

**WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 2023
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Carlisle in the County of Middlesex:

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 Town affairs, to meet in the Corey Auditorium at the Carlisle Public School, 83 Church Street, and at Benfield Farms at 575 South Street, in said Carlisle on Monday, October 16th, at seven o'clock in the evening, and thereafter continuing from day to day until completed, then and there to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1 – Long-Term Capital Requirements Committee Amendment: To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by removing section 3.10, and to renumber the remaining sections appropriately, or to take any other action related thereto. (SELECT BOARD)

Summary: This article proposes that the Town eliminate the Long-Term Capital Requirements Committee from the General Bylaws. The rationale for this change is to increase the efficiency of long-term capital management and ensure compliance with evolving procurement law. The Select Board, the Town Administrator, or designee, can assemble advisory boards when necessary to help make decisions about the Town's long-term capital requirements.

- The Finance Committee and Select Board will make recommendations through a report at the Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE 2 - Town Building Committee Amendment: To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by removing section 3.16, and to renumber the remaining sections appropriately, or to take any other action related thereto. (SELECT BOARD)

Summary: This article proposes that the Town eliminate the Town Building Committee from the General Bylaws. The rationale for this change is to increase the efficiency of the design, construction and renovation of public buildings and ensure compliance with evolving procurement law. The Select Board, the Town Administrator, or designee. can

assemble advisory boards when necessary to help make decisions about the Town's public buildings.

- The Finance Committee and Select Board will make recommendations through a report at the Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE 3 – Establish an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40, §5B, to establish an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, to be used, upon further appropriation, for the purposes of implementing the abatement strategies set forth in the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements, dated March 4, 2022; and further, to transfer from available funds a sum of money equal to that received or to be received by the Town from opioid litigation settlements resulting from the Town's participation in the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements into said Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund; or take any other action related thereto. (SELECT BOARD)

Summary: The Select Board opted into the state's opioid settlement with several drug manufacturers, resulting in additional revenue for the town. The state mandated that these funds be used for specific purposes related to mitigating opioid abuse. The stabilization fund captures these revenues in a separate fund for accounting purposes and allows residents to vote at Town Meeting to allocate these funds for specific use. Included in the establishment of this fund is moving previously received settlement revenues into the fund for immediate availability.

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ARTICLE 4 – Accept Fourth Paragraph of Chapter 40, Section 5B: To see if the Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Chapter 40, Section 5B, of the Massachusetts General Laws, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be effective for all fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2024; or take any other action related thereto. (SELECT BOARD)

Summary: In connection with the establishment of an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, the acceptance of the fourth paragraph of G.L. c. 40, § 5B, allows funds received through the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements to be dedicated to that fund without the need for further appropriation.

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ARTICLE 5 – Dedicate Receipts from Statewide Opioid Settlement: To see if the Town will vote to dedicate all or a percentage, which may not be less than 25 percent, of the receipts from the Statewide Opioid Settlements, as defined in the State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements, to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund established in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, effective for the fiscal year 2025, beginning on July 1, 2024; or take any other action related thereto. (SELECT BOARD)

Summary: Passage of this article puts into effect the dedication of receipts from the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund.

- The Finance Committee and Select Board will make recommendations through a report at the Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE 6 – Appropriating Opioid Settlement Funds for Immediate Use: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Three Dollars and 23 cents (\$27,303.23), for the purposes to municipal action that assists with opioid use disorder treatment, supporting people in treatment and recovery, connecting people to care, reducing the harm caused by opioid use, addressing the needs of criminal-justice-involved-persons, supporting pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome, and preventing the misuse of opioids/implementing prevention education, or some combination of these aims (2/3 vote required). (SELECT BOARD)

Summary: As described in Article 3, the Town can appropriate funds from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to mitigate the impacts of opioid abuse in the community. This article lists the specific uses proposed by the town and these uses are consistent with the state restrictions on how these settlement funds can be spent. An example of currently requested fund uses is the creation of a regional substance abuse coordinator that could assist Carlisle departments with responding to opioid related issues and educating residents about the danger of opioid misuse.

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ARTICLE 7 – CPA Article: Central Burying Ground Conservation: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) from the Historic Reserve Fund to the Carlisle Historical Commission for the rehabilitation, preservation, and restoration of the Carlisle Central Burying Ground, which has been identified locally as a site of historic significance, to conserve and restore gravestones, repair the historic Litchfield seat, and repair the historic entrance pillars, and that such sums be expended by the Carlisle Historical Commission pursuant to the terms of the Town of Carlisle Community Preservation Committee Grant Agreement #2023-003, and further that

any portion of such sums not expended by June 30, 2026, shall be returned to the Historic Reserve Fund. Such appropriation shall be effective immediately after the dissolution of Town Meeting, or to take any other action related thereto.

