

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

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WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016

7:00 PM

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

**ADJOURNED SESSION/SNOW DATE IF NECESSARY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

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

**JANUARY 27, 2016 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.

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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. Rides will be available on a first come first served basis.

CHECK-IN – All voters who are registered to vote by **January 25, 2016** 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 – Will only be available in the auditorium.

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 Kate Hodges, Assistant Town Manager/ADA Coordinator before 4:30 p.m. on February 22, 2015 at (978) 318-3000 or e-mail her at khodges@concordma.gov. 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 or e-mail at abefisher@misterfisher.com

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Thursday, February 4, 2016**

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 Thursday, the fourth day of February, 2016, 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 February, 2016, then and there to act upon the following Articles:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT OF THE
MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ARTICLE 1. To determine whether the Town will vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing "Agreement With Respect to the Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Regional School District" for the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District, to accept the amendments to said Agreement which have been initiated and approved by a vote of the Regional School Committee on December 21, 2015, and which have been submitted as a restated "Regional Agreement" bearing the date of December 21, 2015 to the Board of Selectmen of each member town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Concord was one of 10 communities to approve amendments to the Regional Agreement in 2014. This version incorporates additional changes proposed by a working group of Selectmen representing each of the current 16 members, notably the possible early withdrawal from the District by up to seven towns named in the body of the document. Such withdrawals are conditioned upon a vote to do so by each of those towns and approval of the amended agreement by all 16 members at special town meetings to be concluded no later than March 1, 2016 (as well as subsequent approval by the Commissioner of Education). Full text of the proposed amended agreement is available on-line at http://concordma.gov/Pages/ConcordMA_BOS/meeting.

**AUTHORIZE LONG TERM LEASE FOR NAGOG POND GROUND MOUNTED AND ROOFTOP SOLAR
PANELS**

ARTICLE 2. To determine whether the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into long-term leases, licenses and/or other contractual agreements subject to terms and conditions approved by the Select Board for all or a portion of the following Town of Concord municipal properties located in Acton, MA, Town of Acton parcel numbers C4-14, C4-32 and Town of Concord utility and access easements located on Town of Acton parcel numbers C4-29 and C4-21, for the purposes of installing and operating solar energy generating facilities and supplying solar energy, including rooftop, ground mounted and other solar facilities, and further to authorize the Select Board and Town manager to take such action as may be necessary under State law to effectuate said agreements or take any other action relative thereto.

This requested authorization will allow the Town to enter into a third party long term ground lease with a solar developer on property owned by the Town of Concord in Acton, MA. The parcels are in proximity to the Nagog Pond Water treatment facility which provides drinking water and fire protection to the Town of Concord residents, businesses and institutions. The third party lease and associated power purchase agreement will eliminate the capital expenditure for the Town which would be necessary to construct and operate a solar facility. In the event the Town chooses to forego a third party ground lease, the construction, operation and expenditures related to a solar facility would be borne by the Water Enterprise fund. Energy generated by this solar facility will be used to power the new Town of Concord water treatment facility to further decrease financial impacts on water system customers and promote the sustainability principles of the Town of Concord.

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 4th day of January in the year two thousand-sixteen.

Alice Kaufman

Jane Hotchkiss

Michael Lawson

Steven Ng

Carmin C. Reiss

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:

MONDAY , JANUARY 25, 2015

IN ADDITION TO REGULAR OFFICE HOURS, A SPECIAL EVENING REGISTRATION SESSION WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016 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 online, by mail or in person.

For online registration or to download a mail-in registration form, visit the Town's Web Site (www.concordma.gov – click "Elections & Voting") or call the Town Clerk's office and ask that a form be mailed.

For in-person registration, visit the Town Clerk's office at the Town House
22 Monument Square – 978-318-3080
Mondays-Fridays, 8:30 am-4:30 pm