



Hubbardston  
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# CITIZENS GUIDE TO

# TOWN MEETING

June 6, 2023  
Hubbardston Center School  
7:00 PM

# A WORD FROM THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you as we approach the upcoming Town Meeting on June 6, 2023, at 7 pm at the Hubbardston Center School, I am excited as this will be my first Town Meeting since assuming this role.

Communication is a cornerstone of an engaged and thriving community, and I am committed to exploring new ways to share important information effectively. With that in mind, I want to introduce a guideline to the Town Meeting that will provide you with essential details and help facilitate your participation.

The Town Meeting holds significant importance as it serves as a democratic forum where residents can voice their opinions, contribute ideas, and collectively shape the future of our town. It is a moment where our community comes together to address critical issues and make decisions that will have a lasting impact on Hubbardston.

In this guideline, you will find key information about the Town Meeting, including its purpose, the agenda items to be discussed, and the rules and procedures that govern the meeting. It aims to provide a clear and concise overview, ensuring you are well-prepared and informed as active participants.

Furthermore, please contact the Select Board, Moderator, Finance Committee, or myself with your ideas, suggestions, and concerns leading up to the Town Meeting. Your input is invaluable in guiding our discussions and decision-making process. Together, we can work towards a future that reflects the aspirations and needs of our community.

Please mark your calendars for June 6, 2023, at 7 pm at the Hubbardston Center School, and join me in this significant event. Your presence and active participation will contribute to the success of the Town Meeting and our shared commitment to making Hubbardston an even better place to live.

A special thank you to all of the town employees, Select Board, Finance Committee, and various other volunteers for working with me during this budget and town meeting season. Thank you for your support and engagement. I am honored to serve as your Town Administrator, and I look forward to meeting every one of you at the Town Meeting.

Sincerely,

**Nathan R. Boudreau, MPA**  
Hubbardston Town Administrator

# CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO HUBBARDSTON TOWN MEETING

## Welcome to the Citizen's Guide to Hubbardston Town Meeting!

As an engaged resident of Hubbardston, it's essential to understand the players, processes, and critical elements involved in the town meeting. This guide will provide an overview of Hubbardston's town meeting, including the participants, the process, and the warrant.

### Participants:

**Moderator:** The town meeting is led by moderator Reneé Lafayette, who is responsible for maintaining order, overseeing the proceedings, and ensuring fairness during discussions and voting.

**Town Clerk:** Town Clerk Candace Livingston keeps official meeting records, including minutes, and assists in verifying voters' eligibility.

**Select Board:** The Select Board members are elected officials representing the town's interests and often present and support proposals during meetings.

**Town Officials:** Various town officials, such as department heads and board chairs, may attend the meeting to present reports, answer questions, or provide updates.

**Town Residents:** Any registered voter in Hubbardston is encouraged to attend and participate in the town meeting. Residents can speak, ask questions, and vote on issues.



### Before we go:

**Warrant Preparation:** The town warrant is a document listing the warrant articles, their descriptions, and the recommendations of the Select Board and Finance Committee. The warrant is prepared by the Town Administrator and published ahead of the meeting.

**Reviewing the Warrant:** As a resident, studying the warrant before the town meeting is essential. The warrant can be obtained from the town clerk's office or the town website. It details the proposed articles, allowing you to come prepared with questions and insights.

# GET TO KNOW THE PROCESS

**Opening:** The town meeting begins with the moderator calling the meeting to order and introduce the key participants. The Pledge of Allegiance is usually recited, and any necessary announcements are made.

**Reports:** Town officials, boards, and committees present their reports, outlining accomplishments, challenges, and plans.

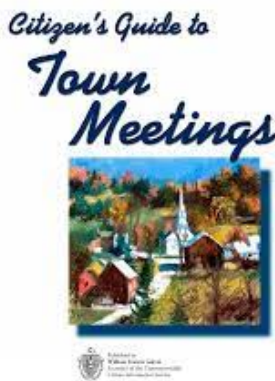
**Consent Agenda:** A group of articles voted together. The Select Board, Moderator, Town Counsel, and Finance Committee select non-controversial articles. If a voter wants to discuss an article, they shout "hold" and it is discussed separately. Amendments must stay within the scope of the original article and require a simple majority vote. If an amendment passes, the original motion is replaced and voted on again.

