

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM**



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
7:30 p.m.

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

**Town of Bellingham
Annual Town Meeting
May 26, 2021**

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Adam Thorell
Tina M. Griffin, Clerk

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TOWN MEETING GLOSSARY

CHERRY SHEET	A financial statement from the State that itemizes State aid and assessments to the Town.
ENTERPRISE FUND	A fund where expenditures are restricted for operating, capital and debt costs of a particular service (such as water, sewer, trash and stormwater). It allows a community to recover the total costs of a service through user fees or the user fees may be supplemented by taxation. The budget for an enterprise fund is not autonomous, it must be voted annually at Town Meeting. An enterprise fund balance can be carried over from year to year.
FISCAL YEAR	The Town operates on a fiscal year that begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.
FREE CASH	Funds certified by the state as appropriated in previous years but not expended. It can result from higher than anticipated revenue and/or lower than anticipated expenditures.
OVERLAY RESERVE	A Board of Assessors fund used to cover tax abatements and statutory exemptions.
RESERVE FUND	A Finance Committee fund used for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures during the year.
REVOLVING FUND	A fund created to allow specific programs to use fees collected to defray the expenses of the program. A revolving fund does not have to be appropriated each year.

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. FY2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET
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ARTICLE 1. FY2022 OPERATING BUDGET

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 Officers for the period commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or act to do anything in relation thereto.

1. All travel expenses are paid at the rate of \$.56 per mile. No travel expenses shall be paid except upon receipt of vouchers showing dates, expenses incurred and the number of miles traveled.
2. Salaries under negotiation have been level funded.
3. All dollar amounts listed have been rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

Account Description	Actual FY2019	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Department Head Requested FY2022	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2022	% Change FinCom vs. FY2021 budget	Finance Committee's Recommendations FY2022
114 TOWN MEETING MODERATOR							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$350	\$350	\$350	0.00%	\$350
Total 114	\$0	\$0	\$350	\$350	\$350	0.00%	\$350
122 SELECTMEN							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$9,663	\$10,187	\$12,900	\$12,900	\$12,900	0.00%	\$12,900
Salaries	\$59,174	\$53,060	\$54,390	\$54,663	\$56,663	4.18%	\$56,663
Expenses	\$33,835	\$38,275	\$52,256	\$49,206	\$49,206	-5.84%	\$49,206
Total 122	\$102,672	\$101,522	\$119,546	\$116,769	\$118,769	-0.65%	\$118,769
123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR							
Salaries/Clerical Support	\$176,978	\$187,040	\$194,047	\$200,810	\$201,325	3.75%	\$201,325
Expenses	\$2,259	\$2,331	\$3,012	\$3,012	\$3,012	0.00%	\$3,012
Total 123	\$179,237	\$189,371	\$197,059	\$203,822	\$204,337	3.69%	\$204,337
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE							
Salaries	\$3,820	\$3,820	\$3,820	\$3,820	\$3,820	0.00%	\$3,820
Expenses	\$1,148	\$1,414	\$1,575	\$1,575	\$1,575	0.00%	\$1,575
Total 131	\$4,968	\$5,234	\$5,395	\$5,395	\$5,395	0.00%	\$5,395

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132 RESERVE FUND							
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.00%	\$50,000
Total 132	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.00%	\$50,000
135 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER							
Salaries	\$200,376	\$234,831	\$239,339	\$250,959	\$258,417	7.97%	\$258,417
Expenses	\$49,584	\$70,874	\$92,110	\$92,408	\$92,408	0.32%	\$92,408
Total 135	\$249,960	\$305,705	\$331,449	\$343,367	\$350,825	5.85%	\$350,825
137 ASSESSORS							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$3,500	\$2,400	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	0.00%	\$3,600
Salaries	\$125,959	\$144,463	\$143,522	\$164,054	\$166,892	16.28%	\$166,892
Expenses	\$23,823	\$8,367	\$43,850	\$53,600	\$53,600	22.23%	\$53,600
Total 137	\$153,282	\$155,230	\$190,972	\$221,254	\$224,092	17.34%	\$224,092
142 ASSESSORS REVALUATION							
Expenses		\$13,950	\$20,000	\$30,910	\$30,910	54.55%	\$30,910
Total 142		\$13,950	\$20,000	\$30,910	\$30,910	54.55%	\$30,910
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR							
Salaries	\$218,129	\$231,664	\$238,178	\$252,590	\$255,650	7.34%	\$255,650
Expenses	\$77,003	\$67,524	\$79,410	\$79,775	\$79,775	0.46%	\$79,775
Total 145	\$295,132	\$299,188	\$317,588	\$332,365	\$335,425	5.62%	\$335,425
151 TOWN COUNSEL							
Expenses	\$111,741	\$92,604	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	0.00%	\$100,000
Total 151	\$111,741	\$92,604	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	0.00%	\$100,000
152 HUMAN RESOURCES							
Salaries	\$98,541	\$101,375	\$107,689	\$107,892	\$108,407	0.67%	\$108,407
Expenses	\$2,080	\$2,505	\$13,161	\$13,161	\$13,161	0.00%	\$13,161
Total 152	\$100,621	\$103,880	\$120,850	\$121,053	\$121,568	0.59%	\$121,568

