

**TOWN OF LONGMEADOW
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY – MAY 10, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, HAMPDEN, ss

To Town Clerk Katherine Ingram, or any of the Constables of the Town of Longmeadow, in said County:

GREETINGS:

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, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. o'clock in the evening 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 and such other locations in the LONGMEADOW HIGH SCHOOL as the Moderator deems appropriate, at such time and place then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1.

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

The Goldthwait Bequest is an endowment fund left to the Town of Longmeadow for assistance to “the worthy poor of Longmeadow”. The Board of Trustees administers this fund and makes expenditures, from the accruing interest, for applicants experiencing financial hardship. The trustees are chosen annually by Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$60,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purposes of funding the FY 2016 Snow and Ice removal deficit, or take any other action relative thereto.

The FY 2016 Snow and Ice removal costs exceeded the \$100,000.00 originally appropriated. This transfer would fully fund the costs for the fiscal year.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,078.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purposes of paying Bills of Prior Fiscal Year, or take any other action relative thereto.

It was recently discovered that the Town had not made provisions to encumber or pay for two Fire Department bills and one bill for the Assessor's Office from FY 2015. The three bills total \$1,078.00. It should be noted that both the Fire Department and the Assessor's Office returned unexpended appropriations to the General Fund in an amount greater than the bills not previously paid.

Four-fifths vote required.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$135,716.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to the Town's Operational Stabilization Fund established pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, S5B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Funds to the Operational Stabilization Fund would secure the Town's General Reserve levels and help maintain the minimum level of 5% of operating revenues the Select Board has established. It will also help to secure adequate levels of reserves where the Moody's Credit Rating Agency has stated that the Town's reserve levels are “below the national and state average for the rating category” of Aa2.

Two-thirds vote required.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$78,205.69, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purposes of paying off a portion the Town's final share of the Longmeadow High School project, or take any other action relative thereto.

In January of 2016, final audit amounts were settled between the Town and the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The Town's additional share of the final \$75.9 million project cost is \$278,205.69. This appropriation would offset the Town's final cost with the remaining \$200,000.00 to be financed over a two year period (FY 2017 and FY 2018). The Town's share of prior year's utility rebates received on the project amount to approximately \$66,000.00 and is currently a part of our available Free Cash. The Town will need to appropriate funds in the fall to cover the FY 2017 debt service amounts.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 6.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$75,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the Fiscal Year 2018 Department of Revenue mandated triennial update of all properties in Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Every three years, the Department of Revenue requires Massachusetts municipalities to do a complete analysis of property data in order to certify that property assessments are at full and fair cash value. Such analysis includes sales data to insure the valuations are within the parameters set by the Bureau of Local Assessments within the Department of Revenue. Appropriating the funds now allows for ample time to bid for the services and have the services completed prior to setting the FY 2018 tax rate – roughly November 2017.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 7.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$50,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purposes of consulting services to assist the Town in investigating the development of a fair and equitable “Storm Water Enterprise Fund” to be voted on at a future Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Both federal and state regulations are placing more of a burden on municipalities to control storm water runoff. Operational services and Town owned infrastructure are used to maintain the storm water. The infrastructure includes catch basins, storm drain pipes, outfalls and culverts which need to be serviced routinely in order to meet the federal and state standards set.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 8.

To see if the Town will vote to fix the Fiscal Year 2017 salary and compensation of the Moderator at \$100.00 and the Select Persons at \$2,000.00 each, to provide for a reserve fund, and to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget totaling \$62,344,591.00 , or a greater or lesser sum, and itemized as follows:

General Government	\$ 1,489,589.00
Public Safety	\$ 4,828,955.00
Planning & Community Development	\$ 184,992.00
Schools	\$33,153,629.00
Department of Public Works (General Fund)	\$ 3,445,417.00
Community and Cultural Services	\$ 1,567,106.00
Debt Service & Town/School Employee/Retiree Benefits	<u>\$12,346,938.00</u>
Subtotal General Fund	\$57,016,626.00
Solid Waste / Recycling Enterprise Fund	\$ 1,055,929.00
Water Enterprise Fund	\$ 2,356,075.00
Sewer Enterprise Fund	<u>\$ 1,915,961.00</u>
Total	\$62,344,591.00

