

**TOWN OF CONCORD
TOWN HOUSE
CONCORD, MA 01742**

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WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013

7:00 PM

**CONCORD-CARLISLE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
500 WALDEN STREET**

**ADJOURNED SESSION/SNOW DATE IF NECESSARY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2013**

**JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
FINANCE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2013 AT 7:00 PM
TOWN HOUSE – HEARING ROOM**

CANCELLATION INFORMATION

IN CASE OF SNOW VISIT THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AT www.concordma.gov OR CALL 978 318-3006.

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, December 4, 2013**

Middlesex, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Concord, in said County,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the legal voters of said Town of Concord, qualified to vote at Town Meeting for the transaction of Town affairs, to meet at the Concord-Carlisle Regional High School at 500 Walden Street, in said town, on Wednesday, the fourth day of December, 2013, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, by posting a printed copy of this Warrant by you attested, at the Town House and in at least one public location in each precinct in Concord, and by mailing a copy thereof to every household fourteen days, at least, before said 4th of December, 2013, then and there to act upon the following Articles:

LAND ACQUISITION – 55 AND 55R KNOX TRAIL (Acton)

ARTICLE 1. To determine whether the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain (including authorization by the Town for the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation to exercise eminent domain outside Town territorial boundaries) or otherwise, on such terms as the Selectmen may determine, for municipal purposes, including vehicle storage, repair, fueling, and other uses, the fee, easement and/or other property interests in, on, over, across, under and along all or any portion of the property located at 55 and 55R Knox Trail in Acton, Massachusetts, shown on the Acton Assessors map 14 as parcels 9-3 and 9-6, together with any structures, improvements and trees thereon, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer custody of fee, easement or other property interests in a portion of the property to the Concord School Committee to be used for education purposes or to support educational purposes, and further to determine whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury, or authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the sum of \$700,000 or any other sum, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for such acquisition, or take any other action relative thereto.

This article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase approximately 6.5 acres of land on Knox Trail in Acton. If approved, the School Committee proposes to park school buses and other school vehicles on a portion of the property to support in-district School Department bus operations. The remainder of the property will be used for municipal purposes. The subject property abuts 80 acres of land in Concord owned by the WR Grace Corporation, which Town Meeting voted under Article 36 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting to authorize the Town to acquire. Acquisition of the Knox Trail parcels may provide additional access to the Grace property and help facilitate that acquisition.

LAND ACQUISITION – STATE LAND ON COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

ARTICLE 2. To determine whether the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek legislation for transfer by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance) of fee, easement and/or other property interests in, on, over, across, under and along all or any portion of the property located at 407-9 Commonwealth Avenue in Concord, Massachusetts, shown on the Concord Assessors map D-8 as parcel(s) 2014 to the Town, for municipal purposes, including the construction of amenities including parking to support the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, and further to determine whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury, or authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the

Massachusetts General Laws, the sum of \$5,000 or any other sum, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for such acquisition, or take any other action relative thereto.

This article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase approximately 0.67± acres of land on Commonwealth Avenue in Concord, located across from MCI Concord, for construction of a parking lot to support users of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. State funds have been authorized for construction of the Rail Trail and parking lot in Fiscal Year 2016. The Department of Corrections, which controls the property, is willing to declare the property surplus in order to transfer it to the Town for the stated purpose.

BY PETITION REPEAL OF DRINKING WATER IN SINGLE-SERVE PET BOTTLES BYLAW

ARTICLE 3. To determine whether the Town of Concord will vote to repeal in its entirety the bylaw known as “Drinking Water in Single-Serve PET Bottles Bylaw” that was adopted under Article 32 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

PETITIONER’S EXPLANATION:

In April 2012, Article 32: Drinking Water in Single-Serving PET Bottles Bylaw was passed by a very small margin. This year's article seeks to repeal this Bylaw. The intent of this article is to restore consumer choice to Concord, recognizing that residents, guests, and the many tourists to town should have the option to choose water, a healthy, safe drink.

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

Given under our hands this 21st day of October in the year two thousand-thirteen.

Jeffrey S. Wieand

Alice Kaufman

Steven Ng

Carmin C. Reiss

Elise F. Woodward

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

Concord _____
Date

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the legal voters of the Town of Concord to meet at the times and places and for the purposes within named as directed.

Constable of Concord

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

THE DEADLINE FOR UNREGISTERED RESIDENTS TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING IS:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2013

IN ADDITION TO REGULAR OFFICE HOURS, A SPECIAL EVENING REGISTRATION SESSION WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2013 UNTIL 8:00 PM AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, 22 MONUMENT SQUARE FOR RESIDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY NOT REGISTERED VOTERS IN CONCORD.

VOTER REGISTRATION MAY BE DONE EITHER BY MAIL OR IN PERSON. A MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM MAY BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE TOWN'S WEB SITE OR CALL THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT (978) 318-3080. FOR REGISTRATION IN PERSON, THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT THE TOWN HOUSE, 22 MONUMENT SQUARE, IS OPEN MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. WEB SITE: WWW.CONCORDMA.GOV – CLICK "ELECTIONS & VOTING."

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013 7:00 PM CONCORD-CARLISLE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

PARKING – Town Meeting attendees should enter the high school parking lot via the Walden Street entrance only. On-site parking is limited. Carpooling is encouraged. Parking for people with disabilities is available at the flagpole circle at the high school. In the event that the parking lots at the high school are full, attendees will be directed to Alcott School first and, if Alcott fills, then the Concord District Court. Shuttle buses will be available to bring residents to and from the satellite parking.

CHILDCARE – Will be provided at the high school for children 2½ and older. The Concord Recreation Department is offering the service at a cost of \$5 per child per hour or \$25 for two or more children for the evening. In order to guarantee a space, reservations should be made in advance by calling the Concord Recreation Department at 978/369-6460.

SENIORS - May arrange transportation with the Council on Aging office @ 978/318-3020. Advance reservations are necessary.

CHECK-IN – All voters who are registered to vote by **November 22, 2013** are eligible to participate at Town Meeting. Voters should check-in at the tables in the main lobby by last name and pick up a Town Meeting ballot on each night of attendance. Only one ballot per voter per evening of attendance. Ballots are not transferrable.

SEATING – Is available in either the auditorium or the cafeteria. The auditorium will be the main meeting room.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES – will be available in the lobby.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS OR NEEDS – Anyone with a disability requiring special arrangements for Town Meeting should contact Douglas Meagher, Deputy Town Manager/ADA Coordinator before 4:30 p.m. on November 22, 2013 at (978) 318-3000. The earlier that special arrangement needs are communicated, the more likely that time will allow for special accommodations, if possible, to be met.

TELLERS – Voters willing to be a teller at Town Meeting are asked to call Abe Fisher, head teller at (978) 869-9233 e-mail at abefisher@misterfisher.com or Greg Englund at (617) 439-6779 e-mail at GJEnglund@EnglundLawFirm.com.

REFRESHMENTS – Pizza, desserts, and coffee will be available for purchase in the lobby beginning at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the CCHS Class of 2016.