

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

WARRANT FOR FALL 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

Located at 60 Blackstone Street in said Bellingham, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of November 2023, at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. AMEND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 1 – OPERATING EXPENSES AND SALARIES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 1 of the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2024 Town operating budget, 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 2. AMEND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 2 – TRASH ENTERPRISE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 2 of the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2024 Trash Enterprise budget, by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into said Article 2; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3. AMEND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 3 – WATER ENTERPRISE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2024 Water Enterprise budget, by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into said Article 3; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4. AMEND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 4 – SEWER ENTERPRISE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 4 of the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2024 Sewer Enterprise budget, by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into said Article 4; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5. AMEND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 5 – STORMWATER ENTERPRISE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 5 of the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2024 Stormwater Enterprise budget, by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into said Article 5; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 6. 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 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 and equipping, construction, reconstruction and/or engineering costs associated with various 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 7. 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 and equipping 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 8. TOWN CHARTER REVISIONS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file with the General Court a home rule petition for special legislation amending the Town Charter to make various revisions proposed by the Charter and Bylaw Review Committee, all as shown in a document on file with the Town Clerk's office and available on the Town's website at www.bellinghamma.org; provided, however, that the General Court may make changes of form only to such bill without approval of the Board of Selectmen, and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such revisions requested by the General Court as are consistent with the public purposes of the petition; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Charter and Bylaw Review Committee)

ARTICLE 9. TO APPROVE AND FUND THE AFSCME LABOR CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, and/or otherwise for the purpose of funding the cost items of the first two (2) years of a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Town of Bellingham and the AFSCME Labor Union beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such funds to appropriate FY24 department budgets as needed; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10. ACCEPTANCE OF G.L. c.41, §111M

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.41, §111M, to provide employees providing emergency medical services for the Town under the provisions of G.L. c. 111C who are incapacitated for duty because of injury sustained in the performance of their duties without fault of their own with leave without loss of pay for the period of such incapacity; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11. ACCEPTANCE OF G.L. c.41, §111N

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.41, §111N, to indemnify employees providing emergency medical services for the Town under the provisions of G.L. c. 111C for their reasonable hospital, medical, surgical, chiropractic, nursing, pharmaceutical, prosthetic and related expenses and reasonable charges for chiropody incurred as the natural and proximate result of an accident occurring or, of undergoing a hazard peculiar to their employment, while acting in the performance and within the scope of their duties without fault of their own; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE

To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 60, Section 77C, conveying to the Town fee title to all or portions of the parcel of land located on Beech Street, identified on the Assessors Map 4 Parcel 33, containing 0.735 acres, more or less, and being the premises described in a deed recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 7907, Page 358, which parcel is subject to tax taking by the Treasurer/Collector for unpaid real estate taxes, said parcel to be under the care, custody, control and management of the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and/or for the disposition thereof, by sale or otherwise, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said land on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, and, further, to take any and all actions and execute any and all documents necessary or convenient to consummate the foregoing transactions; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13. TRANSFER TO CAPITAL INVESTMENT TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding the Capital Investment Trust Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 14. TRANSFER TO GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding the Group Health Insurance Trust Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15. TRANSFER TO COMPENSATED ABSENCES FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding the Compensated Absences Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 16. TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17. 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 of a prior fiscal year; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

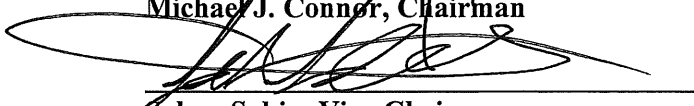
(By: Board of Selectmen)

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at Town Hall and in other municipal buildings throughout Town forty-five 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 29th day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Three.


Michael J. Connor, Chairman


Sahan Sahin, Vice Chairman

Michael Hennessy


Ann Odabashian

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RETURN OF 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 By-laws.

9/29/2023
Date

W. L. Roberts Sr.
Constable of Bellingham