And to fund the General Fund \$57,016,626.00 be raised and appropriated as follows: \$56,352,591.00 from general taxation, \$555,000.00 from Ambulance receipts, \$9,035.00 be transferred from Fund Balance Reserve for Future Years Debt Service and \$100,000.00 from available funds in the Treasury; and that to fund the Solid Waste / Recycling Enterprise Fund \$1,055,929.00 be raised and appropriated as follows: \$270,000.00 from Solid Waste / Recycling receipts and \$785,929.00 from general taxation; and to fund the Water Enterprise Fund \$2,356,075.00 be raised and appropriated as follows: \$2,356,075.00 from Water receipts; and to fund the Sewer Enterprise Fund \$1,915,961.00 be raised and appropriated as follows: \$1,915,961.00 from Sewer receipts, or take any other action relative thereto.

An annual operating budget must be adopted and funded for Fiscal Year 2017 that begins on July 1, 2016. The budget was approved by the Select Board and reviewed by the Finance Committee, as required by the Town Charter. The budget, as printed, is a balanced budget as required by Massachusetts General Laws and the Charter.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the following amounts, or a greater or lesser sums, for capital projects and that any remaining amounts from the capital projects that were funded through general taxation or the Capital Stabilization Fund be returned to the Capital Stabilization Fund:

From Raise and Appropriate (FY2017)

Project Development	\$ 25,000.00
Project Reserve	\$ 10,000.00
Replace / Install IT Battery Backup System	\$ 30,000.00
Fire Truck Replacement Contribution	\$ 65,110.00
DPW Grounds – Russell Field Safety Netting	\$ 5,000.00
DPW Utility Work Machine	\$ 60,000.00
DPW Rack Body	\$ 54,000.00
DPW Facilities Director Vehicle	\$ 28,362.00
Pavement Preservation	\$ 550,000.00
Sidewalk Reconstruction	\$ 440,000.00

Guardrail Replacement	\$ 50,000.00
Elmwood Road Drain Outlet Repair	\$ 122,015.00
Subtotal	\$1,439,487.00

Multi Fund

	<u>Raise and</u> <u>Appropriate FY17</u>	<u>Water Retained</u> <u>Earnings</u>	<u>Sewer Retained</u> <u>Earnings</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Stabilization</u>
DPW Working Foreman Utility Body	\$21,113.00	\$10,556.00	\$10,556.00	
DPW Asphalt Reclaimer / Hot Box	\$ 7,900.00	\$19,450.00	\$19,450.00	\$31,000.00
DPW Assistant Director Vehicle Water/Sewer		\$14,181.00	\$14,181.00	

or take any other action relative thereto.

Annually the Town appropriates funds for capital expenditures; this year’s goal was to increase the FY 2016 percentage of 2.50% to 2.75% of General Fund revenues toward the extensive list of capital needs. Other budgetary pressures limited the increase to slightly less than 2.5%.

Two-thirds vote required.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 10.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow the sum of \$144,205.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purposes of upgrading water mains on Sunset Lane and related bonding costs, to be paid in the first instance from water receipts, or take any other action relative thereto.

The proposed work is: to remove a 4” water main and install an 8” ductile iron water main, install new main gate vales, service lines and hydrants. The increase pipe size will result in increased water flow and water quality. In 2015, the old water main froze solid because it was only 3’ deep. This project will eliminate the possibility of this problem in the future. This project was recommended as part of the 2008 Tighe and Bond Water Study report.

Two-thirds vote required.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 11.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow the sum of \$187,275.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purposes of upgrading water mains and the water loop on Branch Street and related bonding costs, to be paid in the first instance from water receipts, or take any other action relative thereto.

The project will provide: a system loop with a new 8” ductile iron water main, new main gate valve, service lines and hydrants. The proposed work will improve water quality and provide higher water flow and water pressure for fire protection. This project was recommended as part of the 2008 Tighe and Bond Water Study report.

