

# **TOWN OF SAUGUS**

2021 Special Town Weeting Warrant

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE TOWN OF SAUGUS, MASS.

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 Special Town Meeting to convene on December 6, 2021 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.

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

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote under Article 2 of the 2021 Annual Town Article 2. Meeting to transfer an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund as a funding source for Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2022 and appropriate from Free Cash an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.00 as a funding source for Town charges for Fiscal Year 2022. (Town Manager)

To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction Article 3. with funds appropriated under Article 2 of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting during the current fiscal year, and determine whether the funds shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or to see what other action the Town wants to take in the matter. (Town Manager)

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year. (Town Manager)

To see if the Town will vote to make a supplementary appropriation to be used in conjunction Article 5. with funds appropriated under Article 13 of the June 2020 Annual Town Meeting during the current fiscal year, for the purpose of funding the Agreed Upon Procedures Report on the construction of the PEG Access station. Said funds to be appropriated pursuant to the current Cable Television Renewal License Agreement and the current agreement between the Town and its designee a PEG access corporation. (Town Manager)

### 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 2021 Special Town Meeting, as last year, in an on-line format, using the ZOOM meeting platform, on the evening of Monday, December 6, 2021.

We 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

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS 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  $16^{th}$  day of November 2021.

TOWN OF SAUGUS BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Anthony W. Cogliano, Sr., Chairmen

Debra C. Panetta, Vice Chairmen

Michael T. Sein

Michael J. Serino

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Attestation of Service 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: November 17, 2021

Dennis Moschella, Constable

Ellen Joyce Schena, Saugus Town Clerk

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