

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

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

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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 Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building
100 Maple Avenue — Conference Room B (Old
Selectmen’s Meeting Room)

- 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 seventh day of May A.D., 2019, 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 member to be elected for five years

Representative Town Meeting Members for each precinct as follows:

PRECINCT 1	EIGHT to be elected for 3 years
PRECINCT 2	EIGHT to be elected for 3 years
PRECINCT 3	SEVEN to be elected for 3 years ONE to be elected for 2 years (to fill vacancy)
PRECINCT 4	SEVEN to be elected for 3 years
PRECINCT 5	EIGHT to be elected for 3 years
PRECINCT 6	EIGHT to be elected for 3 years
PRECINCT 7	EIGHT to be elected for 3 years
PRECINCT 8	EIGHT to be elected for 3 years ONE to be elected for 1 year (to fill vacancy)
PRECINCT 9	SEVEN to be elected for 3 years ONE to be elected for 2 years (to fill vacancy)
PRECINCT 10	SEVEN to be elected for 3 years ONE to be elected for 1 year (to fill vacancy) ONE to be elected for 2 years (to fill vacancy)

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.

You are further hereby directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants of the Town of Shrewsbury to meet at the Oak Middle School Auditorium located at 45 Oak Street, in said Shrewsbury on Monday, the twentieth day of May, A.D., 2019 at seven o'clock post meridian, 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.

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to receive the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to choose the trustees of the Wright and Harlow Charitable Fund.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to amend the consolidated Personnel Bylaw in Section 1 through Section 17, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan and the consolidated Personnel Bylaw, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5

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 6

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 7

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 Fiscal Year 2019, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to (1) accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, establishing Water Services as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2020, and (2) 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 9

To see if the Town will vote to (1) accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, establishing Stormwater Services as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2020, and (2) 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 10

To see if the Town will vote to (1) accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, establishing Cable Television Public, Educational and

Governmental Access Services as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2020, and (2) 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 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money by tax as may be deemed necessary to pay Town debts and charges and appropriate the same as they may see fit, 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 operate the Municipal and Residential Solid Waste Collection, Processing and Disposal Services Enterprise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13

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 14

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 a 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 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 adoption of a 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 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 adoption of a 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 17

To see if the Town will vote to 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 adoption of a General Capital Budget for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2019, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18

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 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the necessary sum of money to pay departmental bills contracted in prior years, or to take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20 (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Town Property Pesticide Reduction bylaw, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21 (By Petition)

To see if the town will vote to adopt a plan to address the high levels of carcinogen Hexavalent Chromium by 1) Retiring all three offending wells (Home Farm 6.1, 6.3 and 6.4) and replacing them with new ones and 2) Setting aside sufficient funds to continue testing of the

Biological filtration system for removal of Hexavalent Chromium so it can be deployed as soon as possible and 3) Addressing any shortfall of water in the interim by augmenting the supply from the town of Worcester.

ARTICLE 22
(By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to restore the quiet enjoyment* of the estates of the property owners in the "Shrewsbury Town Common Historic District" (Historic District) and all abutters who are being effected by the overuse of Route 140.

The previous expansion of Route 140 and the addition of the FedEx Shipping Center in West Boylston is increasing the air and noise pollution in the Historic District and Town Center of Shrewsbury. Heavy-duty diesel trucks weighing 20, 25, and 40 tons, and commercial vehicles now travel this road at all hours of the day and night, every day of the week. The speed limit in West Boylston is 45 mph; it changes to 40 mph at the Shrewsbury town line, and 25 mph at the Town cemetery. The noxious fumes of diesel fuel combine with the deafening sounds of *jake brakes* and empty trucks barreling over manhole covers sunken into the road, making the area sound like a war zone. These conditions are preventing the residents in this area from experiencing the quiet enjoyment of their homes. The planned expansion of UPS into the Centech Business District is certain to worsen the situation, and the desired redevelopment of the Town Center is threatened by it.

The adoption of this article specifically addresses the 2016 Master Plan Goal LU4: "Strengthen and preserve Shrewsbury's Town Center", and Policy LU4.1: "Maintain and enhance the character of Shrewsbury's historic Town Center by promoting appropriate development and redevelopment." It is in the best interest of the Town to repair this road, regulate the traffic, and ensure that the heavy-duty diesel truck and commercial vehicles traveling on the road meet US EPA Diesel Exhaust Emission Standards.

