

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

WARRANT FOR FALL TOWN MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2020

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 eighteenth day of November 2020, 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 June 2020 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2021 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)

MOTION: I move the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 1 of the June 2020 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2021 Town operating budget, by adding funds to items within said Article 1; all as written in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee with said sums to be raised from taxation.

Motion made by Michael Connor, and seconded.

Motion passed by majority vote: 40 Yes/2 No

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Funding as listed below:

Account	Department	Description	Amount
122-Expenses	Board of Selectmen	Professional Services	\$17,000
135-Expenses	Finance	Ambulance Billing	\$5,000
145-Expenses	Treasurer	Maintenance Contracts	\$3,000
171-Expenses	Conservation	Professional Services – Silver Lake Treatment	\$10,000

189-Salaries	Building Maintenance	Substitute Custodian	\$5,000
189-Expenses	Building Maintenance	Telephone Charges	\$1,200
189-Expenses	Building Maintenance	Electricity	\$6,000
189-Expenses	Building Maintenance	Misc. Supplies	\$15,000
189-Expenses	Building Maintenance	Lighting Upgrades at Historical Museum	\$10,000
195-Expenses	Medicare	Increased Hiring of Temporary Personnel	\$10,000
294-Expenses	Tree Warden	Remainder of Tree Removal Project	\$20,000
422-Expenses	DPW	Contracted Services - Roadways	\$350,000
424-Expenses	Street Lighting	Electricity	\$15,000
750-Expenses	Debt	Easements (Town Center Project)	\$500,000
997-Expenses	Compensated Absences	Anticipated Payments for Retirements, Contractual Buybacks. Etc.	\$100,000
Total from Taxation			\$1,067,200

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 June 2020 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2021 Trash Enterprise Fund 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)

MOTION: I move the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 2 of the June 2020 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2021 Trash Enterprise Fund budget by transferring \$75,000 into the expense line of said Article 2; said sum to be transferred from Trash Retained Earnings.

Motion made by Michael Connor, and seconded.

Motion passed unanimously, surpassing the required majority vote: Yes 44/ No 0

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Funding as listed below:

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Expenses	\$75,000	Retained Earnings

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 June 2020 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2021 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)

The Finance Committee took No Action at this time, as they were informed the Article would be passed over

**Motion made by Michael Connor to pass over Article; seconded.
Motion was passed over by a unanimous voice vote.**

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 June 2020 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2021 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)

The Finance Committee took No Action at this time, as they were informed the Article would be passed over

**Motion made by Michael Connor to pass over Article; seconded.
Motion was passed over by a unanimous voice vote.**

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 June 2020 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2021 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)

The Finance Committee took No Action at this time, as they were informed the Article would be passed over

**Motion made by Michael Connor to pass over Article; seconded.
Motion was passed over by a unanimous voice vote.**

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)

The Finance Committee's Recommendations are listed below:

The Capital Improvements Committee's Recommendations are listed below:

Department	Capital Request	Amount	Funding
Selectboard	Land Acquisition - Multi-Year Agreement (Formerly Domino's)	\$96,000	Free Cash
RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 4/0 in September 2019 RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0 in September 2019			
Fire	New Ambulance – Rescue 3	\$369,881	Free Cash
RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 3/0 RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 3/0			
Library	HVAC Upgrade	\$100,000	Free Cash
RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 3/0 RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0			
Police	2 Police Vehicles (Replace 406/410) and 2 Remakes for Auxiliary Police & K-9 Use	\$127,035	Free Cash
	Repeater / Receiver Upgrade	\$51,770	Free Cash
RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 3/0 RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 3/0			
MIS (Tech)	E-Permitting Software Expansion	\$53,035	Free Cash
RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 3/0 RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0			
DPW - Highway	Plow & Salt Truck to Replace Truck B-19	\$221,000	Free Cash
DPW - Highway	Small Hook Truck with Hot Box	\$110,800	Free Cash
DPW - Highway	Multi-Hog Tractor (Snow Removal, Tractor)	\$190,000	Free Cash
RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 4/0 in September 2019 RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0			
DPW - Highway	Backhoe	\$124,000	Trash Retained Earnings

