

# **TOWN OF HAMPDEN**

## **FALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Thornton W. Burgess Middle School  
85 Wilbraham Road  
Hampden, Massachusetts**

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## **TOWN OF HAMPDEN COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Hampden, ss.**

**To:** Either of the Constables of the said Town of Hampden in said County:

**Greetings:** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the former **Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, 85 Wilbraham Road, Hampden, on Monday, November 3, 2025, at 6:30 in the evening**, then and there to act on the following articles:

### **GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

#### **ARTICLE 1: AMEND THE HAMPDEN GENERAL BYLAWS FOR A 6:30 PM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING START TIME**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hampden General Bylaws to change the starting time of the spring Annual Town Meeting to 6:30 pm by substituting "6:30 PM" for "7:00 PM" in the first sentence of Chapter II. "Town Meetings" Section 1; or take any other action relative thereto.

### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

#### **ARTICLE 2: ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE TOWN HOUSE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT – FACILITIES MANAGER**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to increase the budget line item "32.4 Facilities Manager"; or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 3: ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE INSURANCE ACCOUNT – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to increase the budget line item "7.2 Employee Benefits"; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 4: TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY RETIREMENT ACCOUNT TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING ACCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the budget line item “6.0 County Retirement” to “37.2 General Salary” (Council on Aging); or take any other action relative thereto.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS & EQUIPMENT**

**ARTICLE 5: REPURPOSE FUNDS FOR THE HVAC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AT THE HAMPDEN SENIOR CENTER**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 18 “Senior Center Repairs and Renovations” of the May 12, 2025, Annual Town Meeting to add the replacement of the HVAC system as a permitted use of the appropriated funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 6: HVAC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AT THE HAMPDEN SENIOR CENTER**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to replace the HVAC system at the Hampden Senior Center located at 104 Allen Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7: HVAC SYSTEM INSTALLATION AT THE NEW HAMPDEN TOWN HALL (FORMERLY THORNTON W. BURGESS SCHOOL)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to purchase and install new HVAC systems at the new Hampden Town Hall (formerly the Thornton W. Burgess School) located at 85 Wilbraham Road; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 8: ELECTRICAL UPGRADES & NEW SIGNAGE AT THE HAMPDEN TRANSFER STATION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to extend the electrical service to the Transfer Station shed and to install new signs to better direct users through the facility; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9: PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE CRUISER**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to purchase a new police cruiser for the Hampden Police Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10: PURCHASE OF A COMPACT WHEEL FRONT LOADER**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to purchase a compact wheel front loader for the Hampden Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 11: PURCHASE OF A PICKUP TRUCK**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to purchase a pickup truck for the Parks & Recreation Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUNDS**

**ARTICLE 12: SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AT CENTENNIAL COMMONS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund for the replacement of sidewalks at Centennial Commons located at 26 Springmeadow Lane; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 13: CONSTRUCT NEW TURNAROUND AT THE OLD CEMETERY**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund for the construction of a cul-de-sac in the southwest section of the Old Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto.

**LOCAL ACCEPTANCE STATUTES**

**ARTICLE 14: ACCEPT LOCAL ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the local room occupancy excise tax under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 64G Section 3A at the rate of six percent (6%); or take any other action relative thereto.

**FINANCIAL TRANSFERS**

**ARTICLE 15: TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH TO WATER DEPARTMENT  
EXPANSION PROJECT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying costs of the previously approved expansion of the Scantic Valley Water District; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 16: TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH TO REDUCE THE TAX RATE**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 17: TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND TO  
REDUCE THE TAX RATE**

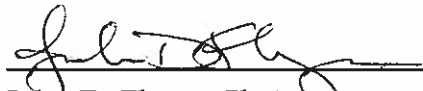
To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the General Stabilization Account for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026; or take any other action relative thereto.

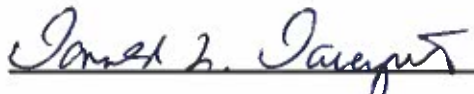
**ARTICLE 18: TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH TO THE GENERAL STABILIZATION  
FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from unappropriated available funds into the General Stabilization Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at each of the places designated by the Town. Hereof, fail not and make do return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

**Selectboard**

  
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John D. Flynn, Chair

  
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Donald L. Davenport, Member

  
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Erik A. Vanderleeden, Member

**Hampden, ss.**

I, Constable for the Town of Hampden, have on this date posted copies of the warrant for the Town Meeting to be held on November 3, 2025, at 6:30 pm in all places as designated by the Town of Hampden.

Dennis L Harkness

Constable, Town of Hampden

OCT 16, 2025

Date