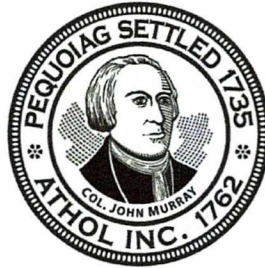


**TOWN OF ATHOL  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT**



**MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021**

**7:00 P.M.**

**ATHOL MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**584 Main Street**

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING CONVENES AT 6:30 PM  
COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATIONS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING CONVENES AT 7:00 PM**

***PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND!***

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Worcester, S.S.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Athol, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Athol, qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Memorial Building in said Athol, on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on following articles:

- Article 1** To see if the Town will vote to choose all necessary Town Officers not already elected; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 2** To see if the Town will vote to review and act upon the reports of Town Offices and to receive the reports of any committee; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 3** To see if the Town will vote to accept all donations and gifts received and turned into the treasury during fiscal year 2022; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 4** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 5** To see if the Town will vote to accept all cemetery and other funds received and provided to the treasury during fiscal year 2022; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 6** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 7** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Manager to apply for, accept and expend any and all State and Federal grants for fiscal year 2022, for which no additional appropriation by the Town is required; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 8** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds or transfer such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for fiscal year 2022 and make appropriations for same; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds or transfer from Capital Program unexpended funds or by borrowing a sum of money for the fiscal year 2022 Capital Improvement Plan as recommended by the Capital Program Committee; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 10** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds or transfer from the Water Enterprise reserve account a sum of money for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Water Division; *or act in relation thereto.*

- Article 11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds or transfer from the Sewer Enterprise reserve account a sum of money for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Sewer Division; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 12** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding future Revaluations and Interim Year Value Adjustments, as required under MGL c. 58, sections 11A and 3, and MGL c. 59, section 2A. Such funding is to cover all aspects of revaluation including, but not limited to, statistical analysis, sales analysis, video imaging, field reviews, software and all other tasks deemed necessary for successful completion of state mandated requirements; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 13** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the fiscal year 2022 assessment to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 14** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the fiscal year 2022 assessment to the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 15** To see if the Town will vote to set the salaries of several elected officers and appointed positions of the boards of the Town for fiscal year 2022:
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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Moderator                      | \$ 210.00   |
| Selectmen, Chair               | \$ 1,735.00 |
| Selectmen, all other (4)       | \$ 1,446.00 |
| Assessors, Chair               | \$ 1,735.00 |
| Assessors, all other (1)       | \$ 1,446.00 |
| Constable                      | - None -    |
| Board of Health, Chair         | \$ 1,735.00 |
| Board of Health, all other (2) | \$ 1,446.00 |
| Library Trustees               | - None -    |
| School Committee               | - None -    |
- or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Department of Public Works/Water Division Enterprise Fund; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 17** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Department of Public Works/Sewer Division Enterprise Fund; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 18** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Department of Public Works /Transfer/Recycling Enterprise Fund; *or act in relation thereto.*



**Article 19** To see if the Town will to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the "Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund;" *or act in relation thereto.*

**Article 20** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the following revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for fiscal year 2022; *or act in relation thereto.*

<b>Revolving fund</b>	<b>Authorized to spend</b>	<b>Revenue source</b>	<b>Use of fund</b>	<b>FY2022 spending limit</b>
Plumbing Inspection	Selectmen	Plumbing Inspection fees	Pay plumbing insp. & asst. plumb. insp.	\$20,000
Recycling	Board of Health Town Manager	Grants, bulky waste, PAYT, recycling containers, compost bins	Expenses and equipment	\$20,000
Gas Inspections	Selectmen	Gas inspection fees	Pay gas insp. & asst. gas insp.	\$10,000
Waste Facility Debt	Town Manager	Sewer user fees	Pay upgrade debt	\$60,000
Trench Permit	Building Dept.	Permit Fees & Reimbursement	Enforcement	\$5,000
Vaccinations	Board of Health	Insurance Reimbursements & User Fees	Public Health Administration	\$25,000
Recreation	Recreation Commission	Registration Fees	Program Administration	\$10,000
Memorial Building	Memorial Building Cmte.	Building Use Fees and Donations	Maintenance and Improvements to Memorial Building	\$20,000
Athol Fire HAZMAT Fund	Fire Chief; Fire Department	Fees & Reimbursements	Training, Equipment and Expenses	\$10,000

**Article 21** To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the following revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53C and Section 53F¾ for fiscal year 2022; *or act in relation thereto.*

