

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM**



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
Wednesday, May 27, 2015  
7:30 p.m.**

**BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL**

May 5, 2015

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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Denis C. Fraine

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Christopher Laviolette

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## TOWN MEETING GLOSSARY

<b>CHERRY SHEET</b>	A financial statement from the State that itemizes State aid and assessments to the Town.
<b>ENTERPRISE FUND</b>	A fund where expenditures are restricted for operating, capital and debt costs of a particular service (such as water, sewer and trash). It allows a community to recover the total costs of a service through user fees or the user fees may be supplemented by taxation. The budget for an enterprise fund is not autonomous, it must be voted annually at Town Meeting. An enterprise fund balance can be carried over from year to year.
<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	The Town operates on a fiscal year that begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.
<b>FREE CASH</b>	Funds certified by the state as appropriated in previous years but not expended. It can result from higher than anticipated revenue receipts and/or lower than anticipated expenditures.
<b>OVERLAY RESERVE</b>	A Board of Assessors fund used to cover tax abatements and statutory exemptions.
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>	A Finance Committee fund used for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures during the year.
<b>REVOLVING FUND</b>	A fund created to allow specific programs to use fees collected to defray the expenses of the program. A revolving fund does not have to be appropriated each year. However, the fund does have to be reauthorized annually at Town Meeting.

## ARTICLE 1. OPERATING BUDGETS - EXPENSES AND SALARIES

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, and/or otherwise for the following purposes, to include determining the expenses and salaries of the various elected and appointed Town Officers for the period commencing July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, or act to do anything in relation thereto.

1. All travel expenses are paid at the rate if \$0.40 per mile. No travel expenses shall be paid except upon receipt of vouchers showing dates, expenses incurred and the number of miles traveled.

2. Salaries under negotiation have been level funded.

3. All dollar amounts listed have been rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

Account Description	Actual FY2013	Actual FY2014	Budget FY2015	Department Head Requested FY2016	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2016	% Change FinCom vs. FY2015 budget	Finance Committee's Recommendations FY2016
<b>114 TOWN MEETING MODERATOR</b>							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Expenses	\$0	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	0.00%	\$350
<b>Total 114</b>	\$0	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	0.00%	\$350
<b>122 SELECTMEN</b>							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$12,900	\$12,900	115.00%	\$12,900
Salaries	\$58,513	\$62,025	\$62,850	\$62,850	\$63,675	1.31%	\$63,675
Expenses	\$48,246	\$26,688	\$44,101	\$44,101	\$44,101	0.00%	\$44,101
<b>Total 122</b>	\$112,759	\$94,713	\$112,951	\$119,851	\$120,676	6.84%	\$120,676
<b>123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</b>							
Salaries/Clerical Support	\$1,56,632	\$160,392	\$165,891	\$166,308	\$166,308	0.25%	\$166,308
Expenses	\$6,510	\$7,138	\$7,348	\$7,238	\$7,238	-1.50%	\$7,238
<b>Total 123</b>	\$163,142	\$167,530	\$173,239	\$173,546	\$173,546	0.18%	\$173,546
<b>131 FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>							
Salaries	\$2,629	\$3,600	\$3,690	\$3,782	\$3,782	2.49%	\$3,782
Expenses	\$1,147	\$1,243	\$1,550	\$1,575	\$1,575	1.61%	\$1,575
<b>Total 131</b>	\$3,776	\$4,843	\$5,240	\$5,357	\$5,357	2.23%	\$5,357
<b>132 RESERVE FUND</b>							
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$76,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	31.58%	\$100,000
<b>Total 132</b>	\$0	\$0	\$76,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	31.58%	\$100,000

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<b>135 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b>							
Salaries	\$243,545	\$228,921	\$247,221	\$257,830	\$257,830	4.29%	\$257,830
Expenses	\$47,404	\$45,357	\$49,095	\$49,943	\$49,943	1.73%	\$49,943
Total 135	\$290,949	\$274,278	\$296,316	\$307,773	\$307,773	3.87%	\$307,773
<b>137 ASSESSORS</b>							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	0.00%	\$3,600
Salaries	\$108,702	\$112,255	\$121,316	\$119,992	\$119,992	-1.09%	\$119,992
Expenses	\$10,392	\$7,757	\$13,025	\$13,075	\$13,075	0.38%	\$13,075
Total 137	\$122,694	\$123,612	\$137,941	\$136,667	\$136,667	-0.92%	\$136,667
<b>145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>							
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$204,123	\$204,123	0.00%	\$204,123
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$74,215	\$74,215	0.00%	\$74,215
138 Treasurer (Old Acct)							
Salaries	\$73,951	\$72,867	\$116,165	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenses	\$19,693	\$9,389	\$13,810	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
139 Collector (Old Acct)							
Salaries	\$114,010	\$115,573	\$82,195	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenses	\$88,473	\$79,182	\$101,945	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total 145	\$296,127	\$277,011	\$314,115	\$278,338	\$278,338	-11.39%	\$278,338
<b>151 TOWN COUNSEL</b>							
Professional Services and Special Counsel	\$79,227	\$78,712	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	0.00%	\$85,000
Total 151	\$79,227	\$78,712	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	0.00%	\$85,000
<b>152 HUMAN RESOURCES</b>							
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$76,806	\$77,456	0.00%	\$77,456
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$3,581	0.00%	\$3,581
Total 152	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$79,306	\$81,037	0.00%	\$81,037
<b>154 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS</b>							
Salaries	\$129,772	\$136,616	\$139,577	\$140,704	\$140,704	0.81%	\$140,704
Expenses	\$161,829	\$159,165	\$208,590	\$232,810	\$232,810	11.61%	\$232,810
Total 154	\$291,601	\$295,781	\$348,167	\$373,514	\$373,514	7.28%	\$373,514

