



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Monday, August 22, 2022 • 7:00 p.m. CENTER SCHOOL**

STABILIZATION: \$541,391  
MUNICIPAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION: \$159,732

**Worcester, ss.** To either of the Constables of the Town of Hubbardston in the County of Worcester: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hubbardston qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Center School located at 8 Elm Street in said Hubbardston on Monday, August 22, 2022 at the time of 7 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,424,928.65, or such other sum, to pay its share of the Quabbin Regional School District budget for FY 2023; or take any action relative thereto.  
*(Select Board recommends)*  
*(Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting)*

**Proposed Motion:** I move that the Town raise and appropriate **\$5,241,649.00** to pay the Town of Hubbardston's share of the Quabbin Regional School District budget for FY 2023.

**Explanation**

This is the second time the Select Board has brought the QRSD School Committee's FY23 budget to Town Meeting voters. Residents approved \$5,241,649 at the Annual Town Meeting in June. Town officials, at the June 2022 Annual Town Meeting, recommended a number lower than the request made by the School Committee. Since three of the QRSD towns rejected the QRSD's budget request in June (including Hubbardston), state and local law required the QRSD School Committee to reconsider their initial budget request. The initial QRSD School Committee budget request was \$5,457,284.03. The School Committee reconsidered their request and lowered their budget request to \$5,424,928.65. This represents a difference of more than \$183,000 from the budget approved by Hubbardston voters at the June 2022 Annual Town Meeting and the amount currently requested by the QRSD School Committee.

Town officials are again recommending a total budget QRSD budget of \$5,241,649. This would be a second rejection of the QRSD School Committee's FY23 budget request.

For clarity and understanding, residents voting yes on the proposed motion are rejecting the QRSD School Committee's reconsidered budget request. If the remaining QRSD towns vote to approve the QRSD School Committee's reconsidered budget request, Hubbardston will need to hold another Special Town Meeting to fund the request and cut municipal services or use one-time revenues to

offset the increased school assessment. If two QRSD towns again reject the school budget, the School Committee will again need to reconsider their budget or the matter will be brought before the state's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for a final FY23 resolution on December 1.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment of a prior fiscal year invoice as follows:

Vendor	Description	Invoice Number	Amount
Brittany Blaney-Anderson	Technology Consultant	Invoice #H-99	\$5,180.00

And to meet that appropriation, that the sum of **\$5,180** be transferred from the PEG Access Reserve Fund, or take any action relative thereof.

*(Select Board recommends)*

*(Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting)*

**Proposed Motion** - I move that the Town vote to authorize payment of a prior fiscal year invoice as follows:

Vendor	Description	Invoice Number	Amount
Brittany Blaney-Anderson	Technology Consultant	Invoice #H-99	\$5,180.00

And to meet that appropriation, that the sum of **\$5,180 be transferred** from the PEG Access Reserve Fund, or take any action relative thereof.

**(9/10<sup>th</sup> vote required)**

**Explanation**

The town incurred a cable committee services bill exceeding the total appropriation for the PEG Access Fund appropriation. In order to pay this bill, town officials are asking voters to approve this expense and pay for it using the PEG Access Reserve Fund. This does not have an operating budget impact as the PEG Access Reserve Fund accumulates annually through payments from the local cable companies. These funds are used to maintain the town's local cable channel and associated serves related to the channel.

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Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2022:

**SELECT BOARD of HUBBARDSTON**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Jeffrey L. Williams**

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**Heather M. Munroe**

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**Kathryn V. Young**

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**Kris E. Pareago**

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**Peter J. Walker**

**A true copy, Attest:**

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**Laurie J. Reed, Town Clerk**

**Date of Posting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Method:** \_\_\_\_\_

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Constable**