

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2016 SPECIAL LOCAL ELECTION

PLYMOUTH, SS.

To the Constables of the Town of Hull

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Election to vote at

Precincts 1, 2 & 3 in the Memorial Middle School located at 81 Central Avenue.

on **THURSDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF November 2016**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

QUESTION: Shall this Town accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below.

Summary of G.L. c. 44B, sections 3 to 7 to the Community Preservation Act.
This question is presented as part of the process to see if the Town will accept G.L. c.44B, Sections 3 to 7, commonly known as the Community Preservation Act (CPA). Part one of the acceptance process was passage of a motion at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The second part involves passage of this ballot question. Essentially, the CPA establishes a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to acquire, improve, preserve, rehabilitate, support, create, restore and the like (1) open space, which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, wetlands, farm land, forests, marshes, beaches, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas, (2) historic buildings and resources, and (3) affordable housing. If these sections are accepted, the funding sources for these community preservation purposes in Hull under Section 3(b) of Chapter 44B will be (1) a surcharge of 1.5 % (one and a half percent) on the annual property tax assessed on real property; and (2) annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. The surcharge will be assessed starting in fiscal year 2018 which begins on July 1, 2017. The following will be exempt from the annual surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile of a person who qualifies for low income housing, or low or moderate income senior housing, as defined in the Act. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee will be established by bylaw to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to the Town Meeting on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's community preservation purposes: (1) open space (including recreational uses), (2) historic resources and (3) affordable housing.

A YES vote is a vote to accept the CPA.

A NO vote is a vote not to accept the CPA.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 6th day of October 2016.

Kevin Richardson, Chairman

Christopher Mitchell

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John D. Reilly, Jr.

Jennifer Constable

Plymouth, ss.

By virtue of the above Warrant, I have this day notified and warned as therein directed, the Inhabitants of the Town of Hull qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the time and place for the purpose therein, stated, by posting attested copies thereof at the main entrance to the Municipal Building, and at least three other public places in said Town.

Constable, Town of Hull

OCT. 13, 2016.