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154 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS							
Salaries	\$153,229	\$158,346	\$166,197	\$173,242	\$176,410	6.15%	\$176,410
Expenses	\$235,134	\$275,036	\$303,479	\$338,620	\$338,620	11.58%	\$338,620
Total 154	\$388,363	\$433,382	\$469,676	\$511,862	\$515,030	9.66%	\$515,030
156 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE							
Expenses	\$79,690	\$14,606	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	0.00%	\$55,000
Total 156	\$79,690	\$14,606	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	0.00%	\$55,000
161 TOWN CLERK							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$70,862	\$65,000	\$69,000	\$74,000	\$74,000	7.25%	\$74,000
Salaries	\$41,224	\$45,547	\$49,955	\$52,307	\$53,333	6.76%	\$53,333
Expenses	\$16,719	\$6,054	\$20,050	\$15,300	\$15,300	-23.69%	\$15,300
Total 161	\$128,805	\$116,601	\$139,005	\$141,607	\$142,633	2.61%	\$142,633
162 ELECTIONS							
Salaries	\$35,530	\$33,069	\$42,900	\$30,100	\$30,100	-29.84%	\$30,100
Expenses	\$14,182	\$16,601	\$30,200	\$17,000	\$17,000	-43.71%	\$17,000
Total 162	\$49,712	\$49,670	\$73,100	\$47,100	\$47,100	-35.57%	\$47,100
163 REGISTRATION							
Salaries	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Expenses	\$8,077	\$8,077	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total 163	\$9,477	\$9,477	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	0.00%	\$7,000
Salaries	\$41,891	\$43,297	\$44,383	\$44,855	\$45,747	3.07%	\$45,747
Expenses	\$1,924	\$6,057	\$17,656	\$14,041	\$14,041	-20.47%	\$14,041
Total 171	\$50,815	\$56,354	\$69,039	\$65,896	\$66,788	-3.26%	\$66,788

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172 PLANNING BOARD							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.00%	\$5,000
Salaries	\$90,141	\$101,856	\$107,103	\$120,514	\$122,919	14.77%	\$122,919
Expenses	\$2,705	\$1,240	\$4,350	\$4,350	\$4,350	0.00%	\$4,350
Total 172	\$97,846	\$108,096	\$116,453	\$129,864	\$132,269	13.58%	\$132,269
173 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS							
Salaries	\$6,375	\$6,376	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	0.00%	\$7,500
Expenses	\$66	\$254	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	0.00%	\$1,100
Total 173	\$6,441	\$6,630	\$8,600	\$8,600	\$8,600	0.00%	\$8,600
183 DISABILITY COMMISSION							
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	0.00%	\$500
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$20,001	\$20,001	100.00%	\$20,001
Total 183	\$0	\$0	\$501	\$20,501	\$20,501	3992.02%	\$20,501
189 PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE							
Salaries	\$68,706	\$69,120	\$45,796	\$86,172	\$86,172	88.16%	\$86,172
Expenses	\$259,646	\$196,026	\$250,813	\$272,746	\$272,746	8.74%	\$272,746
Total 189	\$328,352	\$265,146	\$296,609	\$358,918	\$358,918	21.01%	\$358,918
190 OTJ INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE (On the job)							
Expenses	\$24,370	\$10,976	\$17,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	17.65%	\$20,000
Total 190	\$24,370	\$10,976	\$17,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	17.65%	\$20,000
193 PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE							
Expenses	\$466,768	\$541,393	\$615,655	\$668,022	\$668,022	8.51%	\$668,022
Total 193	\$466,768	\$541,393	\$615,655	\$668,022	\$668,022	8.51%	\$668,022
194 RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT							
Expenses	\$3,076,740	\$3,336,269	\$3,571,600	\$3,286,833	\$3,286,833	-7.97%	\$3,286,833
Total 194	\$3,076,740	\$3,336,269	\$3,571,600	\$3,286,833	\$3,286,833	-7.97%	\$3,286,833

