

**Town of Merrimac Warrant Articles
Special Town Meeting, October 15, 2018**

Essex, ss.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in the Frederick N. Sweetsir School in Merrimac on October 15, 2018 at 7:30 PM to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$6,000,000**, or any other amount, to pay costs construction, engineering and design of a new police station, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article, including contracts for periods in excess of three years; or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3 Vote Required

Rationale: The Public Safety Building Committee and our Owner's Project Manager have reviewed cost estimates from two independent construction cost consultants who based their estimates on the schematic design documents produced by our architectural firm. The Public Safety Building Committee feel this amount along with the \$500,000 previously approved will be sufficient to construct, design and furnish a new police station to meet the needs of the residents. This vote will be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion. Per the request of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Recommendation:	3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	6 - 0
Capital Planning Recommendation:	Not known at time of printing

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to increase the amount raised and appropriated in Article 1 of the April 30, 2018 Annual Town Meeting by the sum of **\$32,000** and adjust the following lines by the amounts listed below:

Line # 46 – Inspectional Services Salaries	(\$ 9,076)
Line # 57 – Whittier Assessment	(\$ 25,000)
Line # 60 - Essex-North Shore Tuition	\$ 10,000
Line # 69 – Board of Health Salaries	\$ 9,076
Line # 86 - Short Term Debt/Lease	\$ 33,000
Line # 91 – Group Health and Life	\$ 10,000
Line # 93 - Prop/Liability, Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 4,000

; or take any other action relative thereto.

Rationale: This article will amend the line items above to account for a correction to the Whittier Assessment, the estimated tuition for Essex-North Shore, a correction to the leases, changes to salary lines and increases for changes to insurance. Per the request of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Recommendation:	3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	6 - 0

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money in the amount of **\$350,000** for the cleanup and testing of the Coastal Metal Site, and fund said appropriation as follows:

Raise and Appropriate	\$ 50,000
Transfer from Overlay Surplus	\$ 300,000

; or take any other action relative thereto.

Rationale: This article will raise and appropriate and transfer the necessary funds to complete the cleanup and testing required at the Coastal Metals Site. The estimated remaining cleanup costs for the Coastal Metal Site are \$500,000, after accounting for the engineering and demolition, the Town will need an additional \$450,000 above the grant amount of \$530,000. Merrimack Valley Planning has very generously offered an additional \$100,000 to the Town towards this project. Upon certification of the cleanup, the Town will complete the sale of the property to North Shore Community Development Corporation for \$559,000. Those funds will be used to satisfy the liens, and any balance will go to the General Fund of the Town. Per the request of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Recommendation:	3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	6 - 0
Capital Planning Recommendation:	Not known at time of printing

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money in the amount of **\$18,000** for the additional costs associated with the replacement of the Town Hall and Senior Center HVAC controls; or take any other action relative thereto.

Rationale: The HVAC Controls for both the Town Hall and the Senior Center are no longer supported in the United States. The cost to replace both units is estimated at \$28,000. The Selectmen will use \$10,000 from the Town Building Maintenance; however, need this additional \$18,000 in order to complete the project. Per the request of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Recommendation:	3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	6 - 0
Capital Planning Recommendation:	Not known at time of printing

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to increase the amount raised and appropriated in Article 3 of the April 30, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, Wastewater Budget, by the sum **\$ 84,500**, as follows:

Salaries:	\$	4,500
Expenses:	\$	80,000
Total	\$	84,500

, and that this amount **\$84,500** be raised by departmental receipts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Selectmen Recommendation: 3 - 0

FinCom Recommendation: 6 - 0

Rationale: This article will increase the amount raised and appropriated for the Wastewater Department Salaries to account for the contractual increases negotiated for the union contract and increase the Wastewater Expenses for additional I & I work. Per the request of the DPW Director.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in the amount of **\$50,309.86** for the repair and replacement of wells at the Bear Hill Well Fields, and fund said appropriation as follows:

- Transfer **\$5,782.68**, the balance of the completed project from Article 3 of the October 17, 2011 Special Town Meeting, Sargent Pit Well Field Project.
- Transfer **\$24,527.18**, the balance of the completed project from Article 9 of the April 25, 2011 Special Town Meeting, Storage Tank Repairs.
- Transfer **\$20,000** from Water Privilege.

; or take any other action relative thereto.

Rationale: This article will transfer the balances remaining in various special articles and Water Privilege for the repairs and replacements needed on the wells at the Bear Hill Well Fields. Per the request of the DPW Director.

Selectmen Recommendation: 3 - 0

FinCom Recommendation: 6 - 0

Capital Planning Recommendation: Not known at time of printing

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept Quail Ridge Road and all associated infrastructure as a public way in the Town of Merrimac, built as to a plan on file at the Office of the Town Clerk; contingent upon the receipt of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Street Acceptance Form and all departments have signed off; or take any other action relative thereto.

Rationale: The project is complete and built to Sub-Division Rules & Regulations and the Street Acceptance Form from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been received. Per the request of the Planning Board.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote accept Poplar Hill Circle and all associated infrastructure as a public way in the Town of Merrimac, built to a plan on file at the Office of the Town Clerk; contingent upon a report from the Building Commissioner and Horsley Witten Group confirming the punch list is complete, that a copy of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Street Acceptance Form is complete and all departments have signed off; or take any other action relative thereto.

Rationale: The project is complete and built to the Sub-Division Rules & Regulations and the Street Acceptance Form from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Per the request of the Planning Board.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment to the Official Zoning Map, by re-zoning the parcels of land located at 6 High Street and Broad Street and an abutting unnumbered parcel of land at High Street shown on Assessor's Map 36 as Lots 2-4 and 2-3.A, respectively, from the Agricultural Residential District to the Highway Services District, as follows, or take any other action in relation thereto:

1. Change the designation of parcels of land known as Assessor's Map 36 Lots 2-4 and 2-3.A, from the Agricultural Residential District to Highway Services District; and
2. Revise the Official Zoning Map to locate Assessor's Map 36 Lots 2-4 and 2-3.A in the Highway Services District.

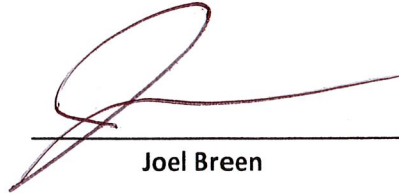
Rationale: This is a Citizens Petition.

Given under our hands this 24th day of September, 2018

SELECTMEN

OF

MERRIMAC



Joel Breen



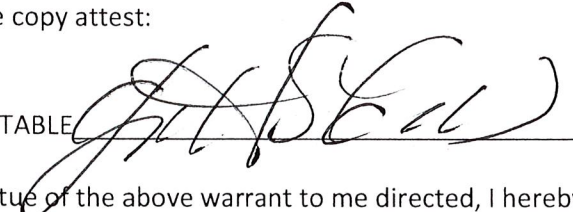
Carol Traynor



Ralph Spencer

A true copy attest:

CONSTABLE



By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac, to meet at the time and said place for the purposes therein expressed.

Posted this 28th day of September, 2018 in the following three places:

Towne Market
Cozy Cleaners
Town Hall