Two-thirds vote required.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 12.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow the sum of \$141,745.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purposes of installing a siphon on Elmwood Drive and related bonding costs, to be paid in the first instance from sewer receipts, or take any other action relative thereto.

The existing cast iron siphon was constructed in 1918 and has had numerous backups into several homes throughout the years. The proposed work includes: installation of a 10” ductile iron siphon pipe, a new 5’ diameter manhole, and associated road restoration. The existing pipe will be left in place to function as an auxiliary siphon.

Two-thirds vote required.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 13.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$476,652.00 from the state for highway improvements under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 90 including funds to be received in FY 2017 or any other applicable laws, and to authorize the Select Board, if necessary, to apply for, accept, and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such projects, expend, or take any other action relative thereto.

The state annually allocates to the Town a sum of money to be spent on Town roads. This amount must be appropriated by town meeting. The Town spends the money first and is reimbursed by the state upon completion of the project. The amount is unknown at the time of publication.

Two-thirds vote required in case of borrowing.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 14.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the School Department, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, said fund to receive commissions paid from sales from vending machines located in various locations under the jurisdiction of the School Department, said funds to be deposited with the Town Treasurer and with payments from the fund to be expended by the School Department, up to \$5,000.00, to support school-related activities, or take any other action relative thereto.

Massachusetts General Laws require revenues to be deposited in the General Fund in most cases. In some cases, such as funds derived from school vending machines, revolving funds can be established annually by town meeting allowing these revenues to be used by the schools as an income source. Adoption of this provision will allow the School Department to keep and expend income derived from school based vending machines solely for school purpose without turning them over to general revenue, as was the original intent of the vending agreement. The appropriation cannot exceed those funds received in the prior fiscal year.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$212,500.00 or a greater or lesser sum, to a Salary Settlement Account to fund approved collective bargaining and wage settlements, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Town currently has one collective bargaining unit (Firefighters Union) that is settled for FY 2017. This article will provide funds for approved wage and collective bargaining agreements as they are completed. Funds from the Salary Settlement Account would be released to the individual budgetary line items by the Finance Director only after receipt of finalized collective bargaining and wage settlement documents.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 16.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000.00 from prior warrant article #9 approved at the Fall Town Meeting dated November 3, 2015 for tasks including, but not limited to, additional site analysis, conceptual site plan, and conceptual building renderings for the development of the Turner parcel along with the new Adult Center, or take any other action relative thereto.

The process of developing a strategy for providing more suitable space and facilities for the Longmeadow Council on Aging started with a citizens' petition with funding being approved at our May 13, 2014 Annual Town Meeting. Since that time, we have completed a feasibility study and, more recently, a more in-depth analysis of potential sites for the location of our new Adult Center. The working group's recommendations to the Select Board were that the new center be located on a section of land at Turner parcel. The funds requested through this warrant article will allow for an expanded review of the Turner parcel development. If the new Select Board task force agrees with the findings of the previous group, they will be able to expand the conceptual site plan and develop and review multiple plans. The final approval for any site and improvements will be presented to the Town at a future meeting for approval.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 17.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, from the FY2017 Community Preservation local surcharge and trust fund for administration costs for the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

These funds are for any expenses incurred by the Community Preservation Committee. The Committee spends \$3,000.00 per year, including dues to the Coalition for Community Preservation. Any funds not used during the year are returned to the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance account.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 18.

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project to fund the Longmeadow History Finding Aid project, in an amount of \$35,700.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to be funded from the Historic Preservation Fund Balance, or take any other action relative thereto.

This grant request will create a web-based finding aid that will allow anyone interested in Longmeadow history to make use of one site to identify the location of all known primary historic documents related to Longmeadow. Currently these documents are scattered in various locations in town as well as in East Longmeadow, Springfield, Deerfield, and other locations.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 19.

