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**TOWN OF CHELMSFORD
WARRANT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
April 7, 2026**

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable, or any other suitable person of the Town of Chelmsford:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet in their several polling places, VIZ:

Precincts 1 and 2.

Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Precincts 9, 10, and 11.

Senior Center, 75 Groton Road

McCarthy Middle School, 250 North Road

Town Offices, 50 Billerica Road

On Tuesday, the **7th day of April, 2026** being the first Tuesday in said month at 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

To cast their votes for the following officers:

One Select Board Member for three years;

One Select Board Member for one year (unexpired term);

Two School Committee Members for three years;

One Town Moderator for three years;

Two Planning Board Members for three years;

One Board of Health Member for three years;

Three Trustees of Public Library Members for three years;

One Cemetery Commission Member for three years;

One Housing Authority Member for five years;

and to cast their votes for the following:

Fifty-five Representative Town Meeting Members for three years in Precincts 1 through 11;

And various additional Representative Town Meeting Members:

One Representative Town Meeting Member for an unexpired one-year term in Precinct 1;

Two Representative Town Meeting Members for an unexpired two-year term in Precinct 4;

One Representative Town Meeting Member for an unexpired one-year term in Precinct 4;

One Representative Town Meeting Member for an unexpired one-year term in Precinct 5;

Two Representative Town Meeting Members for an unexpired one-year term in Precinct 6;

One Representative Town Meeting Member for an unexpired one-year term in Precinct 9;

One Representative Town Meeting Member for an unexpired two-year term in Precinct 10;

Two Representative Town Meeting Members for an unexpired one-year term in Precinct 10;

One Representative Town Meeting Member for an unexpired two-year term in Precinct 11;

One Representative Town Meeting Member for an unexpired one-year term in Precinct 11;

and to meet in the Senior Center, 75 Groton Road, North Chelmsford, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of April, at 7:30 p.m. in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, VIZ:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Select Board**

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget adopted under Articles 3, 4, and 5 of the Warrant for the Spring Annual Town Meeting held on April 28, 2025; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the Town's Fiscal Year 2027 assessment to the Nashoba Valley Technical School District; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money as may be required to defray charges for the operations of the Chelmsford Public Schools for the fiscal period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be required to defray charges of the Town's General Government operations for the fiscal period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to be used to fund the cost items of the first fiscal year of employee contract agreements between the Town and its collective bargaining units; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds such sums of money to be used as a Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Finance Committee for Fiscal Year 2027, as provided in General Laws Chapter 40, Section 6; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to: a.) appropriate a certain sum of money for the following capital projects:

FY2027 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET			
Function	Department /Location	Project	Expenditure
Community Services	<u>Adams Library</u>	HVAC System Replacement - Phase 3	\$850,000
	<u>MacKay Library</u>	Ramp Repl. & Rear Entrance Repairs	\$70,000
	<i>Community Services Subtotal</i>		\$920,000
Public Safety	<u>Police</u>	HVAC System Replacement - Phase 1	\$650,000
	<u>Fire</u>	Staff Vehicle Replacement	\$90,150
		Staff Vehicle Replacement	\$95,400
	<i>Public Safety Subtotal</i>		\$835,550
Public Works	<u>Highway</u>	Roadway Improvements	\$425,000
		6-Wheel Sander Truck Replacement	\$350,000
		10-Wheel Dump Truck Replacement	\$375,000
		Sidewalk Snow Clearing Equipment	\$195,000
		Rack Body Truck with Plow Repl.	\$135,000
		3/4 Ton Pickup Truck with Plow	\$90,000
	<u>Cemetery</u>	Backhoe Replacement	\$165,000
	<i>Public Works Subtotal</i>		\$1,735,000
Public Facilities	<u>Municipal Facilities</u>	Utility Van Replacement - Plumbing	\$48,000
	<u>Town Offices</u>	Elevator Replacement - Phase 2	\$325,000
	<i>Municipal Facilities Subtotal</i>		\$373,000
	<u>Harrington, McCarthy & CHS</u>	Roof Replacement Study	\$100,000
	<u>Byam & South Row Schools</u>	Emergency Notification System	\$251,490
	<u>Byam & Harrington Schools</u>	Security & Fire Panel Upgrades	\$400,000
	<u>Byam School</u>	Parking Lot Rehabilitation	\$700,000
	<u>McCarthy Middle School</u>	Bi-Directional Antenna	\$113,850
	<u>High School</u>	Roof Replacement - Kitchen & Cafeteria	\$1,000,000
	<i>School Facilities Subtotal</i>		\$2,565,340
CAPITAL PROJECTS TOTAL			\$6,428,890

; and b.) raise and appropriate, transfer and appropriate from available funds, transfer and appropriate from the General Stabilization Fund, and/or borrow a certain sum of money (or any combination thereof) to fund said projects, and to further authorize the Town Manager to enter into lease and/or purchase agreements, on such terms and conditions as the Town Manager deems appropriate in the best interests of the Town, in excess of three years; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**
Capital Planning Committee
Two-Thirds Vote

