

**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 sixteenth day of November 2022, at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:**

**2022's Annual Fall Town Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM on November 16, 2022. There were 62 registered Bellingham voters checked in.**

## **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 2022 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2023 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)**

***RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0***

<b>Department/Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Retirement-Pension Assessment	8,906	Raise & Appropriate
Animal Control-Longevity	75	Raise & Appropriate
Town Clerk-Longevity	150	Raise & Appropriate
Town Clerk- PT Staff	7,500	Raise & Appropriate
DPW-Contracted Construction (for roads)	200,000	Raise & Appropriate
Bd Health-PT Pers, Septic Inspections (for vacation coverage)	500	Raise & Appropriate
Fire-Salaries (2 New Staff prorated for remainder of FY)	75,000	Raise & Appropriate
Fire-Expenses (equipment/gear for new staff)	20,000	Raise & Appropriate
Fire-Property Repair/Maintenance	20,000	Raise & Appropriate
MIS-Professional Services	60,000	Raise & Appropriate
Treasurer- Professional Services	11,880	Raise & Appropriate
Human Resources – PT Staff	14,000	Raise & Appropriate
Transfer to Capital Improvement Trust #6710	100,000	Raise & Appropriate
Transfer to Compensated Absence Trust #7080	50,000	Raise & Appropriate
Transfer to OPEB Trust #7090	50,000	Raise & Appropriate
Police-Dispatchers-Salary	(55,942)	Raise & Appropriate
Police-Misc Equipment	55,942	Raise & Appropriate
Debt Service-Principal	(41,175)	Raise & Appropriate
Debt Service-Interest	41,175	Raise & Appropriate
Bldg Maintenance-Electricity	25,000	Raise & Appropriate
Fuel-Vehicle Fuel	30,000	Raise & Appropriate
Various Departments-Salaries for Collective Bargaining agreements including BPAA, AFSCME-Clerical, Police, and Singleton Contracts	197,279	Raise & Appropriate
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>870,290</b>	

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$870,290** for supplemental appropriations to the Fiscal 2023 operating budget for the departments, purposes, and amounts all as listed in Article 1 of the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee; and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such sums to the appropriate operating budgets.  
Motion made by Donald Martinis, and seconded.

**Vote:** Motion passed by majority vote: 48 Yes/2 No

## **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 2022 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2023 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)**

***RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0***

<b>Department/Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Salaries for Collective Bargaining Agreements including AFSCME-Clerical, BPAA, and Singleton Contracts	5,354	Retained Earnings
Expenses - Trash Removal	150,000	Retained Earnings
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>155,334</b>	

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$155,354** for supplemental appropriations of the TRASH Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; said sum to be raised from TRASH Retained Earnings and to be expended in the following manner:

Note: It was explained that there was a transposition error made in the Finance Committee Report and Recommendations booklet. The amount to be appropriated is \$155,534.

Motion made by Cynthia McNulty, and seconded.

**Vote:** Motion passed by majority vote: 52 Yes/0 No

Salaries     \$5,354

Expenses    \$150,000

## **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 2022 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2023 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)**

***RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0***

<b>Department/Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Salaries for Collective Bargaining Agreements including AFSCME-Clerical, BPAA, and Singleton Contracts	11,118	Retained Earnings
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>11,118</b>	

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$11,118** for supplemental appropriations of the WATER Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; said sum to be raised from WATER Retained Earnings and to be expended in the following manner:

Salaries \$11,118

Motion was made by Cynthia McNulty, and seconded.

Motion passed by majority vote: 53 Yes/1 No

#### **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 2022 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2023 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)**

***RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0***

<b>Department/Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Salaries for Collective Bargaining Agreements including AFSCME-Clerical, BPAA, and Singleton Contracts	2,267	Retained Earnings
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,267</b>	

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$2,267** for supplemental appropriations of the SEWER Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; said sum to be raised from SEWER Retained Earnings and to be expended in the following manner:

Salaries \$2,267

Motion was made by Cynthia McNulty and seconded.