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<b>156 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE Expenses</b>	\$0	\$0	\$8,000 \$8,000	\$25,500 \$25,500	\$25,500 \$25,500	218.75% 218.75%	\$25,500 \$25,500
<b>Total 156</b>							
<b>161 TOWN CLERK</b>							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$54,189	\$55,716	\$57,389	\$59,111	\$59,111	3.00%	\$59,111
Salaries	\$44,208	\$44,672	\$45,661	\$46,424	\$46,424	1.67%	\$46,424
Expenses	<u>\$5,215</u>	<u>\$4,404</u>	<u>\$15,115</u>	<u>\$15,615</u>	<u>\$15,615</u>	3.31%	<u>\$15,615</u>
<b>Total 161</b>	\$103,612	\$104,792	\$118,165	\$121,150	\$121,150	2.53%	\$121,150
<b>162 ELECTIONS</b>							
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,200 \$20,500	\$26,200 \$20,500	0.00% -25.90%	\$26,200 \$20,500
Expenses	\$48,559	\$24,481	\$27,665	\$46,700	\$46,700	68.81%	
<b>Total 162</b>	\$48,559	\$24,481	\$27,665	\$46,700	\$46,700		\$46,700
<b>163 REGISTRATION</b>							
Salaries	\$1,400	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,400	0.00%	\$1,400
Expenses	<u>\$9,100</u>	<u>\$8,330</u>	<u>\$9,530</u>	<u>\$9,500</u>	<u>\$9,500</u>	0.00%	<u>\$9,500</u>
<b>Total 163</b>	\$10,500		\$10,900	\$10,900	\$10,900	0.00%	\$10,900
<b>171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>							
Salaries	\$33,096	\$24,734	\$49,600	\$21,000	\$21,000	-57.66%	\$21,000
Expenses	<u>\$10,638</u>	<u>\$18,586</u>	<u>\$10,751</u>	<u>\$39,595</u>	<u>\$39,595</u>	268.29%	<u>\$39,595</u>
<b>Total 171</b>	\$43,734	\$43,320	\$60,351	\$60,595	\$60,595	0.40%	\$60,595
<b>172 PLANNING BOARD</b>							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.00%	\$5,000
Salaries	\$49,453	\$49,248	\$58,440	\$59,484	\$59,484	1.79%	\$59,484
Expenses	<u>\$2,429</u>	<u>\$2,918</u>	<u>\$5,648</u>	<u>\$5,648</u>	<u>\$5,648</u>	0.00%	<u>\$5,648</u>
<b>Total 172</b>	\$55,882	\$57,166	\$69,088	\$70,132	\$70,132	1.51%	\$70,132
<b>173 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b>							
Salaries	\$6,375	\$6,225	\$7,275	\$7,275	\$7,275	0.00%	\$7,275
Expenses	<u>\$444</u>	<u>\$484</u>	<u>\$677</u>	<u>\$1,025</u>	<u>\$1,025</u>	51.40%	<u>\$1,025</u>
<b>Total 173</b>	\$6,819	\$6,709	\$7,952	\$8,300	\$8,300	4.38%	\$8,300

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<b>183 DISABILITY COMMISSION</b>							
Salaries	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	0.00%	\$1,750
Expenses	\$31	\$274	\$400	\$400	\$400	0.00%	\$400
Total 183	\$1,531	\$1,774	\$2,150	\$2,150	\$2,150	0.00%	\$2,150
<b>189 PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE</b>							
Salaries	\$102,909	\$57,725	\$65,809	\$65,809	\$65,809	0.00%	\$65,809
Expenses	\$188,663	\$216,923	\$216,820	\$216,500	\$216,500	-0.15%	\$216,500
Total 189	\$291,572	\$274,648	\$282,629	\$282,309	\$282,309	-0.11%	\$282,309
<b>190 OTJ INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE (On the job)</b>							
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$8,300	\$10,000	\$10,000	20.48%	\$10,000
Total 190			\$8,300	\$10,000	\$10,000	20.48%	\$10,000
<b>191 WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT</b>							
Salaries	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$10,500	\$10,500	50.00%	\$10,500
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total 191	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$10,500	\$10,500	50.00%	\$10,500
<b>192 EMPLOYEE SICK DAY BUY-BACK FUND</b>							
Salaries	\$415,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Transfers	\$415,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total 192							
<b>193 PROPERTY &amp; LIABILITY INSURANCE</b>							
Expenses	\$312,733	\$337,218	\$352,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	7.95%	\$380,000
Total 193	\$312,733	\$337,218	\$352,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	7.95%	\$380,000

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<b>194 RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT</b>							
Expenses	\$1,761,179	\$1,841,366	\$2,109,198	\$2,420,374	\$2,420,374	14.75%	\$2,420,374
Total 194	\$1,761,179	\$1,841,366	\$2,109,198	\$2,420,374	\$2,420,374	14.75%	\$2,420,374
<b>195 MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE</b>							
Expenses	\$352,118	\$381,180	\$373,599	\$438,960	\$438,960	17.49%	\$438,960
Total 195	\$352,118	\$381,180	\$373,599	\$438,960	\$438,960	17.49%	\$438,960
<b>196 TOWN REPORTS</b>							
Expenses	\$1,730	\$825	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%	\$3,000
Total 196	\$1,730	\$825	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%	\$3,000
<b>197 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH</b>							
Expenses	\$35,109	\$33,543	\$33,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	3.03%	\$34,000
Total 197	\$35,109	\$33,543	\$33,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	3.03%	\$34,000
<b>198 INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE</b>							
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	\$0
Total 198	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	\$0
<b>210 POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>							
Salaries	\$2,435,522	\$2,471,781	\$2,809,920	\$2,846,114	\$2,846,114	1.29%	\$2,846,114
Expenses	\$182,706	\$189,072	\$193,907	\$206,399	\$206,399	6.44%	\$206,399
Total 210	\$2,618,228	\$2,660,853	\$3,003,827	\$3,052,513	\$3,052,513	1.62%	\$3,052,513

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<b>220 FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>							
Salaries	\$1,731,073	\$2,014,697	\$2,246,979	\$2,326,819	\$2,326,819	3.55%	\$2,326,819
Expenses	\$138,451	\$178,482	\$237,245	\$262,103	\$262,103	10.48%	\$262,103
Total 220	\$1,869,524	\$2,193,179	\$2,484,224	\$2,588,922	\$2,588,922	4.21%	\$2,588,922
<b>251 TOWN INSPECTOR</b>							
Salaries	\$136,361	\$118,274	\$142,679	\$121,053	\$121,053	-3.94%	\$137,053
Expenses	\$4,418	\$3,412	\$4,655	\$4,345	\$4,345	-6.66%	\$4,345
Total 251	\$140,779	\$121,686	\$147,334	\$125,398	\$141,398	-4.03%	\$141,398
<b>252 SEALERS OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES</b>							
<i>(See Article 15 for revolving account to fund the Sealer or Weights &amp; Measures salary and expenses)</i>							
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1	0.00%	\$1
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1	0.00%	\$1
Total 252	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$2	\$2	0.00%	\$2
<b>253 INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS</b>							
Salaries	\$29,150	\$25,095	\$32,664	\$28,537	\$28,537	-12.63%	\$28,537
Expenses	\$155	\$120	\$275	\$395	\$395	43.64%	\$395
Total 253	\$29,305	\$25,215	\$32,939	\$28,932	\$28,932	-12.16%	\$28,932
<b>255 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR</b>							
Salaries	\$24,095	\$24,434	\$27,000	\$29,000	\$29,000	7.41%	\$29,000
Expenses	\$140	\$875	\$1,130	\$995	\$995	-11.95%	\$995
Total 255	\$24,235	\$25,309	\$28,130	\$29,995	\$29,995	6.63%	\$29,995
<b>292 ANIMAL CONTROL</b>							
Salaries	\$97,034	\$98,257	\$102,470	\$104,897	\$104,897	2.37%	\$104,897
Expenses	\$8,639	\$7,742	\$8,700	\$8,600	\$8,600	-1.15%	\$8,600
Total 292	\$105,673	\$105,999	\$111,170	\$113,497	\$113,497	2.09%	\$113,497

