

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

LUNENBURG WATER DISTRICT

LUNENBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

MARCH 28, 2026

Worcester ss. March 13, 2026

To: Christina Schwinger, Clerk of the Lunenburg Water District of the Town of Lunenburg, County of Worcester.

Greetings:

In the name of the Lunenburg Water District of Lunenburg, Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the voters of the Lunenburg Water District to meet in the Lunenburg Water District, 496 Massachusetts Ave in said Lunenburg, Saturday the 28th day of March at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

(Polling hours are 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

ARTICLE 1. To choose by ballot the following Officers for the following terms: Moderator for one year or until a successor is elected. Commissioner for three years or until a successor is elected.

ARTICLE 2. To accept the reports of the District Officers.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the District will vote to appropriate from the income of the District the sum of \$2,105,963.44 or some other sum or sums, to be used to defray the regular annual operational and maintenance costs of the District for the fiscal year 2027 and fix the salary and compensation of the several elected officers of the District, all set forth in detail in the maintenance and operational budget for the ensuing year, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the District will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Commissioners, to borrow money in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and/or Acts and Amendments thereto, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one (1) year in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, as amended, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the District will vote to appropriate from the Cellular Account the sum of \$100,000.00 or some other sum or sums, for the purchase of materials and equipment for the repair of water mains, including any incidental or related costs and expenses, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the District will vote to appropriate from the Cellular account the sum of \$65,000.00 or some other sum or sums, for the purchase of a new truck with trade-in and equip a new vehicle, including any incidental or related costs and expenses, or act anything thereon.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the District will vote to add Amendments to Article V in Lunenburg Water District's Bylaws.

Section 3: Procedures for Election of Water District Commissioners

Section 3.1: Candidates Right to have an Election Observer

For Water District Commissioner seat elections, each candidate is entitled to designate a representative to observe the voting process. This representative may be present throughout the entire voting and tabulation process as an observer. The designated representative must meet specific criteria: they must be an eligible voting member of the Lunenburg Water District and cannot be a current employee, commissioner or contractor of the Lunenburg Water District (LWD). These requirements are intended to uphold transparency and fairness in the election process. At the final conclusion of voting, the votes shall be counted in the presence of any candidate's designated observers. Each candidate's designated observer may be present for all early voting periods.

Section 3.2: Early Voting

Any registered voter in Lunenburg Water District (herein known as LWD) shall be able to cast an early voting ballot in person at the LWD's office during hours reasonably established by the LWD and clearly posted, published and available to the public. The early voting shall be available for at least one week prior to the LWD Election Day and must include at least 3 non-holiday weekdays.

After being checked in by a duly authorized LWD representative, using an official roll of eligible voters, voters will be provided with a private and secure location at which they may fill out their ballot.

Once completed by the voter, the ballot shall be inserted and sealed by the voter into an unmarked envelope, provided by the LWD. The sealed ballot shall be returned to a duly authorized LWD representative where the voter will write their signature along the seal-line. The ballot in the sealed and signed envelope shall then be placed into a second unmarked and sealed envelope, provided by the LWD.

All early voting ballots completed as described in step 3 shall be placed, by the voter, in a securely locked ballot box that will remain locked and in the full custody of the LWD until the LWD Election Day.

To complete the early voting process, the voter will print and sign their name and voting date on an Early Voting Exit List, to be created and held securely by a duly authorized LWD representative.

The secure ballot box containing all early-voting ballots shall be opened only upon the conclusion of on-premises voting on the LWD Election Day. The box shall be opened in public view, and each ballot within will be unsealed from the outer envelope. Each ballot in the signed inner envelope shall be reconciled against the Early Voting Exit List, and the signatures shall be verified against each other. The early voting ballots shall be tallied immediately prior to the counting of all in-person ballots cast that day.

Section 3.3: Recounts for Contested Commissioner Elections

If a contested election for Water District Commissioner results in a vote difference of 10% or less of the total votes cast between candidates, either candidate has the right to request a recount.

The recount must be conducted within 5 business days of the election. No winner will be declared until the recount process is complete. During the unsealing and recounting of the ballots, each candidate may have their designated representative present to observe the tabulation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the District will vote pursuant to petition to include within the limits of the District Boundaries the property 110 Burrage St. and surrounding properties to be shown on a plan entitled "Proposed Water District Expansion" prepared by Haley Ward, or act anything thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at Whalom Variety and one at the Lunenburg Water District, seven days at least before said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Water Commissioners at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 13th day of March in the year two thousand and twenty-six.

Matthew Woodward, Chairman

John H. Esposito

Mark Bursch

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

A true copy attest:

Christina Schwinger, Clerk