**Vote:** Motion was passed by majority vote. 54 Yes/0 No

## **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 2022 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2023 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)**

***RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0***

<b>Department/Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Salaries for Collective Bargaining Agreements including AFSCME-Clerical, BPAA, and Singleton Contracts	7,503	Retained Earnings
Expenses – Contracted Services (catch basin cleaning and disposal)	190,000	Retained Earnings
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>197,503</b>	

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$197,503** for supplemental appropriations of the STORMWATER Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; said sum to be raised from STORMWATER Retained Earnings and to be expended in the following manner:

Salaries     \$7,503

Expenses    \$190,000

Motion made by Kelly Grant, and seconded.

**Vote:** Motion passed by majority vote: 48 Yes/3 No

## **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, 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)**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>Capital Improvements Committee</b>
Selectboard	Demolition of Primavera School	\$815,000	Free Cash	6/0	4/0
Selectboard	Land Acquisition (Year 4 of 5 for Dominos Property)	\$96,000	Free Cash	5/0	4/0
DPW	Design & Bid services for DPW Administration Bldg at 215 Depot St	\$75,000	Free Cash	5/0	3/0
DPW	Replace B2 with F-250 4x4 Supercab Truck	\$54,476	Free Cash	5/0	3/0
DPW	Replace B4 with Salt/Plow/Dump Combination Truck	\$308,600	Free Cash	5/0	3/0
DPW	Replace B13 Tree Truck – Upgrade to an F-550	\$98,634	Free Cash	6/0	4/0
DPW	Hartford Avenue TIPS Engineering	\$550,000	Free Cash	5/0	3/0
Parks	Replace P4 with an F-350 with plow	\$63,420	Free Cash	6/0	4/0
Police	Replace Patrol Vehicle 401	\$57,631	Free Cash	6/0	4/0
Police	Replace Patrol Vehicle 407	\$59,333	Free Cash	6/0	4/0
School	Security Cameras (DiPietro and Stallbrook)	\$157,098	Free Cash	6/0	3/0
School	3M Security Film on Windows	\$163,435	Free Cash	6/0	3/0
School	Entrapment Areas (DiPietro and Stallbrook)	\$293,000	Free Cash	6/0	3/0
School	BHS Roof Repair/Replacement (Phases 7 and 8)	\$169,400	Free Cash	6/0	3/0
School	KMA HVAC System	\$162,500	Free Cash	6/0	4/0
Tree Warden	Tree Removal/Stump Grinding	\$150,000	Free Cash	5/0	3/0

Department	Description	Amount	Funding Source	Finance Committee	Capital Improvements Committee
Water	Replace Truck BW3	\$88,643	Retained Earnings	5/0	3/0
Water	Replace Truck BW10	\$94,729	Retained Earnings	5/0	3/0
Sewer	Sewer System Control Upgrades at Old Bridge Ln station	\$140,000	Retained Earnings	5/0	3/0
<b>TOTAL: Capital Projects Over \$50K</b>		<b>\$3,596,899</b>			

Free Cash	\$3,273,527
Borrowing	
Capital Improvement Trust	
Trash Retained Earnings	
Water Retained Earnings	\$183,372
Stormwater Retained Earnings	
Sewer Retained Earnings	\$140,000
<b>TOTAL: Funding Sources for Capital Over \$50K</b>	<b>\$3,596,899</b>

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$3,596,899** for the purpose of funding various projects, all as described in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, including all incidental and related expenses, and to meet said appropriation that the sum of \$3,273,527 be transferred from free cash, the sum of \$183,372 be transferred from water retained earnings, and the sum of \$140,000 be transferred from sewer retained earnings.

Motion made by K. Grant, and seconded.

