

**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

**BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL**

At 60 Blackstone Street in said Bellingham, on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of May 2021, 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022; 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
210	Police Department
220	Fire Department
251	Town Inspector
252	Scaler 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
491	Cemetery Committee
510	Board of Health
541	Council on Aging
543	Veterans Services
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

994                   Municipal Insurance Trust  
996                   Capital Investment Trust  
997                   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, 2021 through June 30, 2022; 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022; 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022; 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022; 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 FY2021 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 2020 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 FY2021 TRASH ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 of the 2020 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 FY2021 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the 2020 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 FY2021 SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4 of the 2020 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. AMEND FY2021 STORMWATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within said Article 5; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

#### **ARTICLE 15. CAPITAL OUTLAY – (Expenditures \$50,000 & Over)**

To see if the Town will vote to 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 therefor, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for the purpose of financing the purchase, lease/purchase, equipping, construction, reconstruction and/or engineering costs associated with various capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees; and to authorize

lease purchase agreements and other 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 16. 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 17. CONNOR LANE STREET ACCEPTANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Public Way a road, the easements and appurtenant thereto, and the Deed thereto, identified as Connor Lane, being shown on a Plan entitled, POST OFFICE PLACE SUBDIVISION PLANS, dated May 3, 2010, and revised through June 14, 2010, prepared by Guerriere and Halnon, Inc., duly recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds as PLAN NO. 30 in BOOK 604 of 2010 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 Christopher Nation,  
20<sup>th</sup> Century Homes Inc  
Post Office Place, LLC)

#### **ARTICLE 18. AMENDMENT OF ZONING BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 240-101 in its entirety; deleting the word "townhouses," from Section 240-100; deleting the words "townhouse dwellings and other" from Section 240-109; and deleting "Townhouse" listed under "RESIDENTIAL USES" of Section 240-31; all as set forth in a document on file with the Town Clerk; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Planning Board)

#### **ARTICLE 19. SOUTH MAIN STREET PROJECT ACQUISITION OF LAND AND EASEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, such lands and/or such permanent and temporary easements as may be necessary or convenient to undertake the Route 126 South Main Street Project (Douglas Drive to Mechanic Street), in, on and under the parcels of land approximately shown on a plan entitled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Route 126 South Main Street in the town of Bellingham Norfolk County Federal Aid Project No 608887 Right of Way", prepared by CHA, a copy of which is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, as said plan may be amended from time to time and/or replaced by an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels, and, further, to raise and appropriate funds or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the foregoing purposes and costs incidental or related thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

#### **ARTICLE 20. PINE ACRES SUBDIVISION EASEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain and on such terms as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, permanent slope, utility and other easements in, on and under the parcels of land shown on a plan entitled "Pine Acres Estates, Plan of Land, In Bellingham, Mass" dated August 5, 2004, revised through March 11, 2005, prepared by G.R. Brisson, and recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 539, Pages 54 through 66, inclusive; and, further, to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the foregoing purposes and costs incidental or related thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

#### **ARTICLE 21. HARPIN STREET – SNETT ACCESS LAND GRANT, PARKING AND DRIVEWAY EASEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant and convey to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (MassDCR) a parcel of Town-owned land located in the area east of South Main Street, north of Harpin Street, south of the SNETT Trail, and west of the DiPietro Elementary and Keogh School buildings, as shown on a plan entitled "Article 97 Plan of Land Route 126 – South Main Street Bellingham MA, Norfolk County", dated December 12, 2019, prepared by SMC Surveying and Mapping Consultants, a vote on similar plan of land was taken and approved at the May 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting (Article 15), and to grant the MassDCR an easement to use the

existing driveway exit road on the DiPietro Elementary School located at 70 Harpin Street (Assessors Map 86 Parcel 42), the foregoing conveyance being intended as an exchange of lands necessary to comply with the transfer of Article 97 lands, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

#### **ARTICLE 22. LEASE OF TOWN LAND**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the Town-owned property located at 119 South Maple Street (Closed Landfill and Recycling Center) identified on Assessor's Map 61 as Parcel 1A and described in a deed recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 4992 Page 657, from the Board of Selectmen for sanitary landfill purposes to the Board of Selectmen for such purposes and for the development of a composting and wood waste processing operation thereon, and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease said property for a term of up to ten (10) years and on such other 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: DPW Director)

#### **ARTICLE 23. CONTRACT FOR COMPOSTING SERVICES**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a contract with a third party to conduct composting and wood waste-processing operations for the Town for a term of up to ten (10) years and on such other terms and conditions determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interest of the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

#### **ARTICLE 24. AMENDMENT OF TOWN BYLAW 71-4**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 71-4, Section A of the Town Bylaws, Granting or Renewing of Certain Licenses and Permits, by deleting the strikethrough text and inserting the underline text, as set forth below; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

##### **Chapter 71-4 Granting or Renewing of Certain Licenses and Permits**

- A. The Treasurer-Collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments, and other municipal charges, hereinafter**

referred to as the "Treasurer-Collector," shall annually, and may periodically, furnish to each department, board, commission, department, official, or division, hereinafter referred to as the "licensing authority," that issues, grants or provides, licenses, permits, approvals or endorsements, including, but not limited to, renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the "party," that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or other municipal charges, including amounts assessed under M.G.L. ch. 40, § 21D ~~for not less than a twelve (12) month period~~, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application of abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the Appellate Tax Board.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

#### ARTICLE 25. ADOPT MGL ch. 44 s 70, PAYMENT FOR MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 44, Section 70, to authorize the Treasurer-Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into contracts to identify and pursue federal government reimbursements for, or other revenues or available resources that may be generated by, programs or activities being carried out by the municipality, and to provide that payments for services under such contracts may be made from the reimbursements or revenues recovered as a result of the services performed without appropriation of such revenues; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

#### ARTICLE 26. TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND

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 purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

#### ARTICLE 27. 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.

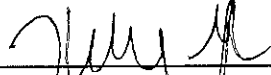
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty One.

  
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Michael J. Connor, Chairman

  
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Cynthia L. McNulty, Vice Chairwoman

  
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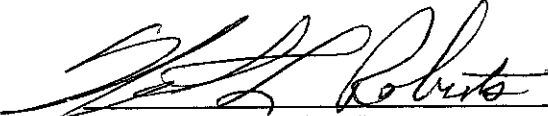
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### 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.

3/25/2021  
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Date

  
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Constable of Bellingham