

# TOWN OF DUDLEY WARRANT

Fall 2023 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester, ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Dudley, 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 Dudley, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Connie Vanco-Galli Auditorium at the Shepherd Hill Regional High School, 68 Dudley Oxford Road, in said Dudley on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. then and there to take action on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1: (Board of Selectmen) Hear Committee Recommendations-** To hear and act on the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance, Appropriation and Advisory Committee or take any other action relative thereto.

FAA Recommended Action: Approve Article 1 as printed in the Warrant (majority vote)

**ARTICLE 2: (Town Administrator) FY 2024 Amended Budget -** To see if the Town will vote to determine the sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds to defray the charges and expenses of the Town and provide for a reserve fund (s), determining the compensation for elected offices and including debt and interest for the ensuing fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Amended FY24 Budget Incorporating Results of August 17, 2023 Override Votes:

FAA Recommended Action: Approve Article 2

<b>TOWN OF DUDLEY - October 16 Town Meeting Warrant Article 2 BUDGET FISCAL 2024 (7/1/2023 thru 6/30/2024)</b>				
PURPOSE	BUDGET VOTED	CONTINGENT A	10/16/2023	FUNDING SOURCES
	May 22, 2023 FY2024 BUDGET RESCINDED 07/24/2023	AMENDED BUDGET July 24, 2023 FY2024 BUDGET RESCIND 10/16/2023	ADJUSTED FINAL FY 2024 BUDGET	
SELECTMEN	5,302	5,302	27,821	STATE AID
ADMINISTRATION	542,838	542,838	561,194	STATE AID
F.A.A.C.	0	0	20,000	STATE AID
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	82,384	82,384	113,222	STATE AID
INFO TECH EXPENSES	63,696	63,696	100,146	STATE AID
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	110,420	110,420	189,015	STATE AID
TOWN TREASURER (Treasurer/Citr. salary of \$103,577 included)	3,805,626	3,805,626	3,656,611	TAXATION + LOCAL REVENUE
MUNICIPAL EXPENSES	142,782	142,782	238,265	TAXATION
TOWN CLERK (Town Clerk salary of \$77,658 included)	166,862	166,862	170,396	TAXATION
PLANNING BOARD	47,453	47,453	50,502	STATE AID + TAXATION
POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,722,198	1,722,198	1,809,404	\$189,347 AUG 17th Override+Taxation
FIRE DEPARTMENT	1,269,820	1,269,820	1,469,648	\$366,765 AUG 17th Override+Taxation
BOARD OF HEALTH	46,450	46,450	91,450	TAXATION
BUILDING INSPECTOR	32,800	32,800	45,141	TAXATION
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	899,500	899,500	971,714	STATE AID + TAXATION
RECYCLING CENTER	164,700	164,700	164,700	STATE AID
VETERANS SERV.	178,251	178,251	203,364	TAXATION
LIBRARY	360,223	370,223	381,473	\$297,528 AUG 17th Override+Taxation
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND:</b>	<b>9,641,304</b>	<b>9,651,305</b>	<b>10,264,067</b>	
<b>SCHOOLS</b>				
D-C REGIONAL	10036308	10,937,991	10,937,991	\$901,683 AUG 17th Override+Taxation
BAY PATH	1128269	1,128,269	1,128,269	TAXATION
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>11,164,577</b>	<b>12,066,260</b>	<b>12,066,260</b>	
<b>TOTAL GF + SCHOOLS:</b>	<b>20,805,881</b>	<b>21,717,565</b>	<b>22,330,327</b>	
<b>STATE ASSESSMENTS (from Cherry Sheet)</b>	<b>35,820</b>	<b>35,820</b>	<b>35,820</b>	TAXATION
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>20,841,701</b>	<b>21,753,385</b>	<b>22,366,147</b>	
<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>				
WATER DEPARTMENT (0061)	2,661,798	2,661,798	2,661,798	USER CHARGES
SEWER FUND (0060)	1,517,322	1,517,322	1,517,322	USER CHARGES
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,179,120</b>	<b>4,179,120</b>	<b>4,179,120</b>	
<b>TOTAL TOWN BUDGET WITH STATE ASSESSMENTS (includes Enterprise):</b>	<b>25,020,821</b>	<b>25,932,505</b>	<b>26,545,267</b>	
<b>TOTAL TOWN BUDGET W/O STATE ASSESSMENTS:</b>	<b>24,985,001</b>	<b>25,896,685</b>	<b>26,509,447</b>	
Town Budget with St. Assmnts	25,020,821	25,932,505	26,545,267	
Cherry sheet offsets	34,708	34,708	34,708	TAXATION
Overlay	127,280	127,290	127,280	STATE AID
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>25,182,809</b>	<b>26,094,503</b>	<b>26,707,255</b>	
GENERAL FUND DEPOSIT	0	51,788	0	
	<b>25,182,809</b>	<b>26,146,291</b>	<b>26,707,255</b>	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCES</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCES</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCES</b>	<b>OVERVIEW SHEET FUNDING COLUMN:</b>
STABILIZATION	534,305	596,103	0	0
FREE CASH	17,050	17,050	0	0
TAXATION: OVERRIDES	0	901,683	1,755,323	1,755,323
TAXATION: DEBT EXCLUSION	1,007,382	1,007,382	803,257	803,257
TAXATION (without Overrides and Debt)	14,048,252	14,048,252	14,048,252	14,048,252
STATE AID	2,264,044	2,264,044	2,299,220	2,299,220
LOCAL REVENUES	3,132,657	3,132,657	3,622,082	3,622,082
WATER/SEWER INDIRECT FEES	212,149	212,149	212,149	212,149
WATER / SEWER (EXCLUDES INDIRECTS)	3,966,971	3,966,971	3,966,971	3,966,971
	<b>25,182,809</b>	<b>26,146,291</b>	<b>26,707,254</b>	<b>26,707,254</b>