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a certain sum of money for enhancements to the PFAS remedial treatment system located at the Town's highway yard located at 54 Richardson Road, including any incidental and related expenses; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a certain sum of money for the Fiscal Year 2027 budget to operate the Sewer Enterprise; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a certain sum of money to upgrade the Clinton Avenue, Fair Street, and Evergreen Street sewer pump stations, including any incidental and related expenses; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**
Two-Thirds Vote

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a certain sum of money for the Fiscal Year 2027 budget to operate the Stormwater Management Enterprise; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a certain sum of money for the purchase and equipping of a rack body truck for the Department of Public Works Stormwater Division; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**
Two-Thirds Vote

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a certain sum of money for the design and construction of drainage improvements along Rainbow Avenue, including any incidental and related expenses; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**
Two-Thirds Vote

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a certain sum of money for the Fiscal Year 2027 budget to operate the Forum Ice Rink Enterprise; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 budget to operate the Cable Television Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Access Enterprise adopted under Article 13 of the Warrant for the Spring Annual Town Meeting held on April 28, 2025; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a certain sum of money for the Fiscal Year 2027 budget to operate the Cable Television Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Access Enterprise; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for Chelmsford Telemedia to purchase and install cable access television computer servers and equipment; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a certain sum of money for the Fiscal Year 2027 budget to operate the Golf Course Enterprise; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following total amount of expenditures for Departmental Revolving Funds for the Fiscal Year 2027 which funds have been established under the provisions of Chapter 35, Section 6 of the Code of the Town of Chelmsford, with such expenditure limitations to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year unless sooner revised by Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any fiscal year:

- Dog Pound & Licensing: \$10,000;
- Senior Citizen Trip Program: \$75,000;
- Senior Citizen Respite Care Program: \$150,000;
- Police Cruiser Communications Equipment: \$20,000;
- Fire Life Safety Equipment: \$20,000;
- Cemetery Wreath/Floral Decorations: \$10,000;
- Onsite Sewage Facility \$75,000;
- Public Shade Tree \$30,000;

or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a certain sum of money from the Sale of Graves and Lots to the Cemetery Improvement and Development Fund; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Cemetery Commission**

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund property valuation services to maintain certification by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to:

- A. Hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation budget;
- B. Appropriate a certain sum of money from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund revenues and/or from Community Preservation Fund reserves for the payment of Fiscal Year 2027 debt service;
- C. Appropriate from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund revenues a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2027; and
- D. Reserve for future appropriation amounts from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund revenues as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:
 - (1) a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space,
 - (2) a sum of money for the acquisition and preservation of historic resources,
 - (3) a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; and
 - (4) a sum of money for the Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2027 Budgeted Reserve

; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Community Preservation Committee**

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 23 of the April 29, 2024 Spring Annual Town Meeting pertaining to appropriation of \$8,000 for the preservation of headstones at Forefathers Cemetery by allowing the funds to be used for the preservation of headstones at all Chelmsford historic cemetery locations; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Community Preservation Committee**

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund a certain sum of money for the purchase and installation of new handicapped-accessible playground equipment at Varney Playground; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Community Preservation Committee**

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to overturn the adopted 2025 Fall Town Meeting Warrant Article 29 Zoning Bylaw Amendment Definition of Family, changing the Definition of Family in Zoning Article XX, Terminology, from the pre-existing Relationship Based Definition of Family to a Zoning Terminology Based

Definition of Family and restore the pre-existing Relationship Based Definition of Family.

; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Brian Latina**
Citizen Petition
Two-Thirds Vote

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a general bylaw in the following form to be inserted as Chapter 108 of the Town Code:

CHAPTER 108 **Outdoor Lighting**

§108-1. Purpose

This Bylaw recognizes that the welfare and enjoyment of Chelmsford are associated with its character, including its nighttime ambience. Therefore this Bylaw seeks to (1) provide adequate, well-designed lighting for the safety and security for all Chelmsford residents and for the safe performance of outdoor tasks at night; (2) control *glare* to ensure safe navigation for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians at night; (3) protect residents from *light trespass*, which negatively affects the enjoyment of property; (4) minimize *light pollution* to the greatest extent possible, especially blue light, which can cause negative effects on human health and nocturnal organisms; (5) minimize *skyglow*, to preserve Chelmsford residents' ability to see the stars against a dark sky; and (6) promote efficient lighting to conserve energy and thus reduce atmospheric carbon emissions.

§108-2. Definitions and Figures

BUG rating system: A lighting classification system (IES TM-15-20 standard or its successor) by the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) and DarkSky International to describe the light-pollution contributions from outdoor luminaires, including for street and parking-lot lighting. Each letter is attached to a number ranging from 0 (ideal) to 5 (unacceptable).

