



# TOWN OF SAUGUS

## 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Essex, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Saugus

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Saugus, qualified to vote in Town affairs for the Annual Town Meeting to convene on June 29, 2020 at 7:30 PM by means of audio/video ZOOM conferencing platform (<https://zoom.us>). The Town Meeting shall be held remotely by the means requested by the Town Moderator in the attached letter as follows;

Town Meeting Members will attend, participate and vote by logging into a web page portal, with unique credentials that will be issued to each Town Meeting Member before the meeting.

Registered voters residing in the Town of Saugus who wish to participate in the remote Town Meeting shall submit a request to participate to the Town Clerk not less than 48 hours prior to the Town Meeting. Upon receipt of the request and verification of the requestor's voter registration status, the clerk shall provide to the requestor instructions for participating in the remote Town Meeting.

To hear and act on the following articles: viz;

**Article 1.** To hear and act on reports of Committees.

**Article 2.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2021. (Town Manager)

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 2 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting during the current fiscal year, and determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or to see what other action the Town wishes to take in the matter. (Town Manager)

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 6 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting during the current fiscal year, and determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or to see what other action the Town wishes to take in the matter. (Town Manager)

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 7 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting during the current fiscal year, and determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or to see what other action the Town wishes to take in the matter. (Town Manager)

**Article 6.** To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Water Enterprise Fund for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2021. (Town Manager)

**Article 7.** To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2021. (Town Manager)

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise a d appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding in pe d bills of a prior fiscal year. (Town Manager)

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise a d appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of maintaining pe sitive cash flow (fund balance) in the Compost Facility Revolving Fund. (Town Manager)

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a amount to be expended from each of the revolving funds listed below and authorized under he Town of Saugus Bylaws as amended April 9, 2018 as Section 405.00 Departmental Revolving Funds for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2021 (Town Manager):

Saugus Senior Center Programs and Activities

Saugus Senior Center Lunch Program

Water System Cross-Connection Program

Town of Saugus Compost Program

Youth & Recreation Programs and Activities

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to increase water rates with all receipts to be held within the Water Enterprise Fund to be used exclusivel f r water expenses, water maintenance, water debt and interest and water improvement program , r take any other action relating thereto. (Town Manager)

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds in the Transportation Infrastructure Fund for the purpose of conducting line painting on various streets in town. This appropriation is in accordance with Act St. 2016, ch 187 s8(c)(i) and MGL c44 s53. (Town Manager)

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$382,950.41 from the Peg Access Enterprise Fund for the purpose of construction of PEG Access studio/facility in Saugus and costs related thereto. Said funds to be distributed under the authority and direction of the Board of Selectmen as they see fit pursuant to the current Cable Television Renewal License Agreement and the current agreement between the Town and its designee a PEG access corporation. The source of funding will be the funds received under the current Cable Television Renewal License Agreement and held in the PEG Access Enterprise Fund. (Saugus Community Television Inc.)

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$497,602.60 from the PEG Access Enterprise Fund for the purpose of funding operating budget of the PEG Access studio/facility in Saugus for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Said funds to be distributed under the authority and direction of the Board of Selectmen as they see fit pursuant to the current Cable Television Renewal Agreement and the current agreement between the Town and its designee a PEG access corporation. The source of funding will be the funds received under the current Cable Television Renewal Agreement and held in the PEG Access Enterprise Fund. (Saugus Community Television Inc.)

Saugus Board of Selectmen

Because I do not foresee any way to safely assemble our 50 member Town Meeting, and allow for public attendance at the same time while complying with state directives on public assemblies during the current health emergency, I am, hereby, requesting permission from the Saugus Board of Selectmen to hold the 2020 annual Town Meeting in an on-line format, using the ZOOM meeting platform, on the evening of Monday, June 29, 2020.