*Animal Control is regionalized with the Town of Franklin and budget costs are shared.*

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<b>294 TREE WARDEN</b>							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	0.00%	\$6,500
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$3,700	0.00%	\$3,700
Expenses	\$20,786	\$19,760	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	0.00%	\$20,000
<b>Total 294</b>	<b>\$27,286</b>	<b>\$26,260</b>	<b>\$30,200</b>	<b>\$30,200</b>	<b>\$30,200</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>\$30,200</b>
<b>299 AUXILIARY POLICE</b>							
Expenses	\$5,766	\$5,766	\$5,766	\$5,766	\$5,766	0.00%	\$5,766
<b>Total 299</b>	<b>\$5,766</b>	<b>\$5,766</b>	<b>\$5,766</b>	<b>\$5,766</b>	<b>\$5,766</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>\$5,766</b>
<b>300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</b>							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.00%	\$5,000
School Department Budget	\$20,304,829	\$21,049,891	\$22,136,678	\$22,946,655	\$23,198,397	4.80%	\$23,198,397
<b>Total 300</b>	<b>\$20,309,829</b>	<b>\$21,054,891</b>	<b>\$22,141,678</b>	<b>\$22,951,655</b>	<b>\$23,203,397</b>	<b>4.80%</b>	<b>\$23,203,397</b>
<b>302 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL</b>							
Expenses	\$840,975	\$873,431	\$1,025,346	\$1,161,785	\$1,161,785	13.31%	\$1,161,785
<b>Total 302</b>	<b>\$840,975</b>	<b>\$873,431</b>	<b>\$1,025,346</b>	<b>\$1,161,785</b>	<b>\$1,161,785</b>	<b>13.31%</b>	<b>\$1,161,785</b>
<b>303 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION</b>							
Expenses	\$1,680,041	\$1,849,967	\$2,033,492	\$2,025,429	\$2,025,429	-0.40%	\$2,025,429
<b>Total 303</b>	<b>\$1,680,041</b>	<b>\$1,849,967</b>	<b>\$2,033,492</b>	<b>\$2,025,429</b>	<b>\$2,025,429</b>	<b>-0.40%</b>	<b>\$2,025,429</b>
<b>421 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION</b>							
Salaries	\$103,152	\$104,688	\$109,778	\$112,107	\$112,107	2.12%	\$112,107
Expenses	\$21,150	\$21,070	\$26,150	\$73,500	\$73,500	181.07%	\$73,500
<b>Total 421</b>	<b>\$124,302</b>	<b>\$125,758</b>	<b>\$135,928</b>	<b>\$185,607</b>	<b>\$185,607</b>	<b>36.55%</b>	<b>\$185,607</b>
<b>422 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE (Road Maintenance)</b>							
Salaries	\$304,462	\$311,131	\$363,167	\$375,831	\$375,831	2.08%	\$375,831
Expenses	\$370,360	\$377,195	\$648,600	\$404,300	\$404,300	-37.67%	\$404,300
<b>Total 422</b>	<b>\$674,822</b>	<b>\$688,326</b>	<b>\$1,016,767</b>	<b>\$780,131</b>	<b>\$780,131</b>	<b>-23.27%</b>	<b>\$780,131</b>

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<b>423 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL</b>							
Salaries	\$91,142	\$120,356	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	0.00%	\$20,000
Expenses	\$434,214	\$651,301	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	0.00%	<u>\$80,000</u>
Total 423	\$525,356	\$771,657	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	0.00%	\$100,000
<b>424 STREET LIGHTING</b>							
Expenses	\$151,684	\$131,569	\$160,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	-18.75%	\$130,000
Total 424	\$151,684	\$131,569	\$160,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	-18.75%	\$130,000
<b>425 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE (Motor Vehicle Maintenance)</b>							
Expenses	\$114,992	\$114,963	\$118,000	\$118,000	\$118,000	0.00%	\$118,000
Total 425	\$114,992	\$114,963	\$118,000	\$118,000	\$118,000	0.00%	\$118,000
<b>426 GAS AND OIL</b>							
Expenses	\$179,790	\$178,139	\$189,420	\$189,420	\$189,420	0.00%	\$189,420
Total 426	\$179,790	\$178,139	\$189,420	\$189,420	\$189,420	0.00%	\$189,420
<b>433 SOLID WASTE (Recycling Center)</b>							
Expenses	\$1,599	\$905	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	-50.00%	\$1,000
Total 433	\$1,599	\$905	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	-50.00%	\$1,000
<b>439 SANITARY LANDFILL</b>							
Expenses	\$3,378	\$3,891	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.00%	\$10,000
Total 439	\$3,378	\$3,891	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.00%	\$10,000
<b>491 CEMETERY DEPARTMENT</b>							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	0.00%	\$3,600
Expenses	\$6,296	\$6,300	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$4,300	0.00%	<u>\$4,300</u>
Total 491	\$9,896	\$9,900	\$7,900	\$7,900	\$7,900	0.00%	\$7,900
<b>510 BOARD OF HEALTH</b>							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$3,030	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%	\$3,000
Salaries	\$55,968	\$37,714	\$99,455	\$101,871	\$101,871	2.43%	<u>\$101,871</u>
Expenses	\$10,930	\$42,283	\$12,609	\$12,784	\$12,784	1.39%	<u>\$12,784</u>
Total 510	\$69,928	\$82,997	\$115,064	\$117,655	\$117,655	2.25%	\$117,655

