



TOWN OF MENDON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 2, 2025

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS WORCESTER, SS

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF MENDON, in the county of WORCESTER, 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 elections and in Town affairs, to meet at **the Miscoe Hill School** in said **MENDON** on the **2nd day of May next, at 7:00 o'clock** in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote that any motion or amendment to increase any monetary articles or line items as proposed by the Finance Committee, presented at this Town Meeting Shall be OUT OF ORDER unless such motion, or amendment, states the source of funding as being from available free cash, or the line item or article that will be reduced by the same amount; or act or do anything in relation thereto.
ARTICLE 2 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote fix the salaries and compensations of the elected officials of the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.
ARTICLE 3 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from available funds to pay Bills of a Prior Year; or act or do anything in relation thereto. previous articles
ARTICLE 4 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds provided to the Town by the Commonwealth pursuant to so-called Chapter 90 type money and such other funds as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (including its Highway Division) may provide, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (including its Highway Division) for so-called Chapter 90 type money and such other funds allocated to the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.
ARTICLE 5 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, during Fiscal 2026, to acquire on behalf of the Town any and all easements for any of the following purposes: roads, sidewalks, vehicular and/or pedestrian access or passage, drainage and utilities, provided however that such authorization pertains only to easements acquired at no cost to the Town; and, further, to authorize the Select Board, subsequent to a public hearing, during Fiscal 2026 to abandon or relocate easements acquired for any of the foregoing purposes; or otherwise act thereon.
ARTICLE 6 (LUC)	To see if the Town will vote to approve the Mendon Five Year Land Use Program, copies of which are available in the Town Clerk's office and at the town website; or act or do anything in relation thereto.
ARTICLE 7 (CPC)	To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Community Preservation Accounts to fund the Fiscal Year 2026 Police Station Debt Exclusion; or act or do anything in relation thereto
ARTICLE 8 (CPC)	To see if the Town will vote to set aside for later spending from the Fiscal 2026 Community Preservation Revenues (10%) for open space; (10%) for historic preservation; (10%) for Affordable Housing, (65%) Budgeted Reserve and (5%) for administration; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9 (CPC)	To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Community Preservation Accounts to fund the Fiscal Year 2026 Affordable Housing Coordinator Position; or act or do anything in relation thereto.																		
ARTICLE 10 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to repay to a retiree an overpayment of insurance premium deductions remitted to the Town.																		
ARTICLE 11 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay a misclassified water study expense.																		
ARTICLE 12 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the fiscal 2025 snow and ice removal deficit.																		
ARTICLE 13 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase new garage doors for the Fire Station.																		
ARTICLE 14 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from available funds for Police Department State/Federal General Matching Grants; or act or do anything in relation thereto.																		
ARTICLE 15 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing fiscal year; or act or do anything in relation thereto.																		
ARTICLE 16 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the water enterprise fund; or take any other action relative thereto.																		
ARTICLE 17 (SELECT BOARD)	<div> <div>To see if the Town will vote to set the limits on the Revolving Funds in accordance with M.G L.C. 53 E1/2 as follows; or act or do anything in relation thereto.</div> <table> <tr> <th>Revolving Fund</th><th>Limit on Spending</th></tr> <tr> <td>Library</td><td>\$6,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Planning Board</td><td>\$30,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Highway</td><td>\$25,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Conservation Commission</td><td>\$25,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Parks</td><td>\$250,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fire Department</td><td>\$10,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Title V (Board of Health)</td><td>\$25,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Police Department</td><td>\$15,000</td></tr> </table> </div>	Revolving Fund	Limit on Spending	Library	\$6,000	Planning Board	\$30,000	Highway	\$25,000	Conservation Commission	\$25,000	Parks	\$250,000	Fire Department	\$10,000	Title V (Board of Health)	\$25,000	Police Department	\$15,000
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ARTICLE 18 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the municipal subscriber curbside trash and recycling services as an enterprise fund, effective Fiscal 2026; or take any other action relative thereto.																		
ARTICLE 19 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the Fiscal 2026 portion of the Update Valuation Account; or act or do anything in relation thereto																		
ARTICLE 20 (SELECT BOARD)	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available sources a sum of money to fund the Fiscal 2026 portion of the Assessor's Cyclical Inspection Program; or act or do anything in relation thereto																		

