

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Norfolk, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham, in the County of Norfolk;

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

At 60 Blackstone Street in said Bellingham, on Monday, the twenty-second day of June 2020, at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. OPERATING 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 Officials for the period commencing July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; or act or do anything in relation thereto

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account</u>
114	Town Meeting Moderator
122	Board of Selectmen
123	Town Administrator
131	Finance Committee
132	Reserve Fund
135	Chief Financial Officer
137	Assessors
142	Revaluation
145	Treasurer & Collector
151	Town Counsel
152	Human Resources
154	Management Information System
156	Tax Title Foreclosure

161	Town Clerk
162	Elections/Registrars
171	Conservation Commission
172	Planning Board
173	Zoning Board of Appeals
183	Commission on Disability
189	Public Buildings Maintenance
190	OTJ Injury for Deductible
193	Property & Liability Insurance
194	Retirement Assessment
195	Medicare/Employer Share
196	Town Reports
197	Physical/Occupational Health
198	Insurance Deductible
210	Police Department
220	Fire Department
251	Town Inspector
252	Sealer of Weights & Measures
253	Inspector of Plumbing & Gas
255	Electrical Inspector
292	Animal Control
294	Tree Warden
299	Auxiliary Police
300	School Department
302	Blackstone Valley Vocational Tech School
303	School Transportation
422	Highway
423	Snow and Ice Removal
424	Street Lighting
426	Gas & Oil
439	Sanitary Landfill
491	Cemetery Committee
510	Board of Health
541	Council on Aging
543	Veterans Services
549	Veterans Grave Agent
610	Library
630	Park & Recreation
650	Historical Commission
651	Arts Cultural Commission
660	Memorial Day/Veterans
750	Debt Service
989	OPEB Trust
990	Workers Compensation Trust Fund
991	Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund
992	Group Insurance Claims Trust Fund

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Capital Investment Trust
Compensated Absences Trust

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2. TRASH ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the Trash Enterprise for the period commencing July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3. WATER ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the Water Enterprise for the period commencing July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4. SEWER ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the Sewer Enterprise for the period commencing July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5. STORMWATER ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the Stormwater Enterprise for the period commencing July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 6. CONVEYANCES AND EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept by gift and/or purchase conveyances or easements for sewers, water lines, retaining walls and streets, and to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by

borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money to carry out said purposes; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7. PURCHASE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money and to authorize the DPW 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)

ARTICLE 8. TOWN PROPERTY AUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen 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)

ARTICLE 9. 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 allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the 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 DPW Director; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

ARTICLE 10. AMEND FY2020 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within said Article 1; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11. AMEND FY2020 TRASH ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within said Article 2; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. AMEND FY2020 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within said Article 3; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13. AMEND FY2020 SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within said Article 4; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 14. CAPITAL OUTLAY – (Expenditures \$50,000 & Over)

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 taxation, by transfer from available funds, 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, lease/purchase, construction, reconstruction and/or engineering costs associated with various capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees; and to authorize contracts for such purposes for terms of up to or in excess of three years; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15. NON-CAPITAL OUTLAY – (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, and, as may be appropriate, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreements of up to or exceeding three years; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 16. COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

To see if the Town will vote to formally accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, section 8J, confirm the vote taken under Article 5 of the October 11, 2000 Special Town Meeting inserting Chapter 20, "Commission on Disability", in the Town of Bellingham Code of By-Laws, and accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, section 22G, allowing all funds received from fines assessed for violations of handicap parking to be deposited in a separate account to be used solely for the benefit of persons with disabilities; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Commission on Disability)

ARTICLE 17. DISCONTINUANCE OF LAFAYETTE STREET (PORTION)

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 82, Section 21, to discontinue as a Town way a portion of the roadway known as Lafayette Street, which portion is shown as "Lafayette Street (Paper Street) To Be Abandoned" on a plan entitled "Street Discontinuance Plan for Lafayette Street (Paper Street) Situated at 370 Pulaski Boulevard Bellingham, MA," dated October 1, 2019, prepared by Garofalo & Associates, Inc., a copy of which plan is on file with the Town Clerk, and to transfer the care, custody and control of said discontinued portion from the Board of Selectmen for public way purposes to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and/or for the purpose of conveyance, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey and/or release all the Town's right, title and interest in said discontinued portion of Lafayette Street on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 18. GRANT OF EASEMENT – DONATED OPEN SPACE - EXCHANGE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a non-exclusive access easement, for the purposes of passing and repassing by motor vehicle for all purposes for which public streets are used in the Town of Bellingham, over those certain parcels of Town-owned property shown as "Proposed Easement Area to Be acquired for Access (760 sf.)" and "Proposed Easement Area Within South Main Street, Right of Way for Access (265 sf.)" on a plan entitled "Proposed Easement Plan for the Proposed CVS Pharmacy, situated on A.P. 94, Lots 129, 130, 167 & 168, Pulaski Boulevard (Route 126), Bellingham, MA Prepared for Coast Realty Associates," dated January 2012 and revised on April 9, 2013, prepared by Garofalo

& Associates, Inc., and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain and in exchange for the foregoing easement on the Town-owned property, the fee in and to parcels of land shown as "Donated Town Open Space" (3,822 sf.) and "Portion of Existing Easement to be Returned to Town (780 sf.)" on the foregoing plan for any purpose(s) which the Town deems appropriate, or take any action necessary and appropriate with regard thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 19. GRANT OF EASEMENT – PULASKI SIDEWALK AND TRAFFIC LOOP AT CVS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, for public way purposes and by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, an easement on a parcel of land shown as "Permanent Access & Loop Detector Easement (2,810 S.F.)" on a plan entitled "Permanent Easement Plan for the Proposed CVS Pharmacy Situated On: A.P. 94, Lots, 129, 130, 167 & 168 Pulaski Blvd. (Rte. 126) Bellingham, MA", dated March 2013 and revised on May 23, 2013, and September 18, 2019, prepared by Garofalo & Associates, Inc., on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 20. GRANT OF EASEMENT – PULASKI SIDEWALK AT IRVING GAS STATION

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, for public way purposes, including, without limitation, for public sidewalk purposes, and by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, an easement on a portion of property located at 310 Pulaski Boulevard, shown as "Proposed Sidewalk Easement" on a plan entitled "Easement Plan", dated April 24, 2019, prepared by MHF Design Consultants, Inc., a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and being a portion of the premises described in a deed recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 35679, Page 520, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interests of the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 21. ABANDON CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS TO DAMON & HIXON

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release, on such terms and conditions and for such consideration, which may be nominal consideration, as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, any construction easements held by the Town in and on the parcels of land located at 52 Hixon Street (Map 17 Parcel 0001-0001) and 48 Hixon Street (Map 17 Parcels 0001-0002 110) and shown as "Exist. 30' Wide Construction Easements" on a plan entitled "Definitive

Subdivision Plan Hillside Estates Bellingham, Massachusetts”, dated August 20, 2013, and recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 630, Page 85, as said easements are no longer required for said purposes; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

ARTICLE 22. CHARLES RIVER GROVE BELLINGHAM DRAINAGE AND ROADWAY PARCEL ACQUISITION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or take by eminent domain or to accept a deed or deeds to the Town parcels noted on the Tax Assessor’s records as Map 40 Parcels 82 (Norfolk Registry of Deeds Book 11216 Page 548) to allow for improvement to the storm drain system and to establish ownership of traveled ways in First, Second, Third, and Middle Avenue; and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of this Article including any related expenses; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

ARTICLE 23. TOWN CENTER INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain and on such terms as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, the fee in and/or permanent and temporary roadway, drainage, access and/or utility easements as may be necessary or convenient to undertake the Town Center Project, including, without limitation, the construction, maintenance and repair of improvements made at the intersection of Route 140 North Main and Mechanic Street and Route 126 North and South Main Street, Bellingham, in, on and under the parcels of land shown on plans entitled “Bellingham Town Center Intersection Improvements Easement Plan”, prepared by CHA Consulting, Inc., dated March 6, 2020, copies of which will be on file with the Town Clerk’s Office 14 days before the Town Meeting, and land within 30 feet of said parcels; and, further, to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the foregoing purposes including any costs incidental or related thereto, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

ARTICLE 24. INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS & RELATED WORK AT ROUTE 126 AT ROUTE 140

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money for the purpose of financing the cost of engineering, construction, police details, utility relocation, project site inspection and any other incidental and related project costs associated with the

construction of the proposed Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Route 126 at Route 140, approximate extent of the project is Mechanic Street from Centerville Lane to Mendon Street, on Mendon Street from North Main Street to the Town Common entrance, on North Main from Mendon Street to the Town Common entrance, South Main Street from Mendon Street to just north of the driveway to 1191 South Main Street; source of said funds to be determined by the Board of Selectmen; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

ARTICLE 25. DRINKING WATER TREATMENT PILOTING AND ENGINEERING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to complete the engineering and piloting of treatment processes modifications for the Hartford Avenue drinking water filtration plant to control the contaminant Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in plant effluent, including all incidental and related expenses; 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 and/or to authorize the Town to borrow said funds from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust loans or other such means; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

ARTICLE 26. BERTINE STREET BELLINGHAM RETAINING WALL AND ROADWAY EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or take by eminent domain permanent easements in, on and under a portion or portions of parcels of land located on Lakeview Ave with backyards abutting Bertine Street and identified as 27 Lakeview Ave (Assessor's Parcels 69-58), 29 Lakeview Ave (Assessor's Parcels 69-56-29), 31 Lakeview Ave (Assessor's Parcels 69-56-31), and 35 Lakeview Ave (Assessor's Parcels 69-55) and approximately shown on a sketch plan entitled "Bertine Street Retaining Wall" dated March 4, 2020 and on file with the Town Clerk 14 days before the Town Meeting; and to raise and appropriate, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money for the purposes of this Article including any related expenses; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

ARTICLE 27. TRANSFER TO GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money from Free Cash and to transfer said sum to the Group Health Insurance Trust Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 28. TRANSFER TO COMPENSATED ABSENCES TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money from Free Cash and to transfer said sum to the Compensated Absences Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 29. TRANSFER TO MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money from Free Cash and to transfer said sum to the Municipal Insurance Trust; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 30. TRANSFER TO WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money from Free Cash and to transfer said sum to the Workers Compensation Trust Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 31. UNPAID BILLS

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

(By: Board of Selectmen)

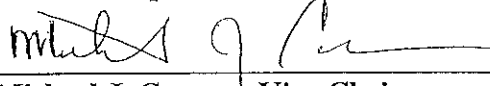
And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at Town Hall and in other municipal buildings throughout Town sixty days, at least, before the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 21st day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.



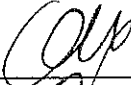
Daniel M. Spencer, Chairman



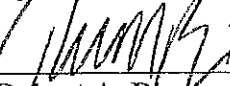
Michael J. Connor, Vice Chairman



Donald F. Martinis



Cynthia L. McNulty



Robert A. Biagi

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Norfolk, ss:

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham by posting attested copies of the same at Town Hall and in other municipal buildings throughout Town, in accordance with Town Bylaws.

4/21/20
Date


Constable of Bellingham