Shrewsbury enjoys a long history of commerce in the Town Center. As stated in the 2016 Master Plan "The Town Common Historic District represents another important opportunity for the Town as a whole. Building on this designation, the Town can promote development and redevelopment that enhances the historic character of the Town Center." A design study of the Town Center is currently underway to develop a vision for the area. Input is being sought from businesses and residents with numerous goals, including historic preservation. This situation must be remedied to ensure that any redevelopment plans for the Town Center are successful.

The adoption of this article directly affects the Town's Engineering and Highway Departments. At a minimum, it requires close collaboration with the Town Planner, the Zoning Department, Mass DOT and the EPA. Police classification and enforcement is also necessary. Simply stated, the vehicles do not slow down at the 25 mph sign at the Town Cemetery, and most likely are violating the posted weight classifications.

The Town relies heavily on state aid for its road maintenance and improvement projects. The FY2020 Capital Improvement Plan does not include funding for the adoption of this article. Two sources of funding recommended for this article are state aid and Town Reserves, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23
(By Petition)

To see if the Town will authorize the establishment and appointment of an Town Comparison Study Committee, and to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 24
(By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file the following petition with the General Court pursuant to Article 89, Section 4 of the of the Amendments to the Constitution (Home Rule Amendment).

**ARTICLE 25
(By Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to Amend the General By-Laws of the Town by adding The Below Cited Shrewsbury Historic Preservation By-Law, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L c. 59, § 5, Clause 22 H, enacted in Section 15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2018, being the so called Property Tax Exemption for Gold Star Parents, which establishes a real estate tax exemption to the full amount of the taxable valuation of real property of the surviving parents or guardians of a soldier, sailor, member of the National Guard, or veteran who, during active duty service, suffered an injury or illness documented by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs or a branch of the armed forces that was the proximate cause of their death, or is missing in action and presumed dead, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section VIIB, Area, Frontages, Yard and Lot Coverage Requirements, of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Shrewsbury by introducing a maximum floor area ratio for all new two family dwellings, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section VIIB, Area, Frontages, Yard and Lot Coverage Requirements, of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Shrewsbury by introducing a minimum regulatory factor for all new lots, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section II – Definitions; Section VI, Table I – Use Regulation Schedule; of the Zoning By-Law relative to Continuing Care Retirement Communities, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a petition with the General Court pursuant to Article 89, Section 8 of the Amendments to the Constitution (Home Rule Amendment), to enact legislation as follows, and provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

An Act Relative to Affordable Housing in the Town of Shrewsbury

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 20 through 23, inclusive, of Chapter 40B of the General Laws and any regulations promulgated thereunder, any manufactured home as defined in section 32Q of chapter 140 of the General Laws, or any other dwelling unit built on a chassis and containing complete electrical, plumbing and sanitary facilities, and designed to be installed on a temporary or permanent foundation for permanent living quarters, having been situated continuously on the same parcel in the Town of Shrewsbury for twenty years or more as of January 1, 2019, and having been assessed as a mobile or manufactured home by the Shrewsbury Board of Assessors, shall be considered “low or moderate income housing,” as defined in section 20 of chapter 40B of the General Laws.

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

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for counseling and educational services to families, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be paid to the Lake Quinsigamond Commission to fund the expenses associated with the management of Lake Quinsigamond, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 33

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 34

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 35

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, 2019.

ARTICLE 36

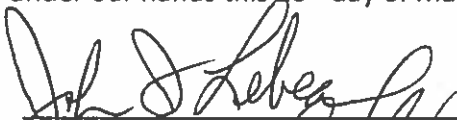
To see if the Town will accept a sum of money received from the Municipal Light Department in lieu of taxes, and appropriate said sum for use of the Board of Assessors in offsetting the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.


ARTICLE 37


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, 2019.


And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Municipal Office Building on Maple Avenue and at the Post Office on Boston Turnpike (Rte. 9) in said Shrewsbury seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Fail not and make due return on this Warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk of Shrewsbury before the meeting aforesaid.


Given under our hands this 26th day of March, 2019.









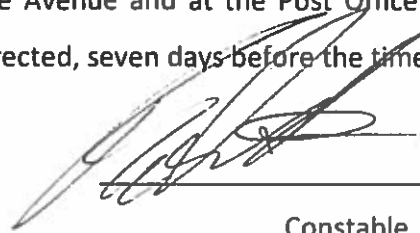


BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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 at the Post Office on Boston Turnpike (Rte. 9), in said Shrewsbury, as therein directed, seven days before the time of holding said meeting.



3-29-2019
Constable