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195 MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE							
Expenses	\$472,951	\$483,517	\$503,920	\$524,000	\$524,000	3.98%	\$524,000
Total 195	\$472,951	\$483,517	\$503,920	\$524,000	\$524,000	3.98%	\$524,000
196 TOWN REPORTS							
Expenses	\$2,220	\$1,750	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%	\$3,000
Total 196	\$2,220	\$1,750	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%	\$3,000
197 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH							
Expenses	\$38,061	\$28,185	\$39,700	\$39,700	\$39,700	0.00%	\$39,700
Total 197	\$38,061	\$28,185	\$39,700	\$39,700	\$39,700	0.00%	\$39,700
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT							
Salaries	\$3,069,491	\$3,102,853	\$3,196,434	\$3,233,606	\$3,338,630	4.45%	\$3,338,630
Expenses	\$250,378	\$191,252	\$237,653	\$226,618	\$226,618	-4.64%	\$226,618
Total 210	\$3,319,869	\$3,294,105	\$3,434,087	\$3,460,224	\$3,565,248	3.82%	\$3,565,248
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT							
Salaries	\$2,709,312	\$2,696,060	\$2,636,862	\$2,897,117	\$2,950,152	11.88%	\$2,950,152
Expenses	\$257,418	\$224,327	\$337,296	\$436,346	\$436,346	29.37%	\$436,346
Total 220	\$2,966,730	\$2,920,387	\$2,974,158	\$3,333,463	\$3,386,498	13.86%	\$3,386,498
251 TOWN INSPECTOR							
Salaries	\$147,963	\$161,973	\$189,163	\$189,981	\$192,759	1.90%	\$192,759
Expenses	\$5,186	\$7,594	\$11,252	\$11,052	\$11,052	-1.78%	\$11,052
Total 251	\$153,149	\$169,567	\$200,415	\$201,033	\$203,811	1.69%	\$203,811
253 INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS							
Salaries	\$29,862	\$31,672	\$29,382	\$29,121	\$29,693	1.06%	\$29,693
Expenses	\$226	\$75	\$400	\$400	\$400	0.00%	\$400
Total 253	\$30,088	\$31,747	\$29,782	\$29,521	\$30,093	1.04%	\$30,093

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255 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR							
Salaries	\$28,050	\$28,300	\$29,000	\$27,000	\$27,540	-5.03%	\$27,540
Expenses	\$150	\$357	\$500	\$500	\$500	0.00%	\$500
Total 255	\$28,200	\$28,657	\$29,500	\$27,500	\$28,040	-4.95%	\$28,040
292 ANIMAL CONTROL							
Salaries	\$118,884	\$128,550	\$137,196	\$138,787	\$140,942	2.73%	\$140,942
Expenses	\$3,563	\$5,094	\$8,300	\$8,300	\$8,300	0.00%	\$8,300
Total 292	\$122,447	\$133,644	\$145,496	\$147,087	\$149,242	2.57%	\$149,242
<i>Animal Control is regionalized with the Town of Franklin and budget costs are shared.</i>							
294 TREE WARDEN							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$5,238	\$0	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	0.00%	\$6,500
Salaries	\$7,320	\$4,440	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$3,700	0.00%	\$3,700
Expenses	\$115,705	\$19,527	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	-50.00%	\$20,000
Total 294	\$128,263	\$23,967	\$50,200	\$30,200	\$30,200	-39.84%	\$30,200
299 AUXILIARY POLICE							
Expenses	\$5,793	\$4,322	\$6,108	\$5,000	\$5,000	-18.14%	\$5,000
Total 299	\$5,793	\$4,322	\$6,108	\$5,000	\$5,000	-18.14%	\$5,000
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT							
School Department Budget	\$25,623,541	\$25,623,541	\$27,878,917	\$27,878,917	\$27,878,917	0.00%	\$27,878,917
Total 300	\$25,623,541	\$25,623,541	\$27,878,917	\$27,878,917	\$27,878,917	0.00%	\$27,878,917
302 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL							
Expenses	\$898,321	\$871,171	\$955,171	\$1,014,129	\$1,014,129	6.17%	\$1,014,129
Total 302	\$898,321	\$871,171	\$955,171	\$1,014,129	\$1,014,129	6.17%	\$1,014,129
<i>Per 2021 Assessment, there are 70 Bellingham students enrolled</i>							
303 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION							
Expenses	\$2,226,546	\$2,351,537	\$2,696,840	\$3,081,955	\$3,081,955	14.28%	\$3,081,955
Total 303	\$2,226,546	\$2,351,537	\$2,696,840	\$3,081,955	\$3,081,955	14.28%	\$3,081,955

