



# TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room  
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building  
100 Maple Avenue  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545-5398

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 - 6:00 PM

## Minutes

**Present:** Mr. John Samia, Chair, Mr. John Lebeaux, Vice-Chair, Mr. Maurice DePalo, Clerk, Ms. Beth Casavant, Selectmen, Ms. Theresa Flynn, Selectmen

**Also Present:** Mr. Kevin Mizikar, Town Manager, Ms. Taylor Galusha, Principal Department Assistant (Board of Selectman and Town Manager)

Mr. Samia called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

### Preliminaries:

#### 1. **Announcements/Reports**

### Financial Business:

#### 2. **Review Municipal Budget**

##### **a. Recap Finance Committee Public Hearings on March 24, 2022 and March 26, 2022**

Mr. Mizikar provided a recap of last week's hearing process with the Finance Committee regarding the municipal budget. Presentations were enlightening and informative on the department's accomplishments and priorities for the upcoming fiscal year 2023. Mr. Mizikar noted that he will be bringing Fiscal Projection 2 to the Board on April 12, 2022 and various other adjustments in the budget as well. There will be two more public hearings through the Finance Committee on April 14 and April 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room to review the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Presentations from the Finance Committee Budget Hearings are available at <https://shrewsburyma.gov/160/Finance-Committee>.

### New Business:

#### 3. **Review and act to sign the Warrant for the May 21, 2022 Annual Town Meeting**

Mr. Mizikar summarized the agenda item and wanted to flag for Precinct two voters that they will be voting at the Senior Center not in the Town Hall – both are located on the Municipal Campus 100 Maple Avenue.

- Article 2 – Proposed article to change the governance structure of Town Meeting to replace reference to Cushing's Manual with a reference to Town Meeting Time
- Article 18 – Requesting to borrow for the Oak Middle School window replacement, however the Town does not anticipate needing to actually borrow the money – they just need to set aside funds to meet the requirements of the Massachusetts School Building Authority.
- Article 24– Vote to accept funds from the Commonwealth for Chapter 90. The Town is expecting a little below a million dollars for chapter 90 funds.

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- Article 27 – Seek funding for the development of a Climate Action and Resiliency Plan. This plan will be educational and informative and not demanding of residents.
- Article 28 – Seek funding for the development of a Town Center Comprehensive Transportation and Multimodal Study. This is for the Town Center as a whole not a specific project.
- Article 29- Seek to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues from Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 in 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.
- Article 30 to 35 – amendment to the zoning bylaws, changes have been made to Article 35 following the Board’s meeting with GFI Partners related to this article
- Article 36 – Town of Shrewsbury Tree Bylaw Article for tree care and maintenance
- Article 37 to 40 – abatements and exceptions allowed to be granted for tax relief. This allows for tax relief to be available to a greater number of individuals
  - Covered by the overlay and state reimbursements as well.
- Article 41 to 42 – Retirement system articles – increases the base of a pension of a retiree relative to the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), raise base to \$14K from \$12K (minimum) and would allow the increase for allotment for those retired from accidental disability increase of base pension to 50% of current position wage, not what was set previously (only benefits 2 to 3 individuals at this time)
- Article 43 – Transfer 105 parcels of tax title land to be held in general municipal purpose and a planning study to determine their potential future use. Current designation of these properties is the least protected category. This article will help protect assets of the tax payers in Town.
- Article 44 – 4 parcels of land that the town acquired through tax title to transfer to BOS to dispose of this land. Need to put them through a competitive purchasing process.
  - Difference between Article 43 and Article 44 properties is that these properties under article 44, minus 12 Cedar Road, had encroachments on and took this amicable approach as well with the specific encroachments.
  - Significant amount of open space that the town has in tax title
  - Some Tax takings happened decades ago and these two articles help to make the ownership of land clear.
  - Total Acres – approximately 96 acres of land in Tax Title
  - There are several properties where there are small encroachments, but no major structures
  - Majority are open space properties
  - A lot are small parcels between houses and neighborhoods
- Article 45 – consider the acceptance of public ways - a portion of Lake Street and Commerce Road
- Article 46 – Change the name of the Board of Selectmen to Select Board
- Article 47 – Wright and Harlow charitable fund trustees – looking for options to find a use of this trust fund and put it to use for the original purposes to support low income students