**Warrant Articles:** The main focus of the meeting is the warrant articles, which are items to be discussed and voted upon. Each article addresses specific issues, such as the town budget, bylaws, or proposed projects.

**Discussion and Voting:** The moderator opens the floor for debate on each warrant article. Residents can ask questions, voice their opinions, propose amendments, and debate the issues. Eventually, a vote is taken on each article.

**Adjournment:** Once all warrant articles have been addressed and voted upon, the moderator officially adjourns the town meeting.

By familiarizing yourself with the players, process, warrant, and adjournment of Hubbardston's town meeting, you can actively participate in shaping your community. Attending town meetings and contributing your thoughts and votes play a vital role in the decision-making process that affects the town's future.



Articles that have received the recommendation of the Select Board (LEFT) or Finance Committee (RIGHT) have the following symbols in their guideline header





# ARTICLE 1

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To choose all necessary officers.

**Explanation:** This is a placeholder article from previous Town Meetings. The town officers will be chosen at the Annual Election on June 13, 2023.

**Motion:** I motion that the Town vote to choose all necessary officers.



# ARTICLE 2

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

**Explanation:** This is a standard article to allow any Town Officer, Board, Commission, or Committee to make a report on the floor of Town Meeting.

**Motion:** I motion that the Town hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.



# ARTICLE 3

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into agreements with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article authorizes the Select Board to enter into agreements with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the construction and maintenance of public highways for Fiscal Year 2024.



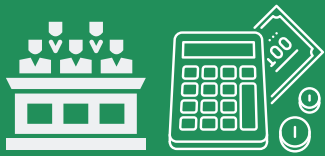
# ARTICLE 4

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to accept educational grants and aid for Fiscal Year 2024, to be expended for authorized purposes by the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School and the Quabbin Regional School District; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article allows the town to accept educational grants and aid for Fiscal Year 2024, to be expended for authorized purposes by the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School and the Quabbin Regional School District.

**Motion:** I motion that the town accept educational grants and aid for Fiscal Year 2024, to be expended for authorized purposes by the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School and the Quabbin Regional School District.



# ARTICLE 5

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of the Holden Hospital Account #2481-000-5780-0000 for Fiscal Year 2024, to be used for the purposes specified in the trust fund settlement; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article authorizes the continuation of the Holden Hospital Account for Fiscal Year 2024. The Holden Hospital Account is funded by monies received from the establishment of a \$2,500,000 trust fund under a settlement between the Medical Center of Central Massachusetts (MCCM) and the eleven communities formerly served by Holden Hospital. Any purchases to be presented for payment from this account shall be authorized by the appropriate board, and shall only be used for rescue vehicle replacement assistance, fire department emergency medicine education and training or other health-based board of health programs and expenditures deemed to fall within the account's intentions.

**Motion:** I motion that the Town authorize authorize the continuation of the Holden Hospital Account #220-512-5580-0000 for Fiscal Year 2024, to be used for the purposes specified in the trust fund settlement.



# ARTICLE 6

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during Fiscal Year 2024 beginning on July 1, 2024, for the revolving funds established pursuant to Chapter IV of the Hubbardston General By-Laws-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers as follows, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This standard article establishes the Fiscal 2024 spending limit for the town's approved revolving accounts.

**Motion:** I motion that the town vote to fix the Fiscal Year 2024 spending limits for the revolving funds established in Chapter IV of the Hubbardston General By-Laws-laws in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ as printed in the warrant.



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# ARTICLE 7

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the following sums of money to meet the salaries and compensation of Town Employees, and Town Officers, as provided by MGL Ch. 41 §108, expenses, and outlays of the Town Departments, and other sundry and miscellaneous, but regular, expenditures necessary for the operation of the Town for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) as printed in the attached Appendix A, and further, to accept and expend Federal and State Funds to offset certain salaries or expenses and outlay; or take any other action relative thereto.

