

**ARTICLES OF THE WARRANT, MOTIONS,
VOTER INFORMATION, AND
RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**FOR THE
BOURNE SPECIAL**

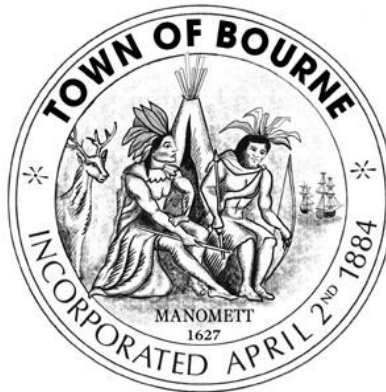
and

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Bourne High School Auditorium



A Voter's Handbook

***PLEASE BRING THIS HANDBOOK TO EACH SESSION OF
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ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court to enact legislation to authorize the Town, notwithstanding the provisions of G.L. c. 32B, acting by and through the Conservation Commission, to transfer, release, and convey a fifty foot wide permanent right-of-way and easement from the Town of Bourne to Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating a pipeline or pipelines, together with any and all necessary or useful appurtenances thereto, for the transmission of natural gas and all by-products thereof, permanent access roads necessary to access such facilities, and temporary workspaces necessary for the construction of such facilities, on the following properties: 0 Bournedale Road, owned by the Town of Bourne, as described in a deed recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 14090 and Page 282, such easement, permanent access roads, and temporary workspace, as more particularly shown on the plan entitled, "Area of Permanent Easement, Permanent Access Road & Temporary Workspace Town of Bourne Under Care and Custody of the Conservation Commission," G-31-MA-BA-001.DWG, Rev. E, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and dated January 13, 2026; 0 Bournedale Road, as described in a deed recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 20587 and Page 284, such permanent access road and temporary workspace, as more particularly shown on the plan entitled, "Area of Permanent Access Road & Temporary Workspace Town of Bourne Conservation Commission," G-31-MA-BA-006.DWG, Rev. B, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and dated January 13, 2026; and, 0 Deseret Drive, as described in a deed recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 8713 and Page 321, such temporary workspace as more particularly shown on the plan entitled, "Area of Temporary Workspace Town of Bourne Conservation Commission," G-8-MA-BA-130.001.AR.DWG, Rev. C, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and dated October 20, 2025, said plans on file with the town clerk and to acquire such replacement land as may be required under G.L. c. 3, § 5A; provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation with the scope of the general public objectives of this petition; or to authorize the Town to take any action in relation thereto.

SPONSOR – SELECT BOARD

MOTION: *We vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General to enact legislation to authorize the Town, notwithstanding the provisions of G.L. c. 30B, acting by and through the Conservation Commission, to transfer, release, and convey a fifty foot wide permanent right-of-way and easement from the Town of Bourne to Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating a pipeline or pipelines, together with any and all necessary or useful appurtenances thereto, for the transmission of natural gas and all by-products thereof, permanent access roads necessary to access such facilities, and temporary workspaces necessary for the construction of such facilities, on the following properties: 0 Bournedale Road, owned by the Town of Bourne, as described in a deed recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 14090 and Page 282, such easement, permanent access roads, and temporary workspace, as more particularly shown on the plan entitled, "Area of Permanent Easement, Permanent Access Road & Temporary Workspace Town of Bourne Under Care and Custody of the Conservation Commission," G-31-MA-BA-001.DWG, Rev. E, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and dated January 13, 2026; 0 Bournedale Road, as described in a deed recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 20587 and Page 284, such permanent access road and temporary workspace, as more particularly shown on the plan entitled, "Area of Permanent Access Road & Temporary Workspace Town of Bourne*

Conservation Commission,” G-31-MA-BA-006.DWG, Rev. B, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and dated January 13, 2026; and, 0 Deseret Drive, as described in a deed recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 8713 and Page 321, such temporary workspace as more particularly shown on the plan entitled, “Area of Temporary Workspace Town of Bourne Conservation Commission,” G-8-MA-BA-130.001.AR.DWG, Rev. C, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and dated October 20, 2025, said plans on file with the town clerk and to acquire such replacement land as may be required under G.L. c. 3, § 5A; provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation with the scope of the general public objectives of this petition; and to authorize the Select Board to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate in connection therewith.

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 SUPER MAJORITY

EXPLANATION:

This is a piece of town-owned land that is protected under Article 97 of the Commonwealth’s Constitution as open space. Before the Bourne and Sagamore Bridges can be replaced, the natural gas main must be removed from the existing bridges and relocated. The best route for the new natural gas main is to co-locate it in the existing electrical easement used by Eversource.