- Article 48 – Seek to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an amendment to a certain intermunicipal agreement entered into by the Town and the Town of Westborough, dated September 11, 1979, entitled “Agreement for the Construction and Operation of the Westborough Treatment Plant”, to revise Article XII of the agreement

On a motion by Mr. Lebeaux, seconded by Mr. DePalo, the Board unanimously voted to sign the Warrant for the May 21, 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

4. **Review and act to appoint a member to fill a vacancy on the Registrar of Voters for a term set to expire on March 31, 2023**
  - a. **Ann M. Dagle**
  - b. **Martha J. Gannon**
  - c. **Kathleen M. Keohane**

Mr. Lebeaux noted all three were great candidates and qualified.

Mr. Lebeaux moved to nominate Ann M. Dagle, Mr. DePalo seconded the motion.

Ms. Casavant agreed that every person who applied is qualified and would hope that the other two would seek ways to contribute to the Town as well and supports the nomination of Ann M. Dagle.

Ms. Flynn agreed and echoed the appreciation for all three of them for volunteering and agrees with the nomination of Ann M. Dagle.

Mr. Samia agreed as well with the nomination of Ann M. Dagle and hopes that the other two individuals will seek other opportunities to be involved in the Town.

On a motion by Mr. Lebeaux, seconded by Mr. DePalo, the Board unanimously voted to close the nominations.

On a motion by Mr. Lebeaux, seconded by Mr. DePalo, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Ann M. Dagle to the Registrar of Voters for a term set to expire on March 31, 2023.

5. **Review and act on the street light recommendations for:**
  - a. **Audubon Drive and North Quinsigamond Avenue Intersection**
  - b. **Everett Ave**

Mr. Samia summarized the agenda item and the requests.

On a motion by Mr. Lebeaux, seconded by Mr. DePalo, the Board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation for the street light at the intersection of Audubon Drive and North Quinsigamond Avenue.

The Town will reach out to the residents who had requested lighting on Everett Avenue.

6. **Review and act on the Street Closure Request from Andrew Truman, Town Engineer, for Boylston Circle in relation to the installation of the new water main**

Mr. Truman was present to summarize the Street Closure Request for Boylston Circle for the installation of the new water main. Mr. Howland noted that they were notified in the last few days that Eversource will be replacing the gas main in the fall in that area and that will be it for the work in that area.

On a motion by Mr. Lebeaux, seconded by Mr. DePalo, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Street Closure Request from Andrew Truman, Town Engineer, for Boylston Circle in relation to the installation of the new water main.

**7. Review and act on the Street Closure Request from Daniel Benoit for Brook Street on April 19, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm to complete water service for lot 27 Brook Street**

On a motion by Mr. Lebeaux, seconded by Mr. DePalo, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Street Closure Request from Daniel Benoit for Brook Street on April 19, 2022 with a rain date of April 20, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm to complete water service for lot 27 Brook Street.

**8. Review and act on the proclamation request from Kathy Musiak, 23 Bellridge Drive, for Children's Mental Health Week**

On a motion by Mr. Lebeaux, seconded by Mr. DePalo, the Board unanimously voted to approve the proclamation request from Kathy Musiak, 23 Bellridge Drive, for Children's Mental Health Week.