DPW - Highway	Underground Storage Tank Removal	\$60,000	Borrowing
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 3/0 RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0</i>			
DPW - Water	Scott Hill Blvd. - Post Water Main Installation Road Resurfacing	\$125,000	Water Retained Earnings
DPW - Water	Poirier Street – Water Main Replacement	\$130,000	Water Retained Earnings
DPW - Water	Link Street - New Water Main Installation	\$130,000	Water Retained Earnings
DPW - Water	Well 10 Preliminary Analysis (New Well Site)	\$100,000	Water Retained Earnings
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 3/0 RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0</i>			
DPW - Sewer	North Main Street Generator Replacement	\$86,526	\$50,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings / \$36,526 from Prior Year Sewer Article
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 3/0 RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0</i>			
School	Replace High School Gymnasium Floor and Remediate Excess Humidity Issue	\$548,000	Borrowing
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 3/0 RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 4/1</i>			
School	Middle School Entrapment Area	\$160,000	Free Cash
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 3/0 RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0</i>			

Total - Free Cash	\$1,479,521
Total - Trash Retained Earnings	\$124,000
Total - Water Retained Earnings	\$485,000
Total - Sewer Retained Earnings	\$50,000
Total - Prior Year Articles	\$36,526
Total - Borrowing	\$1,608,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,783,047

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate a sum of money from various sources as described below and 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, all as follows, and, for those items showing borrowing as the funding source, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to

borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and issue bonds and notes therefore; and further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

Motion made by Cynthia McNulty, and seconded.

Motion passed by required 2/3 vote: 40 Yes/3 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)

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate a sum of money from various sources as described below for the purpose of financing the purchase and installation of various non-capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees, all as written in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Cynthia McNulty, and seconded.

Motion passed by majority vote: 38 Yes/4 No

The Finance Committee's Recommendations are listed below:

Department	Capital Request	Amount	Funding
Fire	Generator for Station 2 (Headquarters)	\$43,225	Free Cash
	Fire Hose and Nozzle Upgrades	\$24,704	Free Cash
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 3/0</i>			
Parks	Gator (To Replace Existing Equipment)	\$14,623	Free Cash
	Kubota Mower (To Replace Existing Equipment)	\$17,640	Trash Retained Earnings
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 3/0</i>			
Bldg. Maintenance	Carpeting (Additional Offices in Town Hall)	\$30,000	Free Cash
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 3/0</i>			
DPW - Highway	Fire Station 2 Apron Replacement - Design	\$9,500	Free Cash
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0</i>			

DPW - Water	South Main Street Standpipe Renovation – Engineering	\$15,000	Water Retained Earnings
DPW - Water	Arthur Street Road Repair	\$7,000	Water Retained Earnings
DPW - Water	Oakwoods Apartments to Cliff Road Water Loop	\$30,000	Water Retained Earnings
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0</i>			

Total – Free Cash	\$122,052
Total – Trash Retained Earnings	\$17,640
Total – Water Retained Earnings	\$52,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$191,692

ARTICLE 8. CORYN CIRCLE & MONIQUE DRIVE STREET ACCEPTANCE

To see if that the Town vote to accept as Public Ways the roads, the easements and appurtenant thereto, and the Deed thereto, identified as CORYN CIRCLE and MONIQUE DRIVE being shown on a plan entitled "ROADWAY ACCEPTANCE PLAN For Monique Drive & Coryn Circle In Bellingham, MA", which plan is to be recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, and as more particularly described in a deed on file at the Office of the Town Clerk and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed thereto; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: Petitioner Allen Engineering & Associates
1 Charlesview Road, Suite 2
Hopedale, MA 01747)

The Finance Committee Recommendation to be provided at Town Meeting

NOTE: At the discretion of the Moderator, this question was moved to the end of Town Meeting to allow extra time for the petitioner to arrive. Following, Article 19, a MOTION was made, relative to Article 8, as follows: I move the Town vote to accept as public ways the roads identified as CORYN CIRCLE and MONIQUE DRIVE shown on a plan entitled "ROADWAY ACCEPTANCE PLAN For Monique Drive & Coryn Circle In Bellingham, MA", which plan is on file at the Office of the Town Clerk and to authorize the Board of Selectmen acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or permanent easements in said ways for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Bellingham and any drainage, utility or other easements incidental or related thereto.

Motion made by: Mark Allen (Petitioner), and, seconded by Town Meeting member.

Motion passed by required 2/3 vote: 39 Yes/ 1 No

ARTICLE 9. SALE OF PROPERTY – PHILLIP DRIVE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to Allan S. Elliott and Barbara J. Elliott for the consideration of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), a portion of a certain parcel of Town owned land on Phillip Drive shown on Assessor's Map 12 as Parcel 25 and more particularly described as Lot 85 and 86 on Land Court Plan 13665J, filed at Norfolk Land Registry with Certificate 91778 at Book 459, Page 178 and to convey to Joseph T. Francesconi and Debra J. Francesconi for the consideration of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), a portion of a certain parcel of Town owned land on Phillip Drive shown on Assessor's Map 12 as Parcel 25 and more particularly described as Lots 83 and 84 on Land Court Plan 13665J, filed at Norfolk Land Registry with Certificate 91778 at Book 459, Page 178; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: Petitioner Bruce Lord
23 Bellwood Circle
Bellingham, MA 02019)

The Finance Committee Recommendation to be provided at Town Meeting
A motion was made by Town Administrator, Denis Fraine, to pass over this Article, as it was no longer relevant. Motion was seconded.
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. MAPLE STREET ROADWAY LAYOUT ALTERATION EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the altered layout of a portion of Maple Street as a public way, as heretofore altered by the Board of Selectmen, to include with said layout a parcel of land shown as "Proposed Roadway Easement Area = 9,399+ S.F." on a plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land", dated October 30, 2018, Kelly Engineering Group, Inc., on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the fee to an/or a permanent easement in said parcel, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Bellingham, and any drainage, utility or other easements related there; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

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

MOTION: I move the Town vote to accept the altered layout of a portion of Maple Street as a public way, as heretofore altered by the Board of Selectmen, to include with said layout a parcel of land shown as "Proposed Roadway Easement Area = 9,399+ S.F." on a plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land", dated October 30, 2018, Kelly Engineering Group, Inc., on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, or eminent domain, the fee to and/or a permanent easement in said parcel for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Bellingham, and any drainage, utility or other easements incidental or related thereto.

Motion made by: Donald Martinis

Motion passed by required 2/3 vote: 41 Yes/2 No

ARTICLE 11. 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 eminent domain the parcels of land shown on Assessor's Map 40 as Parcels 82 and being described in a deed recorded with the (Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 11216, Page 548) for storm drainage purposes and the fee to and/or easements in First, Second, Third, and Middle Avenue for all purposes for which public ways may be used in the Town of Bellingham, and to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain the fee to or permanent easements in said roadways and any drainage, utility and/or other easements related thereto; 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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

A motion was made to pass over Article, and seconded.

Article was passed over by an anonymous voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. BOX POND DRIVE DRAINAGE EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain permanent drainage easements and temporary construction easements in, on and under a portion or portions of parcels of land located on Box Pond Drive (identified by the Assessor's as Parcels 0038-0009-0003 and 0038-0023-0002) and shown on a plan entitled "Town of Bellingham Box Pond Drive Drainage Easement Plan", dated September 30, 2020, prepared by Land Planning, Inc. and on file with the Town; 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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Funding as listed below:

Description	Amount	Funding Source
DPW – Drainage Easements	\$2,000	Free Cash

MOTION: I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain permanent drainage easements and temporary

construction easements in, on and under a portion or portions of parcels of land located on Box Pond Drive (identified by the Assessor's as Parcels 0038-0009-0003 and 0038-0023-0002) and shown on a plan entitled "Town of Bellingham Box Pond Drive Drainage Easement Plan", dated September 30, 2020, prepared by Land Planning, Inc. and on file with the Town Clerk; and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 for the purposes authorized hereunder including any related expenses.

Motion was made by Donald Martinis, and seconded.

Motion passed by required 2/3 vote: 44 Yes/2 No

ARTICLE 13. WATER MAIN EASEMENT ACQUISITION – NORTH MAIN STREET TO CLIFF ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain permanent water main easements and temporary construction easements in, on and under a portion or portions of the parcels of land located at 115 North Main Street (identified as Assessor's Parcels 0035-077A-0000), as approximately shown on a plan; entitled "North Main Street to Cliff Road Water Mains", a copy of which is on file with the Town; 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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

MOTION: I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain permanent water main easements and temporary construction easements in, on and under a portion or portions of the parcels of land located at 115 North Main Street (identified as Assessor's Parcels 0035-077A-0000), as approximately shown on a plan entitled "North Main Street to Cliff Road Water Mains", a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk; and to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Water Retained Earnings for the purposes of this Article including any related expenses.

Motion made by Donald Martinis, and seconded.