Account Description	Actual FY2013	Actual FY2014	Budget FY2015	Department Head Requested FY2016	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2016	% Change FinCom vs. FY2015 budget	Finance Committee's Recommendations FY2016
<b>541 COUNCIL ON AGING</b>							
Salaries	\$66,865	\$94,020	\$99,593	\$100,101	\$100,101	0.51%	\$100,101
Expenses	\$34,460	\$33,030	\$44,675	\$39,906	\$39,906	-10.67%	\$39,906
Total 541	\$101,325	\$127,050	\$144,268	\$140,007	\$140,007	-2.95%	\$140,007
<b>543 VETERANS SERVICES</b>							
Salaries	\$0	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.00%	\$5,000
Expenses		\$27,330	\$99,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	-24.24%	\$75,000
Total 543		\$27,330	\$104,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	-23.08%	\$80,000
<b>549 VETERANS GRAVE AGENT</b>							
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$1	0.00%	\$1
Expenses		\$0	\$0	\$250	\$250	0.00%	\$250
Total 549		\$0	\$0	\$251	\$251	0.00%	\$251
<b>610 LIBRARY</b>							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$3600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	0.00%	\$600
Salaries	\$304,356	\$316,924	\$347,632	\$355,079	\$355,079	2.14%	\$355,079
Expenses	\$163,380	\$171,003	\$174,700	\$177,950	\$177,950	1.86%	\$177,950
Total 610	\$468,336	\$488,527	\$522,932	\$533,629	\$533,629	2.05%	\$533,629
<b>630 PARKS AND RECREATION</b>							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$3,050	\$3,050	\$3,050	\$3,050	\$3,050	0.00%	\$3,050
Salaries	\$94,646	\$126,163	\$138,500	\$141,500	\$141,500	2.17%	\$141,500
Expenses	\$46,942	\$62,520	\$62,000	\$61,000	\$61,000	-1.61%	\$61,000
Total 630	\$144,638	\$191,733	\$203,550	\$205,550	\$205,550	0.98%	\$205,550
<b>650 HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>							
Expenses	\$3,601	\$4,351	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	0.00%	\$4,500
Total 650	\$3,601	\$4,351	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	0.00%	\$4,500

Account Description	Actual FY2013	Actual FY2014	Budget FY2015	Department Head Requested FY2016	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2016	% Change FinCom vs. FY2015 budget	Finance Committee's Recommendations FY2016
<b>651 CULTURAL COUNCIL</b>							
Salaries	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	0.00%	\$7,500
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total 651	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	0.00%	\$7,500
<b>660 MEMORIAL DAY/VETERANS DAY</b>							
Expenses	\$10,325	\$10,740	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	0.00%	\$12,000
Total 660	\$10,325	\$10,740	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	0.00%	\$12,000
<b>710 DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL PAYMENT</b>							
Expenses	\$3,403,277	\$3,774,440	\$3,780,455	\$3,800,281	\$3,800,281	0.52%	\$3,800,281
Total 710	\$3,403,277	\$3,774,440	\$3,780,455	\$3,800,281	\$3,800,281	0.52%	\$3,800,281
<b>715 DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST ON BONDS</b>							
Expenses	\$988,109	\$1,038,109	\$1,227,675	\$1,324,434	\$1,324,434	7.88%	\$1,324,434
Total 715	\$988,109	\$1,038,109	\$1,227,675	\$1,324,434	\$1,324,434	7.88%	\$1,324,434
<b>991 TRANSFER TO UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND</b>							
Inter-Fund Transfer	\$225,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	\$0
Total 991	\$225,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	\$0
<b>992 TRANSFER TO GROUP INSURANCE TRUST FUND</b>							
Salaries	\$40,370	\$39,146	\$42,027	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	\$0
Inter-Fund Transfer	\$3,281,000	\$5,200,000	\$5,200,000	\$5,200,000	\$5,200,000	0.00%	\$5,200,000
Total 992	\$3,281,000	\$5,200,000	\$5,242,027	\$5,200,000	\$5,200,000	-0.80%	\$5,200,000

Account Description	Actual FY2013	Actual FY2014	Budget FY2015	Department Head Requested FY2016	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2016	% Change FinCom vs. FY2015 budget	Finance Committee's Recommendations FY2016
997 TRANSFER TO COMP ABS FUND							
Inter-Fund Transfer	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total 997	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$43,043,367</b>	<b>\$46,520,130</b>	<b>\$49,270,410</b>	<b>\$50,646,231</b>	<b>\$50,916,529</b>	<b>3.34%</b>	<b>\$50,916,529</b>

(By :Board of Selectmen)  
**RECOMMENDED** by the Finance Committee, Funding as follows:

\$400,000	from	Ambulance Receipts
\$66,704	from	Title V Receipts
\$50,449,825	from	Taxation
<b>\$50,916,529</b>		

## ARTICLE 2: TRASH ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Trash Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Board of Selectmen)

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Water Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Board of Selectmen)

200 Water - Operating Expenses (450 Water Operating)					
Reserve Fund			\$50,000	\$50,000	100%
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$701,353	\$785,578	\$810,081	\$816,943	0.85%
Expenses	\$1,171,347	\$1,052,520	\$1,304,724	\$1,466,624	\$1,100,786
Total 1450	\$1,872,700	\$1,838,098	\$2,164,805	\$2,333,567	\$1,967,729
					-15.63%
					-9.10%
					\$1,967,729

## ARTICLE 4. SEWER ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sewer Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Board of Selectmen)

300 Sewer - Operating Expenses (460-Sewer Operating)			
Reserve Fund	\$115,054	\$112,307	\$25,000
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$577,086	\$806,483	\$147,224
Expenses			\$888,395
Total 460	\$692,140	\$918,790	\$1,121,184
			\$25,000
			\$150,814
			\$1,121,184
			\$1,296,998
			\$25,000
			\$150,814
			\$1,121,184
			\$1,296,998

## **ARTICLE 5. CONVEYANCES AND EASEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and/or purchase conveyances or easements, sewers, water lines, retaining walls and streets, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to carry out said purposes; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Board of Selectmen)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

**Funding: \$1.00 from Free Cash**

Commentary: *This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to accept and/or purchase conveyances or easements for town projects.*

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## **ARTICLE 6. PURCHASE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to authorize the D.P.W. Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Board of Selectmen)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

**Funding: \$1.00 from Free Cash**

Commentary: *This article authorizes the Department of Public Works Director to purchase surplus equipment.*

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## **ARTICLE 7. TOWN PROPERTY AUCTION**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and their successors in office to sell at public auction any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute quitclaim deeds and other instruments thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Board of Selectmen)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee**

Commentary: *This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to sell, by auction, property taken for non-payment of taxes and other town property, such as vehicles, equipment, etc.*

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## **ARTICLE 8. HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (as pertaining to Highway Funds) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, said funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State Revenue; and expended under the direction of the D.P.W. Director; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: D.P.W. Director)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

