

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
DECEMBER 6, 2011**

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 6, 2011 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 authorize the Moderator to declare a 2/3 vote has been achieved in accordance with General Law, Chapter 39 §15. Voted: Unanimously.

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items within the current appropriations such sums of money necessary to supplement the budgets of various departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FROM:	TO:	AMOUNT
Free Cash	Veterans' Personal Services	\$ 14,900.00
Free Cash	Veterans' Expenses	\$ 88,000.00
Free Cash	Animal Control Personal Services	\$ 9,600.00
Free Cash	Animal Control Officer Expenses	\$ 2,900.00
Free Cash	Town Hall Expenses	\$ 3,000.00
	Total	\$ 118,400.00

The main motion of Article 1 was amended by the Finance Committee to include \$50,000 from Free Cash to Highway Department Expenses and to reduce the Animal Control Personal Services from \$9,600.00 to \$5,000.00. The total for Article 1 is \$163,800.00.

Motion and second to approve all line transfers except the Highway Department.

Voted: Unanimously.

Motion made to have any reimbursements by FEMA or others directly deposited into Free Cash. The motion was withdrawn after the Moderator and Town Counsel ruled the motion is not allowed.

Motion and second to transfer \$50,000 from Free Cash to Highway Department Expenses.

Voted: Carried.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal years, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FROM:	TO:	AMOUNT
Free Cash	MIIA Property & Casualty	\$ 20,000.00
Free Cash	Kopelman and Paige, P.C.	\$ 58,521.68
Free Cash	Four Square Village Garage	\$ 10.08
Free Cash	Bristol County Sheriff's Office	\$ 240.00
Free Cash	Goodyear Auto Service Center	\$ 43.71
Free Cash	Direct Energy	\$ 799.82
Free Cash	ABC Disposal Service, Inc.	\$ 112.00
	Total	\$ 79,727.29

The main motion of Article 2 was amended by the Finance Committee to include \$876.28 from Free Cash to Prior Years Unpaid Veterans Expenses. The total for Article 2 is \$80,603.57.

Motion and second to approve all line transfers except MIIA Property & Casualty, Kopelman & Paige and Prior Years Unpaid Veterans Expenses. Voted: Unanimously.

Motion and second to transfer \$20,000 from Free Cash for MIIA Property & Casualty and \$58,521.68 from Free Cash for Kopelman & Paige. Voted: Unanimously.

Motion and second to transfer \$876.28 from Free Cash for Prior Years Unpaid Veterans Expenses. Voted: Yes: 20 No: 1.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$110,760.00 for the purchase and equipping of three (3) trucks with plows for the Highway Department, and further, to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Motion and second to transfer \$101,636.00 from Free Cash. Voted: Carried

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$9,500.00 for the purchase of a computerized sign making system for the Highway Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Motion and second to transfer \$9,300.00 from Free Cash . Voted: Carried.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to reimburse the following departments for expenditures due to Hurricane Irene subject to FEMA reimbursement by June 30, 2012, otherwise reimbursement to departments will be funded from Free Cash, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Police	\$ 16,353.30
Fire	\$ 6,833.57
Highway	\$ 34,935.13
Council on Aging	\$ 679.22
Harbormaster	\$ 1,088.10
Town Beach	\$ 84.00
Board of Health	\$ 67.50
Shellfish	\$ 995.16
Total	\$ 61,035.98

Motion and second to pass over Article 5. Voted: Carried.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws for the purpose of establishing a separate account for the operation of the Town beaches, to be known and classified as the "Town Beaches Enterprise Fund", such account shall be maintained by the Treasurer, and all receipts, revenues and funds from any source derived from all activities of the Town Beaches enterprise shall be deposited in such separate account, to be effective Fiscal Year 2013, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BEACH COMMITTEE

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 6. Voted: Carried.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$3.2 million to pay the costs of the environmental remediation at the Westport Middle School, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and further, to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Motion and second that the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,200,000.00 for the costs of environmental remediation at the Westport Middle School, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §§ 7 or 8 or any other enabling authority. Voted: Unanimously.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$250,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion and second to transfer \$250,000.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.
Voted: Unanimously.

Motion and second to adjourn and dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 8:38 p.m.
Voted: Carried.

There were 437 registered voters and 8 visitors 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 fourteen 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 3rd day of November in the year two thousand and eleven.

Richard M. Spirlet, Chairman

Craig J. Dutra, Vice Chairman

Stven J. Ouellette

Antone C. Vieira Jr.

James W. Coyne Jr., Clerk

WESTPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson
Town Clerk
Westport, MA 02790
July 26, 2011

On this 16th day of November 2011, 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
Lees Supermarket

Daniel P. Sullivan
Constable of Westport