

**TOWN WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OCTOBER 29, 2012**

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 Monday, October 29, 2012 at 7 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles of this warrant and further, to meet at the Penn Brook School Gymnasium in said Town, on the 6th day of November, 2012 (Tuesday), where the polls will be open from 7 o'clock A.M. until 8 o'clock P.M., to vote by ballot for the following:

Ballot Question

QUESTION # 4

Shall the Town of Georgetown be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to finance the design, construction and original equipping of a new elementary school building, including costs incidental or related thereto?

_____ Yes _____ No

ARTICLE 1: Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2013 operating budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 2 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of adjusting line items in the FY 2013 budget, and other departmental transfers if needed, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for this purpose, or take any other action in relation thereto. (*STM13-01*)

ARTICLE 2: Penn Brook School

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for the design, construction and original equipping of a new Penn Brook Elementary School located at 68 Elm Street, 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 Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). 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 Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) Fifty Four point Seventy Six percent (54.76 %) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (STM13-02)

A 2/3 vote is required to approve this article.

ARTICLE 3: Elm Street Rehabilitation \$1.8 million

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of rehabilitating, reconstructing, or otherwise improving Elm Street, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (STM13-03)

If the Town intends to borrow, a 2/3 vote is required to approve this article.

ARTICLE 4: Middle/High School Feasibility Study \$85,000

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for a feasibility study for renovation to the Middle/High School located at 11 Winter Street, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (STM13-04)

If the Town intends to borrow, a 2/3 vote is required to approve this article.

ARTICLE 5: Capital Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed \$215,000 (Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand dollars) to the Capital Fund, a special purpose stabilization fund created by vote of the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, said funds to be further appropriated by Town Meeting for improvements and/or repairs to municipal buildings and infrastructure, or take any other action in relation thereto. (STM13-08)

A 2/3 vote is required to approve this article.

ARTICLE 6: Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to not to exceed \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto. (*STM13-09*)

A 2/3 vote is required to approve this article.

ARTICLE 7: Debt Rescension of Authorized Debt

To see if the Town will vote to rescind borrowing authorizations no longer considered necessary, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (*STM13-05*)

ARTICLE 8: Special Education Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing the FY2013 School Department budget to fund additional costs related to special education, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (*STM13-06*)

ARTICLE 9: Highway Department Approval of a lease greater than 3 years

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for a period up to ten (10) years to lease or lease/purchase and equip a Cat 246C Skid Steer Loader or similar equipment, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (*STM13-07*)

ARTICLE 10: Transfer from Overlay Surplus

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Overlay Surplus Account for the purpose of paying interest related to an abatement of FY2009 personal property taxes assessed upon Verizon New England, Inc., or to take any other action in relation thereto. (*STM13-11*)