

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BOLTON
WORCESTER, ss
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, September 18, 2023
Nashoba Regional High School Upper Gymnasium (East Entrance)
7:00 p.m.**

To any of the Constables of the Town of Bolton, in the County aforesaid:

GREETINGS - In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bolton aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium in said Bolton, on the 18th day of September, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: Unpaid Bills for Previous Fiscal Years

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds certain sums for the purpose of paying the following unpaid bill(s), pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 64; or do or act relating thereto.

FY23	\$195.00	Motorola Solutions	Invoice #8230403431
FY23	\$1,396.55	Metropolitan Area Planning Council	FY23 Invoice-MAGIC
FY23	\$704.01	Wex	Invoice # 90217409

Sponsor: Select Board

Summary: This article is for unpaid bill(s) from previous fiscal years for services that have been rendered. **Select Board Recommendation:** (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed)

Vote Required: 9/10 Majority

Article 2: Nashoba Regional School District School Building Project

To see if the Town will approve the \$241,714,926 borrowing authorized by the Nashoba Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of a new Nashoba Regional High School, 12 Green Road, Bolton, MA 01740 including site work and athletic fields, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), 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 District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Nashoba Regional School District's Project School Building Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-five and 09/100 percent (55.09%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

Sponsor: Nashoba Regional School District

Summary: Nashoba Regional High School opened its doors to students in 1961. It has served the communities of Bolton, Lancaster, and Stow for over sixty years and it has outlived its useful life. In 2018 The Nashoba Regional School District submitted a statement of interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority to conduct a feasibility study to determine if the building should be repaired, improved with an addition/renovation, or replaced with a newly constructed school. In 2019, the MSBA invited NRSD into the process to investigate solutions with our aging building. At the conclusion of the feasibility study, it was determined that new construction is the best solution to provide an outstanding educational program for students and address the mechanical and structural issues with the current building.

The Nashoba Regional School District has been approved for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the construction of a new Nashoba Regional High School. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$241,741,926 with the MSBA providing \$64,811,362 in grant support. The total estimated support needed from the taxpayers of Bolton, Lancaster, and Stow is \$176,903,564. Based on the terms of the Nashoba Regional Agreement using enrollment data for the fiscal year 2024, each town's share for the project is as follows.

- **Bolton Share: 31.87% (\$56,379,165)**
- **Lancaster Share: 32.97% (\$58,325,105)**
- **Stow Share: 35.16% (\$62,199,293)**

The Nashoba Regional School Committee unanimously approved to incur debt for the project on August 2, 2023. We are asking the residents of the towns to support this project so we may move forward with a cutting edge school our residents can be proud of for many decades to come.

Select Board Recommendation: (3 in favor, 0 opposed)

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approved (4 in favor, 1 opposed)

Vote Required: Majority

Article 3: Authorize Special Town Election

To see if the Town will vote to meet at the Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium in Bolton, on Monday, September, 25th, 2023, between the hours of noon and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following questions, or do or act relating thereto.

Question #1: Shall the Town of Bolton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the Town of Bolton’s allocable share of the bond issued by the Nashoba Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of a new Nashoba Regional High School, 12 Green Road, Bolton, MA 01740 including site work and athletic fields, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

YES _____ NO _____

Vote Required: Majority

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, at the Post Office, and at two other public places, at least fourteen days before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid;

Given under our hands and seal, this 18th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

BOLTON SELECT BOARD

Robert B. Czekanski, Chair

Brian J. Boyle

Stanley M. Wysocki

A true copy. Attest: _____ Constable of Bolton _____ Date

In obedience to the Warrant, I have notified and warned the said inhabitants of the Town of Bolton to meet at the time and place, by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, at the Post Office, and at two other public places, at least fourteen days before the date hereof.

Constable of Bolton: _____ Date: _____