

WARRANT

REGULAR TOWN MEETING - NOVEMBER 18, 2023

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, SS

TO ANY OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF WAKEFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wakefield qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the auditorium at the **Galvin Middle School, 525 Main Street** in said Wakefield on **Saturday, the 18th day of November, 2023 at Eight o'clock in the morning**, then and there to act on the following:

Subsequent Days. If there is business remaining, the Moderator will consider a motion to adjourn to a subsequent session.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will hear and accept a report of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget; or to see what the Town will do about it.
Town Administrator

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use such free cash as may be in the Treasury or any part thereof in computing the tax rate for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2024; or to see what the Town will do about it.
Town Council

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to implement collective bargaining agreements between the Town of Wakefield and the Wakefield Firefighters Union Local 1478 International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 and to provide therefor that the Town raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money to carry out the purpose of this Article; or to see what the Town will do about it.
Town Council

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to implement collective bargaining agreements between the Town of Wakefield and the Massachusetts Coalition of Police, Wakefield Division for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 and to provide therefor that the Town raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money to carry out the purposes of this Article; or to see what the Town will do about it.
Town Council

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to implement collective bargaining agreements between the Town of Wakefield and the Wakefield Police Superior Officers' Association for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 and to provide therefor that the Town raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money to carry out the purpose of this Article; or to see what the Town will do about it.
Town Council

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. c. 59, § 5C ½ , which provides for an additional real estate exemption for taxpayers who are granted personal exemptions on their domiciles under G.L. c. 59, § 5, including certain blind persons, veterans, surviving spouses and seniors, and to provide that the additional exemption shall be up to one hundred percent (100%) of the personal exemption, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2024; or to see what the Town will do about it.
Town Council

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will amend the General Bylaws by voting to rescind Chapter 180 thereof, entitled "Stretch Energy Code," and to replace it with a new Chapter 180 entitled "Specialized Energy Code," for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, pursuant to the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23, including Appendices RC and CC, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and also including all future editions, amendments, or modifications thereto, with an effective date of July 1, 2024, which new Chapter 180 shall provide as follows: **Chapter 180 Specialized Energy Code §180-1 Definitions. International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)** – The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards and published in state regulations as part of 780 CMR. **Specialized Energy Code** – Codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, the Specialized Energy Code adds residential and commercial appendices to the Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code, based on amendments to the respective net-zero appendices of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to incorporate the energy efficiency of the Stretch energy code and further reduce the climate impacts of buildings built to this code, with the goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from the buildings sector no later than 2050. **Stretch Energy Code** - Codified by the combination of 225 CMR 22 and 23, not including Appendices RC and CC, the Stretch Energy Code is a comprehensive set of amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) seeking to achieve all lifecycle cost-effective energy efficiency in accordance with the Green Communities Act of 2008, as well as to reduce the climate impacts of buildings built to this code. **§180-2 Purpose.** The purpose of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, also referred to as the Specialized Energy Code, is to provide a more energy efficient and low greenhouse gas emissions alternative to the Stretch Energy Code or the baseline Massachusetts Energy Code, applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings. **§180-3 Applicability.** This energy code applies to residential and commercial buildings. **§180-4 Specialized Energy Code.** The Specialized Energy Code, as codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, and also including any future editions, amendments, or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Wakefield General Bylaws, Chapter 180. **§ 180-5 Enforcement.** This chapter and, by its incorporation herein, the Specialized Energy Code, 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, is enforceable by the Town of Wakefield's Building Inspector. **§ 180-6 Effective date.** This chapter and, by its incorporation herein, the Specialized Energy Code, 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, shall take effect in the Town of Wakefield with an effective date of July 1, 2024, subject to the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 32; or to see what the Town will do about it.
Environmental Sustainability Committee

And to transact such other business as may properly come before this meeting,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by causing the same to be published in two issues of the Wakefield Daily Item, and by posting attested copies thereof at the official polling places and at the Police and Fire Stations in said Town, two consecutive Sabbaths, at least, the first time being not less than seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this sixteenth day of October, two thousand and twenty-three.

A true copy attest:
Kevin Lopes
Constable

Jonathan P. Chines, Chair
Michael J. McLane, Vice Chair
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