B describes backlight that often contributes to *light trespass*. **U** describes uplight, which contributes to skyglow, which limits a person's ability to see the stars. **G** describes glare, which makes it difficult for people to see and thus makes roadways more dangerous and security lighting less effective.

Café lighting: A string of multiple lights hung between two points and used to decorate outdoor spaces in ways and at times not associated with holidays. Also known as party lighting or festoon lighting.

Correlated color temperature (CCT): A specification of the color appearance of the light emitted by a light source, measured in Kelvin (K). CCT values are typically provided in lighting-manufacturer data sheets. For example, high-pressure-sodium (HPS) streetlights are approximately 2000 K and "warm-white" lamps are typically 2700 K.

Environmentally sensitive area: Light-sensitive areas that include: any land subject to a conservation restriction, legally recognized wetlands, agricultural land, or any land that contains threatened or endangered-species habitats.

Foot-candle: A measurement of *illuminance*, which is the intensity of light incident on a surface. One (1) foot-candle (fc) is defined as enough light to uniformly illuminate one square foot (1 ft²) with one (1) lumen. One foot-candle corresponds to 10.764 lux (lx), which is the SI (International System of Units) unit of illuminance.

Fully shielded: An outdoor *luminaire* constructed so that, in its installed position, all of the light emitted by the *luminaire* is projected below the horizontal plane that passes through the lowest light emitting part of the *luminaire*. See Figure 1.

Glare: Intense and harsh light emitted by a *luminaire* that reduces visibility and creates visual discomfort and/or momentary visual impairment. *Discomfort Glare* causes a nuisance due to overly bright light sources in the field of view. *Disability Glare* causes interference in the visual process and impairs the viewer's vision.

Holiday lighting: Decorative lighting temporarily installed on or near homes, businesses, and public spaces to celebrate holidays and seasonal events.

Illuminance: The intensity of light incident on a surface, often measured on horizontal or vertical surfaces in foot-candles (fc or lumens/ft²). Example: the full Moon illuminates the ground with an *illuminance* of 0.01 fc.

IES: Illuminating Engineering Society, the recognized authoritative body on the science and application of lighting, which publishes and promotes recommended practices for a variety of specific lighting applications.

Lamp: The bulb or other light-emitting portion of a *luminaire*, not inclusive of any reflective or refractive optics used to direct light.

Light pollution: An adverse and/or obtrusive effect of the use of outdoor light at night.

Light trespass: Light emitted by a *luminaire* or from an adjacent reflective surface that shines beyond the property boundary on which the *luminaire* is installed.

Lumen: A unit of luminous flux; the flux emitted within a unit solid angle by a point source with a uniform luminous intensity of one candela (the SI unit of luminous intensity).

Luminaire: A complete lighting assembly, consisting of a lamp or lamps, housing, optic(s), and other structural elements, but not including any mounting pole or surface.

Luminance: The amount of light that passes through, is emitted by, or reflected from a particular area, and falls within a specified solid angle. The SI unit of luminance is candela per square meter (cd/m²), also known as a nit.

Nuisance: The unreasonable, unwarranted and/or unlawful use of outdoor lighting, which causes inconvenience, disruption of enjoyment, or damage to others, either to individuals and/or to the general public.

Skyglow: A measurable glow in the night sky deriving from an artificial source.

Wall sconce: A decorative *luminaire* affixed to a vertical exterior wall.

Walkway lighting: One or more outdoor *luminaires* installed adjacent to a walkway to provide wayfinding and safe movement for pedestrians and/or personal-mobility devices.

Figure 1: Example of a fully shielded *luminaire*. No light is emitted above horizontal.

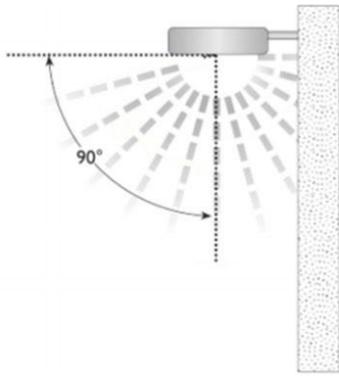


Figure 2: Fully-shielded lighting that is not causing light trespass, glare or skyglow for adjacent property. In the absence of a barrier between properties, the *luminaire* can simply be pointed more toward the ground to satisfy the requirements of the Bylaw.

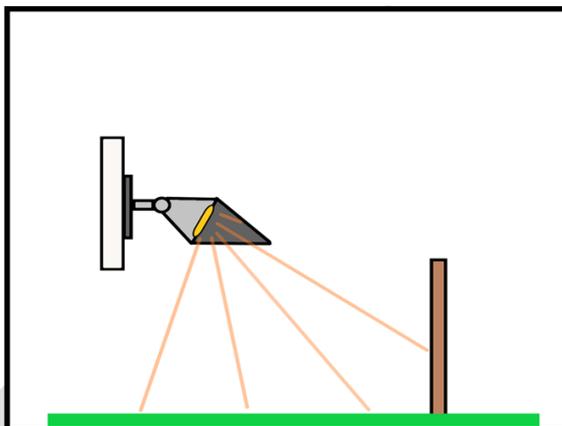


Figure 3: Examples of acceptable and unacceptable *luminaires* (lighting fixtures). The intent of this figure is to demonstrate that “acceptable” lighting eliminates or reduces glare by hiding the light emitting portion of the bulb or lamp, not that the general style of fixture is prohibited.



