

WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BROOKLINE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Norfolk, ss

To Any Constable of the Town of Brookline

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to NOTIFY and WARN the inhabitants of the TOWN OF BROOKLINE, qualified to vote at elections to meet by means of the Zoom video conferencing platform and telephone conferencing system described more particularly below on May 27, 2021 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by the representative Town Meeting.

Pursuant to Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020, the Town Meeting shall be held remotely by the means requested in the accompanying letter from the Moderator dated March 22, 2021 as follows: The Moderator, Town Meeting Members, Town officials and registered voters residing in the town who have arranged with the Town Clerk to participate in the Meeting may access and witness the deliberations and actions taken at the Meeting via the Zoom videoconferencing platform and/or telephone conferencing by following the instructions to be provided to them in advance by the Moderator, the Town Clerk or a designee. Registered voters residing in the Town who wish to participate in the Meeting must submit a request to the Town Clerk at Igolburgh@brooklinema.gov not later than 48 hours prior to the start of the session. All other interested members of the public who wish to witness the deliberations and actions taken at the Meeting may do so via the live video streaming service provided by Brookline Interactive Group at brooklineinteractive.org/live or on RCN Channel 15 or Comcast Channel 23”;

ARTICLE 1

WHEREAS, Brookline is an affluent community, but 12% of its residents live below the poverty level. Over 30% of its residents struggle to pay their bills. Senior single women and women head of households are especially vulnerable;

WHEREAS, this Warrant Article is about Brookline’s humanity and our willingness as a community to help those most in need;

WHEREAS, this Warrant Article seeks to the bridge the gap between our aspirations as a progressive community and to actually provide essential services for some of our most vulnerable residents;

WHEREAS, this Warrant would appropriate \$765,000 to repair a fraction of Brookline Housing Authority's (BHA's) worst state funded housing units (25 of 375), and to ensure that all BHA residents have access to WIFI;

THEREFORE, the undersigned petitions that the Select Board schedule a Special Town Meeting to vote to approve funding safe housing and WIFI at BHA 11 properties within the time limit prescribed in MGL Ch 39 section 10; and

That Town Meeting urges that the Select Board work with the Brookline Housing Authority to identify funding sources like federal stimulus dollars and other Town funds. The actual warrant article reads as follows:

Or act on anything relative hereto.

ARTICLE 2

Moved:

To amend the FY 2022 budget, making the following appropriations:
\$140,000 or any other sum to be expended under the direction of the Town's Information Technology Department with any necessary contracts to be approved by the select board for increased internet access capacity in various locations in Brookline prior to the beginning of the academic year: and

\$625,000 under the direction of the Planning Department with any necessary contracts to be approved by the Select Board for repairs to low- and moderate-income housing in Brookline as soon as practicable.

Total: \$6252000 + \$140,000- \$7652000

In addition, the Select Board will begin discussions with the Brookline Housing Authority to identify funding sources like, but not limited to, federal stimulus dollars within 60 days of the close of the Warrant. It shall make meaningful distributions of these additional funds by November I, 2021.

Or act on anything relative hereto.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE THIS WARRANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this WARRANT, with your doings thereon, to the Select Board at least FOURTEEN DAYS before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the TOWN of Brookline, Massachusetts, this 11th day of May 2021.



SELECT BOARD