<b>Revolving fund</b>	<b>Authorized to spend</b>	<b>Revenue source</b>	<b>Use of fund</b>	<b>FY2022 spending limit</b>
Police Detail	Police Chief	Contractors	Pay police	\$200,000
PEG Access and Cable Related	Town Manager	Cable franchise fees and related revenues	In accordance with by-laws and the cable operator franchise agreement	\$200,000

**Article 22** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of demolishing or securing unsafe structures and to remove debris and other materials for the health and safety of the public and ancillary costs thereto; *or to act in relation thereto.*

- Article 23** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of paying the outstanding balance due for the town-wide streetlight conversion project; *or to act in relation thereto.*
- Article 24** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of reimbursing wage deferrals for certain town employees in fiscal year 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic; *or to act in relation thereto.*
- Article 25** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of completing installation of luminaires and maintenance on the Town's decorative pedestrian streetlights downtown and at the Uptown Common; *or to act in relation thereto.*
- Article 26** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of developing and initiating cyber-security and related upgrades to the information technology infrastructure of various town departments; *or to act in relation thereto.*
- Article 27** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of completing capital improvements and repairs to the Veterans Park and its environs; *or to act in relation thereto.*
- Article 28** To see if the Town will vote to accept provisions of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016 ("An Act Modernizing Municipal Finance and Government") Sections 26, 27 and 30, allowing the Town to establish Parking Benefits Districts, in which parking revenue collected therein may be designated in whole or in part for use in that district through a dedicated fund in accordance with the purposes and uses listed in Section 22A of Chapter 40; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 29** To see if the Town will vote to reimburse the Stabilization Account from money received from New England Equestrian Land Management Conservation Corporation for the construction of a road in the Equestrian Park for vehicle traffic as voted at the June 13, 2011 Annual Town Meeting; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 30** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Capital Stabilization Fund, *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 31** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; *or act in relation thereto.*

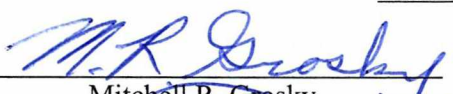
The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on the foregoing articles beginning on Monday, May 17, 2021 in the Memorial Building at 5:30 p.m.

You are hereby directed to serve the warrant by posting attested copies hereof at Hannaford Supermarket, Market Basket Supermarket, Quabbin Valley Healthcare, the Post Office of said Town and the Memorial Building of said Town and by publishing a notice of said meeting in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

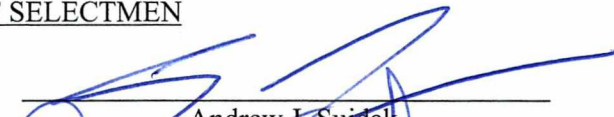
Hereof, fail not, and make due return of the warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk of the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year two thousand and twenty-one.

ATHOL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mitchell R. Grosky

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Stephen R. Raymond

  
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Andrew J. Sujdak

  
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Alan D. Dodge

  
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Rebecca J. Blalecki, Chairman

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at Hannaford Supermarket, Market Basket Supermarket, Quabbin Valley Healthcare, the Post Office of said Town and the Memorial Building and a notice published in the Athol Daily News having general circulation in the Town on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021. I mailed a copy, postage prepaid, to each member of the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee, Moderator, Town Counsel and the Board of Planning and Community Development and have returned this warrant to the Clerk of the Town of Athol on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 with my doings hereon.

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, Constable



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**Article 1:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the remaining amount borrowed for the below purposes, as approved and no longer necessary to pay costs of that purpose, to pay costs of improvements to the designated purposes as outlined below; *or take any action in relation thereto.*

Authorization Dates	Article	Purpose	Unspent Proceeds	Purpose Transferred To	Authorization Date	Article
10/21/2013 1/13/2014	22 1	Athol Elementary School	\$794,752.30	Town Hall Cupola and Roof	9/14/20	22

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- FWAC
- CPC

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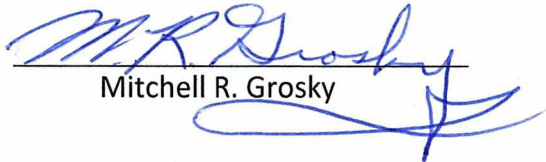
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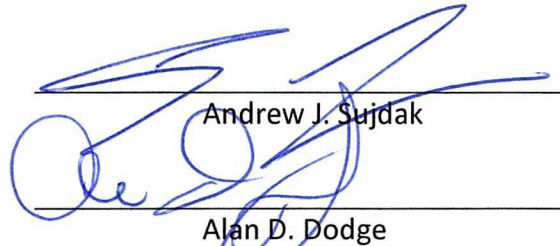
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Given under our hands this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year two thousand and twenty-one.

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