Motion passed by required 2/3 vote: 40 Yes/4 No

ARTICLE 14. LEASE OF TOWN LAND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the property described below from the tax custodian for tax title purposes to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of leasing, and, further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease, as well as a payment in lieu of tax agreement pursuant to G.L. c. 59, §38H(b), and to convey any necessary access or utility easements on, over and under any adjacent Town-owned property, for the development of a solar array and solar electric storage on Town property at 26 Pearl Street, formally known as the Pearl Street Mill site identified as Town of Bellingham Assessor's Map 60, Parcel 4 for a period of up to thirty years on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town; or

act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 3/0

MOTION: I move the Town vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the property described below from the tax custodian for tax title purposes to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of leasing, and, further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease, as well as a payment in lieu of tax agreement pursuant to G.L. c. 59, §38H(b), and to convey any necessary access or utility easements on, over and under any adjacent Town-owned property, for the development of a solar array and/or solar electric storage on Town property at 26 Pearl Street, formally known as the Pearl Street Mill site identified as Town of Bellingham Assessor's Map 4, Parcel 60 for a period of up to thirty years on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town.

Motion was made by Donald Martinis, and seconded.

Motion passed by required 2/3 vote: 44 Yes/3 No

ARTICLE 15. UPDATE SECTION 205-7 – CONDUCT OF TOWN MEETING

To see if the Town will vote to modify Section 205-7, sub-sections (J.) and (M.) of the Town bylaws, to specifically recognize and authorize electronic voting at any and all Town Meetings **by inserting the text shown in bold, underline and deleting the text shown with strikethrough;** or act or do anything in relation thereto.

General Bylaw, §205-7

J. Method of determining question when question is put. When a question is put, or on matters requiring a 2/3rds vote, the sense of the meeting ~~shall~~ may be determined, **in the Moderator's discretion, by the use of an electronic tally and display system or by a raising of the hands, use of voting card or placard or similar process. Votes taken by an electronic tally and display system shall be visible to the Town Meeting members and any members of the public present at the meeting. The display shall show each "yes," or "no," vote; and a tally of all votes. Votes taken by hand also shall be visible to the Town Meeting members and any members of the public present at the meeting.**

The Moderator ~~the voices of the voters and the Moderator shall declare the vote, or the 2/3rds vote, as it appears to~~ **the Moderator on the electronic tally and display system or by a show of hands or use of placard or similar process.** If the Moderator's ~~is unable to decide by the sound of voices or the show of hands, or if his/her~~ decision is immediately questioned by seven or more voters rising in their places for that purpose, ~~he/she must appoint Tellers to make and~~ **the Moderator may return the count re-tally the electronically recorded votes or re-take the vote electronically, by show of hands, or use of placard, or similar process.**

The Town Clerk shall make available in the Town Clerk's office, within a reasonable time after a session in which a vote(s) was taken by the use of an electronic tally and

display system, a list of votes on each article. Failure to make the votes available in such manner shall not affect the validity of such votes.

After a public hearing for which notice is posted for at least one week, the Moderator, in consultation with the Selectboard and Town Clerk, shall be authorized to adopt regulations for the purpose of facilitating implementation of electronic voting under this bylaw and for ensuring the security and integrity of the electronic voting processes.

~~M. When vote on motion by "Yes" or "No" ballot.~~

- ~~(1) Town Meeting may order that the vote on any motion shall be taken by a "Yes" or "No" ballot.~~
- ~~(2) No appropriation of \$500,000 or more for capital improvement or capital outlay shall be voted to be raised at Town Meeting except by a secret ballot; said ballot to be printed with two parts, one signifying a "Yes" vote and the other signifying a "No" vote, and said ballots to be made available, when and if needed, to all registered voters present at Town Meeting.~~
- ~~(3) Provisions of this section relative to secret ballot may be waived by an affirmative vote of 9/10ths of the registered voters present and voting.~~

Summary of Article:

The amendments to this Bylaw would authorize the use of an electronic voting system at Town Meeting. Such amendments would, however, leave to the Moderator's discretion as to whether to allow hand counts in certain circumstances, particularly if there are technical or other issues with the electronic voting system. To the extent additional issues must be addressed to successfully implement electronic voting, the Bylaw also authorizes the moderator, in consultation with the Selectboard and Town Clerk, to adopt regulations to facilitate the use of electronic voting. Finally, the amendments to the bylaw leave in place all relevant statutory requirements relative to counting votes at Town Meeting, such as the recording of all votes by the Town Clerk and the ability of seven or more voters to question the count.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