The existing electrical easement crosses this piece of town-owned open space. In order for the gas company to cross this property, the Town must file special legislation at the statehouse, and the bill must be passed by a 2/3 vote of each chamber of the legislature.

This proposal has received unanimous approval by the Bourne Conservation Commission and the gas company will give the town a different piece of property that will be placed under Article 97 protection.

A YES or AYE vote in favor of the motion would allow the Town to file special legislation with the General Court to allow the gas main to be relocated across the town-owned property.

A No or NAY vote opposed to the motion would prevent the Town from filing the necessary special legislation at this time.

Finance Committee Recommendation: The Finance Committee voted unanimously 5-0-0 to recommend approval.

Select Board Recommendation: The Select Board voted unanimously 5-0-0 to recommend approval.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and Conservation Commission to convey, amend, assign or otherwise transfer to Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC a fifty foot wide permanent right-of-way and easement from the Town of Bourne to Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating a pipeline or pipelines, together with any and all necessary or useful appurtenances thereto, for the transmission of natural gas and all by-products thereof, permanent access roads necessary to access such facilities, and temporary workspaces necessary for the construction of such facilities, on the following properties: 0 Bournedale Road, owned by the Town of Bourne, as described in a deed recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 14090 and Page 282, such easement, permanent access roads, and temporary workspace, as more particularly shown on the plan entitled, “Area of Permanent Easement, Permanent Access Road & Temporary Workspace Town of Bourne Under Care and Custody of the Conservation Commission,” G-31-MA-BA-001.DWG, Rev. E, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and dated January 13, 2026; 0 Bournedale Road, as described in a deed recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 20587 and Page 284, such permanent access road and temporary workspace, as more particularly shown on the plan entitled, “Area of Permanent Access Road & Temporary Workspace Town of Bourne Conservation Commission,” G-31-MA-BA-006.DWG, Rev. B, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and dated January 13, 2026; and, 0 Deseret Drive, as described in a deed recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 8713 and Page 321, such temporary workspace as more particularly shown on the plan entitled, “Area of Temporary Workspace Town of Bourne Conservation Commission,” G-8-MA-BA-130.001.AR.DWG, Rev. C, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and dated October 20, 2025, said plans on file with the town clerk under terms and conditions deemed by the Select Board and Conservation Commission to be in the best interest of the town, and to take any and all action, and execute any documents, said Board and/or Commission deems necessary or appropriate in connection herewith, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SPONSOR – SELECT BOARD

MOTION: *We to authorize the Select Board and Conservation Commission to convey, amend, assign or otherwise transfer to Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC a fifty foot wide permanent right-of-way and easement from the Town of Bourne to Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating a pipeline or pipelines, together with any and all necessary or useful appurtenances thereto, for the transmission of natural gas and all by-products thereof, permanent access roads necessary to access such facilities, and temporary workspaces necessary for the construction of such facilities, on the following properties: 0 Bournedale Road, owned by the Town of Bourne, as described in a deed recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 14090 and Page 282, such easement, permanent access roads, and temporary workspace, as more particularly shown on the plan entitled, “Area of Permanent Easement, Permanent Access Road & Temporary Workspace Town of Bourne Under Care and Custody of the Conservation Commission,” G-31-MA-BA-001.DWG, Rev. E, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and dated January 13, 2026; 0 Bournedale Road, as described in a deed recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 20587 and Page 284, such permanent access road and temporary workspace, as more particularly shown on the plan entitled, “Area of Permanent Access Road & Temporary Workspace Town of Bourne Conservation Commission,” G-31-MA-BA-006.DWG, Rev. B, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and dated January 13, 2026; and, 0 Deseret Drive,*

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VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 SUPER MAJORITY

EXPLANATION:

Before the Bourne and Sagamore Bridges can be replaced, the natural gas main must be removed from the existing bridges and relocated. The best route for the new natural gas main is to co-locate it in the existing electrical easement used by Eversource.

Part of the existing electrical easement crosses this piece of town-owned land. By granting this easement to the gas company, it gives them the legal property right to construct their infrastructure and maintain their equipment on the town's land.

This proposal has received unanimous support from the Conservation Commission.

A YES or AYE vote in favor of the motion allows the Town to transfer the easement necessary to relocate the natural gas main.

A No or NAY vote opposed to the motion would mean that the natural gas main could not be constructed across the town-owned property at this time.

Finance Committee Recommendation: The Finance Committee voted unanimously 5-0-0 to recommend approval.

Select Board Recommendation: The Select Board voted unanimously 5-0-0 to recommend approval.