**Vote:** Motion passed by majority vote: 46 Yes/7 No

## **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 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)**

### ***RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee***

<b>Department</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>
Bldg Maintenance	HVAC at Municipal Center	\$25,000	Free Cash	6/0
Bldg Maintenance	Exterior Painting at Old Town Hall	\$16,000	Free Cash	6/0
Council on Aging	COA HVAC Repair	\$45,000	Free Cash	6/0
Conservation	Sonar Treatment at Silver Lake	\$25,190	Free Cash	6/0
Library	Children's Room Outdoor Pavilion Area	\$45,000	Free Cash	6/0
Parks	Playground Upgrades	\$47,025	Free Cash	6/0
School	Desk Replacements	\$32,400	Free Cash	6/0
School	DiPietro Re-Keying of Door Locks	\$20,848	Free Cash	6/0
School	Architectural Mapping of School Buildings	\$48,000	Free Cash	5/1
<b>TOTAL: Capital Projects Under \$50K</b>		<b>\$304,463</b>		

Free Cash	\$304,463
Borrowing	
Capital Improvement Trust	
Trash Retained Earnings	
Water Retained Earnings	
Stormwater Retained Earnings	
Sewer Retained Earnings	
<b>TOTAL: Funding Sources for Capital Under \$50K</b>	<b>\$304,463</b>



**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$304,463 for the purpose of funding various projects, all as described in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, including all incidental and related expenses, and to meet said appropriation that the sum of \$304,463 be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion was made by Cynthia McNulty, and seconded.

**Vote:** Motion passed by majority vote: 48 Yes/3 No

## **ARTICLE 8. CIVIL SERVICE LAW**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation providing that all positions in the Police Department shall be exempt from the Civil Service statute, all as set forth below, and further, to authorize the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

### **AN ACT EXEMPTING ALL POSITIONS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

**SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all positions in the police department of the Town of Bellingham shall be exempt from chapter 31 of the General Laws.**

**SECTION 2. This act shall not impair the civil service status of a person holding a position described in section 1 on the effective date of this act.**

**SECTION 3. Sections 1, 2 and 3, of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.**

**SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.**

**(By: Board of Selectmen)**

*The Finance Committee took No Action on this Article*

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation providing that all positions in the Police Department shall be exempt from the Civil Service statute, all as set forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, and further, to authorize the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

Motion made by Michael Connor, and seconded.

**Vote:** Motion passed by majority vote: 42 Yes/9 No

## **ARTICLE 9. ACCEPTANCE OF M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23D**

To see if the Town will vote to accept, for all boards, committees, or commissions when holding an adjudicatory hearing in the Town, the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 39, section 23D, which provides that a member of a board, committee, or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing, shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member's absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received, provided that certain conditions as established by M.G.L. chapter 39, section 23D, are met; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

**(By: Board of Selectmen)**

*The Finance Committee took No Action on this Article*

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to accept, for all boards, committees, or commissions when holding an adjudicatory hearing in the Town, the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 39, section 23D, which provides that a member of a board, committee, or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing, shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member's absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received, provided that certain conditions as established by M.G.L. chapter 39, section 23D, are met.

Motion made by Michael Connor, and seconded.

**Vote:** Motion passed by majority vote: 44 Yes/8 No

## ARTICLE 10. HARTFORD AVE IMPROVEMENT EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to (a) 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, sidewalk, drainage, access, utility, driveway, guardrail, slope, grading, rounding, construction, and landscaping easements as may be necessary or convenient to undertake the Hartford Ave improvement project, including, without limitation, the construction, maintenance and repair of improvements made on Route 126 Hartford Ave between the Interstate 495 Bridge and Arrowhead Road in Bellingham, in, on and under the parcels of land approximately shown on plans entitled “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile In the Town of Bellingham, Norfolk County, Preliminary Right of Way Hartford Avenue (Route 126)”, dated June 30, 2022, prepared by Chappell Engineering Associates, LLC, copies of which will be on file with the Town Clerk’s Office 14 days before the Town Meeting, as said plans may be amended from time to time and/or replaced by an easement plan, and land within 100 feet of said parcels, (b) transfer the care, custody, and control of the portions of the Town-owned properties shown on the aforesaid plans from the board or officer having custody of the same for the purposes for which such properties are currently held to the Board of Selectmen for said public way purposes and further to dedicate said portions of the Town-owned properties to said purposes, and, if applicable, authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit petitions to the General Court to permit the foregoing under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, (c) raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the foregoing purposes including any costs incidental or related thereto, and (d) authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

***RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 6/0***  
***Funding as listed below:***

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Easements	\$800,000	Free Cash

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to approve Article 10 all as set forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, and further that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$800,000 for the foregoing purposes including any costs incidental or related thereto.

