



WARRANT

For

Special Town Meeting

September 23, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School
Auditorium

**Please bring this warrant with you to the Town Meeting
and please recycle it after the meeting.**

Thank you.

CHAPTER II

RULES AND PROCEDURE OF TOWN MEETINGS

SECTION 1. All articles in the warrant shall be taken up in the order of their arrangement, unless otherwise decided by a two-thirds vote, except that unanimous consent shall be required for inclusion of an Article in a “Consent Motion” group of Articles that will be taken up by the meeting for voting on the group.

SECTION 2. In case of motions to amend, or to fill out blanks, the one expressing the largest sum or the longest time shall be put first, and an affirmative vote thereon shall be a negative vote on any smaller sum or shorter time.

SECTION 3. The report of a committee shall be deemed properly before a meeting if a request for its acceptance is included in an article of the warrant and a copy is published in the Special Report or is filed with the Town Clerk fifteen days prior to the meeting. A vote to accept a final report shall discharge the committee but shall not be equivalent to a vote to carry out its recommendations. A vote on recommendations included in a committee report shall only be in order under an article to that effect in the warrant. A vote to accept a report of progress shall continue the committee under its original authority unless otherwise specified.

SECTION 4. If an article of the Warrant has once been acted upon and disposed of, it shall not be again considered at the meeting except by a two-thirds vote.

SECTION 5. No money shall be appropriated from the Stabilization Fund except by a 2/3 vote at a Town Meeting.

SECTION 6. Only registered voters of the Town shall be admitted and entitled to vote at any Annual or Special meeting provided that upon prior request the Moderator may admit to the meeting persons who are not registered voters and in his discretion may permit them to speak on a subject. Any person so permitted to speak at a meeting shall announce his full name and address to the meeting.

SECTION 7. Motions at Town Meeting shall be made orally, but the Moderator may require any motion also to be submitted in writing. Unless otherwise directed thereby the Moderator shall appoint all committees created by the vote of the Town.

SECTION 8. The conduct of all Town Meetings not prescribed by law or by the foregoing rules shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in the most current edition of Town Meeting Time, A Handbook of Parliamentary Law.

SECTION 9. On matters requiring a two-thirds vote, either by statute or these By-Laws, a count need not be taken and the vote need not be recorded unless the vote declared is immediately questioned by seven or more voters as provided in General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 15.

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TO THE CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF HAMILTON:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton qualified to vote in election and town affairs, to meet at the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School Auditorium, 775 Bay Road in said town, on Monday, the twenty-third day of September, in the year Two Thousand Twenty-four (September 23, 2024) at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 p.m.), then and there to act on the following articles.

SECTION 1: ELECTIONS, REPORTS, PROCEDURES

<p>ARTICLE 2024/9 1-2</p> <p><i>Reports</i></p>	<p>To hear any reports of Town Officers and selected committees and to take action thereon or relative thereto.</p>
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SECTION 2: FINANCIAL ACTIONS

