

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Town of Buckland
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Buckland in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Greetings:

You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the **Mohawk Trail Regional School Parking Lot, 26 Ashfield Road, at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 27, 2020** then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

To see if the Town will instruct the Town Clerk to report on the election of officers as follows:

Select Board (1)	for three years
Town Clerk (1)	for three years
Board of Assessors (1)	for three years
Board of Health (1)	for three years
Constable (1)	for three years
Finance Committee (2)	for three years
Moderator (1)	for one year
Mohawk Regional High School (1)	for two years
Mohawk Regional High School (1)	for three years
Buckland Library Trustee (1)	for three years

ARTICLE 2: REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Reports of Town Officers; or take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 3: SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for Elected Officials' Salaries for Fiscal 2021, as line item appropriations, as recommended by the Finance Committee in the Town of Buckland Fiscal 2021 Operating Budget Report, dated June 9, 2020; or take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 4: TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money to fund the Town Operating Budget for Fiscal 2021, as line item appropriations, as recommended by the Finance Committee in the Town of Buckland Fiscal 2021 Operating Budget Report, dated June 9, 2020; or take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 5: SPECIAL LINE ITEMS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of funding Special Line Items in the Town Operating Budget for Fiscal 2021, as line item appropriations, as recommended by the Finance Committee, in the Town of Buckland Fiscal 2021 Operating Budget Report, dated June 9, 2020, and, further to authorize that unspent amounts in said line items may be carried forward for use in following fiscal years without further appropriation; or take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 6: MOHAWK TRAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Operating Assessment for Fiscal 2021; or take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 7: MOHAWK TRAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL ASSESSMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Capital Assessment for Fiscal 2021; or take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 8: TUITION AND TRANSPORTATION FOR SMITH VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for tuition and transportation of students to Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School; or take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 9: FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL OPERATING ASSESSMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Franklin County Technical School Operating Assessment for Fiscal 2021; or take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 10: FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL CAPITAL ASSESSMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Franklin County Technical School Capital Assessment for Fiscal 2021; or take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 11: SHELBURNE FALLS WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money to fund the operation and maintenance of the Shelburne Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility, an Enterprise Fund, for which a sum of money will be raised from anticipated receipts from the Buckland user assessment as a line item appropriation, and for which a sum of money will be raised from anticipated receipts from the Town of Shelburne (pursuant to the operation agreement), as recommended by the Finance Committee in the Town of Buckland Fiscal 2021 Budget Report, dated June 9, 2020; or take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 12: CAPITAL AND/OR DEBT EXPENSES FOR THE SHELBURNE FALLS WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY ENTERPRISE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money, which is the estimated cost of capital and/or debt expenses for the Shelburne Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility, an Enterprise Fund, for which a sum of money will be raised from anticipated receipts from the Town of Buckland user assessment, as a line item appropriation, and/or the Buckland Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings as recommended by the Finance Committee in the Town of Buckland Fiscal 2021 Operating Budget Report, dated June 9, 2020; or take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 13: SPECIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY LINE ITEMS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of funding Special Line Items in the Wastewater Treatment Facility Enterprise Fund budget for Fiscal 2021, as line item appropriations, as recommended by the Finance Committee, in the Fiscal 2021 Wastewater Treatment Facility Budget Report, dated June 20, 2020; and, further to authorize that unspent amounts in said line items may be carried forward for use in following fiscal years without further appropriation; or take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 14: TOWN DEBT SERVICE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money to pay short term interest and interest and principle on Town debt, as shown in the chart below; or take any action relating thereto.

Project	Amount	Source of Funds	Excluded Debt
Town Hall Renovation	\$28,844	Raise & Appropriate	Yes
Short Term Interest – Highway Garage	\$16,567	Raise & Appropriate	Yes
TOTAL	\$45,411		

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ARTICLE 15: TOWN CAPITAL EXPENSES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money to be placed in departmental Capital Accounts, as shown in the chart below; or take any other action relative thereto.

Account	Purpose	Amount	Source of Funds
Buckland Museum	Bldg Repairs	\$3,000	Free Cash
Police Department Expenses	Police Radios	\$10,000	Free Cash
Highway Expenses	Road Repairs & Paving	\$50,000	Free Cash
	TOTAL	\$60,000	

ARTICLE 16: COVID-19 MICRO LOAN FUNDING STRATEGY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000 from Special Fund Account entitled Franklin County Housing Authority Housing Rehab Reimbursement to General Fund Account Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for FY19 CDBG Grant Match; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: CONWAY ROAD TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to (a) authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain and on such terms as the Select Board deems appropriate, the fee to and/or permanent and temporary easements in, on, under and over certain parcels of land located on or near Conway Street, Summer Street, South Street, and Conway Road and approximately shown on plans entitled “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Reconstruction & Minor Widening on Conway Street, Summer Street, Summer Street, & Conway Road in the Town of Buckland Franklin County”, prepared by Nitsch Engineering, on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended from time to time and/or incorporated into an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels, for public way purposes, including without limitation, for the construction, installation, inspection, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of rights of way, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, driveways, retaining ways, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, and other structures and/or appurtenances, to enable the Town to undertake the Conway Street Reconstruction Project and for any and all purposes and uses incidental or related thereto; (b) transfer the care, custody, and control of the portions of the Town-owned properties shown on the aforesaid plans from the board or officer having custody of the same for the purposes for which such properties are currently held to the Select Board for the foregoing purposes and further to dedicate said portions of the Town-owned properties to said purposes, and, if applicable, authorize the Select Board to submit petitions to the General Court to permit the foregoing under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution or otherwise; (c) authorize the Select Board to dispose of excess land located outside the altered layout of the foregoing public ways, if any, on such terms and conditions and for such

consideration as the Select Board deems appropriate; (d) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the foregoing project and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land/easement acquisitions, appraisals, and surveys; and, further, (e) authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes; or take any action relating thereto.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office, the Public Library in Buckland Center and Buckland Town Hall, 17 State Street, in said Town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said election and meeting.

Thereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings, thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 9th day of June, in the year Two Thousand Twenty.


ZACHARY J. TURNER - Chair


DENA G. WILLMORE - Member

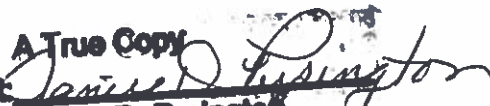

BARRY L. DEL CASTILHO - Member

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

FRANKLIN, SS

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Buckland by posting attested copies of same at three public places and at least seven days before the day hereof, as within directed.

CONSTABLE:  DATE: 6-12-20

A True Copy
Attest: 
Janice D. Purlington
Buckland Town Clerk