§108-3. Standards for Commercial and Industrial Properties and for Multi-family Dwellings

- 3.1 Scope and Applicability. This section applies to commercial and industrial properties, the common areas of condominium complexes and homeowner associations, and other properties with dwellings for more than two families.
- 3.2 Priority of Bylaw Provisions. In case of conflict between any of the provisions of this Bylaw or any other state or federal regulation, and if such state or federal regulation allows for more restrictive local regulation, the most restrictive shall apply.
- 3.3 New Lighting. All outdoor *luminaires* installed after the effective date of this Bylaw shall comply with the requirements established by this Bylaw.
- 3.4 Existing Lighting. All outdoor *luminaires* installed prior to the effective date of this Bylaw that do not comply with the requirements of this Bylaw are declared to be non-conforming. All non-conforming *luminaires* may continue to be used and maintained after the effective date of this Bylaw but shall be brought into compliance with the requirements herein within ten (10) years of the effective date of this Bylaw or upon the first to occur of any of the following:
 - 3.4.1 A determination by the Zoning Enforcement Officer (Section 10.1) that the *luminaire* or its installation constitutes a hazard to public safety or otherwise constitutes a *nuisance* (Section 5).
 - 3.4.2 The replacement of more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the existing system of *luminaires* intended to illuminate a specific area.
 - 3.4.3 Expansions exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross floor area, the number of dwelling units, or the number of parking spaces. This requirement may be reduced by permit issued by the Planning Board upon a simple majority finding that such reduction will not detract from the objectives of this bylaw.
 - 3.4.4 A property that changes ownership for any reason.
- 3.5 Shielding.
 - 3.5.1 Unless exempted elsewhere in this Bylaw, all single-lamp outdoor *luminaires* exceeding two thousand (2,000 lumens) shall be *fully shielded*.
 - 3.5.2 Lighting of building façades, landscaping, monuments, plaques, flagpoles, and similar installations are exempted from the shielding requirements of this bylaw, but shall be focused directly at the target so that the light does not create a *nuisance*. It is the Town's preference that such lighting be turned off or dimmed between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. or within one (1) hour of the posted closing time for that facility, whichever occurs later.
- 3.6 Light Output.
 - 3.6.1 The output of any outdoor *luminaire* installed at a height below twenty (20) feet shall not exceed five thousand (5,000) *lumens*, except as permitted in Section 3.6.2.
 - 3.6.2 An outdoor *luminaire* may exceed five thousand (5,000) *lumens* if its output does not exceed the ground-level *luminance* values recommended by the *Illuminating Engineering Society (IES)* for the specific application by more than fifty percent (50%).
 - 3.6.3 An outdoor *luminaire* exceeding the lumen values in Sections 3.6.1 and 3.6.2 may be installed by permit issued by the Planning Board upon a simple majority finding that extenuating circumstances related to safety and security justify an exception.

- 3.7 Correlated color temperature. The *correlated color temperature (CCT)* of the light emitted by an outdoor *luminaire* shall not exceed 2700 K. An outdoor *luminaire* may exceed this CCT value by permit issued by the Planning Board upon a simple majority finding that extenuating circumstances related to safety and security justify an exception.
- 3.8 Height. The maximum height of an outdoor *luminaire* shall not exceed 25 feet. A maximum *luminaire* height of thirty-five (35) feet is allowed by permit issued by the Planning Board upon a simple majority finding that the increase in *luminaire* height will not negatively impact abutting properties, particularly property used or zoned for residential purposes.

§108-4. Standards for Residential Properties

- 4.1 Scope and Applicability. This section applies to single- and two-family residential dwellings, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and individually-owned property that is part of a condominium complex or homeowner association.
- 4.2 Priority of Bylaw Provisions. In case of conflict between any of the provisions of this Bylaw or any other state or federal regulation, and if such state or federal regulation allows for more restrictive local regulation, the most restrictive shall apply.
- 4.3 It is the Town's preference that the following standards for residential properties are met:
- 4.3.1 All single-lamp outdoor luminaires exceeding eight hundred (800) lumens and multiple-lamp outdoor luminaires exceeding two thousand (2,000 lumens) shall be fully shielded.
- 4.3.2 The output of any single- or multi-lamp outdoor *luminaire* shall not exceed four thousand (4,000) *lumens*.
- 4.3.3 The correlated color temperature (CCT) of the light emitted by an outdoor *luminaire* shall not exceed 2700 K. If a suitable outdoor *luminaire* with a CCT of 2700 K or lower is unavailable, then one with a CCT no greater than 4000 K may be used.