Motion made by Michael Connor, and seconded.

**Vote:** Motion passed by required two-thirds vote: 47 Yes/7 No

## **ARTICLE 11. CHARLES RIVER GROVE DRAINAGE PARCEL ACQUISITION**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain and for drainage purposes, the fee to and/or any other interest in the parcel of land located on Middle Avenue, identified by the Assessors as Parcel 0040-0082-0000, containing 4,800 square feet, more or less, and being a portion of the premises described in a deed recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 11216, Page 548, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate 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: Board of Selectmen)**

*Finance Committee took No Action as they were informed the Article would be passed over*

**Motion was made to pass over Article 11. Motion to pass over was passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **ARTICLE 12. WRENTHAM ROAD BRIDGE RETAINING WALL EASEMENT ACQUISITION**

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, bridge, and retaining wall, support, and related easements as may be necessary or convenient to undertake the Wrentham Road Bridge Over Peters River improvement project, including, without limitation, the construction, maintenance and repair of improvements made on bridge and associated retaining walls and guardrails, in, on under, over, across and along parcels of land located on and/or near 21 Wrentham Road and identified by the Assessor as Map 0095 Parcels 0057 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: Board of Selectmen)**

***RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 6/0  
Funding as listed below:***

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Retaining Wall Easement	\$2,500	Free Cash

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to approve Article 12 all as set forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, and further that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,500 for the foregoing purposes including any costs incidental or related thereto.

Motion was made by Sahan Sahin, and seconded.

**Vote:** Motion was passed by required two-thirds vote: 51 Yes/3 No

## ARTICLE 13. DEPOT STREET DPW PARKING AND ACCESS LAND ACQUISITION

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 parking, access, and related easement as may be necessary or convenient to undertake the DPW Office construction project, in, on, under, along, and across a parcel of land located on/off Depot Street and containing 6,315 square feet, as shown on plans entitled “Depot St Parcel 0034-0149-0000 Easement Plan”, dated September 30, 2022, prepared by Land Planning Inc. copies of which will be on file with the Town Clerk’s Office 14 days before the Town Meeting; 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: Board of Selectmen)

*Finance Committee took No Action as they were informed the Article would be passed over*

**Motion was made to pass over Article 13. Motion to pass over was passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## ARTICLE 14. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS CHAPTER 71-6 REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½, of the General Laws, to amend the Town’s General Bylaws, Chapter 71-6, Revolving Funds, by inserting at the end of the chart set forth therein a new row, shown below in underlined text, to establish a new revolving fund for Town Beautification Activities with an annual expenditure limit of \$50,000, with all monies in the fund to remain in such fund, available for expenditures by the Town Administrator for the stated purpose of, and in a manner consistent with, the revised Bylaw and, further, that such expenditure limit shall apply from fiscal year to fiscal year unless amended by vote of Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any year; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Fiscal Years
<u>Town Beautification</u>	<u>Beautification-related receipts</u>	<u>Town Administrator</u>	<u>Expenses in support of Town Beautification Activities including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>FY2023 and subsequent years</u>

(By: Board of Selectmen)

*Finance Committee took No Action as they were informed the Article would be passed over*

**Motion was made to pass over Article 14. Motion to pass over was passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **ARTICLE 15. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS – SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, FUEL STORAGE TANKS & DELEADING DWELLINGS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of remediating failing residential subsurface sewage disposal systems, underground fuel storage tanks and de-leading dwellings with dangerous levels of lead, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 127B½ and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 80 (Betterments), and to access betterments therefor; and further, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$400,000 in accordance with Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8 or Chapter 111, Section 127B½ of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds or notes therefore under General Laws, Chapter 111, 127B½ and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws and/or Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 80 (Betterments) or any other enabling authority; that although it is the Town's intent that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, such bonds or notes shall nevertheless be general obligations of the Town, and the Treasurer with approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the projects; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

