WARRANT ARTICLE EXPLANATIONS
FILED BY PETITIONERS FOR THE 
DECEMBER 13, 2018 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 1
Submitted by: Human Resources

This article is inserted in the Warrant for any Town Meeting when there are unsettled labor contracts. Town Meeting must approve the funding for any collective bargaining agreements.

ARTICLE 2
Submitted by: Select Board

This article is the re-filed Article 3E from the November 13, 2018 Special Town Meeting. This Article is an appropriation request for schematic design services for the renovation, repair, and expansion of the Driscoll School. Please see the Select Board report under Article 4 of the November 13, 2018 Special Town Meeting for a preliminary update on the work being done during the Design Feasibility Phase for the Driscoll School Project.

ARTICLE 3
Submitted by: Select Board

This article is the re-filed Article 4 from the November 13, 2018 Special Town Meeting.

Under Special Appropriation Article 65 of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting the following language was set by Town Meeting:

Raise and appropriate $1,500,000 to be expended under the direction of the Building Commissioner, with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Select Board and the School Committee, for the schematic design services to construct or expand a school as determined by the outcome of the 9th School feasibility study, and to meet the appropriation transfer $500,000 from the balance remaining in the appropriation voted under Section 13, Special Appropriation No. 66 of Article 9 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting, provided that the money not be released for expenditure without an affirmative vote of a future Town Meeting, thereby providing Town Meeting with the opportunity to restrict, condition or re-appropriate such funds.

This article allows the Town to move into the schematic design phase for the Baldwin School project. Please see the Select Board report under Article 4 of the November 13, 2018 Special Town Meeting for a preliminary update on the work being done during the Design Feasibility Phase for the Baldwin School Project.

ARTICLE 4
Submitted by: Select Board

In furtherance of the proposed Baldwin School project, the Select Board reached an agreement with the owners of 15-19 Oak Street to purchase these properties, conditioned on Town Meeting
approval. If approved, the acquisition of this property will add to the existing land owned at the school, expanding the town-owned land upon which school facilities can be located. This will provide the Town with important additional flexibility in terms of locating and designing the school and amenities needed for students, faculty and families. Because voluntary purchase agreements have been reached with these owners, there is no financial uncertainty attached to the acquisition. The Select Board believes this is an important and positive step in the process of building additional school capacity to serve Brookline’s students. The flexibility of additional space will permit consideration of different types of school designs, on-site parking, or play space in addition to the Baldwin playground. The acquisition of this property will not change the planned 450-student size of the school.