§108-5. Nuisance. No outdoor *luminaire* shall create a lighting *nuisance* in the form of excessive *light trespass* or *glare*, as defined below.

5.1 Light trespass.

- 5.1.1 The maximum vertical *illuminance* created by one or more outdoor *luminaires* shall not exceed 0.1 *foot-candle* when measured fifteen (15) feet inside the property line of an adjacent residential property or at the exterior wall of a dwelling on the adjacent property, whichever is closer to the outdoor *luminaire(s)*, at a point five (5) feet above grade.
- 5.1.2 The maximum vertical *illuminance* shall not exceed 0.05 *foot-candle* when measured at the property line of an *environmentally sensitive area*.
- 5.1.3 The Zoning Enforcement Officer may grant exceptions due to extenuating circumstances related to safety and security.
- 5.2 Glare. *Glare* is declared to be a lighting *nuisance* when it constitutes a hazard to public safety along a public way or causes intense discomfort to occupants of adjacent properties.
- 5.3 A motion-activated *luminaire* that causes a *nuisance* but otherwise complies with this Bylaw is permitted as long as its output remains on for no more than 10 minutes, does not flicker intermittently, and is not

triggered by right-of-way traffic in any form.

- 5.4 The determination of *light trespass* and/or *glare* will be made by the Zoning Enforcement Officer or another Town employee after a site visit and a visual inspection.

§108-6. Lighting in a Public Right of Way. For outdoor *luminaires* used for streetlighting or area lighting installed on poles or structures within a public right of way and whose output is two thousand (2,000) lumens or greater, each such luminaire shall conform to the following requirements:

- 6.1 The *luminaire* as installed must not exceed the *BUG rating* (as provided by the manufacturer) of B2, U0, and G2.
- 6.2 The luminaire may not be installed at heights greater than twenty-five (25) feet in residential zones or thirty-five (35) feet in commercial zones.
- 6.3 Exceptions may be granted by the Department of Public Works for installation or replacement of existing decorative or historically designed streetlighting. All other requirements of this Bylaw will still apply.
- 6.4 If a utility company serving the Town or a private developer proposes the installation or replacement of ten (10) or more luminaires emitting at least two thousand (2000) lumens per luminaire, the project proponent must provide a demonstration installation of at least three (3) luminaire options and include at least one option with a correlated color temperature of less than 2700 K and at least one option with a BUG rating of 1/0/1. The Select Board will then seek public comment prior to the full installation to identify unforeseen negative impacts.

§108-7. Prohibitions

The use of searchlights, sky beams, or any outdoor *luminaire* that dynamically varies its output by intermittently fading, flashing, blinking, or rotating is prohibited, except for holiday lighting or as required by public-safety personnel in temporary situations.

§108-8. Exemptions

The following are exempt from compliance with all provisions of this Bylaw, except as noted:

- 8.1 Temporary emergency lighting needed by the Police, Fire, and Public Works departments; Water District personnel; or other law-enforcement and emergency services, as well as all vehicle-mounted *luminaires*.
- 8.2 Lighting employed during repairs of roads, utilities, and similar infrastructure, including unshielded lighting, provided that such lighting is deployed, positioned, and aimed such that to the extent possible the resulting *glare* and *light trespass* do not extend beyond the work area.
- 8.3 Any form of lighting whose use is mandated or otherwise governed by any legal jurisdiction with broader authority than that of the Town of Chelmsford.
- 8.4 Temporary lighting for events sponsored by the Town of Chelmsford or for which a license or other approval has been issued, such as concerts, fairs, and festivals.
- 8.5 *Holiday lighting, walkway lighting, and café lighting.* However, it is the Town's preference that the outdoor *luminaires* used for these purposes be aimed so as to minimize *light trespass* on adjacent properties and be turned off between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m.
- 8.6 *Luminaires* used to illuminate athletic fields or recreational facilities shall, to the greatest extent possible, satisfy the on-field *illuminance* values in the latest version of [*ANSI/IES RP-6, Recommended Practice: Lighting Sports and Recreational Areas*](#). Further, such *luminaires* must be aimed so as to minimize *light*

trespass on adjacent properties and must be turned off within one (1) hour after the end of play or by 10 p.m., whichever occurs later.

§108-9. Enforcement

9.1 Zoning Enforcement Officer. The requirements of this bylaw shall be enforced by the Town’s Zoning Enforcement Officer or by another person appointed or engaged by the Town for this purpose.

9.2 Demonstration of Compliance. The owner of any lot, dwelling, commercial, or industrial property on which an outdoor *luminaire* subject to this Bylaw is located or proposed to be located shall have the burden of demonstrating that the existing or proposed outdoor *luminaire* complies with the requirements of this Bylaw.

