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**WARRANT
TOWN OF ABINGTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

PLYMOUTH, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Abington . . .

GREETINGS. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in

**ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
201 RICHARD FRANCIS GLINIEWICZ WAY
IN PRECINCT FOUR IN SAID ABINGTON, ON MONDAY, THE 7th OF APRIL, 2008 AT 7:30 IN THE EVENING**

Then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To elect one Moderator; one Town Clerk; two Selectmen; one Assessor; two members of the School Committee; one member of the Board of Public Health; one Water Commissioner; two members Park and Recreation Commission; two Sewer Commissioners; two Trustees of Veterans' Memorial; three Trustees of Public Library; all for three year terms: one member Planning Board; and one member Housing Authority, all for five years.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**ADJOURNED MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD IN THE ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
201 RICHARD FRANCIS GLINIEWICZ WAY
PRECINCTS ONE, TWO, THREE, AND FOUR:
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008, 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

Article 2A: To see if the Town will vote to amend the wage appendix of the Classification and Salary Plan, effective July 1, 2008, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of (See Exhibit Article 2A-Schedule A,B); or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

SCHEDULE A

FY2009 SCHEDULE B
EXHIBIT ARTICLE 2A – PAGE GRID

Article 2B: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following rate of annual salary, effective July 1, 2008, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and Seventy Eight Cents (\$1,757.787) , or take any other action relative thereto.

POSITION:	CURRENT RATE	PROPOSED RATE
Town Clerk	\$58,592.58	\$60,350.36

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, appropriate from Water Revenue, appropriate from Sewer Revenue, such sums of money as may be necessary to defray salaries and expenses for the ensuing fiscal year; or take any other action relative thereto. (See Exhibit Article 3)

BY TOWN MANAGER/FINANCE COMMITTEE

EXHIBIT ARTICLE 3

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the Capital Improvement Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. General Laws Ch. 32 Section 90C which provides for the superannuating retirement allowance for any former employee who has served at least 25 years in the Town to an amount not exceeding half of the regular compensation paid to employees holding a similar position in the same grade or step or classification which the former employee held at the time of retirement, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY TOWN MANAGER

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money equal to the state's annual release of funds, as the state's share of the costs of work under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 90, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to continue a revolving account in accordance with MGL c44 S 53 E ½. Said account to be funded by the fines levied against Abington businesses which violate state or local tobacco control laws, bylaws and regulations, to be expended by the Abington School Department, to fund the smoking prevention program, not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for the ensuing fiscal year; or take any other action relative thereto.

BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the authority granted under MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ to continue a revolving fund for the purpose of providing pre-school and full-day kindergarten to be funded by tuition collection. No more than \$100,000.00 shall be expended from this fund during the Fiscal Year 2009. The School Committee or their designees shall be authorized to expend from this fund, or act on anything relative thereto.

BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to continue a revolving account in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½. Said account shall be for the purpose of maintaining public meeting rooms beyond regular hours of library operation funded by receipts from private groups using the meeting facilities after regular hours of operation to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), for the ensuing fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to continue a revolving account in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½. Said account shall be for the purpose of replacing library books and materials lost or damaged by patrons and then paid for; to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees, not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), for the ensuing fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to set up a revolving account not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 44 Section 53 E ½ which is funded by review fees paid to the Abington Planning Board for the purpose of paying costs related to engineering and supervision of proposed subdivisions and site plans within the Town of Abington. Said fund is to be under the direction and control of the Planning board of the Town of Abington, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PLANNING BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account for the purchase and related disposal of the compost bins, cathode ray tubes, propane tanks and screened compost and related duties. Said revolving account to be for the purpose of disposal of cathode ray tubes, propane tanks and screened compost and related duties funded by receipts from the CRT permits and for the sale of compost bins; to be expended by the Board of Health, not to exceed Eight Thousand Five Hundred (\$8,500.00) for the ensuing fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF HEALTH

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account for the maintenance and operation of the Senior Center. Said account shall be for the maintenance, use and operation of the senior center, shall be funded by receipts for the use of the Senior Center, and shall not exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00), and shall be under the direction and control of the Town Manager acting as the custodian of town buildings and facilities.

BY TOWN MANAGER

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Department a revolving account in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½. Said account shall be for the purpose of maintaining the fire alarm system in the Town, funded by receipts from fees collected relative to the Fire Alarm system, to be expended by the Fire Chief, not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), for the ensuing fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Article 9 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for services provided to the sexual assault survivors and their families to Womansplace Crisis Center, or take any other action relative thereto

BY PETITION

Article 10 : To see if the Town of Abington, in accordance with G.L. c 40 section 4A, will authorize the Health Officer/The Board of Health to enter into an InterMunicipal Agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide Health Services with the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an InterMunicipal Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign a five year extension of the Intermunicipal Agreement relative to the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, effective, July 1, 2008

BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Article 12 : To see if the Town will vote to accept the condition of a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to 310 CMR 14.00 that requires that all monies, repaid to the Town as betterment assessments pursuant to M.G.L. c. 80, M.G.L. c. 111, s. 127B ½ and 310 CMR 14.00 for the repair and replacement of failed on-site sewage disposal systems, be reappropriated for similar purposes, or the Town shall be required to repay all such monies to the Commonwealth, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept the condition of a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to 310 CMR 14.00 that requires that all monies, repaid to the Town as betterment assessments pursuant to M.G.L. c. 80, M.G.L. c. 111, s. 127B ½ and 310 CMR 14.00 or appropriated by the Town for the repair and replacement of failed on-site sewage disposal systems, be reappropriated for similar purposes, or the Town shall be required to repay all such monies derived from the grant to the Commonwealth, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) to student transportation services to Abington students attending out-of-district vocational schools as non-resident students for the 2008-2009 school year, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Article 15 : To see if the Town will vote to accept the following zoning amendments, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Zoning Amendments

The following are the Zoning Amendments for consideration at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting. The proposed words to be deleted are underlined in italics and the proposed changes of words to be added are shown in **bold typeface**

Amendment Number 1

- Amending § 175-4 Definitions and word usage as follows:

FRONTAGE – That portion of a lot contiguous with a street or street right-of-way line and providing access thereto. The allowable street frontage for a lot fronting on a cul-de-sac shall be measured along the sideline of the street approaching the cul-de-sac as

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to transfer from the Water undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be used with a like amount from the Town of Rockland for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of land on Chestnut Street, in the Town of Abington. The land will be utilized for the construction of water storage tank, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to transfer from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purpose of construction of an equipment storage facility, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to transfer from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be used with a like amount from the Town of Rockland for the purpose of the demolition of the original Great Sandy Bottom Water Treatment Plant on Phillips Road, in the Town of Pembroke. The building has been deemed unsafe by a structural evaluation, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Article 21 : To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to transfer from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of continuing the survey and testing in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations governing cross connections to our water system (310 CMR 22.22) or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to transfer from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) to provide and install meters, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to transfer from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of continuing the annual leak detection survey, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Article 24 :To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to transfer from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), to be used with a like amount from the Town of Rockland for the engineering of the sludge handling facility program to be funded by the Massachusetts Water Abatement Trust Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Article 25 : To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to transfer from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) to be used with a like amount from the Town of Rockland for the purpose of replacing the 1999 Lumina, or take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Article 26 : To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Million Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,045,000.00), to be used with a like amount from the Town of Rockland for the construction of Residual Handling Facilities at the Hannigan, Great Sandy Bottom and Myers Avenue Water Treatment Plants, and cost incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; and to take any other action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS