel within the amounts appropriated hereunder in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.41, §108, or act in relation thereto.

<b>Board, Committee or Department</b>	<b>FY22 as Voted</b>	<b>FY23 Proposed</b>
<b>Board of Assessors</b>		
Payroll	22,110	19,300
Expenses	12,514	13,500
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>		
Administrative Assistant Payroll	78,796	86,675
Board of Selectmen's Office Assistant Payroll	15,210	20,800
Expenses	227,238	227,238
Queen Lake Payroll	1,900	1,947
Queen Lake Expense	2,100	2,100
Information Technology Expense	5,000	0
<b>Capital Improvement Planning Committee</b>		
Expense	50	50
<b>Moderator</b>		
Expense	50	50
<b>Finance Committee</b>		
Clerk Payroll	827	848
Expense	300	300
Reserve Fund	50,000	42,409
<b>Town Accountant</b>		
Payroll	20,000	45,000
Expense	7,695	2,000
<b>Town Clerk</b>		
Assistant Town Clerk Payroll	3,816	4,198
Expense	4,622	4,622
Election & Regis	4,400	5,200
Voter Registration	250	250
<b>Treasurer</b>		
Treasurer/HR Salary	19,000	26,400
Assistant Treasurer Payroll	3,500	3,850

<b>Board, Committee or Department</b>	<b>FY22 as Voted</b>	<b>FY23 Proposed</b>
Expense	7,000	7,000
Tax Title Expenses	20,000	20,000
Group Health/Life	173,871	179,523
SS / Medicare	15,798	15,798
Unemployment Comp.	11,810	11,810
Worcester Reg. Retirement	152,990	164,088
Highway Garage Debt	37,940	37,199
QL Dam Debt	70,400	109,180
Workers Compensation	55,762	55,762
VADAR	16,604	14,414
<b>Tax Collector</b>		
Assistant Tax Collector Payroll	6,705	7,375
Expense	7,300	7,300
<b>Dispatch Services</b>		
Expense	67,816	70,000
<b>Emergency Management</b>		
Payroll	5,612	6,173
Expense	10,000	10,000
<b>Fire Department</b>		
Fire Chief Salary	34,490	37,939
Fire Clerk Payroll	0	0
Fire/Rescue Payroll	178,708	196,579
Fire/rescue Expense	62,450	69,142
<b>Police Department</b>		
Police Chief Salary	74,508	81,959
Payroll	224,286	246,715
Expenses	92,923	120,160
<b>Animal Control</b>		
Payroll	4,770	5,247
Expense	1,905	1,905
<b>Board of Health</b>		
Board of Health Payroll	31,255	34,380
Expenses	43,653	43,653
<b>Building Department</b>		
Payroll Inspector	15,000	16,500
Payroll Clerk	3,600	3,960
Expense	3,420	3,420
<b>Inspector of Barns &amp; Animals</b>		
Payroll	792	812
Expense	100	100
<b>Board of Appeals</b>		
Clerk Payroll	828	849
Expenses	120	120
<b>Conservation Commission</b>		
Clerk Payroll	861	883

<b>Board, Committee or Department</b>	<b>FY22 as Voted</b>	<b>FY23 Proposed</b>
Expense	2,500	2,500
<b>Planning Board</b>		
Secretary Payroll / Hourly	4,780	5,258
Elected Clerk salary	1,500	1,537
Expense	3,200	3,280
Consultant	25,000	25,625
<b>Agricultural Commission</b>		
Clerk Payroll	383	393
Expense	1,539	1,539
<b>Highway</b>		
Payroll	171,840	189,024
Expense	56,700	64,700
Snow & Ice	50,000	50,000
<b>PMS Building / Use Committee</b>		
Clerk Payroll	768	787
Expenses	200	200
<b>PMS</b>		
Janitor Payroll	15,000	16,500
Expenses/Maintenance	50,000	50,000
<b>Cemetery Commission</b>		
Payroll	14,700	16,170
Expense	4,940	5,540
<b>Tree Warden</b>		
Payroll	1,800	1,845
Expense	10,500	12,000
<b>Library</b>		
Payroll	16,860	18,546
Expense	6,263	6,263
Circulation Materials (state)	5,600	5,700
<b>Recreation</b>		
Expense	5,358	5,358
<b>Historical Commission</b>		
Clerk Salary	50	51
Expense	50	50
<b>Council on Aging</b>		
Expense	500	500
<b>Veterans Services</b>		
Administration	5,364	5,488
Direct Benefits	10,000	10,000
<b>ARTICLE GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2,364,457</b>	<b>2,439,157</b>

**ARTICLE 9:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to utilize members of said Commission for work in the cemeteries and set their compensation at \$17.46 per hour, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 10:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to utilize members of said Board for work at the Transfer Station and set their compensation at \$17.46 per hour, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 11:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,715,603 to pay its share of the Narragansett Regional School District budget for FY23, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 12:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$219,587 to pay its share of the Montachusett Regional Vocation Technical School budget for FY23, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 13:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$60,000 from the Ambulance -- Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account to fund the operation of the Fire Department Ambulance for the FY23 budget year; any remaining funds will be retained in the Ambulance - Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to be appropriated in future years; or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 14:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$18,500 for the Assessors' Property Revaluation Expense Account, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 15:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide \$5,275 for the control of invasive/nuisance plant species at Queen Lake, including all incidental or related expenses, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 16:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide \$11,198.61 to pay unpaid bills from prior fiscal years, or act in relation thereto.