PURPOSE	AMOUNT
General Government	\$665,494.72
Public Safety	\$1,546,102.48
Public Works	\$911,953.82
Human Services	\$49,117.00
Culture and Rec	\$91,753.00
Debt	\$177,110.00
Indirect Costs	\$881,670.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,323,201.02</b>

**Explanation:** This standard article establishes the Fiscal 2024 spending limit for the town's approved revolving accounts.

**Motion:** I move that the Town raise and appropriate from taxation, and transfer from available funds the following sums of money to meet the salaries and compensation of Town Employees, and Town Officers, as provided by MGL Ch. 41 §108, expenses, and outlays of the Town Departments, and other sundry and miscellaneous, but regular, expenditures necessary for the operation of the Town for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) as printed in the attached Appendix A, and further, to accept and expend Federal and State Funds to offset certain salaries or expenses and outlay.





# ARTICLE 8

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$447,411 for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District assessment for Fiscal year 2024; or to take any other action relative thereto

**Explanation:** This article funds the Fiscal Year 2024 request of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District.

**Motion:** I motion that the Town raise and appropriate \$447,411 for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District assessment for Fiscal Year 2023.



# ARTICLE 9

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,750,424 to pay its share of the Quabbin Regional School District budget for FY 2024; or take any action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article approves a 6% (\$325,495) funding increase for the Quabbin Regional School District in Fiscal Year 2024. However, it falls short of the requested 9.02% increase, which would require an additional \$162,748. While the town has shown a willingness to collaborate with the school system, long-term success necessitates strategic planning and inclusive discussions involving all stakeholders. A 6% increase is the most feasible option for the municipality without compromising essential services, but a more sustainable solution could have been achieved through transparency and representation from both the municipal and school sides.

**Motion:** I motion that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,750,424 to pay the Town of Hubbardston's share of the Quabbin Regional School District budget for FY 2023.



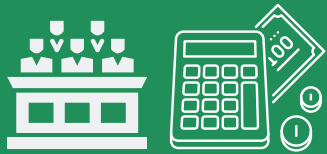
# ARTICLE 10

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$28,512 to pay its share of the Quabbin Regional School Debt for FY 2024; or take any action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article pays for Hubbardston's portion of regional school debt for a project in Barre. This is the 11th payment. There are 3 more to go. Debt retires June 30, 2027.

**Motion:** I motion that the that the Town raise and appropriate \$28,512.00 to pay its share of the Quabbin Regional School Debt for FY 2024.



# ARTICLE 11

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the salaries, benefits, committee stipends and other operating expenses of the Hubbardston Cable Advisory Committee for Fiscal Year 2024, and to meet said appropriation, that the sum of \$40,000 be transferred from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article funds the Cable Advisory Committee through transfers from cable company revenues. The Town holds a cable franchise agreement with Charter Communications, which is due to expire on November 15, 2026. There is no impact on local property taxes for this article.

**Motion:** I motion that the Town transfer from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund \$40,000.00 for the salaries, benefits, committee stipends and other operating expenses of the Hubbardston Cable Advisory Committee for Fiscal Year 2023.



# ARTICLE 12

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$390,000.00 from Free Cash to pay for the following Fiscal Year 2024 cash capital expenses, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

<b>New Obligations</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Additional Roadway Repair	\$100,000
DPW Garage Roof Repair	\$85,000
DPW Director Vehicle	\$55,000
Ambulance 2 Replacement	\$125,000
Library Facilities Need Assessment	\$6,000
Town Office IT Replacements	\$19,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$390,000</b>

**Explanation:** This article conforms to the recommendations of the Capital Planning Committee 5 year plan. The plan may be seen at this link

**Motion:** I motion that the Town I move that the Town transfer \$390,000.00 from Free Cash to pay for the Fiscal Year 2024 capital expenses, including all costs incidental and related thereto as delineated in Article 12 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 6, 2023 and incorporated by reference herein.





