



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
October 18, 2021**

Plymouth, ss.

To the Constable(s) of the Town of Rochester in the County of Plymouth,

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 Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street in said Town on Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 at seven p.m. (7:00 p.m.) in the evening to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1: AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations Pertaining to Dogs in Section 2 by adding the following paragraph:

Notwithstanding any provisions of this by-law to the contrary, the licensing period for all dogs shall begin on January 1st and continue through March 31st of each year. Any person licensing their dog on or after April 1 of any given year shall pay, in addition to the annual licensing fee, a late fee of \$25.00. per license. The Town Clerk shall transmit said late fee(s) to the dog fund in the same manner as all other fees, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2: ASSESSORS CAMA SYSTEM**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the licensing and installation of a CAMA system for the purpose of ongoing valuation of properties in Rochester, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 3: ASSESSORS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to increase the appropriation previously voted under Article 4, line item 4-16, of the May 24, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, for Assessors' Software and Support Services, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 4: APPROPRIATION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for consulting services for the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 5: FACILITIES DEPARTMENT UTILITY TRUCK SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to supplement the appropriation previously voted under Article 4 of the November 16, 2020 Special Town Meeting for a Facilities Department Utility Truck with Plow, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 6: BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SELECT BOARD NAME CHANGE**

To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the executive body of the Town of Rochester from the Board of Selectmen to the "Select Board," and individual members, previously known as Selectmen, to "Select Board members" and further affirm that, upon the effective date of such change, the term "Board of Selectmen" shall be taken to mean "Select Board", the term "Selectmen" shall be taken to mean "Select Board member" under any general or special law and for the purposes of all by-laws, regulations, contracts, agreements or other documents that refer to or are applicable to the Town of Rochester, or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 7: HOME RULE PETITION – SPECIAL LEGISLATION CONCERNING RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a Home Rule Petition with the General Court for a special law authorizing the Town to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises for property located within the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District.

The proposed Special Act would read as follows:

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ROCHESTER TO GRANT AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK OFF THE PREMISES**

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the local licensing authority of the Town of Rochester may grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises, under section 15 of said chapter 138, to any establishment located within the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District in the town of Rochester, Massachusetts. The license shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

(b) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license granted under this section to any other location but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a

letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

(c) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this section or any such license is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority, and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location under the same conditions as specified in this section.

(d) All licenses granted under this section shall be issued within 1 year after the effective date of this act; provided, however, that a license originally granted within that time period may be granted to a new applicant under subsections (b) or (c) thereafter.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

And that the Board may make modifications and changes which do not affect the substance of the Act.

or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 8: RESCIND BORROWING AUTHORIZATION**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the previously approved borrowing authorization for the purchase of land on Rounseville Road as approved on the 6/22/2020 Annual Town Meeting, Article 18, with the unissued amount of \$160,000, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 9: AMEND AND RESTATE THE REGIONAL AGREEMENT OF THE OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

To see if the Town will vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing “Agreement among the Towns of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester with Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District”, to amend and restate the existing regional agreement of the Old Rochester Regional School District by approving and accepting the amendment and restatement initiated and approved by a vote of the Regional School Committee and submitted to the Board of Selectmen of each member town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 10: APPROVE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND BY THE OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the establishment of a Capital Stabilization Fund by the Old Rochester Regional School District, to be known as the Regional School District Capital Fund, to pay costs of capital repairs, renovations, and improvements to the regional district school and its associated facilities, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 16G 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto.

## **ARTICLE 11: SOLAR CANOPIES**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease of real property and/or air rights for the creation of solar canopies over municipal parking lots owned by the Town at the Rochester at the Rochester Memorial School. Said project shall be subject to the procedures for site plan review before the Rochester Planning Board, or to take any other action relative thereto.

## **ARTICLE 12: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to be added to the Road Improvements Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

## **ARTICLE 13: STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 14: CITIZEN'S PETITION** – *Petitioner has not returned a signed petition with the required 100 signatures yet.*

Given under our hands **this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.**

Rochester Board of Selectmen:

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Brad Morse, Chairman

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Greenwood Hartley III, Vice Chairman

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Paul Ciaburri, Clerk

By virtue of this Warrant, I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Rochester, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street, in said Town on Monday the **18<sup>th</sup> of October 2021** at the time and place for the purpose herein named by posting up attested copies thereon in the following places:

Rochester Post Office  
Outside the Rochester Town Hall  
Plumb Library  
Council on Aging  
Rochester Web Site

A true copy:

Attest

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Constable

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