**Correspondence: The Board of Selectmen will review and possibly act on the following:**

9. **Email, dated March 21, 2022, from Ruth Anderson, Principal Assessor, re: New Addresses – So Noted**
10. **Email, dated March 22, 2022, from Sanam Zaer, Director of Elementary and Middle School – Al-Hamra Academy, re: Invitation to Al-Hamra plays this weekend! – So Noted**
11. **Email, dated March 23, 2022, from Warren Palley, President – Palley Advertising Inc, re: Event Invitation – So Noted**
12. **Letter, received March 29, 2022, from Andy Truman, Town Engineer, re: Frybeck & Cutler Street – Street Betterment Request– So Noted**

**Adjourn:**

On a motion by Mr. Lebeaux, seconded by Mr. DePalo, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Taylor M. Galusha

**Referenced Materials:**

- Annual Town Meeting warrant – May 21, 2022
- Children's Mental Health Week Proclamation

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To a Constable of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Worcester

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Shrewsbury qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the several designated polling places in their respective precincts in said Shrewsbury, to wit:

Precinct 1	Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building 100 Maple Avenue – Selectmen’s Meeting Room
Precinct 2	Shrewsbury Senior Center 98 Maple Avenue
Precinct 3	Calvin Coolidge School 1 Florence Street
Precinct 4	Scandinavian Athletic Club 438 Lake Street
Precincts 5 and 10	Sewer and Water Department 209 South Street
Precinct 6	Shrewsbury Senior Center 98 Maple Avenue
Precincts 7 and 8	Spring Street School 123 Spring Street
Precinct 9	Fire Station #3 20 CenTech Boulevard

on Tuesday, the third day of May A.D., 2022, then and there to act upon the following:

To vote by ballot for the election of the following named Town Officers, to wit:

TWO	Selectmen to be elected for three years
TWO	School Committee members to be elected for three years
THREE	Trustees of Public Library to be elected for three years
ONE	Shrewsbury Housing Authority to be elected for five years

Representative Town Meeting Members for each precinct as follows:

PRECINCT 1	TWENTY FOUR to be elected for 3, 2, 1 years
PRECINCT 2	TWENTY FIVE to be elected for 3, 2, 1 years
PRECINCT 3	TEN to be elected for 3 years
PRECINCT 4	TWENTY THREE to be elected for 3, 2, 1 years
PRECINCT 5	TWENTY FIVE to be elected for 3, 2, 1 years
PRECINCT 6	TWENTY FOUR to be elected for 3, 2, 1 years
PRECINCT 7	TWENTY FOUR to be elected for 3, 2, 1 years
PRECINCT 8	TWENTY FOUR to be elected for 3,2, 1 years
PRECINCT 9	TWENTY FOUR to be elected for 3, 2, 1 years
PRECINCT 10	TWENTY THREE to be elected for 3, 2, 1 years

The polls will open at seven o'clock ante meridian and close at eight o'clock post meridian, at each and all said precincts, and all of the above officers are to be voted for on one ballot.

GREETINGS:

You are further hereby directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants of the Town of Shrewsbury to meet in the Oak Middle School Auditorium, 45 Oak Street, in said Shrewsbury on Saturday, the twenty first day of May, A.D., 2022, at eight thirty o'clock ante meridian, (8:30 A.M.), at which time and place the following articles will be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting members, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 553 of the Acts of 1953 and subject to the referendum provided for by section sixteen of said Act.

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ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to receive the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, in Article 2, "Town Meetings and the Procedure Thereat" Section 11, by replacing the reference to *Cushing's Manual* with a reference to *Town Meeting Time*, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate said sum to various departmental appropriations for a prior fiscal year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate said sum to various departments for Fiscal Year 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money by tax or any other source available to the Town as may be deemed necessary to pay Town debts and charges and appropriate the same as they may see fit for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will accept a sum of money from the Municipal Light Department CATV division and appropriate said sum for use of the Board of Assessors in offsetting the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will accept a sum of money received from the Municipal Light Department in lieu of taxes, and appropriate said sum for use of the Board of Assessors in offsetting the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for use of the Board of Assessors in offsetting the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to the Special Purpose Override Stabilization Account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to fund the costs associated with the General Capital Budget for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to operate the Municipal and Residential Solid Waste Collection, Processing and Disposal Services Enterprise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to fund the operation of the Sewer system, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to fund the costs associated with the Sewer Capital Budget to provide for the inspection, testing, permitting, maintenance, repairs, construction, reconstruction, replacement and other improvements of the municipal sewer system, including engineering and all other related professional fees and expenses associated with the design of these improvements or repairs and any costs associated with the acquisition of land or easements and further to authorize the application, acceptance and expenditure of a grant or grants from the Commonwealth and/or Federal Government for this purpose and to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners, acting for and on behalf of the Town, to layout and construct, reconstruct or make other improvements to main drains, surface drains, common sewers, sub-drains, pump stations, control systems, connections and related

