

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TOWN OF AUBURN
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Meeting – March 28, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Worcester s.s. To any of the constables in the Town of Auburn, in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Auburn qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the High School Auditorium in Auburn, the 28th day of March 2017 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the report of the Finance Committee, other Town Officers and Committees; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Moderator

Article 2. To see if the Town Meeting will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the School Committee for the replacement of the roof at the Pakachoag Elementary School, 110 Pakachoag Street, Auburn, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 54.16 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Auburn School Committee

Article 3. To see if the Town Meeting will vote to amend various Capital Improvement line items as follows:

Decrease

302006-589001	A4ATM05 - Town Hall Air Conditioner	\$ (22,625.00)
302008-589878	A3FTM10 - Handicapped Entrance COA	\$ (5,000.00)
302010-581001	A4ATM09 - MIS Computer Equipment	\$ (0.46)
302013-581339	A3ATM12 - Police Night Vision	\$ (2,405.00)
302013-581457	A7FTM13 - Clerk Shelving	\$ (463.02)
302014-581423	A3ATM13 – Police Fencing	\$ (15,000.00)
302015-581528	A3ATM14 – IT Switches	\$ (131.26)
302016-581614	A3ATM15 – MIS Backup Device	\$ (461.00)
302016-581625	A3ATM15 – MIS Computers	\$ (15.26)
		\$ (46,101.00)

Increase	Highway Smoke & CO Alarm Detectors	\$ 14,000.00
	Fire Turnout Gear	\$ 32,101.00

; or act on anything relative thereto.

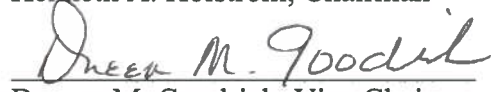
By the Chief Financial Officer

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, the Auburn Free Public Library, Dooley's Store, Stoneville Heights, The Lorraine Gleick Nordgren Senior Center, Law Offices Philip D. O'Connell, Jr., Uncle Chuck's Pizza, Auburn Auto Body Shop, Park 'N Shop and Lan's Barber Shop, which shall constitute at least two conspicuous places in each precinct at least fourteen days before the time of said Special Town Meeting. Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands on this 27th day of February 2017.

The Auburn Board of Selectmen


Kenneth A. Holstrom, Chairman


Doreen M. Goodrich, Vice Chairman


Denise A. Brotherton


Daniel S. Carpenter


Lionel R. Berthiaume

Officers Return of Service

I hereby certify that I have served this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, the Auburn Free Public Library, Dooley's Store, Stoneville Heights, The Lorraine Gleick Nordgren Senior Center, Law Offices Philip D. O'Connell, Jr., Uncle Chuck's Pizza, Auburn Auto Body Shop, Park 'N Shop, and Lan's Barber Shop, which shall constitute at least two conspicuous places in each precinct at least fourteen days before the time of said Special Town Meeting.

Date

Attest _____
Constable of Auburn

Attest: _____
Town Clerk of Auburn

TO: Town Meeting Members

The following is a summary of warrant articles for the March 28, 2017 Special Town Meeting.
*Please note that this summary is to provide a synopsis of the article. Please refer to the article itself for detail.

<u>Article No.</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Board of Selectmen Recommendations</u>	<u>Finance Committee Recommendations</u>
1.	Hear reports of committees.		
2.	Appropriates, borrows or transfers from available funds, a sum of money for the replacement of the roof at the Pakachoag Elementary School, 110 Pakachoag Street, Auburn for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA).	YES	YES
3.	Amends various Capital Improvement line items.	YES	YES

Defer _____ Defers to the petitioner of the article
_____ No position at this time. Will make a recommendation at the town meeting.

**AUBURN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 28, 2017
WARRANT ARTICLES**

Dear Town Meeting Member,

As you are aware, at the March 24, 2015 Special Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended approval of a warrant article authorizing the Auburn Public Schools to work with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to replace the roofs at the Bryn Mawr and Swanson Road (former Auburn Middle) Schools, as well as to replace the boiler at the Swanson Road Intermediate School. Town Meeting Members likewise supported this with unanimous votes and I thank you for your support.

With those projects now completed, but awaiting the final required audit by MSBA, I am pleased to report that with the reimbursement rate by MSBA of 54.16%, it saved the taxpayers of Auburn slightly more than \$1.2 million. Your support of those projects has helped to extend the useful life of those educational facilities and we remain sincerely grateful for that support.

The Auburn Public Schools is again working with the MSBA to replace the roof at the Pakachoag School through their Accelerated Repair Program. With final support expected to come from MSBA's Board of Directors at their February meeting, Auburn will be eligible once again for a reimbursement rate of 54.16%, with Auburn responsible for only 45.84% of those project costs. This roof replacement project will soon go out to bid so that actual costs can be presented at the March 28th Special Town Meeting. With projected costs between \$700,000 and \$900,000, the taxpayers of Auburn could save between \$375,000 and \$485,000, while also benefitting from a new roof on a building that continues to well serve our young students of Auburn. With approval in hand, it is our intention to replace the roof in the summer of 2017, ready for the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

Important to note is that no new borrowing will be required to complete this project as we have already received your approval at the Fall 2016 Special Town Meeting to repurpose previously approved CIP funds, this done in an effort to save Auburn's taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

We respectfully request your approval of the article on the reverse side of this sheet. Please know that I would be happy to speak with you should you have any questions and I can be reached at mbrunelle@auburn.k12.ma.us or at 508-832-7755.

On behalf of the Auburn School Committee and the APS Team, in general, I thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Auburn Public Schools.

Respectfully,



Maryellen Brunelle, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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By the Auburn School Committee

Motion/Vote/Order for Article:

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$_____ * _____ Dollars for purpose of paying costs of the replacement of the roof at the Pakachoag Elementary School, 110 Pakachoag Street, Auburn, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that Auburn may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 54.16 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

*As noted on the reverse side, it is anticipated that the bids will have been received in advance of the March 28, 2017 Special Town Meeting and that information will be shared that evening. Thank you.