9.3. Submission. The applicant for any permit or exception under this Bylaw shall submit evidence that the proposed work will comply with this Bylaw. Any costs associated with such proof of compliance will be paid by the applicant. The submission shall contain, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- 9.3.1. Plans indicating the location on the premises of each outdoor luminaire, both existing and proposed.
- 9.3.2. Description of all luminaires, fixtures, lamps, supports, reflectors, both existing and proposed. The description may include, but is not limited to, specification data and illustrations by manufacturers (including sections where required).
- 9.3.3. Photometric data, such as that supplied by manufacturers, photometric site drawings, and/or on-site calibrated light meter light level readings.

; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Kelly Beatty
Planning Board**

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code, Chapter 195 Zoning, by deleting Section 195-34 Outdoor illumination in its entirety and replacing it as follows:

195-34 Outdoor Illumination

- A. See General Bylaw, Chapter 108, for applicable Outdoor Lighting standards and provisions.

; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Kelly Beatty
Planning Board
Two-Thirds Vote**

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map, as adopted and referenced in the Town Code, Chapter 195 Zoning, Article II Districts, Section 195-3 Official Zoning Map, to amend existing zoning districts as follows:

Rezone existing IA parcels to RM: Assessors Parcels 13-36-2 & 13-36-4;

Rezone the following parcels to RC: Assessors Parcels 13-19-15, 13-19-16, 13-19-17, 13-19-18, 13-19-19, 13-19-21, 13-19-22, 13-19-23, 13-35-1, 14-19-6, 14-19-9, 14-19-13;

Rezone Assessors Parcel 14-19-8 to CB;

Rezone the following parcels from IA, limited Industrial to CBLT: Assessors Parcels 13-19-20, 13-36-1, 13-36-3, 13-36-5, 13-36-8, 13-36-10, 14-19-1, 14-19-2, 14-19-3, 14-19-4 and 14-19-5.

; or act in relation thereto.

**SUBMITTED BY: Planning Board
Two-Thirds Vote**

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to Amend The Town Code, Article XXI Community Enhancement and Investment Overlay District (CEIOD) section 195.11.C(2) to revise by-right projects, 195-112 Use Regulations to provide clarity, 195-118 Performance Standard A&B to require compliance with Article VII, 195-119 Application Review Procedures A(6) to add “structure”, 195-119 B(d) to provide clarity, 195-119 D to add a new (5) and renumber as follows:

195-111 Applicability

C. CEIOD projects allowed by right. A CEIOD project is by right if it meets all of the following criteria (as applicable):

(2) If the project involves a change of use from one use category to another, the gross square footage and the square footage of the building footprint of the use does not exceed the original use.

195-112 Use regulations

The existing Use Regulation Schedule (Chapter 195, Attachment 1) of the Zoning Bylaw shall be applicable to CEIOD projects within the underlying zoning districts. Where a CEIOD requires a special permit under the Use Regulation Schedule, the Planning Board shall be the special permit granting authority. Any combination of primary uses in the CEIOD otherwise allowed by right or by special permit in the underlying zoning shall require a special permit, whereby the Planning Board shall be the special permit granting authority.

195-118 Performance Standards

A. General. All CEIOD projects shall be consistent with the following general performance standards. The Board may require, at the applicant’s expense, such technical evidence as is necessary to ensure that the standards established for environmental protection standards (in Article VIII Environmental Protection Standards) are met. Such technical evidence will be required when the CEIOD project requires a special permit due to meeting criteria 1,2, or 4 in 195-111D and the project use is commercial or industrial abutting residential.

B. Specific. All CEIOD projects requiring special permits shall be consistent with the following specific performance standards, as applicable. The Board may require, at the applicant’s expense, such technical evidence as is necessary to ensure that the standards established for environmental protection standards (in Article VIII Environmental Protection Standards) are met. Such technical evidence will be required when the CEIOD project requires

a special permit due to meeting criteria 1,2, or 4 in 195-111D and the project use is commercial or industrial abutting residential.

195-119 Application Review Procedures

A. General requirements.

(6) Any project that includes a building or structure over 75 years of age shall be referred to the Chelmsford Historical Commission for review and comment.

B. Finding of applicability and preliminary concept plan review and approval.

(2) Preliminary submission elements. A CEIOD preliminary submission shall include:

(a) A vicinity map adequately depicting the proposed development in context with the surrounding area.

(b) A base map at a scale no smaller than one inch equals 200 feet showing property lines and names of adjacent owners; general topography, including steep slopes over 15% in grade; flood hazard areas, designated inland wetlands and watercourses; existing public utility lines and public facilities; and existing street widths and general layout.

(c) A concept layout of existing and proposed buildings and their proposed uses, streets, parking areas, open spaces, landscaping and screening, as well as any proposed improvements to existing facilities.

