

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE SS.

TO: James Olmsted, Constable of the Town of Egremont,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Egremont qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at Mount Everett High School Cafeteria, 491 Berkshire School Road, Sheffield, MA, on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:00PM and then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer, from available funds the sum of \$13,356, or any other amount, for updated Neptune software and equipment for the Water Department billing system, or to take any action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 5-yes, 0-no.)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$35,047, or any other amount, for updated tasers for the Police Department, or to take any action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4-yes, 1-no.)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023, to rescind the vote taken under Article 9 of the warrant of the May 2, 2023 Annual Town meeting creating a Special Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund and dedicating 100% of the opioid litigation settlement funds received by the Town to such fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40 §5B; and further to transfer the total funds in the Special Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to a special revenue fund approved by the Director of Accounts pursuant to said Chapter 77, and for such funds henceforth received to be placed in the such special revenue fund, to be expended without further appropriation for all the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid litigation settlement documents, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 5-yes, 0-no.)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$327,000 to pay the initial costs of its required share of the engineering and construction expenses associated with phase 2 of the reconstruction of Mount Washington Road, including the payment of all other costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, s.7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of

costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Borrowing - secret ballot, 2/3 vote required)

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 5-yes, 0-no.)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to grant an interest in land, including but not limited to any conveyances, leases, easements, or any other interest in land necessary or desirable to create low, moderate income and/or workforce housing to be located at 171 Egremont Plain Road, which land is more particularly described in a deed from Kenneth Dawes to the Inhabitants of the Town of Egremont, which deed is recorded in the Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds at Book 480, Page 11, and further to authorize the Select Board to execute and enter into any agreements, applications for grants, borrowing, and/or take any other steps necessary to create a minimum of 4 units of low, moderate income and/or workforce housing on said property, including but not limited to a memorandum of understanding for the lease and management of the property with Community Development Corporation South Berkshire, of up to 99 years, or take any action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 5-yes, 0-no.)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town of Egremont will accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, by approving a surcharge on real property taxes for the purposes permitted by said Act, including (1) the acquisition, preservation or restoration of historic properties and sites including historic parks, municipal buildings, artifacts or documents, sites or grounds; (2) the acquisition, creation or preservation of land for parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, aquifers and public drinking water, wetlands, beaches, marshes, forests, wildlife reserves, pastures, and agricultural lands; and (3) the acquisition, creation or support of local housing needs for families, seniors and veterans; that the amount of such annual surcharge on real property shall be 3% of the annual real estate tax levy against real property commencing in fiscal year 2026; and that the Town hereby accepts the following exemptions from such surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 3 of said Act; and (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4-yes, 1-no.)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 50 to adopt the Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption commencing in fiscal year 2026 and to authorize the Select Board to establish parameters of the exemption, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 5-yes, 0-no.)

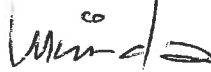
And you are requested to warn said inhabitants of said meeting by posting copies of this Warrant in four or more public places in said Town, fourteen days at least, before the time of holding same.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this ~~1st~~ day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

Selectmen:

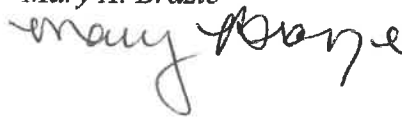
Lucinda Vermeulen, Chairwoman



Laura Allen, Vice-Chairwoman



Mary A. Brazie



A TRUE COPY ATTEST:



James Olmsted,

Constable, Town of Egremont

DATE: 10-1-24