

**Warrant
Dracut Water Supply District
Election
May 6, 2023**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Middlesex ss.

To: Kathleen Graham, District Clerk or Constable

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you or a qualified Dracut Constable are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Dracut, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs residing in the Dracut Water Supply District, to meet at the polling places located within the District as follows:

On Saturday, May 6, 2023 then and there to bring in the votes to elect the officers for the following District Offices under article one of the Annual Meeting Warrant:

One (1) Commissioner for a term of three years
One (1) Commissioner to fill vacancy of term to expire May, 2025
One (1) Clerk for a term of three years

The polls open at 9:00 AM and close at 4:00 PM

And further you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Dracut, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs residing in the Dracut Water Supply District to meet at Harmony Hall, 1600 Lakeview Avenue on Monday, May 8, 2023, commencing at 7:00 PM then and there to act on the articles that follow:

And you are further directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the polling places in Dracut:

Precincts 1 & 6A
Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9

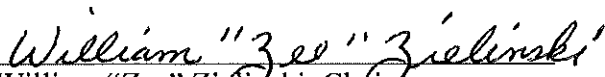
Senior Citizens's Center, 951 Mammoth Rd.
Richardson Middle School, 1570 Lakeview Ave.

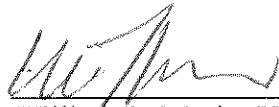
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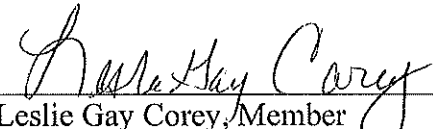
Additionally by posting at the Dracut Town Hall Lobby and District Offices

Hereof fail not and make due of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Water Commissioners at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid

Given our hands this 12th day of April, 2023:


William "Zee" Zielinski, Chairman


William L. Morin, Vice Chairman


Leslie Gay Corey, Member

April 13, 2023, I have this date posted up attested copies of the above Warrant at the following places as designated in the By-Law of the Dracut Water Supply District:

Precincts 1 & 6A	Senior Citizens's Center, 951 Mammoth Rd.
Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9	Richardson Middle School, 1570 Lakeview Ave.

Also, at the Dracut Water Supply District, 59 Hopkins Street, and the Dracut Town Hall, 62 Arlington Street, inside and outside.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:


Thomas Tzimos, Constable

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Article #1:

To see if the District will vote to bring in the vote for one Water Commissioner for a term of three (3) years, one Water Commissioner to fill vacancy of term to expire May, 2025, and one District Clerk for a term of three (3) years held by ballot;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Article #2:

To see if the District will vote to hear the reports of the Water Commissioners;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Article #3:

To see if the District will vote to hear the report of the Dracut Water Supply District Treasurer;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

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Article #4:

To see if the District will vote to hear the report of committees having direction from previous meetings;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Article #5:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Water Revenue Account the amount of Five Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$5,775,985.00) to defray costs for the ensuing fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023 to be expended as follows:

Salary, Wages and Benefits Account	\$1,651,402.00
Operations Expenses	\$4,124,583.00
 Total	 \$5,775,985.00

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Article #6:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Water Revenue Account the amount of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to defray costs for the ensuing fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023 to be expended as follows:

Out of State Travel	\$10,000.00
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Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

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Article #7:

To see if the District will vote to transfer from "Free Cash" July 1, 2022 certified amount of Nine Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two Dollars (\$993,922.00) as follows:

Birchmont & Makos Street Pump Stations Pressure Zone Improvements	\$ 300,000.00
Sladen and Lakeview Culvert Project	\$ 41,100.00
Chevrolet Silverado Work Truck	\$ 74,047.00
Repairs to Roof & Soffit at Dracut Water Supply Building	\$ 113,900.00
Vacation Stabilization Account	\$ 48,000.00
Middlesex Pension Reserve Payment	\$ 316,875.00
OPEB	\$ 100,000.00
Total	\$ 993,922.00

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Article #8:

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

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Article #9:

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Superintendent to sell off scrap metals and surplus, outdated or obsolete equipment as may accumulate during the year;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Water Commissioners

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Article #10:

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Water Commissioners, to borrow in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 4 and the acts and amendments thereof; Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Article #11:

To see if the District will vote to set the annual salary stipend for the Clerk of the District to \$5,000;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

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Article #12:

To see if the District will vote to set the annual salary stipend for each Commissioner of the District to \$4,500;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Article #13:

To see if the District will vote to set the annual salary stipend for the Moderator of the District to \$600;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Article #14:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray District charges and expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and to make appropriations for the same;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

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Article #15:

To see if the District will vote to transfer from the Accrued Sick Leave Fund Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$21,476.00) into the General Account to reimburse for Sick Time Buyback.

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Note: This is a transfer from the Stabilization Account and will require a 4/5ths vote for approval.

Article #16:

To see if the District will vote to transfer from the Accrued Vacation Leave Fund Thirty-Four Thousand Two Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$34,207.00) into the General Account to reimburse for Vacation Time Buyback;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Note: This is a transfer from the Stabilization Account and will require a 4/5ths vote for approval.