(d) Project narrative: evidence supporting a by-right or special-permit project and applicability of the CEIOD project type. This narrative shall address how the proposed project complies with all relevant items of the Purpose and Intent (195-109A-I), the Type of Overlay District (195-110), the by right (195-111C) or special permit (195-111D) criteria, and the Performance Standards (195-118). The narrative shall also itemize the relief being sought under the CEIOD Overlay District.

D. Modifications to approvals. A public hearing shall be required when a modification to an approved project falls into one or more of the following categories:

(1) Substantial changes to the alignment of arterial or collector streets and/or their off-site connection points;

(2) Substantial changes in the composition of the various uses, such that the proportion of any element such as retail or residential increases or decreases by 10% or more;

(3) Substantial changes to approved architectural design, building types, or construction materials;

(4) Substantial changes to the transportation system;

(5) Substantial changes to the stormwater system or site elevation

(5) Substantial changes to an approved phasing plan that have the potential to negatively impact the provision of public services; or

(6) Any other substantial changes to the character or intensity of an approved application that the Community Development Director, Building Commissioner, or Town Engineer cannot otherwise interpret or approve.

; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Planning Board
Two-Thirds Vote

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code, section 195-108 to revise the definition of “Boarding House” by deleting the strikethrough text and inserting the underlined text as follows:

**Current
BOARDINGHOUSE**

~~A building, whether residential or commercial or any part thereof in which lodging is provided by the owner or operator to more than four boarders. The boardinghouse must provide for shared/common facilities consisting of either bathing or cooking and therefore shall not contain individual dwelling units consisting of complete living facilities. Meals may or may not be provided. A dwelling unit where more than four unrelated individuals rent shall be considered a boardinghouse. A boardinghouse shall not be deemed a multifamily dwelling.~~
[Amended 4-30-2012 **ATM by Art. 25**; 10-15-2012 **ATM by Art. 17**]

Proposed

A facility licensed under M.G.L. c.140 §§22–32 in which temporary or semi-permanent lodging is provided for rent to four or more lodgers who do not live together as a single housekeeping unit and who occupy individual rooms. Occupants may share bathroom or kitchen facilities, but such shared use does not constitute a single housekeeping unit. Occupancy is on an individual-room basis, with separate agreements or fees. The building does not contain self-contained dwelling units and is not considered a single-family, two-family, or multifamily dwelling.

; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Planning Board
Two-Thirds Vote

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code, Section 195-108 to add a new definition for “Bed and Breakfast”, and to amend 195 Attachment 1, Use Regulation Schedule, to add a new use D.39, “Bed and Breakfast” as follows:

Bed and Breakfast

A private dwelling that provides transient overnight accommodations in not more than three (3) guest rooms, as defined in M.G.L. c.64G §1, and that is owner-occupied or used as the owner’s primary residence. Only breakfast may be served, and it may be provided exclusively to registered overnight guests. Guest rooms shall not contain individual cooking facilities. A Bed and Breakfast Establishment is not a Boarding House, Motel or Hotel, or a Dwelling Unit occupied by a Family or Single Housekeeping Unit.

New

Sec.	I	S	Description	RA	RB	RC	RM	CA	CB	CBLT	CC	CD	CV	IA	IS	RMH
			D. Commercial													
		39	Bed and Breakfast	N	N	PB	N	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	N	N	N

; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Planning Board
Two-Thirds Vote

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code, Chapter 195, “Zoning Bylaw”, 195 Attachment 1, Use Table, line D.16, Commercial 16 (Parking Garage/Structure) from BA to PB by deleting the strikethrough text and inserting the underlined text as follows:

Current

Sec.	I	S	Description	RA	RB	RC	RM	CA	CB	CBLT	CC	CD	CV	IA	IS	RMH	C
D. Commercial																	
16			Parking garage/structure	N	N	N	N	N	BA	PB	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	N	

New

Sec.	I	S	Description	RA	RB	RC	RM	CA	CB	CBLT	CC	CD	CV	IA	IS	RMH	C
D. Commercial																	
16			Parking garage/structure	N	N	N	N	N	<u>PB</u>	PB	<u>PB</u>	<u>PB</u>	<u>PB</u>	<u>PB</u>	<u>PB</u>	N	

; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Planning Board
Two-Thirds Vote

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend The Town Code, Chapter 195, “Zoning Bylaw”, Table of Dimensional Requirements (195 Attachment 2) change minimum depth from 0 to N/A in the CB, CD & CX districts, CEIOD Site and Bldg Requirements Table (195 Attachment 3) to change minimum depth from 0 to N/A in the CB & CD districts, dimensional requirements for facilitated and independent senior living facilities (195-88) change minimum depth from 0 to N/A in the CB, CD & CV districts, dimensional standards for Center Village Zoning (Article XVIIIA 195-98.2) change minimum depth from 0 to N/A by deleting the strikethrough text and inserting the underlined text as follows:

Table of Dimensional Requirements (195 Attachment 2)