appurtenances, and to acquire land or easements in connection therewith, which may be authorized by Chapter 502 of the Acts of 1954, as amended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to operate the Water Services Enterprise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to fund the costs associated with the Water Capital Budget to provide for the inspection, testing, permitting, maintenance, repairs, construction, reconstruction, replacement and other improvements of the municipal water system, including engineering and all other related professional fees and expenses associated with the design of these improvements or repairs and any costs associated with the acquisition of land or easements and further to authorize the application, acceptance and expenditure of a grant or grants from the Commonwealth and/or Federal Government for this purpose and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire land or easements in connection therewith, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to operate the Stormwater Services Enterprise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

## ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to borrow, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to fund the costs associated with the Stormwater Capital Budget to provide for the inspection, testing, permitting, maintenance, repairs, construction, reconstruction, replacement and other improvements of the municipal stormwater system, including engineering and all other related professional fees and expenses associated with the design of such improvements or repairs and any costs associated with the acquisition of land or easements, and to further authorize the application, acceptance and expenditure of a grant or grants from the Commonwealth and/or Federal Government for this purpose and to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners, acting for and on behalf of the Town, to layout and construct, reconstruct or make other improvements to said storm drains, connections and related appurtenances, acquire land or easements in connection therewith, which may be authorized by Chapter 502 of the Acts of 1954 and the General Laws as amended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

## ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the potential windows and doors replacement project at Oak Middle School, 45 Oak Street, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the Town has applied for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 52.26 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

#### ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the medical expenses of retired disabled police officers and firefighters, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to the Insurance Trust Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to the General Stabilization Account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to operate the Cable Television Public, Educational and Governmental Access Services Enterprise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to set the annual spending limits for the revolving accounts established and set forth in Article 22 of the General Bylaws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with the provisions of the Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding program and transfer said funds to the Highway Department for the purposes of

maintaining, repairing, improving and constructing town ways, sidewalks and drains and related eligible expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account to the Cemetery Department for the care, improvement, embellishment or enlargement of the Cemetery, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purposes of funding water quality improvement projects and other initiatives for lakes, ponds, and waterways within the Town of Shrewsbury, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purposes of funding the development of a Climate Action and Resiliency Plan, or take any action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purposes of funding the development of a Town Center Comprehensive Transportation and Multimodal Study, or take any action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues from Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 in 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:

**Revenues**

Local CPA tax surcharge receipts (projected FY22)	\$789,000
Local CPA Tax surcharge receipts (Projected FY23)	\$804,780
State matching funds (projected at 30% FY22)	\$236,700
State matching funds (projected at 30% FY23)	\$241,434
Total Projected Revenues (FY22)	\$1,025,700
Total Projected Revenues (FY23)	\$1,046,214

**Appropriations:**

FY 2022 estimated revenues (5%) for Committee Administrative Expenses	\$51,285
FY 2023 estimated revenues (5%) for Committee Administrative Expenses	\$52,310

**Reserves:**

FY 2022 estimated revenues (10%) for Historic Resources Reserve	\$102,570
FY 2022 estimated revenues (10%) for Community Housing Reserve	\$102,570
FY 2022 estimated revenues (10%) for Open Space & Recreation Reserve	\$102,570
FY 2022 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$666,705
FY 2023 estimated revenues (10%) for Historic Resources Reserve	\$104,621
FY 2023 estimated revenues (10%) for Community Housing Reserve	\$104,621
FY 2023 estimated revenues (10%) for Open Space & Recreation Reserve	\$104,621
FY 2023 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$680,041

or take any action in relation thereto.

### ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Shrewsbury, Section IV – Continuance of Existing Uses, relative to pre-existing, nonconforming single and two-family residential structures or take any other action in relation thereto.

### ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Shrewsbury, Section VII.F.3.a – For Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board, to require proposed slopes of a certain height and grade to be subject to Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board, or take any other action in relation thereto.

### ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Shrewsbury, Section II – Definitions, by inserting a provision to authorize the Town Clerk to make non-substantive changes to the numbering and lettering in the Zoning Bylaw, or take any other action in relation thereto.

### ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Shrewsbury, Section VII.L – Common Driveways, by modifying the dimensional requirements and use restrictions for common driveways, or take any other action in relation thereto.

### ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Shrewsbury, Section VII.D.3.d – Parking Lot Landscaping, relative to screening requirements for parking lots in the Limited Industrial Zoning District, or take any other action in relation thereto.

### ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Shrewsbury, Section VII - Table II, and Section VI - Table 1, Use Regulation Schedule, Footnote 12, by inserting text to allow a building height greater than 50' to 75' by special permit in the Limited Industrial Zoning District and to allow for loading and unloading at the front of a building by special permit in the Limited Industrial District, or take any other action in relation thereto.

### ARTICLE 36

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws to add a section entitled "Town of Shrewsbury Tree Bylaw" to regulate tree care and maintenance, or take any other action in relation thereto.

### ARTICLE 37

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 60, Section 3D of the General Laws, to establish a special elderly and disabled tax relief fund account in the general treasury, to be in the custody of the Treasurer, with all monies and any interest earned thereon to be used for the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of elderly and disabled persons of low income. In concert with the creation of said tax relief fund, there shall be a taxation aid committee to consist of the chair of the Board of Assessors, the Town Treasurer and three residents of Shrewsbury to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Treasurer shall design and designate a place on the municipal tax bills, or the motor vehicle excise tax bills, or include a separate form to be mailed with such tax bills, whereby the taxpayers of Shrewsbury may voluntarily check off, donate and pledge an amount not less than \$1.00 or such other designated amount which shall increase the amount otherwise due, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 38

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5C ½ of the General Laws, to increase the exemption amount to any taxpayer who qualifies for an exemption pursuant to any clause specifically listed in the first paragraph of Section 5 of Chapter 59 by an amount not to exceed 100 percent of the exemption for which the taxpayer qualifies, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 39

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D of the General Laws to increase the amounts of allowable gross receipts and whole estate, real and personal, as set forth in clauses 41, 41B and 41C, by an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for such year, to be communicated each year by the Department of Revenue, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 40

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E of the General Laws to increase the amount of allowable whole estate, real and personal, as set forth in Clauses 17, 17C, 17C ½ and 17D in Section 5, by an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for such year, to be communicated each year by the Department of Revenue, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 41

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of subsection (j) of Section 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws as inserted by Section 19 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010 to

increase the maximum base on which the Cost of Living Adjustment is calculated by \$2,000 to \$14,000 or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 42

To see if the Town will vote to increase the retirement allowance of retirees retired for accidental disability and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the cost of such increase in accordance with Chapter 32, Sec. 90A of the General Laws as adopted by the Town on May 18, 1988, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 43

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 105 parcels of land listed on *Exhibit A: Parcels to be Transferred from Tax Title Custodian to Town Manager's Office* distributed to Town Meeting members, all of said parcels having been acquired by tax title foreclosure, from the care, custody and control of the Tax Title Custodian, to the care, custody, management and control of the Town Manager's office, to be held for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conducting a planning study of each parcel to determine the appropriate current use and preparing recommendations for any future use or disposition of such parcels, or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 44

To see if the Town will vote to transfer land located at 33 Eaton Avenue, 12 Cedar Road, 25 Harvard Avenue, and 210 North Quinsigamond Avenue, all of said parcels having been acquired by tax title foreclosure, from the care, custody, and control of the Tax Title Custodian, to the care, custody, and control of the Board of Selectmen, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any agreements and to do all things necessary to dispose of said properties by sale, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