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project to preserve personnel/payroll records, in an amount of \$60,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to be funded from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Town is required to maintain personnel and payroll records both for active and inactive employees. These records are currently located in several locations in Town Hall and the Community House, are disorganized and are subject to environmental conditions leading to their deterioration. The CPC approved \$50,000.00 last year, and this grant will provide for the completion of auditing and inventorying files and microfilming of inactive files (which is the state approved preservation format), after which the paper files may be destroyed.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 20.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$125,000.00 from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve to provide additional funds for support of Community Housing through the Residential Home Modification Fund, and to modify and supplement actions taken pursuant to Article 20 at the May 11, 2010 town meeting which established the Residential Home Modification Fund as follows:

- a. Funds will only be provided to town residents with income below 80% of the HUD median income for Longmeadow.
- b. Funds will only be used for items which meet the definition of housing support provided in the CPA guidelines.
- c. A committee of at least three individuals will review and approve all applications for funds.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Six years ago the town approved creation and funding of the Residential Home Modification Fund. This article would provide additional CPA funds to fund this successful program. Applicants may apply for a maximum grant of \$9,999.00 for projects needed to allow them to stay in their homes. The fund is administered by the Council on Aging. Applicants will be expected to utilize all other available fund sources before applying for these funds.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 21.

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project to replace the Center School Terrace and Balustrade, in an amount of \$136,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, \$4,000.00 to be funded from the Historic Preservation Fund Balance, \$132,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to be funded from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Center School was constructed as two separate schools in 1921 and 1928, and was united as a single building in 1995 during a renovation project. The front of the northern part of the building has a terrace that is original to the 1920's construction of the building. The concrete is badly degraded. The existing condition represents trip hazards and is unsightly. This project will create a safer exit from the gymnasium.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 22.

To see if the Town will vote to fund the Community Preservation Project to make repairs to the Greenwood pool, in an amount of \$235,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, \$78,000.00 to be funded from the Recreation/Open Space Fund Balance, and \$157,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to be funded from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Greenwood pool was installed in the 1950's. Over the years the pool has received minor fencing and deck improvements, as well as the addition of handicap access steps and a chair lift. This application will provide for the repair of the leaky main drain line, make a new connection to the suction side of the filter, repair the concrete at the bottom of the pool, and paint the pool.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 23.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a \$15.00 demand fee, pursuant to Chapter 60, Section 15 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be added to and collected as part of the tax, to be effective as of July 1, 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.

Effective July 1, 2008, cities and towns were able to raise demand fees from \$5.00 to a limit of \$30.00. The requested increase is reasonable based upon personnel time, materials, and postage cost to process demand bills. The fee was last increased to \$10.00 effective July 1, 2010.

ARTICLE 24.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a \$30.00 lien fee for water and a \$30.00 lien fee for sewer, pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 58 of the Massachusetts General Laws, that would be added as a lien to the third quarter Real Estate tax bills, or take any other action relative thereto.

These fees would cover cost of staff's time to balance the appropriate accounts, and the postage and materials to compile and mail notices. The lien process is time consuming for both the Collector's and Assessor's offices. There were 229 account liens, comprised of 412 liens split between water and sewer. These liens could generate \$12,360 in revenue.

ARTICLE 25.

To see if the Town will vote to amend General Bylaw 2-804(f) relating to the Conservation Commission by correcting two typographical errors in the transcription of the first two sentences by (a) striking the words "contrgift of" in the second line and substituting the words "control of" and (b) by striking the word "noeaseme" in the fourth line and substituting the words "not limited to" so that, as amended, the first and second sentences of Section 2-804(f) will read as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

(f) To the extent necessary to pursue the goals of this section, the Town is authorized to acquire, hold, manage and control of the interest, it may purchase the interest, or within limits stated in the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, it may use its power of eminent domain. An interest that can be acquired in land or water includes but is not limited to an easement and a right arising out of contract.

The purpose of this article is to correct the Conservation Commission Bylaw so it reads as it was originally adopted. At some time in the past two typographical errors were introduced resulting in garbled sentences.

ARTICLE 26.