# ARTICLE 13

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 from Free Cash to pay for the replacement of a boiler at Hubbardston Center School, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article pays for the replacement of a 30+ year old boiler at Hubbardston Center School.

**Motion:** I motion that the that the Town transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 from Free Cash to pay for the replacement of a boiler at Hubbardston Center School, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto



# ARTICLE 14

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$12,000.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of purchasing brine pursuant to a municipal consortium with the Towns of Templeton and Winchendon to conserve prices of brine.

**Explanation:** This article provides \$12,000.00 for a brine collaborative with Templeton and Winchendon. Brine, a saltwater solution used by municipal highway departments, effectively melts ice and snow on roads, providing safer driving conditions while reducing costs and environmental impact by minimizing the use of traditional salt. A brine collaborative brings cost savings, resource sharing, and increased efficiency. It allows the towns to purchase materials at lower costs, share equipment and, and exchange knowledge for improved brine management practices.

**Motion:** I motion that the Town transfer the sum of \$12,000.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of purchasing brine pursuant to a municipal consortium with the Towns of Templeton and Winchendon to conserve prices of brine; or take any other action relative thereto.



# ARTICLE 15

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to: (a) authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or permanent and/or temporary easements, for public way purposes, including, without limitation, for the construction, alteration, installation, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of rights of way, sidewalks, bridges, drainage, utilities, driveways, guardrails, slopes, grading, rounding, construction, landscaping, wetlands replication, and other appurtenances and/or facilities, to enable the Town to undertake the Williamsville Road Bridge Project and for any and all purposes incidental or related thereto, in, on and under certain parcels of land located on or near Williamsville Road and approximately shown on plans entitled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Williamsville Road (Bridge No. H-24-003) in the Town of Hubbardston Worcester County," prepared by Greenman Peterson, Inc., on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended and/or incorporated into an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels; (b) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the foregoing and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land/easement acquisitions, appraisals, and surveys; (c) enter into a Construction Access Permit or such other temporary occupancy agreement with the Department of Conservation and Recreation; and, further, (d) authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes; or take any action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article allows the Select Board to seek eminent domain for a Massachusetts Department of Transportation

**Motion:** I motion that the that the Town authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or permanent and/or temporary easements, for public way purposes, including, without limitation, for the construction, alteration, installation, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of rights of way as outlined in Article 15 of the June 7, 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; or take any action relative thereto.



# ARTICLE 16

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$31,890 from accrued Community Preservation Act Undesignated Reserve to fund the FY2024 annual debt service obligation for the Rainbow's End playground improvement project as previously approved under Article 18 of the June 23, 2020 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Explanation:** This article pays the annual debt service obligation for the Rainbow's End playground improvement project as previously approved under Article 18 of the June 23, 2020 Annual Town Meeting

**Motion:** I motion that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$31,890 from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Reserves for the purpose of funding the FY2021 annual debt service obligations for the roof replacement of the Hubbardston Public Library as previously approved under Article 14 of the June 2018 Annual Town Meeting.



# ARTICLE 17

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,486.00 from accrued Community Preservation Act Historic Reserve to fund the FY2024 annual debt service obligation for the roof replacement of the Hubbardston Public Library as previously approved under Article 14 of the June 2018 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto. (This is the final appropriation for the roof project.)

**Explanation:** The voters approved a loan for \$100,000 for the roof replacement of the Hubbardston Public Library. The loan is for 5 years, and this payment represents the 5th installment in the scheduled debt service. Interest rate is 2.43%.

**Motion:** I move that the Town transfer \$20,486.00 from accrued Community Preservation Act Historic Reserve to fund the FY2024 annual debt service obligation for the roof replacement of the Hubbardston Public Library as previously approved under Article 14 of the June 2018 Annual Town Meeting.