**Commentary:** *This is the annual Chapter 90 Article that authorizes the Board of Selectmen to accept the money from the State. This money will be used for engineering, equipment and various road repairs.*

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## **ARTICLE 9. AMEND ARTICLE 1.**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 1; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Board of Selectmen)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

**Funding as listed below:**

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Requested</u></b>	<b><u>Transfer from</u></b>	<b><u>Comments</u></b>
Snow & Ice	\$864,701.00	Free Cash	To pay the bills for the snow and ice storms for this past winter. Only \$100,000 was budgeted.
Planning Board - Salaries	\$309.00	Free Cash	Contract for Planner's salary approved after original budget authorization.
Board of Selectmen - Salaries	\$750.00	Free Cash	Administrative Assistant's salary
Animal Control - Salaries	\$250.00	Free Cash	For Longevity
Medicare	\$50,000	Free Cash	

Municipal Buildings	\$10,000	Free Cash	Part-Time Custodian's Salary
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#### **ARTICLE 10. AMEND ARTICLE 2.(Trash Enterprise)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 2; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Board of Selectmen)*

**The Finance Committee RECOMMENDS passing over this Article.**

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#### **ARTICLE 11. AMEND ARTICLE 3.(Water Enterprise)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 3; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Board of Selectmen)*

**The Finance Committee RECOMMENDS passing over this Article.**

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#### **ARTICLE 12. AMEND ARTICLE 4. (Sewer Enterprise)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 4; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Board of Selectmen)*

**The Finance Committee RECOMMENDS passing over this Article.**

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#### **ARTICLE 13. CAPITAL OUTLAY**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase, construction, reconstruction and/or engineering costs associated with various capital outlay items or

improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Board of Selectmen)*

**RECOMMENDED by Finance Committee.**

**Funding as listed below:**

The Capital Improvement Committee recommended this project at the October 2014 town Meeting under Article 5.

Department	Amount Requested	Transferred from
Department of Public Works: Pine Grove Sewer Pump Station	\$185,000.00	Sewer Surplus

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**ARTICLE 14. NON-CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES (Expenditures of Less Than \$50,000)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase of various non-capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Board of Selectmen)*

**Non-Capital RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

**Funding as listed below:**

Department	Amount Requested	Transferred From
Municipal Buildings; Demolition of portables at Stallbrook Elementary & paving	\$32,000.00	Free Cash
Fire Department New Stretcher for Rescue 1	\$38,000.00	Ambulance Receipts
Fire Department; 3 New Gas Meters	\$5,400.00	Ambulance Receipts
Fire Department; 2 Imager Cameras	\$14,000.00	Ambulance Receipts
School Department; Equipment Storage Shed at Stallbrook	\$15,800.00	Free Cash

School Department; Library Carpet Replacement at Stallbrook	\$3,500.00	Free Cash
School Department; Band Room Carpet at HS	\$15,000.00	Free Cash
School Department; Plow for Kubota at HS	\$4,600.00	Free Cash
School Department; 3 Lotus Pro Units	\$7,400.00	Free Cash
School Department; New Back Boards and Floor Striping of AP Room at MS.	\$12,983.47	Free Cash

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## ARTICLE 15. REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2, of the General Laws to allow the reauthorization and/or creation of the following revolving funds:

1. To allow the **Bellingham Public Library Trustees** to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from overdue books and video fines and to authorize the Trustees to use said funds for purchasing books, videos, library materials, and to make payment to temporary or part-time employees and independent contractors, **not to exceed \$15,000**.
2. To allow the **D.P.W.** to create a special revolving fund from the revenues received for services provided to open cemetery graves and to authorize the DPW to use said funds to make payments for salaries and other related expenses **not to exceed \$20,000**.
3. To allow the **Board of Health** to create a special revolving fund from the revenues received for services provided for food inspections and to authorize the Board to use said funds for salaries and other related expenses **not to exceed \$35,000**.
4. To allow the **Board of Health** to create a special revolving fund from the revenues received from Tobacco Permits and violations and to authorize the use of said funds for tobacco surveillance of the tobacco regulations and for tobacco education and training, **not to exceed \$20,000**.
5. To allow the **Commission on Disability** to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from gifts, grants and fees and to authorize the use for purchasing equipment and supporting materials, and to authorize the Commission to use said funds to make payment to temporary or part-time employees and independent contractors, **not to exceed \$10,000**.
6. To allow the **Bellingham Police Department** to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from third party vendors hired by the Police Department, details with

assigned vehicles for the detail; and to authorize the Department to use funds for the repair, replacement and/or for the purchase of equipment or vehicles for the Police Department, **not to exceed \$40,000**; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

7. To allow the **Bellingham Conservation Commission** to create a special revolving fund from revenues received by applicants under the Town's local wetlands protection by-law; **not to exceed \$15,000**; and to authorize the Commission to use said funds for potential land purchases, in supplementation of funds in the Town's Land Acquisition Trust; or act or do anything in relation thereto.
8. To allow the **Board of Selectmen** to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from fees and fines issued by the Sealer of Weights and Measures and to authorize the Selectmen to use said funds for purchasing equipment and materials and to make payments for salaries, all in the performance of annual inspections as required by State law, **not to exceed \$25,000**; or act or do anything in relation thereto.
9. To allow the **School Committee** to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from the rental of the Anderson Athletic Field; the purchase of commemorative bricks at said field; and the purchase of advertising at said field and to authorize the use of such funds for maintenance of the grounds to include payments to qualifying employees and independent contractors, **not to exceed \$50,000**; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Library Trustees, D.P.W., Board of Health, Commission on Disability, Police Department, Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, School Committee)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

Commentary: Revolving Fund balances as of March 24, 2015 from CFO:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1.	Library Trustees: Not to exceed: \$15,000	<u>Overdue Fines:</u> Beginning Balance Revenue Expenditures Remaining Balance	1918.66 11490.99 <u>(10,848.16)</u> \$2,561.49
2.	Department of Public Works/Cemetery: Not to exceed \$20,000	<u>Sale of Cemetery Graves:</u> Beginning Balance Revenue Expenditures Remaining Balance	\$12,300.00 3,700.00 .00 \$16,000.00
3.	Board of Health: Not to exceed \$35,000	<u>Food Establishment Inspections:</u> Beginning Balance Revenue Expenditures Remaining Balance	\$18,505.45 35,786.65 <u>(10,126.89)</u> \$44,165.21