I have used this format in the past and know that it allows for all participants to see and hear all other participants. It also allows for the accurate taking of attendance to determine if a quorum is present, the ability to conduct a roll call vote and the ability for all Town Meeting members and registered voters in attendance to get the Moderators attention and be recognized to speak.

I spoke with Kevin Currie, from the town's Commission on Disability, who is also familiar with the ZOOM platform and didn't see any issues with using it for this purpose from an accessibility standpoint.

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At this meeting, Town Meeting members will first vote whether to commence business and take up votes using this remote format. If the Town Meeting members, by majority vote, opt to not utilize this format, the meeting will be adjourned to a date predetermined by the Board of Selectmen, when the body can fully assemble to conduct the town's business.

All votes will be taken in such a manner as to insure, to the moderator's satisfaction, that the votes of every member attending have been accurately accounted for and by roll-call vote, if requested by any member, as is our practice.

This meeting will be recorded and subsequently posted on the town's website for a period of 90 days.

All actions taken during this remote meeting will be ratified, validated and confirmed to the same extent as if the town meeting had been conducted in person and such actions will be within all other applicable laws.

While allowed by the recently passed state statute, I do not believe a reduced quorum will be required for this meeting.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration on this request.

Sincerely,

Steve Doherty – Saugus Town Moderator



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TOWN OF SAUGUS

Essex, SS.

To the Constable of the Town of Saugus

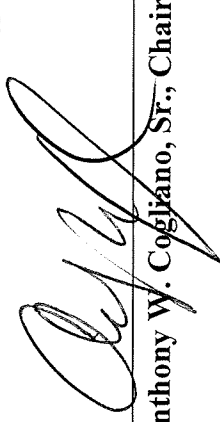
**Greeting:**

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several voting precincts fourteen days, at least, before the time of holding such a meeting

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under hands and Town seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

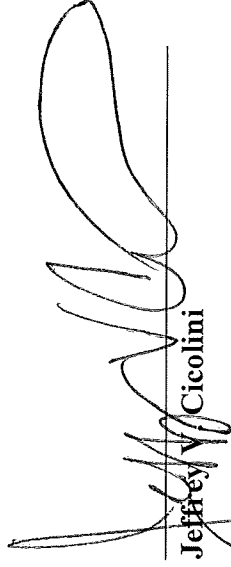
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

  
Anthony W. Cogliano, Sr., Chairman

  
Corinne R. Riley, Vice Chairman

  
Michael J. Serino

  
Debra C. Panetta

  
Jeffrey V. Cicolini

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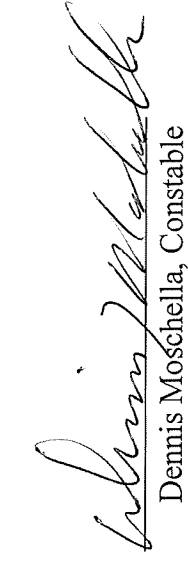
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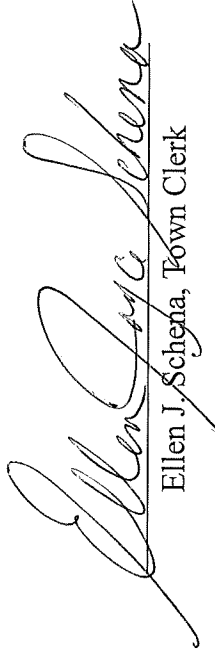
By Town Clerk

Essex, ss.

As Town Clerk of the Town of Saugus Massachusetts, I hereby certify that copies of this warrant were committed to the custody of the Town Constable for posting at the several precinct voting locations through the Town and that further, copies of the same were sent via first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the fifty Town Meeting members at their last know residential addresses, and that further copies of said warrant were given by me to the nine members of the Finance Committee, five member of the School Committee, five members of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager and Town Counsel of the Town of Saugus, Massachusetts at least fourteen days prior to said meeting. Under the pains and penalties of perjury, attest;

Date: June 18, 2020

  
Dennis Moschella, Constable

  
Ellen J. Scherza, Town Clerk

