

TOWN OF BEDFORD
Commonwealth of Massachusetts -- Warrant for a Special Town Meeting
To any of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, in the County of Middlesex.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the legal voters of said Town of Bedford, qualified to vote at Special Town Meeting for the transaction of Town affairs, to meet in said Town in the **Bedford High School Auditorium – Monday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m.**

Then and there to vote upon the following articles:

Article 1 - Debate Rules

To determine whether the Town will vote to adopt the following procedure for the current Special Town Meeting:

- A. A speaker presenting an article or amendment to an article shall be limited to ten (10) minutes;
- B. Other speakers shall be limited to five (5) minutes;
- C. No article shall be presented after 10:45 p.m.;
- D. Town Meeting by majority vote may waive A, B, or C;

pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

This article sets out time limitations on presentations and debate of articles before this Town Meeting.

Recommendations:

Selectmen:	Recommend Approval
Finance Committee:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

Article 2 – Acquisition of Navy Property Off Hartwell Road

To determine if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, all, any portion thereof, or any interest in the following described land for the purpose of creating a public asset; said land being a portion of Parcel 1 on Assessors Map 77 and consisting of 16 acres more or less; and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide any sum of money for this purpose and related acquisition costs of said property; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

This article proposes to authorize the Selectmen to acquire land off Hartwell Road for future municipal use. The current owner of this property is the US Navy, although it sits within the border of the Town of Bedford. Very preliminary estimates suggest that this property may have a value of approximately \$2.0 to \$2.5 Million. The Selectmen are in the process of obtaining an appraisal for the property in order to establish what the Town would need to appropriate for acquisition of this property.

Recommendations:

Selectmen:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting
Finance Committee:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

Article 3 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Amendment to Bedford Zoning Map
Navy Property on Hartwell Road

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the Bedford Zoning Map to incorporate the southerly portion of the US Navy property on Hartwell Road, consisting of 16 acres more or less, from the Industrial A District to the Residence C District. Said parcel is bound on the north by the Hartwell Road right of way, and on the east, south and west by land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Port Authority (commonly known as L.G. Hanscom Field), and is a portion of the property identified on Assessors Map 77 as Parcel 1; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Recommendations:

Selectmen:	
Finance Committee:	

Article 4 - Emergency Communications Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement – FY19

To determine whether the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be added to Article 21, Operating Budgets – FY2019, Account #2010, Police Department, as voted at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting to fund the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Bedford and the Emergency Communications Officers, Local 2310-B, IAFF commencing July 1, 2018 for the Emergency Communications Officers; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

This article would provide additional funds required to compensate members of the Emergency Communications Officers, Local 2310-B, IAFF for services rendered during Fiscal Year 2019 for a Collective Bargaining Agreement commencing July 1, 2018 for a three-year term.

Recommendations:

Selectmen: Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting
Finance Committee: Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

and you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and in at least three other public places in the Town at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereof at the time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands on this 25th day of June in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen.

Selectmen of Bedford

William S. Moonan, Chair

Caroline Fedele

Margot Fleischman

Edward M. Pierce

Michael Rosenberg

Guidelines for Civil Discourse

The Town of Bedford respects and recognizes each citizen’s right to free speech. In order to guarantee all people’s right to free speech and to ensure productive civil discourse, we request that all citizens respect the following guidelines.

Show respect for others.

- Discuss policies and ideas, not people
- Only one person should be speaking at any given time
- Use helpful, not hurtful language

Speak as you would like to be spoken to.

- Use courtesy titles (Mr., Ms., Sir, etc.) and ask if unsure
- Restate ideas when asked
- Use a civil tone of voice

Agree to listen.

- Respectfully listen to differing points of view
- When unsure, request clarification
- Realize that what you say and what people understand you to have said may be different
- Recognize that people can agree to disagree

Speak for yourself, not others.

- Speak from your own experience
- Use “I” statements (“I think that the ideas presented...”)

Follow agreed upon guidelines regarding who speaks when and for how long.

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Monday, July 30, 2018
Bedford High School
7:30 P.M.
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