4.	Board of Health Not to Exceed \$20,000	<b>Tobacco Permits:</b> Beginning Balance Revenue Expenditures Remaining Balance	\$ .00 10,800.00 (1,072.51) \$9,727.49
5.	Commission on Disability; Not to Exceed \$10,000	<b>Gifts-Grants-Fees:</b> Beginning Balance Revenue Expenditures Remaining Balance	\$776.11 .00 .00 \$776.11
6.	Police Department: Not to exceed \$40,000	<b>Assigned Vehicle Details for 3rd party Vendors:</b> Beginning Balance Revenue Expenditures Remaining Balance	\$4,340.00 3,850.00 (269.44) \$8,459.44
7.	Conservation Commission: Not to exceed \$15,000	<b>Wetlands Protection Bylaw Fees:</b> Beginning Balance Revenue Expenditures Remaining Balance	\$11,844.10 3,360.60 .00 \$15,204.70
8.	Board of Selectmen/Sealer of Weights & Measures: Not to exceed \$25,000	<b>Fees and Fines:</b> Beginning Balance Revenue Expenditures Remaining Balance	\$15,164.36 14,150.00 (10,112.51) \$19,201.85
9.	School Department: Not to exceed \$50,000	<b>Anderson Field Rental:</b> Beginning Balance Revenue Expenditures Remaining Balance	\$ .00 7,005.00 .00 \$7,005.00

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#### **ARTICLE 16: APPROVE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to:

1. Approve the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement between American Ag Energy, Inc. and/or its affiliates and the Town of Bellingham for property off of Depot Street in the Town of Bellingham consisting of 94 acres of land, more or less, which is a portion of the premises more fully described by deed recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 3056, Page 112, the approximate location of which is shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk. Pursuant to Section 59 of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the TIF Agreement will provide for real estate tax exemptions at a rate

schedule set forth in the Agreement, subject to approval by the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (EACC) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The TIF Agreement, associated plan and related materials, are on file at the office of the Town Clerk; and

2. Ratify the execution of the TIF Agreement by the Board of Selectmen, and any documents related thereto, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to implement those documents; and
3. Ratify the acceptance, approval and certification of the American Ag Energy, Inc. Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP) Preliminary Application by the Board of Selectmen, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply to the EACC under the Economic Development Incentive Program for approval and designation of the site-specific American Ag Energy, Inc. Economic Opportunity Area, TIF Plan, TIF Agreement and such certified project; or take any other action relative thereto.

*(By: Petition – American Ag Energy, Inc., Contact: Robert Matthews, Tax Incentives Consultants, LLC, 617-967-6283)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

Commentary: This Article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5 year Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement with American Ag Energy, Inc. for Phase 1 greenhouse project on Depot Street.

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#### **ARTICLE 17. LEASE OF LAND – 26 PEARL STREET**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease for the property located at 26 Pearl Street (Pearl Street Mill) identified as Assessor's Map 4, Parcel 60, Book 16877, Page 103 for a period of up to twenty (25) years for a Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic System (solar panel field); or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Board of Selectmen)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

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#### **ARTICLE 18. TAX AGREEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with G.L. c. 59, Sec. 38H to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement with Kearsage Energy for a period of up to twenty-five (25) years, and to approve said agreement under which they will pay the Town a sum of money per year relative to a 66 acre +/- parcel of land located at 119 South Maple Street, Bellingham (former landfill site) and identified as Map 61, Parcel 8A, Book 5032, Page 134 related to the proposed construction and operation of a Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic

Installation with an expected nameplate capacity of approximately 3.6 MW, a draft of said Tax Agreement being on file in the Town Clerk's Office, and further to allow the Board of Selectmen to negotiate any amendments necessary to said Tax Agreement to reflect any changes in the size of the parcel so long as the payments reflected in the Tax Agreement rise commensurately; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Board of Selectmen)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

Commentary: *This Article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to enter into a tax agreement with Kearsage Energy for 25 years relating to leasing land for a solar project at the former landfill.*

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**ARTICLE 19. SNETT PARKING AND ACCESS LAND GRANT**

To see if the Town will vote to grant and convey fee ownership to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation of a parcel of Town owned land located in the area east of South Main Street, north of Harpin Street, south of the SNET Trail, and west of the South Elementary and Keogh School buildings, as shown on the plans titled "MassDCR Parking & Trail Access Plan, Bellingham MA" copies of which will be on file with the Town Clerk's Office 14 days before the Town Meeting; said grant being intended as an exchange of lands necessary to comply with the transfer of Article 97 lands, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: DPW Director)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

Recommended by the Conservation Commission.

Commentary by Department of Public Works: *This Article is to give Town land on Harpin Street to the MassDCR in exchange for the easement they will be granting us for the water transmission main. They plan to use these parcels to construct the continuation of the Southern New England Trunkline Trail (SNETT) and provide a parking / picnic area adjacent to the Trail. The land is heavily impacted by the presence of wetland and of little use to the Town.*

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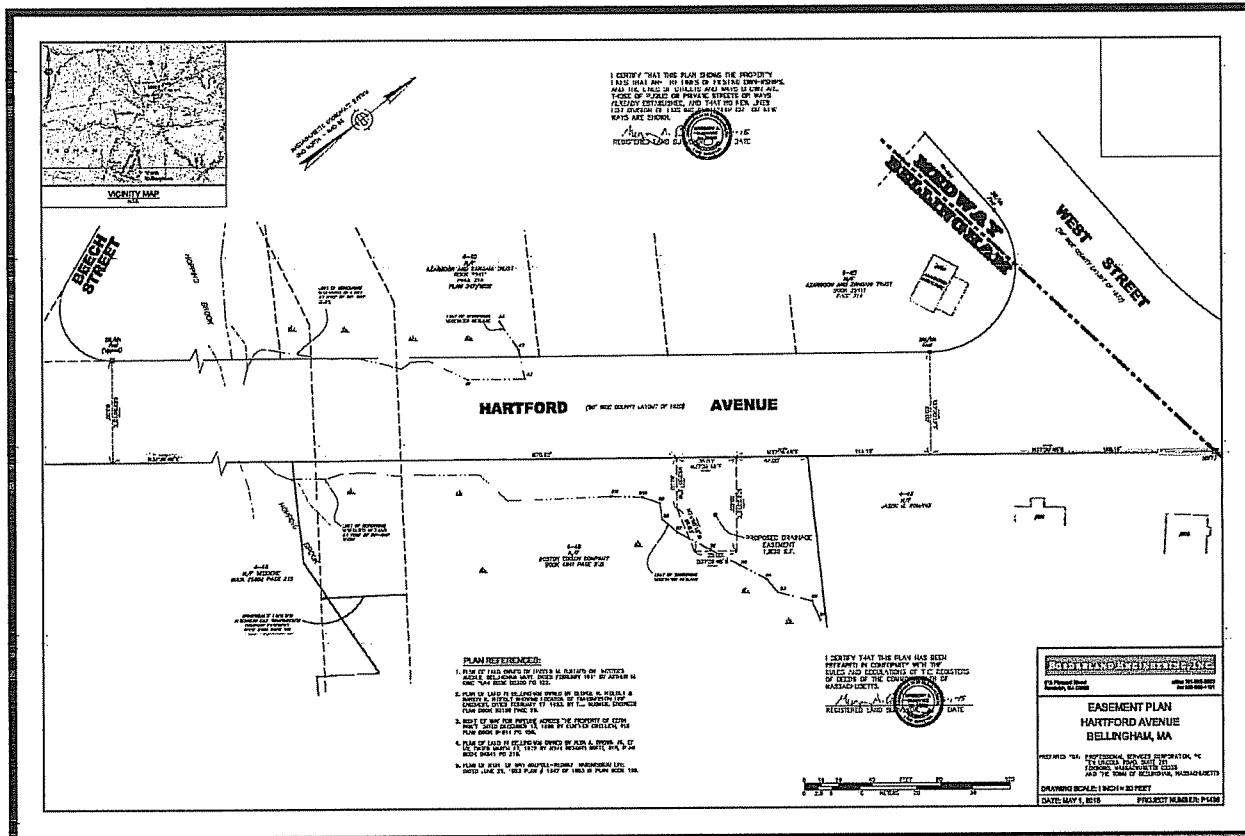
**ARTICLE 20. HARTFORD AVE DRAINAGE EASEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and allow the Selectmen to accept gifts, purchase, take by eminent domain permanent drainage and temporary construction easement adjacent to Hartford Ave, for construction of a stormwater basin, and as shown on the plans titled "Easement Plan Hartford Avenue, Bellingham MA" drafted by Borderland Engineering, Inc., and dated May 1, 2015, copies of which will be on file with the Town Clerk's Office 14 days before the Town Meeting; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**  
**Funding Recommendation will be made on the Town Meeting Floor.**  
Recommended by the Conservation Commission

Commentary: This is a small drainage easement that will need to properly reconstruct the road and storm drains at the east end of Hartford Ave, where it hits the Medway town line.



## ARTICLE 21. PINE GROVE AVE SEWER PUMP STATION EASEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and allow the Selectmen to accept gifts, purchase, take by eminent domain permanent drainage and temporary construction easement adjacent to Pine Grove Ave for the construction of a sewer pumping station, and as shown on the plans titled "Easement Plan Pine Grove Avenue, Bellingham MA" drafted by Survey and Mapping Consultants, and dated May 1, 2015, copies of which will be on file with the Town Clerk's Office 14 days before the Town Meeting, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

Recommended by the Conservation Commission.

Commentary by Department of Public Works: The only easement that MAY be needed would be a temporary construction easement. All actual construction will be within the Town's right of way, but directly adjacent to a private parcel.

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## **ARTICLE 22. ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT - ARTICLE IX. NOISE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IX, sec. 240-48 of the Town's Zoning Bylaw regarding Noise as shown below, with strikethroughs indicating deleted text and underlines indicating added text:

### § 240-48. Noise.

- A. Noise receiving zones are defined as follows:
  - (1) Receiving Zone A: Business and Industrial Districts.
  - (2) Receiving Zone B: locations in any other district, but within 200 feet of a Business or Industrial District, or within 200 feet of an arterial street.
  - (3) Receiving Zone C: all other locations.
  - (4) For purposes of this part, any state or federally owned or managed property shall be treated as Receiving Zone C.
- B. Applicability. No development shall be allowed, or activity allowed to take place, unless it is demonstrated that the following standards will not be exceeded at any location outside the property line of the premises, which location includes any contiguous land committed to be conveyed to the Town as open space. The numerical standards of Subsection D of this section shall not be exceeded by more than 20 dB(A) at any time, or by more than 10 dB(A) for more than 10 minutes in an hour, or at all for more than 30 minutes in an hour. The numerical standards of Subsection D of this section shall not be exceeded, except for an allowance of up to one occurrence during any 24 hour period that may exceed the standard by up to 10 dB(A). The duration of the allowance period shall not exceed more than 10 minutes from the time of the first occurrence of the excessive noise. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit noise in excess of that allowed by any state or federal regulation.

Noise Baselines; No Development shall be allowed that requires a Development Plan Review, unless a noise study provided by a qualified engineer is conducted that includes, but not limited to, documenting the current state ambient noise levels and sources of noise, daily patterns and seasonal adjusted patterns, at any location along the development property line, as they exist prior to the development. The same shall be used as the baseline for comparison at any time in the present or in the future, to assess compliance with any local, state, or federal regulation that bases its compliance in whole or in part, on not exceeding pre-activity ambient noise levels. Further, for any local, state, or federal regulation that bases its compliance on not exceeding certain noise levels, for

purpose of this part, compliance must be met at all points along the noise generating property line.

C. Exceptions. This regulation shall not apply to the following:

- (1) Any noise produced by equipment used exclusively in the maintenance or repair of buildings or grounds, provided such equipment is rated at not more than 15 horsepower.
- (2) Human or animal noises unless mechanically or electronically amplified.
- (3) Farm equipment.
- (4) Construction equipment in operation at an active construction site, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., or at other hours upon determination of reasonable necessity by the Building Inspector. Such determination and authorization shall be valid for not more than any one 24 hours period per determination.
- (5) Snow plowing; emergency repair due to flood, fire or other catastrophe if such work is necessary for the general welfare or to avoid further catastrophe.
- (6) Parades, fairs or outdoor entertainment, provided that a permit for such activity has been granted by the Board of Selectmen and that said permit is for not more than 10 days in any calendar year.
- (7) Activities authorized on special permit under § 240-55, where peculiarities of the location or activity assure that there will be no ~~unreasonable~~ adverse disturbance to use and enjoyment of nearby premises.

D. Standards. The following standards must be met, with the applicable standard being based upon the Receiving Zone where noise is potentially heard, not the zone where noise is generated. "Daytime" shall be from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on all days except Sundays and legal holidays, when it shall be from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. All sound measurements made pursuant to this section shall be made with a Type 1 A-weighted sound level meter as specified under American National Standards Institute (ANSI) S1.4-1983. Sound level measurements must additionally detect and quantify impulse sound level measurements. There shall be a 5 dB penalty assessed at each Receiving Zone for impulsive noise.

