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***Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
Warrant for Special Town Meeting
October 6, 2022***

BERKSHIRE: ss:

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at six o'clock in the evening (6:00 PM) on Thursday, October 6, 2022 in the Town Offices Gymnasium, located at 21 State Line Road, in the Village of West Stockbridge, to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,070.00 for the purchase of online backup services for the Town computer system, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Police Department operations budget approved under the Motion for Article 12 of the May 9, 2022 Annual Town Meeting, and vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for fiscal year 2023, as follows:

	FY23 Budget <u>Adjustment</u>
Part Time Patrol Officer Salary	(\$ 50,000)
Full Time Officers Salary	\$107,353
Full Time Officers Holiday Pay	\$ 4,492
Full Time Officer Personal & Sick Payout	\$ 14,235
Fitness Stipend	\$ 2,250
EMT Incentive	\$ 800
Education Incentive	\$ 2,500

or take any other action in relation thereto

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk’s Office, by making several ministerial changes, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Change</u>
5	5-1 (F)	At least two one public hearings shall be held previous to the Annual Meeting, at which time all interested taxpayers may be heard as to the appropriations to be voted upon at Town Meeting.

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Change</u>
45	45-16 (N)	Delete entirely N. Inspector of Gas Piping and Gas Appliances.
125	125-4 (B)	Insert the word Assessor in the last paragraph A copy of the disclosure notification shall be provided by the Town Assessor to landowners each fiscal year by mail.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Office of the Town Clerk, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

1. Amend the table in Section 4.11.1 so that all references to “SPS” read “SPP” (rows 7, 8, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 29, 30, 32 and 37).
2. Amend the table in Section 4.11.2 so that all references to “SPS” read “SPP (rows 14, and 15)
3. Amend introductory paragraph of Section 6.7.2 to read as follows:

*The following signs may be displayed ~~with a permit from the Select Board issued~~ in accordance with the provisions of the Town’s **Zoning Sign Bylaw**, section 6.7.*

4. Amend Paragraph c. of Section 6.7.3 to read as follows:

No sign shall be located off the premises to which it applies, except that directional, informational or identification signs may be allowed ~~by the Select Board~~ where such signs will serve the public convenience and not be detrimental to the neighborhood with respect to size, location, or design.

5. Amend Paragraph e. of Section 6.7.3 to read as follows:

No portable sign of any type will be allowed except for a period of not more than three days ~~with a special permit from the Select Board~~ at a maximum square footage of 5 sq. ft. per side. This will be allowed up to four (4) time per calendar year.

6. In section 6.7.2.d change the word "business" to "commercial"

Article 6: To do and transact any other business to be done by the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.


Given under our hands this 19th day of September 2022.

Kathleen Keresey 

Andrew Potter 

Andrew Krouss 

West Stockbridge Select Board, I certify that I have posted true and attested copies of this warrant at the Post Office at West Stockbridge, at State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.

Attested:  Constable

Date: 9/19/22