

November 13, 2007 STM Warrant

TOWN WARRANT COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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ESSEX, ss. To the Constables of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Essex, Greetings.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in the elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Georgetown Middle/High School on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2008 operating budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of adjusting line items in the FY08 budget, such as funding union and non-union proposed wage increases, reallocations within the Highway Department Budget, and other departmental transfers if needed, and, as necessary, to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: Appropriation of Free Cash for the reduction of the tax rate and to offset a State charge

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and or transfer and appropriate from available funds, including Free Cash, or any combination of the foregoing, a sum of money to reduce the tax rate for FY08, or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 3: Water Department authorization to use retained earnings

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and or transfer and appropriate from available funds, including Water Department Retained Earnings, or any combination of the foregoing, a sum of money to be applied to a Water Department revenue shortfall of a prior fiscal year, or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 4: School Facilities Committee Proposed Funding for Architectural Design Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$30,000 as requested by the School Facilities Committee to be expended by the School Department, for the purpose of procuring architectural design services for a new elementary school/middle or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5: Senior Citizen Tax Exemption, to amend clause 41 C

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 59, section 5, clause 41C to change the tax exemption for senior citizens, which changes to be effective in the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2007, in one or more of the following manner:

~~~ (a) to increase the whole estate limitations to \$40,000 for a single person and \$55,000 for married persons;

~~~ (b) to decrease the age of eligibility from 70 years old to 67 years old or some age there between; and/or

~~~ (c) to increase the abatement dollar amount from \$500.00 up to \$750.00,

or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 6: Fire Department: Protective Clothing**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase of Protective Clothing and related equipment for Firefighters including all costs related thereto or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 7: Fire Department: Firefighting Hose Replacement**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$10,000 for the purchase of firefighting hose and related equipment including all costs related thereto or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 8: Highway Department: Road Machinery Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting to increase the authorized expenditure level of the Road Machinery Fund from the current level of \$10,000 to a new authorized level of \$25,000, or take any other action related thereto.

