Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of West Brookfield ****Special Town Meeting Warrant **** November 19, 2024

Worcester, ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of West Brookfield in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the WEST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 89 NORTH MAIN STREET in said WEST BROOKFIELD on TUESDAY the NINETEENTH day of NOVEMBER 2024, at 7:00 PM then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1 - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds sums of money to supplement appropriations previously voted under Article 4 at the Annual Town Meeting of June 4, 2024, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, for various Town Departments, or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to supplement line items in the current fiscal year's budget (FY25), to fund a number of additional expenses associated or anticipated with various Town Departments. In this case the Town seeks to increase the Town Administrator salary line based on the recommendation of the Collins Center study, for the purposes of hiring a new Town Administrator.

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend Finance Committee Voted 2-1 to Recommend

ARTICLE 2 - TRANSFER TO FIRE TRUCK STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$45,750 to the Fire Truck Stabilization Account, such amount having been transferred from the Fire Truck Stabilization Account for the 5% grant match towards a new Pumper/Tanker Truck, contingent upon receiving the FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to return these funds voted under Article 6 of the June 6, 2023 STM.

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend Finance Committee Voted 3-0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 3 – TRANSFER FROM FIRE TRUCK STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of money from the Fire Truck Stabilization Account, such amount to assist in providing funding for the purchase of Fire Engine #1 pump one replacement, or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to utilize funds in the Fire Truck Stabilization Account to offset the costs of borrowing for the purchase of Fire Engine #1.

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3~0 to Recommend Finance Committee Voted 3~0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 4 – PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purchase of Fire Engine #1 pump one replacement, authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow such sum of money pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 or any other enabling authority and issue bonds and notes therefor; provided further that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs, provided, however, that this debt authorization be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion question General Laws Chapter 59, § 21C(k) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any gifts or grants for such project; or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend Finance Committee Voted 3-0 to Recommend

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Date: 10/31/24

2024 AM/PM

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD by posting an attested copy of the same on the Bulletin Board in the front entrance of the WEST BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL fourteen (14) days at least before the time of the holding of said meeting.

Constable of WEST BROOKFIELD: