



TOWN WARRANT  
Town of Lexington

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Lexington

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lexington qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in their respective voting places in said Town.

PRECINCT ONE, CARY MEMORIAL BUILDING; PRECINCT TWO, CARY MEMORIAL BUILDING; PRECINCT THREE, LEXINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER; PRECINCT FOUR, CARY MEMORIAL BUILDING; PRECINCT FIVE, CARY MEMORIAL BUILDING; PRECINCT SIX, CARY MEMORIAL BUILDING; PRECINCT SEVEN CARY MEMORIAL BUILDING; PRECINCT EIGHT, SAMUEL HADLEY PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING; PRECINCT NINE, LEXINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER,

**MONDAY, the EIGHTH DAY of DECEMBER, 2025**

From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following question submitted to the voters at large:

Shall the Town of Lexington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued to pay for the costs of design and construction of a new Lexington High School, to be located at 251 Waltham Street, in Lexington, including the costs of conducting a feasibility study, design development, demolition, architectural and engineering services, original equipment, furnishings, landscaping, athletic fields, paving and parking areas, other accessory facilities, and the renovation of the existing field house, if the overall appropriation so allows, and other site improvements or incidental cost directly related to such construction?

*And you are directed to serve this warrant seven days at least before the time of said meeting.*

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 6th day of October, 2025.

Jill I. Hai, Chair  
Joseph N. Pato  
Douglas M. Lucente  
Mark D. Sandeen  
Vineeta A. Kumar

Select Board  
  
of  
  
Lexington

A true copy, Attest:  
Constable of Lexington

**TOWN OF LEXINGTON WARRANT  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 2025-2**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables or Town Clerk of the Town of Lexington, in said County,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lexington qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet either at Margery Milne Battin Hall in the Cary Memorial Building, 1605 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, or by means of the audio/video conferencing platform described more particularly below on

**Tuesday, November 3, 2025 at 7:30pm**

at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by the Town Meeting Members in accordance with Chapter 215 of the Acts of 1929, as amended, and subject to the referendum provided for by Section eight of said Chapter, as amended.

Pursuant to Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020, as amended, including without limitation by Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 and Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, the Town Meeting shall be held through a hybrid of in person meeting and remote participation by the means requested by the Moderator as follows:

Town Meeting members will either attend the meeting in person at Margery Milne Battin Hall, or via remote participation. The meeting will be facilitated by use of: (1) the Zoom videoconferencing platform, (2) the online voting tool developed by Select Board member Joe Pato and (3) an online queuing function developed by Select Board member Joe Pato to facilitate debate. Other Town residents who wish to follow the proceedings may do so by attending the meeting in person in the areas reserved for non-Town Meeting Members, or via LexMedia at <https://www.youtube.com/user/LexMediaMATV>. Other residents who wish to participate in the Meeting may email the Town Clerk's Office at [clerk@lexingtonma.gov](mailto:clerk@lexingtonma.gov) and by completing the online form at [www.LexingtonMA.gov/STM2025-2](http://www.LexingtonMA.gov/STM2025-2).

For more information, please see the Moderator's letter dated August 26, 2025 to the Select Board attached to this warrant as Appendix A.

**ARTICLE 1**

**REPORTS OF TOWN BOARDS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

To receive the reports of any Board or Town Officer or of any Committee of the Town; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Select Board)*

DESCRIPTION: This article remains open throughout Town Meeting and reports may be presented at any Town Meeting session by boards, officers, or committees.

**ARTICLE 2**

**APPROPRIATE FOR PRIOR YEARS' UNPAID BILLS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to pay any unpaid bills rendered to the Town for prior years; to determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Select Board)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: Unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: This is an annual article to request funds to pay bills after the close of the fiscal year in which the goods were received or the services performed and for which no money was encumbered.

### **ARTICLE 3**

### **ESTABLISH, AMEND, DISSOLVE AND APPROPRIATE TO AND FROM SPECIFIED STABILIZATION FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to create, amend, dissolve, rename and/or appropriate sums of money to and from Stabilization Funds in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Section 5B of Chapter 40 for the purposes of: (a) Section 135 Zoning By-Law; (b) Traffic Mitigation; (c) Transportation Demand Management/Public Transportation; (d) Special Education; (e) Center Improvement District; (f) Transportation Management Overlay District; (g) Capital; (h) Payment in Lieu of Parking; (i) Visitors Center Capital Stabilization Fund; (j) Affordable Housing Capital Stabilization Fund; (k) Water System Capital Stabilization Fund; and (l) Ambulance Stabilization Fund; determine whether such sums shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, from fees, charges or gifts or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Select Board)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: Unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: This is an annual article to establish, dissolve, and/or fund Stabilization Funds for specific purposes and to appropriate funds therefrom. Money in those funds may be invested and the interest becomes a part of the particular fund. These funds may later be appropriated for the specific designated purpose by a two-thirds vote of an Annual or Special Town Meeting, for any lawful purpose.

### **ARTICLE 4**

### **AMEND FY2026 OPERATING, ENTERPRISE AND CPA BUDGETS**

To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations, to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Articles 4, 5, 9 and 10 of the warrant for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting to be used during the current fiscal year, or make any other adjustments to the current fiscal year budgets and appropriations that may be necessary; to determine whether the money shall be provided by tax levy, by transfer from available funds including the Community Preservation Fund, or by combination of any of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Select Board)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: Unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: This is an annual article to permit adjustments to current fiscal year (FY2026) appropriations.

### **ARTICLE 5**

### **APPROPRIATE FOR AUTHORIZED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with sums appropriated in prior years for the installation or construction of water mains, sewers and sewerage systems, drains, streets, buildings, recreational facilities or other capital improvements and equipment; determine whether the sums shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from the balances in other articles, by transfer from available funds, including enterprise funds and the Community Preservation Fund, by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Select Board)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: Unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: This is an annual article to request funds to supplement existing appropriations for certain capital projects in light of revised cost estimates that exceed such appropriations.

### **ARTICLE 6**

### **ESTABLISH, AMEND AND CONTINUE DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ and Chapter 110 of the Code of the Town of Lexington, to amend existing revolving funds; to amend said Chapter 110 to establish new revolving funds; to determine whether the maximum amounts that may be expended from such new and existing revolving fund accounts in FY2026 shall be the following amounts or any other amounts; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Select Board)*

DESCRIPTION: The amount that may be spent from a revolving fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ must be approved annually by Town Meeting. The Funds are credited with the receipts received in connection with the programs supported by such funds, and expenditures may be made from the revolving fund without further appropriation. This article will make amendments to the revolving funds and spending limits approved at the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 7                      ACCEPT GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE 22L (HERO ACT)**

To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22I, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2027; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Select Board )*

**FUNDS REQUESTED:** Unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: This article would tie the Town's Veteran Property Tax Exemption limits to inflation as outlined in the Massachusetts HERO Act (Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024).

**ARTICLE 8** **APPROPRIATE FOR LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee, in addition to the \$11,825,000 that have previously been appropriated for a feasibility study, for the costs to demolish the existing Lexington High School, and design, construct, originally equip and furnish a new Lexington High School, to be located at 251 Waltham Street, in Lexington, including athletic fields, parking areas and other accessory facilities, as well as the renovation of the existing field house, if the overall appropriation so allows; which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 36.95% of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA; or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; or take any other action in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the School Committee)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$647,921,834

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this article is to fund the design and construction of a new Lexington High School, including equipment, furnishings, parking, accessory facilities, the demolition of the existing buildings, and the replacement of existing athletic fields. This project will be partially reimbursed by the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and will depend on a successful Debt Exclusion referendum. This appropriation is in addition to \$11,825,000 in feasibility and design funds that were previously appropriated, resulting in a total project cost of \$659,746,834.

## ARTICLE 9 HOME RULE LEGISLATION FOR NEW LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 Transfer from the Select Board and to the School Committee for school purposes the care, custody, management and control of parcels of land currently containing the Lexington High School Athletic Fields as shown on a sketch plan entitled “Figure G” dated 10/03/2025, on file with the Town Clerk (the “Athletic Field Parcels”), currently held by the Select Board for open space, recreation and school purposes pursuant to Chapter 114 of the Acts of 1961;

- 2 Transfer from the School Committee and to the Select Board the care, custody, management and control of parcels of land currently containing the Lexington High School buildings as shown on a sketch plan entitled “Figure G” dated 10/03/2025, on file with the Town Clerk used as the site of the existing Lexington High School and adjoining parking areas currently held by the School Committee; such transfers being undertaken as mitigation for the proposed transfer of the Athletic Field Parcels to the School Committee for the siting of the new Lexington High School building, parking areas and other School Facilities; and further;
- 3 Authorize, the Select Board to petition the General Court to enact special legislation confirm the use of the Athletic Field Parcels currently under the care, custody, management and control of the Select Board to the School Committee for school purposes pursuant to Chapter 114 of the Acts of 1961; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Select Board)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: Unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this Article is to allow the new Lexington High School to be built on the Lexington High School athletic fields and allow the parcels of land containing the existing Lexington High School to be transformed into and protected as recreational space. It will also allow the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation to confirm that the transfer of land is permissible to the extent the existing fields remain in anyway restricted for use pursuant Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution notwithstanding the prior authorization of the same parcels for use for park, playground and school purposes by Town Meeting in 1960 and the Legislature in 1961.

#### **ARTICLE 10                      AMEND REFERENCE OF NEWSPAPERS TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC MEDIA**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Lexington Bylaws Chapter 1 General Provisions and Article II Use and Construction to include a reference to electronic media and remove outdated references; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Select Board)*

DESCRIPTION: This article is an article to clean up language in the bylaw after 2025 Annual Town Meeting approved a change to include electronic media as a way to advertise.

#### **ARTICLE 11    CLARIFICATION OF LEXHAB REORGANIZATION**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court for legislation amending Chapter 192 of the Acts of 2024, which established the Lexington Housing Assistance Board, Inc. (“LexHAB”) as a separate nonprofit entity, to make changes required by the Internal Revenue Service; and further to authorize the Select Board to approve amendments to said act before its enactment by the General Court that are within the scope of the general objectives of the petition; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted the Select Board)*

DESCRIPTION: This article will make changes that are required for the Internal Revenue Services for purposes of LexHAB's status as a non profit entity separate from the Town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant not less than fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting, as provided in the Bylaws of the Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 6th day of October 6, 2025.

Jill I. Hai, Chair

Joseph N. Pato

Douglas M. Lucente

Mark D. Sandeen

Vineeta A. Kumar

Select Board  
of  
Lexington

A true copy, Attest:  
Constable of Lexington

ATTACHMENT A



***Town of Lexington***  
**MODERATOR**  
**DEBORAH BROWN**

August 26, 2025

DELIVERED BY EMAIL

Dear Select Board Members,

Pursuant to Massachusetts Section 26 of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, as amended by Section 47 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, I request approval to conduct the proposed 2025 Special Town Meeting-2 as a hybrid meeting. I propose to use a combination of: (1) the Zoom videoconferencing platform, (2) the online voting tool developed by Select Board member Joe Pato, and (3) an online queuing function developed by Select Board member Joe Pato to facilitate the process of debate.

I certify that all components of the system described above have been fully tested and utilized successfully for prior Town Meetings, and I am satisfied that this system enables our meetings to be conducted in substantially the same manner whether a member is participating in person or remotely. I certify that the system for those opting for remote participation (i) allows the moderator, town meeting members, town officials and any other interested members of the public to identify and hear the moderator and each town meeting member who attends and participates in the remote meeting, as well as any other individuals who participate in the meeting; (ii) provides the ability to determine whether a quorum is present; (iii) allows participants to request recognition by the moderator and makes such requests visible to the meeting participants and the public; (iv) allows the moderator to determine when a town meeting member wishes to be recognized to speak, make a motion, or raise a point of order or personal privilege; (v) enables the moderator to recognize a town meeting member, town official or other individual and enable that person to speak; (vi) provides the ability to conduct a roll call or electronically recorded vote; (vii) allows any interested members of the public to access the meeting remotely through LexMedia for purposes of witnessing the deliberations and actions taken at the town meeting; (viii) allows members of the public to participate in debate in-person or through the submission of statements for or against a motion; and (ix) provides for the town meeting to be recorded and available for future viewing. I further confirm that I have consulted with Lexington's Commission on Disability regarding system accessibility.

Sincerely,

Deborah Brown  
Town  
Moderator  
617-512-7901