Vendor	Date of Invoice	Amount	Reason
KP Law	5/19/2020	955.89	Not Processed
KP Law	5/24/2021	1,545.35	Not Processed
KP Law	4/26/2021	1,330.00	Not Processed
KP Law	6/30/2021	6,978.93	Not Processed
Glenn Whitney	Jan1-June 30, 2021	388.44	Not Submitted
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,198.61</b>	

**ARTICLE 17:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide \$187.00 to pay unpaid payroll stipends from a prior fiscal year, or act in relation thereto.

Employee	Omitted Stipend	Amount	Reason
Julie Hockman	Quarter one FY21	93.50	Not Processed
Julie Hockman	Quarter two FY21	93.50	Not Processed
<b>Total</b>		<b>187.00</b>	

**ARTICLE 18:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or convey any or all property acquired by Tax Taking in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.60, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 19:**

To see if the Town will vote to borrow the sum of \$360,000 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new ambulance, including any incidental or related costs; and to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; to authorize the Select Board to file and accept, on behalf of the Town of Phillipston, any and all applications for grants and/or reimbursements from any state or federal programs to reduce said borrowing in a like amount, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to affect such purchase; or act in relation thereto.

**Capital Investment Articles**

**ARTICLE 20:**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$180,000 to the Capital Investment Fund, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 21:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$61,000 from the Capital Investment Fund to purchase and equip a new pickup truck with plow for the Highway Department, including all incidental or related costs, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 22:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$68,712 from the Capital Investment Fund to purchase a new SCBA filling station for the Fire Department, including all incidental or related costs, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 23:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from account line item, 1000-951-5838-2022 ATM 6.2.21 Art 32 Jaws of Life, to the Capital Investment Fund, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 24:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from account line item, 1000-951-5839-2022 ATM 6.2.21 Art 31 Hwy Dump Body, to the Capital Investment Fund, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 25:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from account line item, 1000-951-5852-2022 ATM 6.2.21 Art 30 Police Cruiser, to the Capital Investment Fund, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 26:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell the old Jaws of Life, all proceeds from the sale to be paid into the Capital Investment Fund, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 27:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer the used Highway pickup truck with plow to the Fire Department for its use and maintenance, or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 28:**

To see if the Town will vote to have all funds raised by the sale of any assets originally funded by the Capital Investment Fund returned to the Capital Investment Fund, or act in relation thereto.

**Community Preservation Articles**

**ARTICLE 29:**

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve from the Community

Preservation annual revenues the amounts recommended below by the Community Preservation Committee to be expended for the purposes of committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in FY2023, with each line being considered a separate appropriation.

Reserves:

From FY2023 estimated annual revenues for Historic Resources Reserve.....\$11,406 (10%)  
From FY2023 estimated annual revenues for Community Housing Reserve.....\$11,406 (10%)  
From FY2023 estimated annual revenues for Open Space Reserve.....\$11,406 (10%)  
From FY2023 estimated annual revenues for Budgeted Reserve.....\$79,244 (10%)

Appropriations:

From FY2023 estimated annual revenues for Committee administrative expenses.....\$500

**Bylaw Articles**

**ARTICLE 30:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Phillipston Town Bylaws by adding the following Section 7 to Article VIII, Highways, or act in relation thereto.

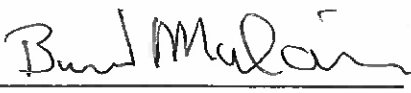
Town of Phillipston Bylaws  
Article VIII – Highway  
Section 7. Road Damage


Section 7. No person shall unload any construction or heavy equipment in a public way without adequate protection to the existing road surface. Any individual or business causing damage to the public way by such action shall be assessed a penalty in the amount of \$300.00, with each day that the violation continues considered a separate offense, and shall be responsible for the repair of said damage to the satisfaction of the Highway Department Superintendent.

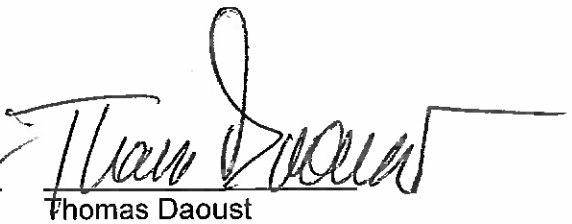
And you are to serve this Warrant by posting the three attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at the Public Library, and one at the King Phillip Restaurant, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.


Phillipston Board of Selectmen:

  
Bernard Malouin

  
Gerhard Fandreyer

  
Thomas Daoust

I hereby certify that I have posted three attested copies of this Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting as directed above seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

  
, Constable

4-21-22, 2022  
(month and day)

810615/PHIL/0001