



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - AUTUMN SESSION  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 12:00 P.M.  
BROMFIELD SCHOOL, CRONIN AUDITORIUM  
14 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, HARVARD, MA, 01451**

The Annual Town meeting of the Town of Harvard was convened at 12:01 PM in the Cronin Auditorium of the Bromfield School, 14 Massachusetts Avenue, with Town Moderator **William Barton** presiding, and a quorum of registered voters in attendance. The call of the meeting, and the return of service were found to be in order by Town Clerk, Rose Miranda.

**ARTICLE 10: ESTABLISH WETLANDS BYLAW REVOLVING FUND**

*(Majority Vote Required)*

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E to amend Chapter 21 of the Town Code, Departmental Revolving Funds, by adding thereto the following new section, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

“§ 21-5.11. Wetlands Bylaw Revolving Fund.

A Fund name. There shall be a separate fund called the Wetlands Bylaw Revolving Fund authorized for use by the Conservation Commission.

B. Revenues. The Town Accountant shall establish the Wetlands Bylaw Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the Fund all of the filing and consultant fees charged and received by the Conservation Commission in connection with Wetlands Bylaw applications.

C. Purposes and expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Conservation Commission may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Wetlands Bylaw Revolving Fund for staff expenses; staff and member development; enforcement; the protection of open space and wetland resource areas through purchase of land, easements, restrictions, maintenance and/or signage; expenses associated with conservation-related applications and projects, including but not

limited to legal notices and recording fees; and cost associated with amendments to the Bylaw and its Regulations, Chapter 147 of the Code of the Town of Harvard.

D. Fiscal years. The Wetlands Bylaw Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2025.”

(Inserted by Conservation Commission)

**On a MOTION** by *Eve Wittenberg, 103 Prospect Hill Road, Conservation Commission, and*  
*Seconded:*

*I move the Town amend Chapter 21 of the Town Code, Departmental Revolving Funds as printed on page 3 of the Warrant for this town meeting.*

**Vote on Article 10, Main Motion: PASSED by Majority (108-5)**

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#### **ARTICLE 11: ESTABLISH AND FUND A SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVE FUND**

***(Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required)***

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 13E to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs for special education programs, out of district tuition, or transportation and to transfer from the General Stabilization Fund the sum of \$150,000 to said Special Education Reserve Fund to be held and expended for said purposes, or take any other action related thereto.

(Inserted by School Department)

**On a MOTION** by *Abigail Besse, School Committee, 9 Westcott Road, School Committee, and*  
*Seconded:*

*I move the Town accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 13E to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs for special education programs, out of district tuition, or transportation and to transfer from the General Stabilization Fund the sum of \$150,000 to said Special Education Reserve Fund to be held and expended for said purposes.*

**Vote on Article 11, Main Motion: PASSED by Two-Thirds Majority (98-18)**

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#### **ARTICLE 12: ESTABLISH A SCHOOL FACILITIES REVOLVING ACCOUNT**

***(Majority Vote Required)***

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to establish a School Facilities Revolving Fund by amending Chapter 21 of the Town Code, to adding thereto the following new section: or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

“§21-5.12 Harvard School Facilities Revolving Fund

A. Fund Name. There shall be a separate fund called the Harvard School Facilities Revolving Fund, authorized for use by the Harvard Public Schools.

B. Revenues. The Town Accountant shall establish Harvard School Facilities Revolving Fund as a separate account and credit to the fund all fees charged and received by the Harvard School Committee in connection with the use of school buildings and other school facilities. The fund expenditures shall not exceed \$300,000 in any fiscal year.

C. Purposes and Expenditures. During each fiscal year, the Harvard School Committee may incur liabilities against and spend monies from the Harvard School Facilities Revolving Fund for the expenses incurred in connection with the use of school buildings and other school facilities by third persons, including by way of example only custodial expenses, security expenses, and utilities expenses.

D. Fiscal Years. The Harvard School Facilities Revolving Fund shall operate for fiscal year that begins July 1, 2025.”

(Inserted by School Department)

**On a MOTION** by *Abigail Besse, School Committee, 9 Westcott Road, School Committee, and Seconded:*

*I move the Town amend Chapter 21 of the Town Code, Departmental Revolving Funds as printed on page 4 of the Warrant for this town meeting, except that the annual spending limit in Paragraph B of the proposed new Section 21-5.12 shall be \$150,000 instead of \$300,000.*

**Vote on Article 12, Main Motion: PASSED by Majority (113-8)**