# ARTICLE 18

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee  
Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation estimated FY2024 annual revenue the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, to set aside from the Community Preservation Fund estimated FY2024 annual revenue for later spending for historic resources, community housing, open space, and reserve any remaining FY2024 estimated annual revenues to the Undesignated Reserve so that the Town has access to those funds for community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2024, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or take any other action relative thereto:

## Appropriations:

From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses (5%) \$5,000.00

## Reserves:

From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Historic Resources (10%) \$10,000.00

From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Community Housing (10%) \$10,000.00

From FY 2024 estimated revenues Open Space Reserve (10%) \$10,000.00

From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Undesignated Reserve (65%) \$65,000.00

Estimation of revenues for 2024

\$74,000 in local tax receipts

\$18,500 in state match (25% of tax revenues)

\$7,500 in interest

Total anticipated funding: \$100,000

**Explanation:** This article is required by law and is a housekeeping matter. CPA articles do not impact local property taxes.

**Motion:** I move that the Town appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenue the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2023 with each item to be considered a separate appropriation as delineated in Article 18 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting and incorporated herein.



# ARTICLE 19

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

## Language:

**19 A - D :** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Section 4-7-1 of Article 4 of the Hubbardston Town Charter, to change Hubbardston (*Board of Health/Finance Committee/ Parks and Recreation Commission / Cemetery Commission*) from elected to appointed as, at the last two consecutive elections for these multiple member bodies the number of candidates was less than or equal to the number of positions on the ballot or take any other action relative thereto.

**19 E:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation to amend the Town's Charter, Chapter 292 of the Acts of 2012, as set forth below, in order to formally amend the lists of elected and appointed boards to reflect the vote taken under Articles 19A through D, and, further, to authorize the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill so submitted, unless the Selectboard approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and further that the Selectboard is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or take any action related thereto.

SEE WARRANT FOR PROPOSED HOME ACTION PETITION LANGUAGE WHICH CAN BE CHANGED BASED UPON THE CHOICES OF ARTICLES 19A - 19D.)

**Explanation:** Hubbardston Town Charter, Section 4-7-1, addresses converting elected positions to appointed positions. This section states that if two consecutive elections for a town elected office or board have fewer candidates than the available positions on the ballot, the town clerk must notify the Select Board. The Select Board received notice that the Board of Health, Finance Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Cemetery Commission have fallen into this category. Annual Town Meeting until article 19 will consider amending the town charter to change the entities from elected to appointed, per MGL Ch. 41 Sec. 1B.

## Motion:

A-D - I motion that the town change Hubbardston (*Board of Health/Finance Committee/ Parks and Recreation Commission / Cemetery Commission*) from elected to appointed as, at the last two consecutive elections for these multiple member bodies the number of candidates was less than or equal to the number of positions on the ballot

19E - I motion that the town authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation to amend the Town's Charter, Chapter 292 of the Acts of 2012, as set forth in the ATM Warrant, in order to formally amend the lists of elected and appointed boards to reflect the vote taken under Articles 19A through D, and, further, to authorize the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill so submitted, unless the Selectboard approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and further that the Selectboard is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition





# ARTICLE 20

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed

## Language:

To see if the Town will vote to:

1. Initiate a municipal aggregation program to aggregate the electrical load of interested consumers within the boundaries of the Town pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134, or any other enabling legislation; and
2. Authorize the Select Board to (i) enter into one or more agreements with one or more consultants to assist the Town with the development, implementation and administration of such aggregation program for a term of up to or more than 20 years, (ii) enter into one or more agreements with one or more electricity suppliers for terms of up to or more than 20 years for the purchase of electricity for the aggregation program, and (ii) take any actions and execute any other documents and ancillary agreements necessary, convenient, or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing and to implement and administer the aggregation program and consultant/electricity supply agreements, which agreements and documents shall be on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen/Select Board deems in the best interests of the Town.

## Explanation:

Article 20 on the Annual Town Meeting warrant in Hubbardston serves as the first step towards establishing municipal aggregation. However, it is important to note that future town meeting approvals would be necessary to proceed with the program. To consider municipal aggregation, approval from the town's legislative body (Town Meeting) is required before creating a Municipal Aggregation Plan in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER). Given the potential of municipal aggregation in Hubbardston, it is likely that a committee would be formed to work closely with DOER in developing the plan and navigating the implementation process. This committee would collaborate with interested parties and residents to ensure that the program aligns with the community's goals and interests.

Previous information released by the Town Administrator can be found [here](#)

## Motion:

I motion the town:

1. Initiate a municipal aggregation program to aggregate the electrical load of interested consumers within the boundaries of the Town pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134, or any other enabling legislation; and
2. Authorize the Select Board to (i) enter into one or more agreements with one or more consultants to assist the Town with the development, implementation and administration of such aggregation program for a term of up to or more than 20 years, (ii) enter into one or more agreements with one or more electricity suppliers for terms of up to or more than 20 years for the purchase of electricity for the aggregation program, and (ii) take any actions and execute any other documents and ancillary agreements necessary, convenient, or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing and to implement and administer the aggregation program and consultant/electricity supply agreements, which agreements and documents shall be on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen/Select Board deems in the best interests of the Town.

# ARTICLE 21

# ARTICLE 22

Changes General Bylaws  
Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Needed



Changes Zoning Bylaws  
Submitted by the Planning Board  
Two Thirds Majority Vote Needed

## Language:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws (#21) / Zoning Bylaws (#22) by replacing:

- a. the words "Board of Selectmen," wherever they appear, with the word "Select Board;"
- b. the words "Selectman" or "Selectmen," wherever either appears, with the words "Select Board Member" or "Select Board Members," respectively; and
- c. the word "Chairman," wherever it appears, with the word "Chair;" and
- d. the words "Building Inspector", wherever they appear, with the words "Building Commissioner".

**Explanation:** This article proposes changing the Hubbardston General Bylaws to remove gender-specific terms like "selectmen" and "chairman." The aim is to promote inclusivity and gender equality by replacing these terms with gender-neutral alternatives, such as "select board" and "chair" or "chairperson." Additionally, the article suggests changing "building inspector" to "building commissioner" to align with modern terms.

**Motion:** I motion that the Town amend the Town's General Bylaws (#21) / Zoning Bylaws (#22) by replacing:

- a. the words "Board of Selectmen," wherever they appear, with the word "Select Board;"
- b. the words "Selectman" or "Selectmen," wherever either appears, with the words "Select Board Member" or "Select Board Members," respectively; and
- c. the word "Chairman," wherever it appears, with the word "Chair;" and
- d. the words "Building Inspector", wherever they appear, with the words "Building Commissioner" or take any other action relative thereto.



# ARTICLE 23

Submitted by the Planning Board  
2/3 Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws for clarity and consistency with Massachusetts General Laws by adding language (Underlined) and deleting language (Crossed Through) as shown in Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**Explanation:** This article would make a variety of changes for clarity and consistency with Massachusetts General Laws. Most of these changes could be considered “housekeeping” items, but they are substantive enough to require Town Meeting approval. The changes to allowed uses regarding child care facilities and greenhouses are necessary to be in compliance with MGL Ch. 40A § 3, which lists uses that may not be regulated by local zoning.

**Motion:** I motion that the that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaws for clarity and consistency with Massachusetts General Laws by adding language (Underlined) and deleting language (Crossed Through) as shown in Annual Town Meeting Warrant, or take any other action relative thereto.



# ARTICLE 24

Submitted by the Planning Board  
2/3 Majority Vote Needed

**Language:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 20 of the Zoning Bylaws by adding language (Underlined) and deleting language (Crossed Through) as shown in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**Explanation:** This article proposes several substantive amendments to the existing policy on solar photovoltaic installations. These amendments include the addition of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) as potential components, an increase in the minimum lot size to 5 acres, additional documentation requirements for site plan review, modified regulations for setbacks, screening, fencing, and lighting, and a prohibition on the use of pesticides or herbicides. These changes aim to enhance the policy by acknowledging the importance of energy storage, promoting efficient land use, ensuring comprehensive evaluation of site plans, addressing visual impact and environmental concerns, and encouraging sustainable practices.

**Motion:** I motion that the Town amend Article 20 of the Zoning Bylaws by adding language (Underlined) and deleting language (Crossed Through) as shown in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, or take any other action relative thereto.