**(By: Board of Health)**

***RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 6/0***

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of remediating failing residential subsurface sewage disposal systems, underground fuel storage tanks and de-leading dwellings with dangerous levels of lead, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 127B½ and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 80 (Betterments), and to access betterments therefor; and further, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$400,000 in accordance with Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8 or Chapter 111, Section 127B½ of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds or notes therefore under General Laws, Chapter 111, 127B½ and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws and/or Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 80 (Betterments) or any other enabling authority; that although it is the Town's intent that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, such bonds or notes shall nevertheless be general obligations of the Town, and the Treasurer with approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement

and/or security agreement with the Trust with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the projects.

Motion was made by Vincent Forte, and seconded.

**Vote:** Motion passed by required two-thirds vote: 53 Yes/2 No

## **ARTICLE 16. 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](http://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)**

*Finance Committee took No Action as they were informed the Article would be passed over*

**Motion was made to pass over Article 16. Motion to pass over was passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **ARTICLE 17. TOWN GENERAL BYLAWS REVISIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws as recommended 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](http://www.bellinghamma.org), which revisions include but are not limited to non-substantive, ministerial and other clerical revisions as well as more substantive revisions; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

**(By: Charter and Bylaw Review Committee)**

*Finance Committee took No Action on this Article*

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to amend the Town Bylaws as recommended by the Charter and Bylaw Review Committee, all as shown in a document provided to Town Meeting voters, which revisions include but are not limited to non-substantive, ministerial and other clerical revisions as well as more substantive revisions.

Motion was made by Donald Martinis, and seconded.

**Vote:** Motion was passed by required two-thirds vote: 50 Yes/4 No

## ARTICLE 18. 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)

***RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 6/0***  
***Funding as listed below:***

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Transfer to Stabilization Trust Fund	\$250,000	Free Cash

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from Free Cash and to transfer said sum to the Stabilization Fund.

Motion was made by Sahan Sahin, and seconded.

**Vote:** Motion was passed by majority vote: 53 Yes/1 No

## ARTICLE 19. 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)

***Finance Committee took No Action as they were informed the Article would be passed over***

**Motion was made to pass over Article 19. Motion to pass over was passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## ARTICLE 20. 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)

***Finance Committee took No Action as they were informed the Article would be passed over***

**Motion was made to pass over Article 20. Motion to pass over was passed unanimously by voice vote.**



## **ARTICLE 21. 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)**

*Finance Committee took No Action as they were informed the Article would be passed over.*

**Motion was made to pass over Article 21. Motion to pass over was passed unanimously by voice vote.**

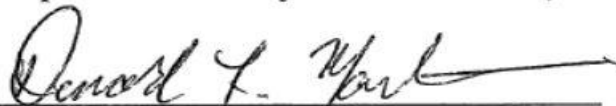
**At 8:32 PM, a motion was made to adjourn Town Meeting, and seconded. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.**

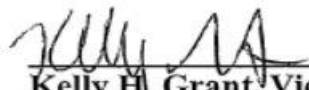
**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE NOVEMBER 2022  
FALL TOWN MEETING**

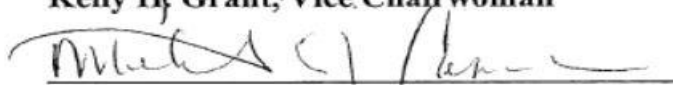
And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at Town Hall and in other municipal buildings throughout Town forty-five days, at least, before the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.


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.

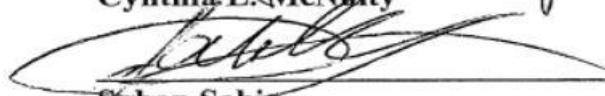
Given under our hands this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Two.

  
Donald F. Martinis, Chairman

  
Kelly H. Grant, Vice Chairwoman

  
Michael J. Connor

  
Cynthia L. McNulty

  
Sahar Sahin

#### 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.

9/30/2022  
Date

  
Constable of Bellingham