To see if the Town will vote to amend General Bylaw Chapter 600, Section 2-603 Tree Warden as follows:

Remove:

- (a) The Tree Warden shall maintain records that show the activities of his office, including a record of receipts and expenditures. He shall from time to time make recommendations to the Select Board and Town Manager regarding the care of trees in the Town.
- (b) Harming Trees. A person shall not trim, cut down or remove a tree or shrub from land that is owned or controlled by the Town of Longmeadow unless he has first obtained written authorization from the Tree Warden.

Replace with:

Such aforementioned duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following as may be further specified in this bylaw:

- (1)** The Tree Warden shall maintain records that show the activities of his office, including a record of receipts and expenditures. He shall from time to time make recommendations to the Select Board and Town Manager regarding the care of trees in the Town;
- (2)** Expending funds, in coordination with the Tree Committee, appropriated for planting trees on Town land under the jurisdiction of the Tree Warden;
- (3)** Work in conjunction with the Tree Committee to seek grants or other assistance concerning the preservation and maintenance of trees in Town;
- (4)** Development of rules, regulations, tree inventory, manuals and other data, in conjunction with the Tree Committee, to carry out the purposes and intent of this bylaw for approval and promulgation by the Select Board;
- (5)** Enforcement of this bylaw;
- (6)** The Tree Warden shall recommend persons to be appointed as Deputy Tree Wardens to the Town Manager, who shall be the appointing authority;

And amend Chapter 800, Advisory, policy and Regulatory Agencies by adding a new Section 2-809 Tree Committee as follows:

§2-809. Tree Committee.

A. The Town shall have a Tree Committee that consists of seven members. The members shall be the Tree Warden and the Director of Parks and Recreation and five (5) public members as appointed by the Select Board. For the first appointments, two members will serve one-year terms; one member will serve a two-year term; and one member shall serve a three-year term. All members up for renewal will then serve three-year terms.

B. The Tree Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities as may be further specified in this bylaw:

- (1)** Development of rules, regulations, tree inventory, manuals and other data, in conjunction with the Tree Warden, to carry out the purposes and intent of this bylaw, for approval and promulgation by the Select Board;
- (2)** Public education and coordination with other Town Committees and civic groups to promote the purposes and intent of this bylaw;
- (3)** Work in conjunction with the Tree Warden to seek grants or other assistance concerning the preservation and maintenance of trees in Town.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

This proposed Bylaw revision effectively updates the current Bylaw to better define the roles of the Tree Warden and Tree Committee, to protect and maintain the Town's trees. The proposed Bylaw revision recognizes and formalizes a Tree Committee consisting of the Tree Warden, Director of Parks and Recreation and five public members, appointed by the Select Board. Further, the proposed Bylaw revision defines the duties and responsibilities of the Tree Committee and Tree Warden to develop rules, regulations, a municipal tree inventory, further Public Education, and to seek Grants and other assistance to preserve and maintain trees on all Town owned properties.

ARTICLE 27.

Citizen Petition

To see if the Town will vote to accept a bylaw for setting the speed limit on side streets that reads, the speed limit for all motor vehicles on side streets within the Town of Longmeadow shall be 20 miles per hour. For purposes of this section, the term "side streets within the Town of Longmeadow" shall mean all public ways within the Town of Longmeadow with the exception of Longmeadow Street, Forest Glen Road, Laurel Street, Converse Street, Burbank Road, Bliss Road, Emerson Road, Pondsides Road, Birnie Lane, Bark Haul Road, Williams Street, Shaker Road, Maple Road, Hazardville Road, Frank Smith Road, Redfern Drive, Dwight Road, and Wolf Swamp Road, or take any other action relative thereto.

This bylaw would increase safety by reducing the speed limit on residential side streets.

ARTICLE 28.**Citizen Petition**

To see if the Town will vote to retain Quinnehtuk Road as a through road, or take any other action relative thereto.

The closing is an extraordinary and possibly illegal overreach by the Select Board. It has had a major impact on Wolf Swamp Road whose residents, elementary school, playing fields, must now endure significantly increased overflow traffic. Furthermore, the barriers are an obstacle to emergency vehicles and are an eyesore.

