ARTICLE 12 Will the Town vote to allow the Department of Public Works to accept and combine American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in conjunction with various other types of accessible funding to cover the cost of repairs to the Water, Wastewater and/or Drainage systems.

Board of Public Works

Recommendations: At Town Meeting.

Article 12 Explanation: The Town needs a positive Town Meeting vote in order to be able to use ARPA funding in conjunction with other funding sources to cover the cost of repairs to the Water, Wastewater and/or Drainage systems.

ARTICLE 13 Citizens' Petition for Fall 2022 Marshfield Town Meeting
Principal Petitioner: Anna Baker (Town Meeting Member, Precinct 4)
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Moved, that Town Meeting adopt the following Resolution, or take any other action in relation thereto:

RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR THE UNITED STATES TO “PULL BACK FROM THE BRINK” AND PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR—AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY AND THE PLANET

WHEREAS, since the height of the Cold War, the United States and Russia have dismantled more than 50,000 nuclear warheads, but approximately 13,100 of these weapons still exist and, thus, still pose an intolerable risk to human survival and

WHEREAS, approximately 95 percent of these weapons are in the hands of the United States and Russia, while the remainder are held by 7 other countries, namely, China, France, Israel, India, North Korea, Pakistan, and the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, nuclear war would directly kill hundreds of millions of people and cause unimaginable environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, there is a high probability that such a nuclear war would lead to catastrophic climate disruption dropping temperatures across the planet to levels not seen since the last ice age, thus resulting in the starvation of the vast majority of the human race, quite possibly leading to our extinction and the extinction of multiple other species; and

WHEREAS, even the use of a tiny fraction of these weapons would cause worldwide climate disruption and global famine; e.g., as few as a 100 Hiroshima-sized bombs (small by modern standards) would put at least 5 million tons of soot into the upper atmosphere and cause climate disruption across the planet, cutting food production and putting 2 billion people at risk of starvation; and
WHEREAS, despite the popular notion that these arsenals exist solely to guarantee they will never be used, on multiple occasions nuclear armed states have proceeded to the brink of using these weapons, and their use was narrowly averted; and

WHEREAS, former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara—speaking about the Cuban Missile Crisis in The Fog of War—said, “It was luck that prevented nuclear war”; and

WHEREAS, our nuclear policy must NOT be subject to the whims of “luck”; and

WHEREAS, the growing climate crisis is stressing communities around the world and intensifying the likelihood of conflict, and, thus, the danger of war and the possibility of escalating to nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, the planned expenditure of more than $1 trillion dollars to enhance the U.S. nuclear arsenal will not only increase the risk of nuclear disaster but also fuel a global arms race and divert crucial resources needed to assure the well-being of the American people and people all over the world; and

WHEREAS, a resolution unanimously adopted by mayors at the US Conference of Mayors, June 11, 2018, at its 86th Annual meeting in Boston, MA, called on the Trump administration and Congress to “step back from the brink and exercise global leadership in preventing nuclear war; and the US Conference of Mayors has adopted resolutions supporting complete global nuclear disarmament (and most BftB policies) each year since 2018;

WHEREAS, in July 2017, 122 nations called for the elimination of all nuclear weapons by adopting the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

WHEREAS a grassroots movement called “Back from the Brink: Bringing Communities Together to Abolish Nuclear Weapons” has been endorsed by over 400 health, environmental, academic, peace, faith, and justice organizations and has resulted in resolutions approved by 60 municipalities, including Chicago, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Salt Lake City, and Washington DC and seven state legislative bodies;

WHEREAS Back from the Brink resolutions have already passed in the following 18 Massachusetts towns: Amherst, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Cummington, Easthampton, Goshen, Leverett, Needham, Newton, Northampton, Plainfield, Somerville, Springfield, Wendell, Williamsburg, Windsor, Worcester.

WHEREAS, in 2021, through tax dollars, the people of the Town of Marshfield spent a cumulative $8,246,520 on nuclear weapons programs, costs that will increase dramatically with the current national plan to drastically increase the U.S. nuclear arsenal; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Marshfield, Massachusetts, acting through its Open Town Meeting, calls upon our federal leaders and our nation to make nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of U.S. national security policy and to work toward the goal of signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town Meeting, calls upon our federal leaders and our nation to spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.
- renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
- ending the president’s sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack;
• taking U.S. nuclear weapons off “hair-trigger” alert;
• canceling all plans to add weapons to the U.S. nuclear arsenal that would make it more likely that leaders will initiate nuclear war; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Town Meeting requests that the Town Clerk send a copy of the Resolution adopted by Town Meeting to our U.S. Congressional Representatives including Representative William R. Keating Patrick J. Kearney, Representative Josh S. Cutler, State Senator Patrick M. O’Connor, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey, and President Joseph R. Biden Jr.

Petition of Anna Baker, et al.

**Recommendations: At Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 14** Will the Town vote to name the parcel of land located at the juncture of Plymouth Ave and Ocean Street The Veteran’s Memorial Gardens and allow it to be maintained at no cost to the Town by the Marshfield AmVets Ned Egan Post#1996; further will the Town allow a small irrigation system to be installed at this Memorial Garden at no charge to the Town and in compliance with all rules and regulations of the Town and water usage as may be determined by the Marshfield DPW. The DPW has provided a water connection and a water meter charging water usage to the Marshfield AmVets Ned Egan Post#1996.

Petition of Kerry Harrison, et al.

**Recommendations: At Town Meeting.**
You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at ten public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of this Warrant with our doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid:

Given under our hands this 12th day of September 2022.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Stephen R. Darcy, Chairman

James J. Kilcoyne, Vice-Chairman

Lynne E. Fidler, Clerk

A true copy, ATTEST:
Constable