## ARTICLE 45

To hear and act upon the reports of the Board of Selectmen regarding:

- i. the alteration of the layout of Lake Street, a public way, as altered by vote of the Board of Selectmen and as shown on a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk entitled “ROAD LAYOUT PLAN OF LAKE STREET REALIGNMENT SHOWING LOCATIONS OF PROPOSED PERMANENT EASEMENTS & DISCONTINUANCE SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS”; and
- ii. the layout of a new way, to be called Commerce Road, as shown on a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk entitled “ACCEPTANCE PLAN OF COMMERCE ROAD SHREWSBURY MASSACHUSETTS”,

and to consider accepting as public ways the altered layout of Lake Street and layout of Commerce Road, in whole, or in part, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or taking by eminent domain easements therein for public street purposes, to acquire any ancillary easements associated therewith, and to take any actions and execute any documents necessary to effect the purposes of this Article, or take any other action in relation thereto.

## ARTICLE 46

To see if the Town will vote to

- (i) amend the General By-Laws by changing all references to the Board of Selectmen and Selectmen therein to “Select Board”; and
- (ii) authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act to read:

*AN ACT CHANGING THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF SHREWSBURY TO A SELECT BOARD*

*SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special act to the contrary, including Chapters 553 and 559 of the Acts of 1953, the executive body of the town of*

*Shrewsbury, previously known as the board of selectmen, shall be known as the select board and shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special law.*

*SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.*

And that the General Court to make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bills, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bills before enactment by the General Court, and the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petitions;

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 47

To see if the Town will vote to choose the trustees of the Wright and Harlow Charitable Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

#### ARTICLE 48

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an amendment to a certain intermunicipal agreement entered into by the Town and the Town of Westborough, dated September 11, 1979, entitled “Agreement for the Construction and Operation of the Westborough Treatment Plant”, to revise Article XII of the agreement as follows (deletions shown with ~~strike through~~ and new text underlined):

##### Article XII Amendment

These articles may be amended by the Towns by mutual agreement. Action to adopt an amendment shall be ~~in the same manner as action to place these articles in full force and effect.~~ in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 4A of the General Laws.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Given under our hands this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Worcester, ss

Shrewsbury, Massachusetts

This is to certify that I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Municipal Office Building on Maple Avenue and upon the official website of the Town, in said Shrewsbury, as therein directed, fourteen days before the time of holding said meeting.

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Constable of Shrewsbury

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Date

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Time

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Shrewsbury

Children’s Mental Health Week  
Proclamation 2022

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Good mental health is a key component in a child’s healthy development and Children’s Mental Health Week provides the opportunity to focus on this important matter, while celebrating the accomplishments of children and families affected by mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS: According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, one in five children is diagnosed with a mental health condition; and

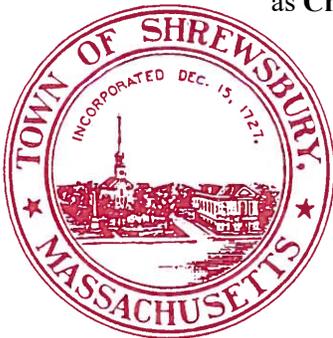
WHEREAS: Research has shown early identification and appropriate treatment of mental health disorders among children and adolescents provide them better opportunities to lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS: Children and youth with mental health problems and their families benefit from access to timely services and supports that are family-driven, youth-guided and culturally appropriate; they also benefit from the integration of behavioral health in primary care, education, and child welfare; and

WHEREAS: It is important that children and adolescents, along with their families and communities, learn about warning signs of mental health disorder and where to obtain necessary assistance and treatment; and

WHEREAS: Children’s Mental Health Week was developed by families of children with emotional, behavioral and mental health needs, to focus on the needs of their children and families; in celebrating this year’s theme: “Action Changes Things” it is fitting to increase public awareness among all Massachusetts citizens of this important; and

RESOLVED: That the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Shrewsbury do hereby proclaim May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as **Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week**



Attest:

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Town Clerk

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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