Article #17:

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to file any necessary legislation and to co-ordinate the immediate filing of the same with our State Representative and State Senator to amend Section 1 of Chapter 433 of the Acts of 1905 to allow the District by its Board of Water Commissioners to supply water to the Kenwood Water Department of the Town of Dracut, Massachusetts or to act in any other way relative thereto;

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

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Article #18:

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to file any necessary legislation and to co-ordinate the immediate filing of the same with our State Representative and State Senator to amend Section 1 of Chapter 433 of the Acts of 1905 to allow the District by its Board of Water Commissioners to supply water to the Town of Pelham, New Hampshire or a water district servicing said Town;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Article #19:

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to file any necessary legislation and to co-ordinate the immediate filing of the same with our State Representative and State Senator to amend Section 1 of Chapter 433 of the Acts of 1905 to allow the District by its Board of Water Commissioners to supply water to the Town of Hudson, New Hampshire or a water district servicing said Town;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Article #20:

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners pursuant to Section 39H of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws to aid the Town of Dracut Water Department with regard to the operation, administration, repair and maintenance of its water supply system or to act in any other way relative thereto;

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

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Article #21:

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to file any necessary legislation and to co-ordinate the filing of the same with our State Representative and State Senator to allow the District to construct and maintain a second water storage tank on Gage Hill in the Dracut-Lowell-Tyngsborough State Forest pursuant to Amendment Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution and Section 5A of Chapter 3 of the Massachusetts General Laws;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Article #22:

To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to expend up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) from the Land Acquisition Fund to identify and or acquire a site suitable for a second water storage tank;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

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Article #23:

To see if the District will vote to amend section 10.4.10 Personnel Bylaw VACATION PROVISIONS by inserting the bold text below;

10.4.10 VACATION PROVISIONS:

Vacation Leave shall be granted on July 1 to all full-time employees of the District (based on full-time service) as follows:

Employees who work one (1) full year shall be granted the below vacation days at the start of the fiscal year based upon length of service. Employees who have less than one (1) year of employment shall accrue .833 a day per month.

The District shall take into consideration crediting prior Massachusetts Municipal or Government experience when calculating length of service for vacation weeks not to exceed fifteen (15) days. If fifteen (15) days is granted, additional vacation time will be earned after ten (10) years of employment with Dracut Water Supply District.

<u>More than</u>	<u>Less than</u>	<u>Days Granted</u>
One Year	Five Years	10 Days
Five Years	Ten Years	15 Days
Ten Years	Fifteen Years	20 Days
Fifteen Years	Twenty Years	25 Days
Twenty Years+		30 Days

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval*

Note: This is a change to the By-Law and will require a 2/3rds vote for approval.

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Article #24:

To see if the District will vote to amend section 11.19 Bylaw titled CHARGES FOR REPAIRS by deleting the text highlighted in bold:

SECTION 11.19 CHARGES FOR REPAIRS

The pipe from the street to the building (or all pipes beyond the Town property line including meter pits **and curb boxes**) is **(are)** the property of the **Consumer**. All repairs to these lines, meter pits **or curb boxes** shall be made at **their (homeowners)** expense. Any **consumer** who fails to repair lines as directed by the District shall have water service “temporarily shut-off” until such repairs are made. The **Consumer** shall pay charges for service calls. A representative of the District shall inspect all repairs. Only those persons “licensed” by the District shall do repairs on the water service line. Water Service shall not be restored until such time as the District deems that the repairs have been done in accordance with the regulations of the department and no threat to the public water supply exists.

New Bylaw to read as follows:

SECTION 11.19 CHARGES FOR REPAIRS

The pipe from the street to the building (or all pipes beyond the Town property line including meter pits) is the property of the property owner. All repairs to these lines or meter pits shall be made at the property owner’s expense. Any property owner who fails to repair lines as directed by the District shall have water service “temporarily shut-off” until such repairs are made. The property owner shall pay charges for service calls. A representative of the District shall inspect all repairs. Only those persons “licensed” by the District shall do repairs on the water service line. Water Service shall not be restored until such time as the District deems that the repairs have been done in accordance with the regulations of the department and no threat to the public water supply exists;

Or act in any other way relative thereto.

Submitted by Michael Sheu
Superintendent

Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Approval
Superintendent Recommends Approval

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Article #25:

To see if the District will vote to reduce the System and Development Fee of the affordable units, for the development known as Louis Farm Village at 133 Phineas Street. There will be a total of twenty (20) units being built, five (5) of which are affordable units. In accordance with the Department of Housing and Community Development guidelines permitting the waiver of the local tie-in fees for developments under their 40B program, we are requesting a reduction of the System and Development Fee by fifty percent (50%) only for the five affordable units.

Submitted by Voter Petition

*Board of Water Commissioners Recommend Dismissal
Superintendent Recommends Dismissal*