ARTICLE 29.**Citizen Petition**

To see if the Town will vote to accept a bylaw for gun control on town property that reads, whoever possesses a firearm, rifle, or shotgun in any building owned by the Town, or on recreation area, conservation area, or other grounds owned by the Town, shall pay a fine of \$300. The terms “firearm,” “rifle,” and “shotgun” shall have the meanings found in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, section 121, or take any other action relative thereto.

This proposed bylaw would prohibit anyone from possessing a firearm (defined under state law as a pistol, revolver, or similar weapon), rifle, or shotgun in a town building or on town property.

ARTICLE 30.**Citizen Petition**

To see if the Town will vote to accept a bylaw for gun licensing requirements that reads, each person applying for, or seeking to renew, a license to carry a firearm or a firearm identification card with the Chief of Police or Police Department shall describe in writing each firearm, rifle or shotgun possessed by the prospective license holder. Such description shall include the serial number, make, model, and caliber of each firearm, rifle, or shotgun. The prospective license holder shall also certify that he/she understands and complies with the safe storage requirements of Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 140, section 131L. Whoever fails to provide a description for each firearm, rifle, or shotgun shall pay a fine of \$300 for each firearm, rifle, or shotgun which has not been so described. Whoever fails to certify, or falsely certifies, his/her compliance with the safe storage requirements of Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 140, section 131L shall pay a fine of \$300, or take any other action relative thereto.

Under Massachusetts state law, licenses to carry a firearm (LTCs) and firearm identification cards (FID cards) expire after six years. This bylaw would require new applicants or those seeking to renew LTCs or FID cards to provide a description of each firearm, rifle, or shotgun possessed by the applicant. The bylaw would also require applicants to certify their compliance with the Massachusetts law that requires firearms, rifles, and shotguns to be stored in locked containers or to be similarly secured.

ARTICLE 31.**Citizen Petition**

To see if the Town will vote to accept a bylaw for an assault weapon ban that reads, whoever possesses an assault weapon or a large capacity feeding device shall pay a fine of \$300 for each day such assault weapon or large capacity feeding device is possessed within the Town. The possessor of an assault weapon or a large capacity feeding device shall pay a separate fine for each assault weapon and each large capacity feeding device. The term “assault weapon” and “large capacity feeding device” shall have the meanings found in Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 140, section 121. The possession of an assault weapon or a large capacity feeding device is unlawful even if such assault weapon or large capacity was lawfully possessed on or before September 13, 1994. The effective date of this bylaw shall be September 1, 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.

Massachusetts state law prohibits the possession of assault weapons and large capacity feeding devices (defined as devices capable of holding certain amounts of ammunition) but provides an exception for assault weapons and large capacity feeding devices lawfully possessed on September 13, 1994. This bylaw would eliminate this exception and prohibit all assault weapons and large capacity feeding devices in Longmeadow. The effective date of September 1, 2016 would allow owners of assault weapons and large capacity feeding devices falling within this exception sufficient time to remove them from Longmeadow.

ARTICLE 32.**Citizen Petition**

To see if the Town will vote to protect and preserve the Wolf Swamp fields, in the Town of Longmeadow, MA, as designated recreational use only, in perpetuity, and in accordance with their intended use by the sellers to the Town of Longmeadow on September 19, 1977. Furthermore, we ask the Select Board not to consider the use of any or all of these fields for the relocation of the DPW facility or for any future town or commercial development, or take any other action relative thereto.

To see if the Town will vote to continue to use Wolf Swamp fields for their original intended purpose as recreational fields for the Town of Longmeadow in perpetuity. Furthermore, we ask the Select Board not to consider this site for a future DPW or other commercial or town development.

AND you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in five (5) public places in said Town seven (7) days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given UNDER our hands this 21st day of March, 2016, A.D.

SELECT BOARD OF LONGMEADOW

Richard Foster, Chair Person

Mark Gold, Vice Chair Person

Thomas Lachiusa, Clerk

Marie Angelides

Alex Grant