

TOWN OF WESTPORT  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
DECEMBER 1, 2009

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the constables of the Town of Westport in said County:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble at the Westport High School on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Agreeable to the warrant calling said meeting, the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the Westport High School on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Steven Fors.

Bernadette Oliver acted as Timekeeper for the meeting in accordance with a By-law adopted under Article 45 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1963.

All in attendance stood to salute the flag of our nation.

Motion and second to dispense with the reading of the warrant and the constables return of service of the warrant. Voted: Unanimously.

\*ARTICLE 1\*

To see if the Town will vote to transfer to reduce taxation certain sums of money from various articles approved by Town Meeting, when there is a balance remaining that is no longer required to accomplish the purpose for which the articles were originally passed, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to pass over Article 1. Voted: Carried.

\*ARTICLE 2\*

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the amount appropriated under Article 3 of the May 26, 2009 Annual Town Meeting for various FY2010 departmental operating budget line items to balance the FY2010 operating budget, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second that the Town reduce Fiscal 2010 budget appropriations to the line items and in the amounts listed in the handout titled Article Two.

GENERAL GOVERNEMENT REDUCTIONS

Dept Number	Department	Category	Original	Amount of	Reduced	Appropriation	Reduction	Budget	Total
122	Selectmen	Personal Services	\$ 215,142	\$ 6,999	\$ 208,143	Expenses	18,000	2,100	15,900
135	Town Accountant	Expenses	23,937	2,000	21,937				
141	Assessors	Personnel Services	145,700	4,571	141,129				
145	Treasurer	Expenses	19,890	864	19,026				
146	Collector	Personnel Services	120,305	6,000	114,305				
155	Data Processing	Expenses	43,900	2,500	41,400				
161	Town Clerk	Expenses	2,470	600	1,870				
163	Registrar of Voters	Expenses	19,548	500	19,048				
171	Conservation	Expenses	6,858	655	6,203				
175	Planning Board	Personnel	134,100	29,000	105,100				
176	Appeals Board	Expenses	1,325	543	782				
192	Town Hall/Annex	Personnel Services	74,287	1,999	72,288				
193	Property Insurance	Expenses	200,000	19,000	181,000				
195	Town Reports		2,700	1,350	1,350				
198	Town Farm	Expenses	2,816	500	2,316				

\$ 1,030,978 \$ 79,181 \$ 951,797

**PUBLIC SAFETY REDUCTIONS**

210 Police Dept Personnel Services \$ 2,395,793 \$ 10,000 \$ 2,385,793 Expenses 331,970 10,000 321,970  
220 Fire Dept Personnel Services 1,611,263 25,000 1,586,263  
241 Building Dept Personnel Services 97,678 3,300 94,378  
292 Dog Officer Personnel Services 26,685 10,000 16,685  
297 Shellfish Expenses 20,218 4,000 16,218  
298 Parking Tickets Expenses 3,285 726 2,559 \$ 4,486,892 \$ 63,026 \$ 4,423,866

**PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES REDUCTIONS**

421 Highway Dept Pers. Services \$ 562,740 \$ 5,000 \$ 557,740  
433 Sanitary Landfill Expenses 194,362 20,000 174,362  
491 Cemetery Dept Personnel Services 129,213 7,000 122,213 \$ 886,315 \$ 32,000 \$ 854,315

**HUMAN SERVICES REDUCTIONS**

511 Board of Health Pers Services \$ 243,055 \$ 10,000 \$ 233,055  
541 Council on Aging Pers Services 142,759 32,000 110,759  
543 Veteran's Services Expenses 114,433 5,400 109,033 \$ 500,247 \$ 47,400 \$ 452,847

**CULTURE & RECREATION REDUCTIONS**

610 Library Expenses \$ 25,062 \$ 2,000 \$ 23,062  
691 Historical Commission Expenses 940 200 740 \$ 26,002 2,200 \$ 23,802

**DEBT SERVICE REDUCTIONS**

752 Interest on Short Term  
Debt Expenses \$ 25,000 \$ 10,000 \$ 15,000 \$ 25,000 \$ 10,000 \$ 15,000

**PENSION & INSURANCE**

914 Health & Life Insurance Expenses \$ 2,986,500 \$ 17,000 \$ 2,969,500 \$ 2,986,500 \$ 17,000 \$ 2,969,500

\$ 9,941,934 \$ 250,807 \$ 9,691,127

Total Townside Budget Reductions \$ 250,807

Voted: Unanimously

**\*ARTICLE 3\***

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available sums of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for FY2010, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Motion and second to pass over Article 3. Voted: Unanimously.

Motion and second to adjourn and dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 7:13 p.m. There were 115 registered voters and 4 guests and press in attendance.

A true record,  
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more copies in as many places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said 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 meeting.

Given under our hands at Westport this 5th day of October in the year two thousand and nine.

Steven J. Ouellette, Chairman Brian T. Valcourt, Vice-Chairman

Gary E. Mauk Craig J. Dutra, Clerk

Paul A. Schmid, III

WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790

October 6, 2009

On this 17th day of November, 2009, I posted 7 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Senior Center  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety  
Town Hall  
Less Supermarket

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport