

**W A R R A N T**  
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**ESSEX, SS.**

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Andover

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet and assemble at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road, in said Andover, on

**MONDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023**

At seven o'clock P.M. to act upon the following articles:

<b>ARTICLE 1</b>	<b>BALLOT QUESTION ON OPEN TOWN MEETING</b>
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To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to add the following non-binding ballot question related Open Town Meeting for the next Town local election:

Ballot Question

Would you be in favor or opposed to keeping Open Town Meeting, Town of Andover's current form of government?

Yes

Continue with the existing form of government where Town Meeting acts as the legislative body and the Select Board and Town Manager act together as the executive branch.

No

Andover voters want another form of government presently and in the future. Town officials will come back to the next Town Meeting with ballot question(s) for voters' consideration on future form of government.

*On petition of Kathleen Grant and others*

<b>ARTICLE 2</b>	<b>PROPERTY TAX LIMIT FOR ANDOVER RESIDENTS WHO ARE 65 OR OLDER</b>
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To see if the Town will adopt the following:

Direct the Select Board to establish a property tax limit for Andover residents who are 65 or older at the end of the previous taxable year. Qualifying residents must own and occupy the property as their domicile either solely, jointly or as a tenant in common for ten (10) consecutive years before the tax year begins. If the resident is a joint owner with another person who is not their spouse, the exemption will be equal to the qualifying resident's same ownership interest in the property. Effective on July 1, 2024 (Fy'25), the exemption shall provide that no qualifying senior shall pay more than a Two-and One- Half Percent (2.5%) increase in annual property taxes from the property

tax imposed in the base year (Fy'24) regardless of any debt exclusion measures provided under MGL c. 59 s. 21C or any other property tax debt override measures authorized by the MGL. Property improvements by qualifying residents shall not be included in the two and one-half percent annual growth limitation. Qualifying residents holding a life estate in the property shall be the eligible; domiciles held in a trust shall be eligible if they are a trustee or co-trustee of that trust and have a sufficient beneficial interest in the domicile.

*On petition of Michael Meyers and others*

<b>ARTICLE 3</b>	<b>RETIREE HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS</b>
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To see if the Town will adopt the following:

To amend Article IV of the General By-Laws by adding at the end of Section 7 (a) (3) the following:

(4) Provide funds sufficient to ensure that the health care premium contribution percentage paid by retired Andover public employees shall not exceed the percentage contributions paid by active Andover public employees

*On petition of Michael Meyers and others*

<b>ARTICLE 4</b>	<b>TOWN MEETING SPEAKING LIMITS AND TIME CLOCK</b>
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To see if the Town will adopt the following:

To amend Article II of the General By-Laws by adding at the end of Section 1 the following:

“All town meetings and special town meetings shall provide equal presentation time for petitioner and total town presentations from town officers, boards, committees and consultants. A clock shall be mounted on the wall behind the moderator that is clearly visible to all meeting attendees to ensure equal time”.

*On petition of Michael Meyers and others*

<b>ARTICLE 5</b>	<b>REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON SEVERAL ROADWAYS UNDER MUNICIPAL JURISDICTION</b>
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To see if the Town will petition the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to rescind the Special Speed Regulations for only the thickly settled or business district sections of the following roadways: Chandler Road, Dascomb Road, Harold Parker Road, Jenkins Road, Lovejoy Road, Main Street between the Shawsheen River to the north and School Street to the south, North Street, and River Road, thereby setting the statutory speed limit for those sections of the listed roadways to 25MPH (MGL c.90 §17C). The Town will also set a parks safety zone regulatory speed limit of 20MPH (MGL c.90 §18B) on that section of Harold Parker Road which is part of Harold Parker State Forest.



*On petition of George Thorlin and others*

<b>ARTICLE 6</b>	<b>ESTABLISH AND REPORT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY</b>
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To see if the Town will create a panel of town officials, independent experts, and residents to monitor and report, on a quarterly basis, key performance measures of 1) the vehicular traffic safety on a minimum of 12 significant municipal roadways and 2) the town-wide enforcement of speed limits and other roadway safety regulations.

*On petition of George Thorlin and others*

<b>ARTICLE 7</b>	<b>ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL SCHEMATIC DESIGN</b>
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- A. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,300,000 to pay costs of purchasing professional services related to the design, renovation and construction of Andover High School, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, borrowing, transfer from available funds or by any combination thereof, or take any other action related thereto.

*On request of the Andover High School Building Committee*

- B. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, borrowing, or transfer from available funds or by any combination thereof and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 for the purpose of purchasing services and materials related to the Andover High School Renovation Schematic Design, including any other costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action related thereto.

*On request of the Select Board*

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies and publication thereof, fourteen days, at least, before the time and place of said meeting as directed by the Bylaws of the Town.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given our hands this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

  
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 Melissa Morris Danisch, Chair )  
  
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 Laura M. Gregory, Vice Chair )  
  
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 Ann W. Gilbert, Selectwoman )  
  
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 Christian C. Huntress, Selectman )  
  
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 Alexander J. Vispoli, Selectman )

SELECT BOARD  
OF  
ANDOVER

A true copy

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Ronald Bertheim, Constable

Andover, Massachusetts, \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I, the subscriber, one of the Constables of the Town of Andover, have notified the Inhabitants of said Town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes stated in said Warrant, by posting a true and attested copy of the same on the Town Hall, on each school house, and in no less than five other public places where bills and notices are usually posted and by publication in the *Eagle Tribune*. Said warrants have been posted and published fourteen days.

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Ronald Bertheim, Constable