

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 09, 2016**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPDEN, SS

To Ms. Laurie Gibbons, Town Clerk of the Town of Ludlow in said County:

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 on Town affairs to meet at the **LUDLOW HIGH SCHOOL**, 500 Chapin Street, Ludlow, Massachusetts on **MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016** at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of acting on the following articles in the warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for **UNPAID BILLS and/or OVEREXPENDED ACCOUNTS OF PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS**. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 2: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the following land parcels and or rights in land parcels for the purposes of obtaining a secure and public right of way. This will allow for the construction of the Bridge Preservation Project (Bridge No. L-16-002=W-35-002(OMA), East Street Bridge over Chicopee River in the Towns of Ludlow and Wilbraham.

Temporary Easements – Parcel TE-1, 2,867 square feet; Parcel TE-3, 7,668 square feet; Parcel TE-5, 4,851 square feet, each as identified on the Plans (defined below).

Further that the Selectmen may acquire these parcels or rights therein, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. This includes donations, purchase or eminent domain. The subject parcels are currently identified on plans drafted by Alfred Benesch & Company, Dated April 5, 2016, Titled Preliminary Right of Way Bridge Preservation (Bridge No. L-16-002=W-35-002 (OMA) East Street Over Chicopee River in the Towns of Ludlow and Wilbraham (the Plans). Further, to raise and appropriate and/or transfer an amount of \$10,000 to defray any associated right of way expenses connected with this project. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto including the execution of construction or other permits required of the servient landowners. Submitted by the Board of Public Works.

ARTICLE 3: 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 Committee for the Boiler Replacement and Partial Roof Replacement for the East Street School in Ludlow, MA, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program 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-Eight and Thirty-Seven Hundredths percent (58.37%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. Submitted by the School Committee.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury and/or from free cash sufficient funds to cover the additional over time expenses incurred by the Police Department; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize an increase in the fees for dog licensure by five dollars (\$5.00) for both spayed/neutered and intact dogs, and further to establish a revolving fund for the Conservation Commission, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53E ½ to receive the additional \$5.00 per dog collected by the Town Clerk, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer and with payments to be expended by the Conservation Commission up to the limit to be established by the Town for the care and maintenance of a dog park to be located within the Town. Said fee structure would be as follows;

by deleting;

Spayed/Neutered	\$10.00
Not Spayed/Neutered	\$15.00

and replacing with:

Spayed/Neutered	\$15.00
Not Spayed/Neutered	\$20.00

Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy Bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, Sections 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws, by deleting the current minimums and maximums and increment steps for Nurses, Schedule VII and replacing them with a new Nurses, Schedule VII, to fund a negotiated settlement with the Ludlow Board of Health Nurses Association on terms to be provided to precinct members at Town Meeting; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Personal Services Accounts for the Ludlow Board of Health Nurses for Fiscal Year 2017 to fund the negotiated pay increases as set forth in the preceding article including the Town's contribution to employee benefits; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same in seven (7) public places in the Town fourteen (14) days before the time of holding said meeting.

A true copy,

ATTEST:

BRIAN M. MANNIX

CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM E. ROONEY

MANUEL D SILVA

CARMINA D. FERNANDES

DEREK G. DEBARGE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

LUDLOW, MASSACHUSETTS

April 5, 2016

I hereby certify that I have posted the above warrant in seven (7) places in the Town of Ludlow.

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Town Clerk