Summary: The Carlisle Historical Commission seeks CPA Funds to preserve the Carlisle Central Burial Ground. The Historical Commission has designated this 18th century site as locally significant in the history and culture of the Town. The project would use CPA funds to complete the sensitive preservation of one of the Town's oldest historic sites. The scope of this project would conserve the burying ground gravestones, stabilize the Litchfield Memorial Seat, correct compromised mortar in the entrance pillars and relevant sitework to enhance and protect the preservation work described above.

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ARTICLE 8 – CPA Article: Gleason Public Library Renovations: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Seven Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$767,000) from the Historic Reserve Fund and/or the Undesignated Reserve Fund to the Gleason Public Library Trustees for the purpose of renovating the Gleason Public Library, a building listed on the state register of historic places, to rehabilitate the interior of both the historic 1896 building and late-20th-century addition, to provide a more functional and flexible space, including new teen spaces, new and updated meeting room spaces, lighting fixture replacements, infrastructure improvements, and ADA accessibility improvements, all while maintaining the aesthetic character of the historic building, and that such sums be expended by the Carlisle Library Trustees pursuant to the terms of the Town of Carlisle Community Preservation Committee Grant Agreement #2023-001, and further that any portion of such sums not expended by June 30, 2026 shall be returned to the Historic Reserve Fund and/or the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund. Such appropriation shall be effective immediately after the dissolution of Town Meeting, or to take any other action related thereto.

Summary: The Gleason Public Library seeks CPA Funds to rehabilitate the interior of both the historic 1896 Library and its late-20th-century addition. The project will create new teen spaces; add meeting and workspaces and update existing meeting rooms; install improved lighting; make improvements to infrastructure and ADA accessibility; and provide a more functional and flexible space, all while maintaining the aesthetic character and distinctive features of the historic building. The requested CPA funds are 1/3 of the projected renovation cost and will require \$2 from private fundraising to match each \$1 of CPA funding.

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ARTICLE 9 – Appointed Town Clerk To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 41, §1B, to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk, or take any action related thereto. (SELECT BOARD)

Summary: To see if the Town will change from an elected Town Clerk to a Town Clerk appointed by the Select Board to report to the Town Administrator. If this measure passes by a majority vote at the Fall Town Meeting, a ballot question would be placed on the spring election warrant to see if the Town supports this structural change. Passage of both this article and a ballot question are required for this change to take effect.

The question to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Town Election held on May 7, 2024, would read as follows:

Shall the town vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk of the town? Yes _____ No _____

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ARTICLE 10 – Citizen’s Petition: Adopt the Specialized Building Code: To determine whether the Town will vote to adopt the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Specialized Code, (225 CMR 22 including Appendix RC, and 225 CMR 23 including Appendix CC), as the building code applicable for new construction of residential, commercial and mixed-use structures, effective July 1, 2024, or take any other action relative thereto. (CITIZEN’S PETITION)

Summary: The 2021 MA Climate Bill established a requirement for the state to create an additional tier of specialized “net zero energy ready” building code for municipality opt-in vote at a town meeting.

The Specialized Code portion of the building code is designed to help Massachusetts achieve its goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050, as well as the intermediate goals between now and then. This bylaw applies only to NEW buildings. The Specialized Code is structured to encourage all-electric new construction but does not prevent the use of fossil fuels for any application in a home. The Specialized Code will result in lower home ownership and operating costs than if not adopted and will generate dramatically lower greenhouse gas emissions for new homes built in Carlisle.

Carlisle’s Master Plan Goal #16 states “Lower energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in transportation and the built environment.” Adopting the Specialized Energy Code portion helps fulfill this requirement of the Master Plan.

If adopted, the effective date of this new energy code in Carlisle will be July 1, 2024.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting a true and attested copy thereof at the Town Hall and at the Post Office in said Town of Carlisle at least seven days prior to the time of holding said Meeting.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 12th day of September in the Year of Our Lord 2023.

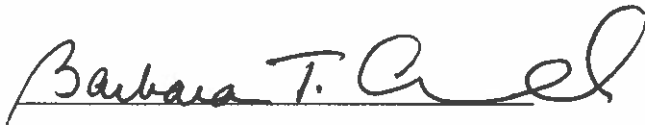
SELECT BOARD



Katherine T. Reid, Chair



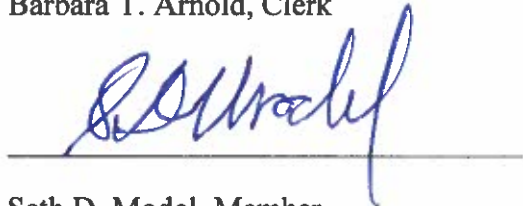
Travis J. Snell, Vice Chair



Barbara T. Arnold, Clerk



Nathan C. Brown, Member



Seth D. Model, Member

A True Copy Attest:

Joseph Topol, Constable

ATRUE COPY ATTEST:
Margaret Wong
TOWN CLERK
CARLISLE, MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Carlisle by posting up attested copies of the same at the United States Post Office, the Library, and the Town Bulletin Board in said Town at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the Meeting as within directed.

Joseph Topol

Constable of Carlisle



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