



*Town of Ipswich, Massachusetts*

## **2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Ipswich High/Middle School Performing Arts Center  
134 High Street, Ipswich**

**ESSEX, ss**

To the Constable of the Town of Ipswich in said County:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Ipswich, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Performing Arts Center of the Ipswich High School/Ipswich Middle School, 134 High Street, in said Ipswich, on TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-FOURTH OF JANUARY, 2017, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

## Article One - Appropriate from Open Space Bond

To see if the Town will vote to:

- 1) appropriate, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow, pursuant Article 18 of the Warrant for the April 3, 2000 Annual Town Meeting as amended under Article 19 of the Warrant for the May 10, 2011 Annual Town Meeting, the sum of Two Million Three Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$2,377,000), or a greater or lesser sum, for the purposes of:
  - a. purchasing a fee simple interest or less over some or all of the land at 24 Candlewood Road in Ipswich, Massachusetts, now or formerly of Pony Express Farms, Inc., consisting of 94.17+/- acres of land, being identified on the Town of Ipswich Assessor's Map as Parcel 4 on Map 63, and more particularly described in the Deed recorded in the Essex County Registry of Deeds in Book 7778, Page 595; the portion to be acquired being approximately 30.6 acres as shown on a map entitled "Town Acquisition – Portion of Pony Express Farm," prepared by the Department of Planning & Development, Open Space Program, and dated December 8, 2016; and
  - b. developing and constructing athletic fields thereon, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto:
- 2) place the land so acquired under the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ipswich for recreational, water supply, conservation and/or general municipal purposes;
- 3) authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said acquisition, determine the terms of said interests in the land described above, and to hold the property in perpetuity;
- 4) authorize the application of any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount;

or take any other action relative thereto.

**Requested by: Open Space Committee**

***Brief Summary:** This article authorizes the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money pursuant to the Open Space Bond authorization adopted by Article 18 of the Warrant for the April 3, 2000 Annual Town Meeting (and as amended under Article 19 of the Warrant for the May 10, 2011 Annual Town Meeting), for the purchase of a portion of the approximately 128-acre Pony Express Farm property at 24 Candlewood Road. The portion to be acquired by the Town would be approximately 30.6 acres in area, as shown on the attached map, entitled "Town Acquisition – Portion of Pony Express Farm", prepared by the Department of Planning & Development, Open Space Program, and dated December 8, 2016. The map is also on file with the Department of Planning & Development in Town Hall.*

The location of the subject property on Candlewood Road is between Essex Road and Chebacco Road. If Town Meeting votes to approve this article, Open Space Bond funds will be used to acquire a portion of the property in fee for use by the Town as athletic playing fields. The remainder of the property would be purchased by the Essex County Greenbelt Association and the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for open space protection purposes.

There is a possibility that the subject property could be used for water supply protection purposes as well. The current unissued bond authorization of the Open Space Bond fund is about \$6.35 million.

This article requires a simple majority vote.

### Town Aquisition Portion of Pony Express Farm



**Legend**

- Pony Express Farm Property
- Parcel for Town Acquisition (30.6 +/- acres)
- Buildings



Department of Planning & Development  
Open Space Program  
GIS data sources Town of Ipswich and MassGIS  
Boundaries lines are approximate  
Map intended for illustrative purposes only  
December 8, 2016

## **Article Two – Citizens Petition: Advice to School Committee and to School Building Committee**

Whether the Town should recommend to the School Committee and the School Building Committee that they reconsider their decision to build a single Elementary School on the Winthrop School Site and instead maintain a two-elementary-school system using the existing Winthrop and Doyon Sites.

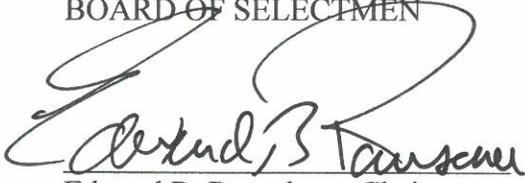
**Requested by: Peregrine White, Jr.**

***Brief Summary:** Doyon and Winthrop both have serviceable buildings that have served the town well for over half a century. The schools may each undergo a “deep energy retrofit” in which the walls, foundation, roof and other major building components are kept. Mechanical and lighting systems will be replaced and the building will become super-insulated. “Clean Energy” developers can arrange minimal-tax-impact financing. Property values may increase as the “green” features of the schools and town flourish.*

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in the Town Hall and in at least one public place in each precinct and by publication in a newspaper published, or having a general circulation in, the Town of Ipswich at least fourteen days prior to the time for holding the Special Town Meeting.

Given unto our hands this Nineteenth Day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

TOWN OF IPSWICH  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Edward B. Rauscher – Chair



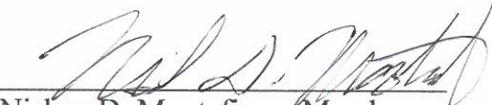
Charles D. Surpitski – Vice-Chair



William M. Craft – Member

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Judy A. Field – Member



Nishan D. Mootafian – Member