Current

	Districts															
Dimensional Requirements	RA	RB	RC	RM	CA	CB	CBLT	CC	CD	IA	IS	RMH	CX	P	OS	
Minimum Lot Requirements																
Depth (feet)	150	150	125	150	125	0	N/A	200	0	150	150		0	125	125	

New

	Districts															
Dimensional Requirements	RA	RB	RC	RM	CA	CB	CBLT	CC	CD	IA	IS	RMH	CX	P	OS	
Minimum Lot Requirements																
Depth (feet)	150	150	125	150	125	<u>N/A</u>	N/A	200	<u>N/A</u>	150	150		<u>N/A</u>	125	125	

CEIOD Site and Bldg Requirements Table (195 Attachment 3)

Current

Dimensional Requirements	Districts					
	CA	CB	CBLT	CC	CD	IA
Minimum Lot Requirements (1)						
Depth (feet)	125	0	N/A	200	0	150
In CEIODs by by-right	100	0	N/A	160	0	120
In CEIODs by special permit	75	0	N/A	100	0	100

New

Dimensional Requirements	Districts					
	CA	CB	CBLT	CC	CD	IA
Minimum Lot Requirements (1)						
Depth (feet)	125	N/A	N/A	200	N/A	150
In CEIODs by by-right	100	N/A	N/A	160	N/A	120
In CEIODs by special permit	75	N/A	N/A	100	N/A	100

Dimensional requirements for facilitated and independent senior living facilities (195-88)

Current

	RM	CA	CB	CC	CD	CV	IA
Minimum lot depth (feet)	150	125	0	200	0	0	150

New

	RM	CA	CB	CC	CD	CV	IA
Minimum lot depth (feet)	150	125	N/A	200	N/A	N/A	150

Dimensional standards for Center Village Zoning (Article XVIIIA 195-98.2)

Current

Minimum Lot Requirements Area		
(x 1,000 square feet)		
Depth (feet)		0

New

Minimum Lot Requirements Area		
(x 1,000 square feet)		
Depth (feet)		N/A

; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Planning Board**
Two-Thirds Vote

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to grant, upon such terms and conditions as the Select Board may determine, easements to public utilities in the following Town properties for the purpose of obtaining new or additional electrical service: 1) 260 Old Westford Road, Assessors Parcel ID 58-276-1; and 2) 295 Acton Road, Assessors Parcel ID 117-421-6 and Assessors Parcel ID 117-421-8, as more or less depicted on documents placed on file and available for review in the Offices of the Town Clerk and the Department of Public Works; and to authorize the Select Board to seek such approvals under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution or otherwise, if any, as may be required to allow for such grants, and to execute any and all documents, enter into all agreements, and take such action as may be necessary or convenient in the furtherance of the objectives of this article; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Town Manager**
Two-Thirds Vote

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to: a) accept as a public way Proctor Road as laid out by the Select Board and shown by reports and plans which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk; b) authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift, purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise and upon such terms and conditions as it may determine, any and all interests in land, including easements or fee simple interest, with the trees thereon, within said layout and abutting lands as may be necessary for the purpose of completing such acceptance, making traffic safety and road improvements incidental to such acceptance, and otherwise providing for the use and maintenance of said way and drainage facilities incidental thereto for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Chelmsford; c) raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition of said land and for payment of any damages which may be awarded as a result of any such taking; and, d) authorize the Select Board to negotiate and execute all necessary and proper contracts and agreements thereto; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: **Select Board**
Two-Thirds Vote

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of February, 2026

SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHELMSFORD:

Patrick J. Maloney, Chair

Patricia Wojtas, Vice Chair

Aaron D. Cunningham, Clerk

Jeffrey A. Hardy

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DATES
AND TIMES FOR CONTINUED SESSIONS OF THE
SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Select Board shall propose the following dates and times for continued sessions of the Town Meeting of April 27, 2026:

Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 4, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

If additional continued sessions are necessary, they shall take place on the Monday and Thursday of the next consecutive week until the meetings are concluded.

Pursuant to Town of Chelmsford Code Chapter 154-9, these dates and times are proposed and are subject to change by vote of the Town Meeting Representatives.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS. _____, 2026

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford by posting up attested copies of same at the following places, to wit: Senior Center, 75 Groton Road; North Chelmsford Fire Station, 35 Princeton Street; McCarthy Middle School, 250 North Road; Parker Middle School, 75 Graniteville Road; West Chelmsford Fire Station, 260 Old Westford Road; Westlands School, 171 Dalton Road; Byam Elementary School, 25 Maple Road; Town Offices Building, 50 Billerica Road; South Row Elementary School, 250 Boston Road; East Chelmsford Fire Station, 115 Riverneck Road; and South Chelmsford Fire Station, 295 Acton Road.

Signed:

Edwin Paul Eriksen, Constable

A True Copy Attest:

Edwin Paul Eriksen, Constable