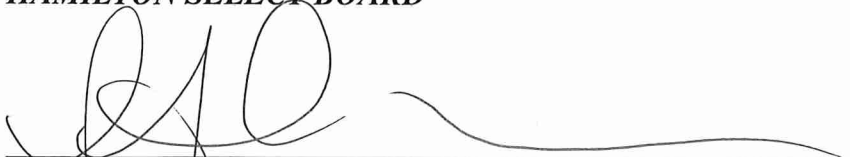
<p>ARTICLE 2024/9 2-1</p> <p><i>Community Preservation – Town Hall Project</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate \$1,500,000 for the restoration, rehabilitation and preservation of the historic Town Hall located at 577 Bay Road as set forth in an application dated August 8, 2024 approved by the Community Preservation Committee and on file with the Town Clerk, including but not limited to design, project management and construction costs, and all incidental and related costs, i.e., those project costs designated by the Community Preservation Committee as eligible to be funded under the Community Preservation Act; such sum to be added to the amounts previously appropriated under Article 2020/11 2-7, Article 2021/5 2-14 and Article 2023/11 2-2; and to meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under G.L. 44B, §11, G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8 and/or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and while these will be general obligation bonds of the Town, it is anticipated that they shall be repaid through the Community Preservation Fund; provided, however, that the expenditure of these funds shall not be authorized if the Town Hall project fails to commence by September 23, 2026; and further, to amend the votes taken under under Article 2020/11 2-7 and Article 2021/5 2-14, as amended by the vote taken under Article 2022/10 3-2, and the vote under Article 2023/11 2-2, to extend the period of time when construction of the Town Hall project must commence from November 15, 2024 to September 23, 2026, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.</p> <p><i>A 2/3 vote is required to approve this article.</i></p>
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	<p>Brief Summary: <i>This article seeks to appropriate additional funds for the Town Hall Renovation Project. The Town has completed the design for the Project and recently solicited bids for the construction work. However, the bids exceed the available appropriation. As a result, in order to proceed with the Project, the Town is seeking additional funds to cover increases in construction costs.</i></p> <p>Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Rate Impact: <i>The Community Preservation Budget is allocated from a 2% surcharge on to the property tax plus State matching funds. This is noted as a separate line item on your tax bill.</i></p> <p>The Select Board (4-0) recommends favorable action. The CPC (6-0) recommends favorable action. The Finance and Advisory Committee (4 -0) recommends favorable action.</p>
<p>ARTICLE 2024/9 2-2</p> <p><i>Town Hall Project (Free Cash)</i></p>	<p>To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$500,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the Town Hall Renovation Project, including all incidental and related costs, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.</p> <p>Brief Summary: <i>This article seeks to appropriate additional funds from Free Cash for the Town Hall Renovation Project and is intended to cover those costs which are not eligible for CPA funding. The Town has completed the design for the Project and recently solicited bids for the construction work. However, the bids exceed the available appropriation. As a result, in order to proceed with the Project, the Town is seeking additional funds to cover increases in construction costs.</i></p> <p>Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Rate Impact: <i>None.</i></p> <p>The Select Board (4-0) recommends favorable action. The Finance and Advisory Committee (4-0) recommends favorable action.</p>


ADJOURNMENT

Given under our hands this 3rd day of
SEPTEMBER, 2024.

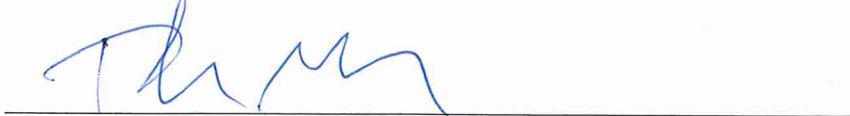
HAMILTON SELECT BOARD



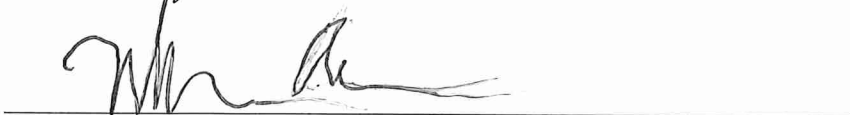
Caroline Q. Beaulieu, Chair



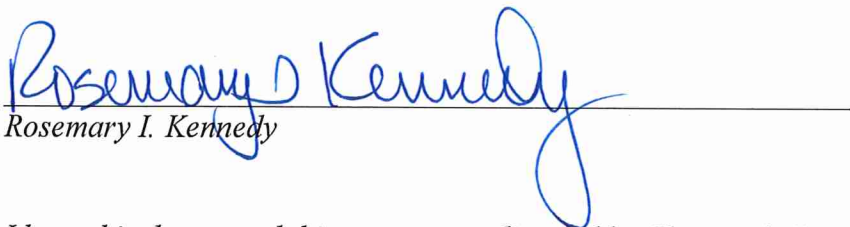
William W. Wilson



Thomas B. Myers



William A. Olson



Rosemary I. Kennedy

Hamilton, Massachusetts

I have this day served this warrant as directed by Chapter 1, Section 1b of the Town By-laws.



Constable, Town of Hamilton

9/6/2024
Date