ARTICLE 21	To see if the Town will vote to approve the borrowing authorized by the Mendon-Upton Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of roof replacement at the Nipmuc Regional High School located at 90 Pleasant St., Upton, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), 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 District has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the District to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided, however, that this approval is expressly conditioned upon a vote of the Town to exclude the amounts required to repay the Town's allocable share of this debt from the limitation on local property taxes set forth in G.L. c. 59, §21C (also known as Proposition 2½), or any action relative thereto.
(SELECT BOARD)	
ARTICLE 22	To see if the Town will vote to approve the borrowing authorized by the Mendon-Upton Regional School District ("District"), to be expended under the direction of the Mendon-Upton Regional School Committee, for the purpose of paying costs of purchasing equipment and various upgrades and remodeling projects in and for the District's four schools, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; or any action relative thereto.
(SELECT BOARD)	
ARTICLE 23	To see if the Town will vote to approve the borrowing authorized by the Mendon-Upton Regional School District ("District"), to be expended under the authority of the Mendon-Upton Regional School Committee, for the purpose of paying costs of renovating and constructing outdoor recreational facilities, press box, concession stand, bathrooms and buildings at the District's Nipmuc School and renovating and construction outdoor recreational facilities at the District's Miscoe School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; or any action relative thereto.
(SELECT BOARD)	
ARTICLE 24	To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Community Preservation Accounts to fund field work for MURSD fields in conjunction with Upton CPA funds; or act or do anything in relation thereto.
(CPC)	
ARTICLE 25	To see if the Town will vote to amend Mendon Zoning By-laws Article V Section 5.05 (Age Restricted Mixed Use Overlay District) and corresponding map to include 3 North Ave (8-177-6-0) and 6 Milford St (8-177-6-0).
(PLANNING)	
ARTICLE 26	To see if the Town will vote to amend Mendon Zoning By-laws Article V Section 5.03 (Flood Hazard Overlay District) to comply with FEMA regulations and NFIP eligibility.
(PLANNING)	
ARTICLE 27	To see if the Town will vote to approve the creation of a stabilization account for Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District.
(SELECT BOARD)	
ARTICLE 28	To see if the town will vote to transfer from free cash for future purchase, of a self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department.
(SELECT BOARD)	
ARTICLE 29	To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter XXVIII Wetlands Protection By-law of the Mendon General By-laws; or take any other action relative thereto.
(CONSERVATION)	
ARTICLE 30	To see if the Town will vote to amend the Mendon General By-laws Chapter II Sec. 14 to allow electronic voting at Town Meeting
(SELECT BOARD)	

ARTICLE 31	To see if the Town will vote to amend the Mendon General By-laws Chapter II Sec. 2 to amend the Town Election date.
(SELECT BOARD)	
ARTICLE 32	To see if the Town will vote to amend the Mendon General By-laws Chapter III Sec. 10 to amend employment eligibility for former elected positions.
(SELECT BOARD)	
ARTICLE 33	To see if the Town will vote to amend the Mendon General By-laws to use gender neutral language throughout.
(SELECT BOARD)	
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HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this **ninth** day of **April**, in the year two thousand twenty five.

Alejia Bruns

Mr. [Signature]

Michael [Signature]

_____ **Select Board of Mendon**

A True copy, Attest:

Ellen S. Algeo, Town Clerk

Worcester, ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon by posting up attested copies of the same at:

Town Hall; Town Hall Website: Mendon Post Office, Mendon Senior Center, Taft Public Library

17 days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

KG Ward #532, Constable Officer

4/15/25