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WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024, 7:10 PM*
CONCORD-CARLISLE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
500 WALDEN STREET

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE
All at 7:00 P.M. at the Town House and via Zoom

SELECT BOARD & FINANCE COMMITTEE
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
(Snow Date: April 17, 2024)

PLANNING BOARD

No Public Hearing
(No Zoning Articles filed)

****AND SUBSEQUENT DAYS AS NEEDED****

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

Middlesex, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Concord, in said County,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the legal voters of said Town of Concord, qualified to vote at Town Meeting for the transaction of Town affairs, to meet at the Concord-Carlisle Regional High School at 500 Walden Street, in said town, on Wednesday, the first day of May, 2024, at 7:10 o'clock in the evening, by posting a printed copy of this Warrant by you attested, at the Town House. Further a copy thereof shall be posted on the Town's website and mailed to every household at least fourteen days before the Special Town Meeting, then and there to act upon the following Articles:

IN-TOWN UTILITY SCALE BATTERY

Article 1. To determine whether the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow by the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes under the provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws c. 44 or any other authority, a sum not to exceed \$10,400,000 for the design and construction of grid-scale battery storage in the Town of Concord, the funds so borrowed to be expended for engineering design and legal services; hearings; permits and other approvals; material, construction, and installation specifications; bid preparation; materials purchase; construction and installation services; control systems; and distribution and expansions, upgrades and improvements, and to be repaid in the first instance from revenues of the Concord Municipal Light Plant, or take any other action relative thereto.

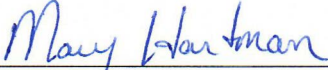
This article authorizes the Concord Municipal Light Plant to borrow money to pay for the design and construction of utility-scale battery storage within the Town of Concord to improve the resilience of the distribution system; allow for continued in-town solar expansion; and lower the regional electricity peaks, which is good for the environment and saves rate payers money. Because of its relationship to the work done by the Solar Implementation Task Force, this article is intended to replace Article 33 within the Annual Town Meeting.


While the project costs are still being developed, it is anticipated that additional monies from various federal and state incentive programs will be made available to help defray some of the costs of construction.

The addition of utility-scale battery storage is consistent with voters' intent for reducing total greenhouse gas emissions as set forth in the goals of Concord's Climate Action and Resiliency Plan, which looks to site 60MWh of in-town storage by 2030.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this 5th day of April in the year two thousand twenty-four.


Henry Deane, Chair


Mary Hartman, Clerk


Terri Ackerman


Linda Escobedo


Mark Howell

SELECT BOARD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

Concord April 5, 2024
Date

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the legal voters of the Town of Concord to meet at the times and places and for the purposes within named as directed.


Constable of Concord

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

7:10 PM

**Concord-Carlisle Regional High School
500 Walden Street**

The deadline for unregistered residents to register to vote at the Special Town Meeting is Friday, April 19, 2024.



Scan the QR Code to visit the 2024 Special Town Meeting webpage or visit concordma.gov/STM2024



Town Meeting can be viewed LIVE on TV through Minuteman Media Network (MMN) on the Government Channel, channel 9.

You can also watch online by visiting minuteman.media or concordma.gov/TM2024

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