Maximum Allowable Exterior Noise Level At Any Point Along the Receiving Zone Boundary

Receiving Zone	Daytime	Nighttime
A	65 dB(A)	60 dB(A)
B	55 dB(A)	50 dB(A)
C	50 dB(A)	45 dB(A)

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: James Dunlea, 57 High Street, Bellingham)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Planning Board.  
RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

Commentary: *The Petitioner will present this Article at Town Meeting.*

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## **ARTICLE 23. AMEND ZONING BYLAW – ARTICLE VIII - SIGN REGULATION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VIII, sec. 240-43 through sec. 240-46 of the Town's Zoning Bylaws by adding to, deleting and amending various sections all as recommended by the Town's Sign Bylaw Subcommittee, such amendments being available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Bellingham Sign Bylaw Subcommittee:*

*Jerry Mayhew, Jim Dunlea, Brian Salisbury, Art Paturzo, William O'Connell)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Planning Board.**

**NO RECOMMENDATION by the Finance Committee. Vote: 2/2**

Commentary: *The Petitioners will present and explain this Article at Town Meeting*

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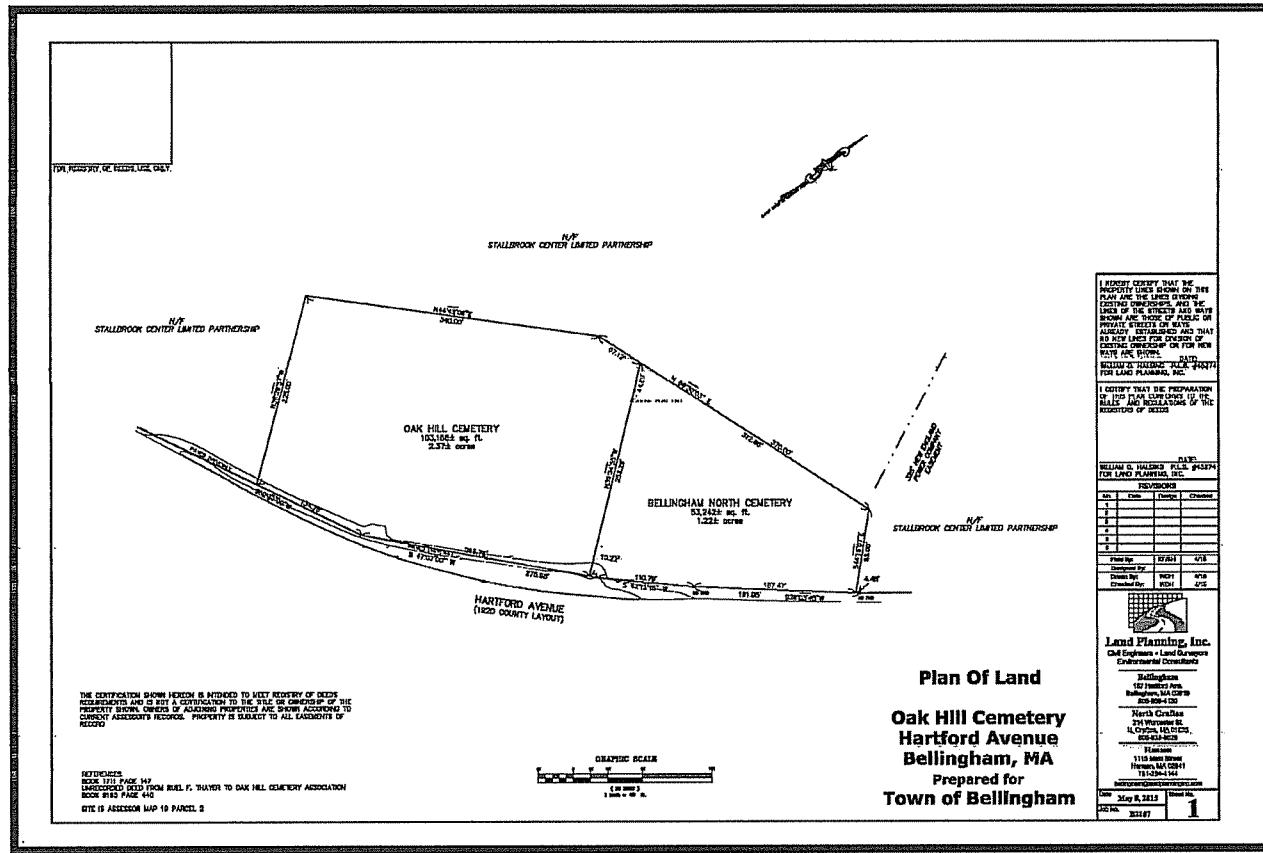
## **ARTICLE 24. OAK HILL CEMETERY**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and allow the Selectmen to accept gifts, purchase, take by eminent domain a parcel of land located on Hartford Avenue which comprises the privately owned portion of the Oak Hill Cemetery, as shown on the plans titled "Plan of Land Oak Hill Cemetery, Hartford Ave., Bellingham, MA" drafted by Land Planning, Inc., and dated May 8, 2015, copies of which will be on file with the Town Clerk's Office 14 days before the Town Meeting; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Cemetery Commission/Board of Selectmen)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

Commentary by the Cemetery Commission: *Oak Hill Cemetery is located on Hartford Ave just east of Staples. About one third of the land in this cemetery is already the Town's North Cemetery. The Oak Hill Cemetery Committee has disbanded. They planned to give the Oak Hill Cemetery to the Town. Unfortunately, the title to this 1700's vintage cemetery is not clear. The Oak Hill Committee can't give us something they don't have clear title. Town Counsel has been working on this and we will proceed with an eminent domain taking that will clear the title and allow for the recording of a plan and deed.*



## ARTICLE 25. SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Bellingham School Building Committee for the Roof Replacement at the South Elementary School, 70 Harpin Street, Bellingham, MA under the Accelerated Repair Program, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-two point six-nine percent (52.69%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: School Committee)*

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**  
**Funding: \$1,450,000 from borrowing.**

Commentary: *This amount is requested for the roof replacement at the South Elementary School with the state to reimburse the Town 52.69% of the project cost.*

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## **ARTICLE 26. UNPAID BILLS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the payment of certain unpaid bills; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

*(By: Finance Committee).*

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.**

**Funding as listed below:**

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Amount requested</u></b>	<b><u>Transferred from</u></b>
Sewer - City of Woonsocket	\$19,534.91	Sewer Surplus
Board of Health - Microbac	\$50.00	Free Cash

## **THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE MAY 2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED - THERE ARE  
OPENINGS ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN MODERATOR.**