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Adams Fire District  
Special District Meeting  
February 19, 2026

FEB 03 2026

TIME: 10:30 am

Fire District Warrant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Adams in the County of Berkshire in said Commonwealth:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Adams, qualified to vote in Fire District affairs, to meet at the Fire District Building at Three Columbia Street on Thursday, February nineteenth, two thousand twenty-six, at 6:00 pm, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

**Article 1.** To see if the Fire District will vote, as authorized under MGL Chapter 41, Section 1B, to change the position of Clerk and Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position, or take any other action in relation thereto.

*By voting IN FAVOR, the Adams Fire District Bylaws must be amended at the next District Meeting to remove the provision which requires the Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected by the voters, and instead shall be appointed by the Prudential Committee for a 3-year term, thereby ensuring a qualified individual be chosen for the position. The current Clerk and Treasurer will hold the office until their term expires or the office is vacated.*

*By voting OPPOSED, the Adams Fire District Bylaws shall remain the same and the position of the Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected by the District voters for a 3-year term. The only qualification for an elected official is the individual must be a legal voter residing within the District.*

**Article 2.** To see if District voters will authorize the position of Chief Engineer to become a full-time paid position, after the position has been changed from elected to appointed and the appropriation to fund the position has been approved at an Annual Meeting, or take any other action in relation thereto.

*By voting IN FAVOR, the Chief Engineer will become a full-time paid position, after District voters vote to change the position from an elected to an appointed Chief Engineer and the appropriation to fund the position has been approved at an Annual Meeting, on or after July 1, 2027. Full-time coverage will enable the Chief Engineer to fulfill all of the many essential duties and responsibilities of this position, thereby better ensuring the safety of the community. The current Chief Engineer will hold the office until their term expires or the office is vacated.*

*By voting OPPOSED, the many essential duties and responsibilities of the Chief may not be fulfilled, and the safety of the community may be compromised.*

**Article 3.** To see if the District will appropriate from surplus revenue a sum in the amount of \$15,560.00 for a Tank Mixer for the East Orchard Terrace Water Tank, or take any other action in relation thereto.

*By voting IN FAVOR, a new tank mixer will be purchased to replace the current aging tank mixer. The new mixer will be installed per MassDEP regulations.*

*By voting OPPOSED, the structural integrity of the tank and water quality may be compromised due to lack of proper water agitation. The District will not be in compliance with Mass DEP regulations.*

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**Article 4.** To see if the District will appropriate from surplus revenue a sum in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Engineering for the Installation of Structural Brackets to the Park Street Bridge, or take any other action in relation thereto.

*During a recent MassDOT bridge inspection, it was discovered that 8 of the 11 utility brackets supporting the District's 14 inch water main that runs along the underneath of the Park Street bridge are deficient and the water main is in jeopardy of collapse. By voting IN FAVOR, structural brackets will be installed to reinforce the existing structure, adding the necessary support for the water main.*

*By voting OPPOSED, the structural integrity of the current supports are in jeopardy of collapse, putting the District's water source at risk.*

**Article 5.** To see if the District will appropriate from surplus revenue a sum in the amount of \$85,000.00 for the Installation of Structural Brackets to the Park Street Bridge (installation, materials, and other associated costs), or take any other action in relation thereto.

*See explanation for Article 4.*

**Article 6.** To see if the District will appropriate from surplus revenue a sum in the amount of \$2,500.00 for a Hydraulic Model for the MassDOT's Cook Street Bridge Project, or take any other action in relation thereto.

*By voting IN FAVOR, a Hydraulic Model will be generated and utilized to ensure adequate fire protection coverage for that area while the water line is taken out of service to repair the Cook Street Bridge.*

*By voting OPPOSED, fire protection for that area may be in jeopardy while the water line is out of service during the repair.*

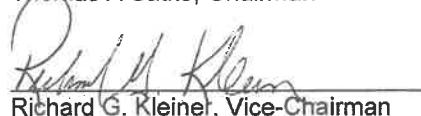
**Article 7.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

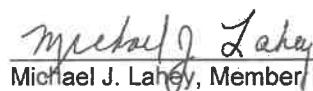
You are to serve this warrant by posting in two or more public places, in said Town of Adams, within the territory of the Adams Fire District, true and attested copies thereof, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return to the Clerk of the Adams Fire District at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-nineth day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-six.

  
Thomas A. Satko, Chairman

  
Richard G. Kleiner, Vice-Chairman

  
Michael J. Lahey, Member

Prudential Committee  
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**CONSTABLE'S RETURN**

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting in two or more public places in the Town of Adams, within the territory of the Adams Fire District, true and attested copies thereof, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

  
Thomas A. Satko  
Constable of the Town of Adams

2-3-26  
Date

A true copy,  
Attest:   
Thomas A. Satko, Constable of the Town of Adams

February 3, 2026