**ARTICLE 3: (Treasurer/Collector) – Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of Six Thousand Seventy-Three Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$6,073.26) to pay unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Webco:	\$270
Boston Mutual Life Group Billing:	\$1106.50
KP Law	\$4,696.76

FAA Recommended Action: Approve Article 3

**ARTICLE 4: (Water/Sewer Commissioners) – Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of Eight Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$8,600.00) to pay unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Northeast GeoScience, Inc:	\$8,600.00
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FAA Recommended Action: Approve Article 4

**ARTICLE 5: (Agricultural Commission)** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from any available funds the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for fundraising activities and events, or take any other action relative thereto.

FAA Recommended Action: Approve Article 5

**ARTICLE 6: (Board of Selectmen)** – To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40, §5B, to create a new special purpose stabilization fund, to be known as the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, which may be expended for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid-litigation settlement documents, a document prepared by the Substance Addiction Bureau of the Commonwealth’s Office of Health and Human Services Department, found at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-abatement-terms/download> entitled “Abatement Strategies”, and consistent with any state guidelines or regulations further clarifying allowable uses of opioid litigation settlement funds; and further, to adopt the last paragraph of said §5B and dedicate to such fund, without further appropriation, 100% of the opioid litigation settlement funds received by the Town; and further, to transfer from available funds a sum of money equal to that received or to be received by the Town from opioid litigation settlements resulting from the Town’s participation in the national Opioid Multi-District Litigation into said Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund; and further, to transfer from Account 0210 000 5766 (Med Project Account) the sum of \$1,376.91 and transfer from

Free Cash the sum of \$6,555.30, to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund; or take any other action related thereto.

FAA Recommended Action: Approve Article 6

**Article 7: (Town Administrator)** – To see if the Town will vote to deposit a sum of money from free cash into the Stabilization Account and a sum of money into the Capital Improvement Stabilization Account or take any other action relative thereto

FAA Recommended Action: Approve Article 7.

**ARTICLE 8: (Water Sewer Commissioners)** - To see if the Town will transfer \$845.74 from Acct # 0360 900 5780 3603 (Sewer F450 Truck Art 26 Oct 2017) and transfer \$1692.94 from Acct # 0360 900 5780 3606 (Sewer Video Camera Art 31 Oct 2018) to Sewer Retained Earnings Acct# 0060 000 3590 0001

FAA Recommended Action: Approve Article 8.

**ARTICLE 9: (Water Sewer Commissioners)** - To see if the Town will transfer \$160,000.00 from Sewer Retained Earnings Acct #0060 000 3590 0001 to the Sewer Operating Expense Acct # 0060-440-5700-0000 for the purpose of paying Webster Sewer Department for the Webster True-up.

FAA Recommended Action: Approve Article 9.

**ARTICLE 10: (Water Sewer Commissioners)** - To see if the Town will transfer \$250,000.00 from Retained Earnings Acct #0060 000 3590 0001 to Sewer Engineering Acct # 0060-440-5702-0000 for the purpose of Design and Bidding services for Potash Brook Interceptor.

FAA Recommended Action: Approve Article 10.

We are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at the Dudley Municipal Center and on the Town of Dudley Web site and by posting notice of availability of the Warrant on one (1) Cable Access Channel.

Warrant to be posted at least fourteen (14) days before holding of said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make do return of this warrant with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time of holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> day in September in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

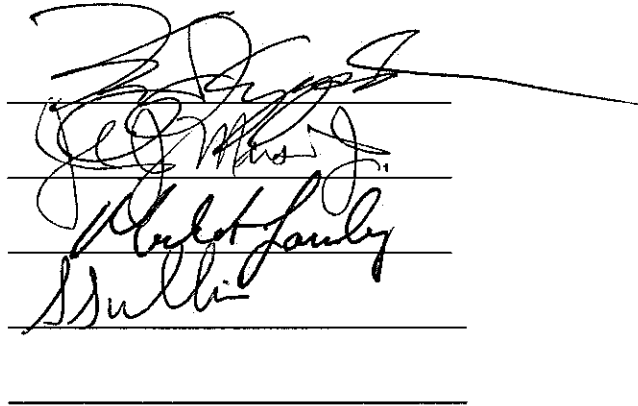
Kerry J. Cyganiewicz, Chairman

John Marsi, Vice-Chairman

Mark A. Landry, Clerk

Steven Sullivan:

Jason Johnson:



*Dudley Board of Selectmen*

I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Dudley by posting up attested copies of the same at the Dudley Municipal Center on the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2023. I also observed it posted on the Town's Website and notice of availability on the Dudley Cable Access Channel on the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

Thereby making my return to the Dudley Town Clerk on the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

Mark A Landry, Constable