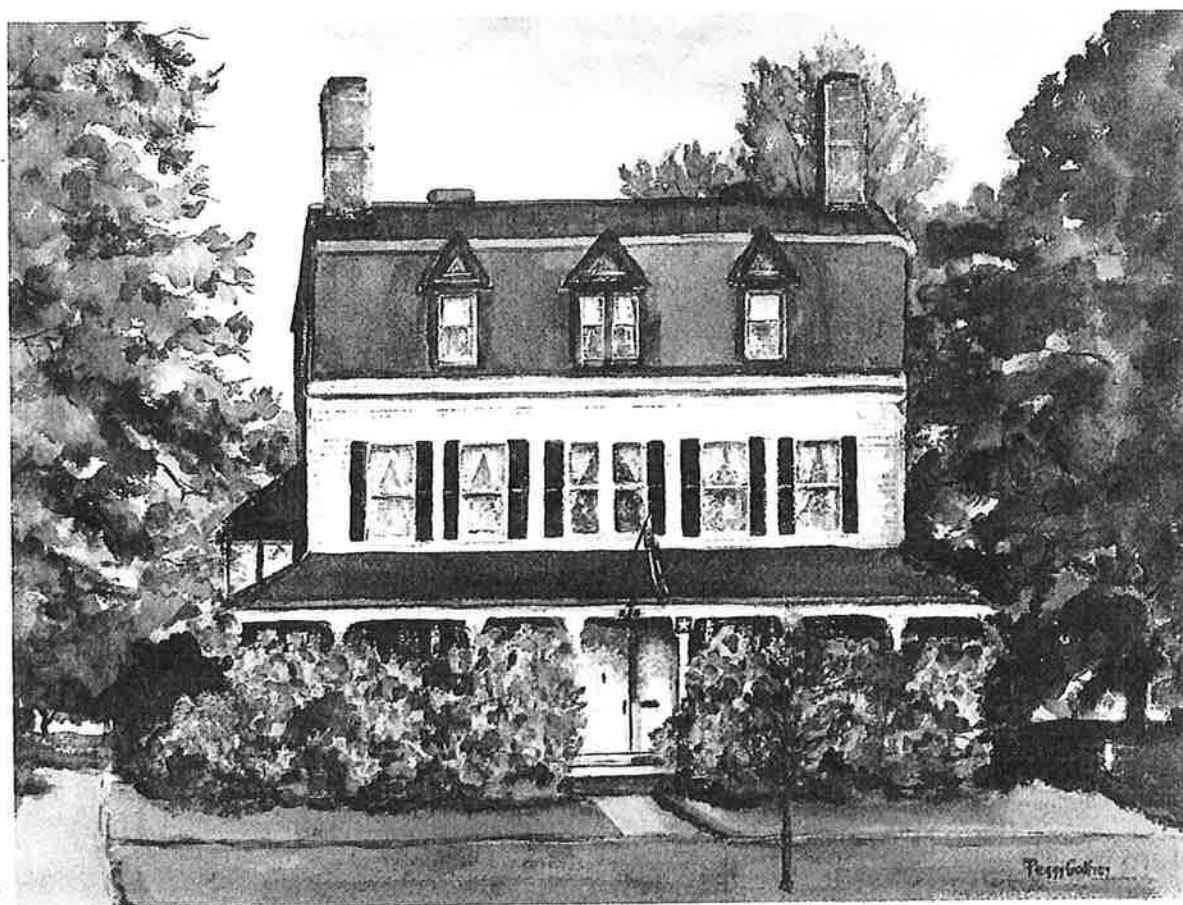


LONGMEADOW

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Town of Longmeadow

Annual Town Meeting — MAY 10, 1977

WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPDEN, ss:

To Kathryn J. Vincent, Collector of Taxes, or to either of the Constables of the Town of Longmeadow, in said County:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Longmeadow, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the GYMNASIUM of the LONGMEADOW HIGH SCHOOL in said Town on TUESDAY, the TENTH day of MAY, 1977, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and if the GYMNASIUM of the LONGMEADOW HIGH SCHOOL shall not, in the opinion of the Moderator, be adequate to contain such Inhabitants who shall meet, then to meet also in the AUDITORIUM and such other locations in the LONGMEADOW HIGH SCHOOL as the Moderator deems appropriate, at such time and places then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To hear the report of the Appropriations Committee and act thereon.

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on the report of all officers and committees whose duty it may be to report at said meeting.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to use the whole or any part of the dog money received from the County Treasurer and also any funds to be received as State Aid for Libraries for the Storrs Library, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by the Appropriations Committee)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to constitute a Reserve Fund, transfers from which may be voted by the Appropriations Committee, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by the Appropriations Committee)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will choose three trustees to administer the William Goldthwait Bequest, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended: Moderator Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Assessors, Town Clerk, Planning Board, School Committee, Park Commissioners, and Water and Sewer Commissioners, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by the Appropriations Committee)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1977, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance

with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote, as an exercise of the powers and functions granted by Section 13 of Chapter 43B of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to grant unlimited tenure to any regular member of the Police Department of the Town of Longmeadow, who, upon the date this article is passed, has served in his respective office or position for a period of five consecutive years and who has not previously been granted unlimited tenure, provided that no person who receives unlimited tenure as a result of the adoption of this article shall be removed from office, lowered in rank or suspended, except for just cause and for reasons specifically given him in writing by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote, as an exercise of the powers and functions granted by Section 13 of Chapter 43B of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to grant unlimited tenure to any regular member of the Fire Department of the Town of Longmeadow, who, upon the date this article is passed, has served in his respective office or position for a period of five consecutive years and who has not previously been granted unlimited tenure, provided that no person who receives unlimited tenure as a result of the adoption of this article shall be removed from office, lowered in rank or suspended, except for just cause and for reasons specifically given him in writing by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to be used to restore the Legion Building at 417 Longmeadow Street, and give the Board of Selectmen full power and authority to proceed thereunder, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by the Appropriations Committee)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 or a greater or lesser sum, to be used in addition to monies previously appropriated, for the purchase of property of Wolf Swamp Road adjacent to wetlands, to be purchased jointly by the Conservation Commission and the Park Department, said land to be used for recreation purposes, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by the Appropriations Committee)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to be used to purchase TV monitors for the cell blocks in the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by the Appropriations Committee)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, as an additional amount to be added to the \$25,000.00 approved and appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 1975, for the purchase of an

and that Mary V. Johnson, Charles Lichtenberg, and Corydon K. Litchard be chosen as such trustees.

ARTICLE 6. Voted: that the Town fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town for the fiscal Year 1978, as follows:

Moderator	\$ 100.00
Chairman of Selectmen	1,500.00
Second Selectmen	1,500.00
Third Selectman	1,500.00
Treasurer	6,106.00
Collector of Taxes	3,053.00
Chairman of Assessors	800.00
Second Assessor	800.00
Third Assessor	800.00
Town Clerk	6,106.00
Chairman of Water and Sewer Commissioners	350.00
Second Water and Sewer Commissioner..	350.00
Third Water and Sewer Commissioner ...	350.00
Members of Planning Board	No Salaries
Members of School Committee	No Salaries
Park Commissioners	No Salaries

ARTICLE 7. Voted: that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1977; in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 8. Voted: that the Town grant, as an exercise of the powers and functions granted by Section 13 of chapter 43B of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, unlimited tenure to any regular member of the Police Department of the Town of Longmeadow, who, upon the date this article is passed, has served in his respective office or position for a period of five consecutive years and who has not previously been granted unlimited tenure, provided that no person who receives unlimited tenure as a result of the adoption of this article shall be removed from office, lowered in rank or suspended, except for just cause and for reasons specifically given him in writing by the Board of Selectmen. (three officers involved: Horst Fei, Peter L. MacElhiney and Larry J. Aldridge.)

ARTICLE 9. Voted: that the Town grant, as an exercise of the powers and functions granted by Section 13 of Chapter 43B of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, unlimited tenure to any member of the Fire Department of the Town of Longmeadow, who, upon the date this article is passed, has served in his respective office or position for a period of five consecutive years and who has not previously been granted unlimited tenure, provided that no person who receives unlimited tenure as a result of the adoption of this article shall be removed from office, lowered in rank or suspended, except for just cause and for reasons specifically given him in writing by the Board of Selectmen. (one only — Michael J. Fede.)

ARTICLE 10. Voted: that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of restoring the Legion Building at 417 Longmeadow Street,

and give the Board of Selectmen full power and authority to proceed thereunder.

ARTICLE 11. It was moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 to be used in addition to monies previously appropriated for the purchase of property on Wolf Swamp Road adjacent to wetlands, to be purchased jointly by the Conservation Commission and the Park Department, to be used for recreation purposes.

Mrs. Jayne Gill of the Board of Park Commissioners spoke to the question and informed those present of the advantages to the Town of the acquisition of his property, then called upon Leon St. Pierre of the Conservation Commission to present slides showing the exact location of the land and to inform the Townspeople that the money represented in this article, together with \$90,000.00 already available in Conservation funds would be used for the total purchase price of this 39.2 acre parcel. Mr. Zundell stated that the Board of Selectmen were unanimous in approval of this expenditure and Mr. Peter Roth of the Conservation Commission also expressed the approval of his committee.

At this point Mrs. Vincent was excused from the Town Meeting, due to illness, and Mr. Zundell made a motion — in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 14, that in view of the absence of Kathryn J. Vincent, the elected Town Clerk, that Christine Calarese be elected Temporary Town Clerk, to perform such duties that are required to be performed at this meeting. (Motion was seconded and carried.)

Article 11 was then called for — motion was seconded and carried.

ARTICLE 12. Voted: that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of TV monitors for the cell blocks in the Police Department.

ARTICLE 13. Voted: that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 as an additional amount to be added to the \$25,000.00 approved and appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 1975, for the purchase of an ambulance for the Police Department, a portion of said sum to be reimbursed by the Department of Public Health, Office of the Emergency Medical Services.

ARTICLE 14. Voted: that the Town accept as a public way or street Tanglewood Drive from the end of the October 8, 1968, acceptance at Station 19+42.45 southerly and easterly to the westerly line of Blueberry Hill Road, a public way, at Station 32+54.96, a distance of about 1313 feet, as laid out by the Selectmen, and establish the grade thereof in accordance with a plan dated March 1977 on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and to assess sidewalk betterments where necessary to complete the sidewalk within the limits set forth in this motion.

ARTICLE 15. Voted: that the Town accept as a public way or street Metacomet Road from the easterly line of King Philip Drive, a public way, at Station 0+00 easterly to the westerly line of Frank Smith Road, a private way, at Station 9+79, a distance of about 979 feet, as laid out by the Selectmen, and establish the grade thereof in accordance with a plan dated February 1977, on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 16. It was moved that the Town raise and