



# WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING February 8, 2016

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex, ss.

To any Constable in the Town of Weston, Greetings:

In the name of The Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Auditorium of the Senior High School in said Town on Monday, the eighth day of February 2016, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., to act upon the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1: AMENDMENTS TO THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT OF THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

To vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing "Agreement With Respect to the Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Regional School District" for the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District," to accept the amendments to said Agreement which have been initiated and approved by a vote of the Regional School Committee on December 21, 2015, and which have been submitted as a restated "Regional Agreement" bearing the date of December 21, 2015 to the Board of Selectmen of each member town; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Article 1 Explanation: This article requests approval of amendments to the Regional School District Agreement of the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District. The Amended Agreement is necessary in order for the District to proceed with a much needed school reconstruction project in a timely manner in order to preserve promised state funding for a portion of the cost from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. It provides for weighted voting of School Committee members based on each community's school enrollment, as well as changing the method for apportioning capital costs among member communities. In addition, it removes the requirement that the school building's host community be a member of the District, and it reduces the minimum number of students for which capital costs will be assessed to member communities from five to one. Most important for Weston is a change allowing for easier withdrawal from the District to be considered under Article 2.*

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**ARTICLE 2: WITHDRAWAL OF THE TOWN OF WESTON FROM THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

To withdraw from the Minuteman Regional School District effective July 1, 2017, contingent upon the acceptance, on or before March 1, 2016, by all of the current members of the Minuteman District, and the approval, on or before December 31, 2016, by the Commissioner of Education, of the Amended Regional Agreement dated December 21, 2015 which has been submitted to the member towns by the Minuteman Regional School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Article 2 Explanation: This article provides for Weston's withdrawal from the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District, as long as the Amended Regional Agreement is approved by all sixteen towns in the Minuteman District. Because of the changes in the Amended Regional Agreement, which are necessary in order for the school to proceed with a much needed school reconstruction project, it is no longer financially advantageous for Weston to remain in the District, given the small number of students typically attending the Minuteman Regional High School. Weston would continue to be able to send students on a tuition basis with a capital fee assessed per student even though it is no longer a member town in the District. In addition, Weston would not be liable for any debt incurred by the District after December 10, 2015.*

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**ARTICLE 3: APPROPRIATE INSURANCE PROCEEDS RECEIVED FOR DAMAGE TO POLICE CRUISER**

To appropriate a sum of money to the use of the Police Department for the replacement of a vehicle, the money so appropriated to be transferred from the account "Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Insurance Reimbursement in Excess of \$20,000;" or take any other action relative thereto.

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*Article 3 Explanation: A recent accident caused significant damage to a Police cruiser. The Town's insurer has provided reimbursement for the damage, in the amount of \$28,985, which will be used to replace this vehicle.*

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And you are to serve the warrant by posting four attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, at the Kendal Green Railroad Station, at the Town of Weston Transfer Station and on the kiosk at the front of the High School by the gymnasium, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands January 5, 2016

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Douglas P. Gillespie

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Michael H. Harrity

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Christopher E. Houston

Selectmen of the Town of Weston

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