MOTION: I move the Town vote to amend Section 205-7, sub-sections (J.) and (M.) of the Town Bylaws, to specifically recognize and authorize electronic voting at any and all Town Meetings **by inserting the text shown in bold, underline and deleting the text shown with strikethrough**; all as written in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Kelly Grant, and seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous vote, surpassing required majority: 49 Yes/0 No

ARTICLE 16. 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 Chapter 71-6 of the Town Bylaws, Revolving Funds, by inserting the underlined text, replacing the entire “use of funds” column in its entirety, as shown, and creating a new annual expenditure limit of \$50,000 for the Inspectional Services Revolving Fund, with all such expenditure limits to apply from fiscal year to fiscal year unless amended by vote of Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any year; or take any action in relation thereto.

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Fiscal Years
Food Inspections	Gifts, donations, fees and fines	Board of Health	<u>Expenses in support of the Board of Health food inspections program including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors</u>	\$35,000	FY2021 and subsequent years
Commission on Disability	Gifts, donations, fees and fines	Commission on Disability	<u>Expenses in support of the Commission on Disability including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors</u>	\$10,000	FY2021 and subsequent years
Inspectional Services	Inspectional fees and fines	Building Commissioner	<u>Expenses in support of the Inspectional Services department including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	FY2021 and subsequent years

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 3/0

MOTION: I move the Town vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the General Laws, to amend Chapter 71-6 of the Town Bylaws, Revolving Funds, by inserting the underlined text, replacing the “use of funds” column in its entirety and creating a new annual expenditure limit of \$50,000 for the Inspectional Services Revolving Fund, all as written in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, with all such expenditure limits to apply from fiscal year to fiscal year unless amended by vote of Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any year.

Motion was made by Kelly Grant, and seconded.

Motion passed by majority vote: 44 Yes/3 No

ARTICLE 17. SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to adopt MGL c. 40 § 13E to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund, from which monies may only be distributed after a majority vote of the School Committee and a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: School Committee and Board of Selectmen)

NOT RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 2/3

MOTION: I move the Town vote to adopt MGL c. 40 § 13E to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund, from which monies may only be distributed after a majority vote of the School Committee and a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen. Motion made by Michael Reed, and seconded.
Motion passed by a majority vote: 40 Yes/9 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 2/1

I move the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund.
Motion was made by Kelly Grant, and seconded.
Motion passed by majority vote: 39 Yes/6 No

ARTICLE 19. 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)

MOTION: I move the Town vote to transfer sums of money for the payment of certain unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year; from the sources and for the purposes identified, all as written in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee.
Motion made by Kelly Grant, and seconded.
Motion passed by required 9/10 vote: 45 Yes/2 No

The Finance Committee's Recommendations are listed below:

Department	Vendor	Amount	Funding Source
DPW - Water	Timothy Inacio	\$102.00	Water Retained Earnings

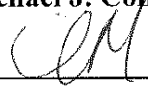
DPW - Water	Bellingham Police	\$456.00	Water Retained Earnings
DPW - Highway	Timothy Inacio	\$125.00	Free Cash
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 3/0</i>			
Tax Title	Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff, LLP	\$6,086.54	Free Cash
TOTAL		\$6,769.54	
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0</i>			

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.

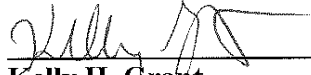
Given under our hands this 30th day of September in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.


 Michael J. Connor, Chairman


 Cynthia L. McNulty, Vice Chairman

 Daniel M. Spencer

 Donald F. Martinis


 Kelly H. Grant

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.

10/1/2020
Date


Constable of Bellingham

The November 18, 2020 Town Meeting was convened at 7:30 PM, in the Bellingham High School Auditorium. A motion was made, and seconded, to relocate the meeting to the Bellingham High School Gymnasium. The motion passed unanimously. Town Meeting reconvened in the gymnasium at 7:37 PM.

51 voting members were in attendance.

At 8:27 PM, a motion was made, and seconded, to adjourn Town Meeting. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

ANNUAL FALL TOWN MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2020

AT 7:30 PM

**I hereby certify that the following pages 1 through 16 inclusive,
Are true record of the motions adopted by voters of the Town
of Bellingham, at the Annual Town Meeting convened on
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:30 PM.**

A true copy.

ATTEST:

**Lawrence J. Sposato, Jr.
Bellingham Town Clerk**