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422 HIGHWAY							
Salaries	\$298,138	\$249,930	\$255,766	\$258,535	\$260,075	1.68%	\$260,075
Expenses	\$549,159	\$470,640	\$844,744	\$920,132	\$920,132	8.92%	\$920,132
Total 422	\$847,297	\$720,570	\$1,100,510	\$1,178,667	\$1,180,207	7.24%	\$1,180,207
423 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL							
Salaries	\$99,291	\$65,611	\$39,200	\$39,200	\$39,200	0.00%	\$39,200
Expenses	\$437,936	\$377,256	\$220,800	\$220,800	\$220,800	0.00%	\$220,800
Total 423	\$537,227	\$442,867	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$260,000	0.00%	\$260,000
424 STREET LIGHTING							
Expenses	\$145,933	\$158,640	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000	0.00%	\$155,000
Total 424	\$145,933	\$158,640	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$155,000	0.00%	\$155,000
426 GAS AND OIL							
Expenses	\$163,554	\$145,139	\$168,006	\$168,006	\$168,006	0.00%	\$168,006
Total 426	\$163,554	\$145,139	\$168,006	\$168,006	\$168,006	0.00%	\$168,006
439 SANITARY LANDFILL							
Expenses	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total 439	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
490 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT				(See Article 5. Stormwater Enterprise Fund)			
Salaries	\$261,400	\$261,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Expenses	\$217,433	\$217,433	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total 510	\$478,833	\$478,833	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
491 CEMETERY							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	0.00%	\$4,800
Expenses	\$5,179	\$2,186	\$4,201	\$4,201	\$4,201	0.00%	\$4,201
Total 491	\$8,779	\$5,786	\$9,001	\$9,001	\$9,001	0.00%	\$9,001

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510 BOARD OF HEALTH							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	0.00%	\$6,000
Salaries	\$97,968	\$110,438	\$123,890	\$123,509	\$125,965	1.67%	\$125,965
Expenses	\$17,518	\$8,677	\$17,078	\$16,828	\$16,828	-1.46%	\$16,828
Total 510	\$121,486	\$125,115	\$146,968	\$146,337	\$148,793	1.24%	\$148,793
541 COUNCIL ON AGING							
Salaries	\$174,646	\$177,720	\$190,322	\$184,433	\$186,908	-1.79%	\$186,908
Expenses	\$43,709	\$32,766	\$46,491	\$43,821	\$43,821	-5.74%	\$43,821
Total 541	\$218,355	\$210,486	\$236,813	\$228,254	\$230,729	-2.57%	\$230,729
543 VETERANS ASSISTANCE							
Salaries	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$9,200	\$9,200	8.24%	\$9,200
Expenses	\$111,321	\$105,866	\$112,100	\$112,100	\$112,100	0.00%	\$112,100
Total 543	\$119,821	\$114,366	\$120,600	\$121,300	\$121,300	0.58%	\$121,300
610 LIBRARY							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	0.00%	\$600
Salaries	\$403,742	\$424,433	\$402,488	\$406,424	\$409,641	1.78%	\$409,641
Expenses	\$176,399	\$163,269	\$166,850	\$156,540	\$156,540	-6.18%	\$156,540
Total 610	\$580,741	\$588,302	\$569,938	\$563,564	\$566,781	-0.55%	\$566,781
630 PARKS AND RECREATION							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$2,175	\$3,050	\$3,050	\$3,050	\$3,050	0.00%	\$3,050
Salaries	\$137,822	\$140,610	\$67,500	\$67,500	\$68,850	2.00%	\$68,850
Expenses	\$61,000	\$60,972	\$69,100	\$69,100	\$69,100	0.00%	\$69,100
Total 630	\$200,997	\$204,632	\$139,650	\$139,650	\$141,000	0.97%	\$141,000
650 HISTORICAL COMMISSION							
Expenses	\$3,906	\$1,723	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$6,000	33.33%	\$6,000
Total 650	\$3,906	\$1,723	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$6,000	33.33%	\$6,000

Account Description	Actual FY2019	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Department Head Requested FY2022	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2022	% Change FinCom vs. FY2021 budget	Finance Committee's Recommendations FY2022
651 CULTURAL COUNCIL							
Salaries	\$7,500	\$5,625	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	0.00%	\$7,500
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total 651	\$7,500	\$5,625	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	0.00%	\$7,500
660 MEMORIAL DAY/VETERANS DAY							
Expenses	\$14,941	\$10,944	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	0.00%	\$15,000
Total 660	\$14,941	\$10,944	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	0.00%	\$15,000
750 DEBT SERVICE							
Expenses- Principal	\$4,283,473	\$4,697,851	\$4,837,338	\$3,608,884	\$3,608,884	-25.40%	\$3,608,884
Expenses- Interest	\$1,290,949	\$1,184,255	\$1,659,857	\$894,731	\$894,731	-46.10%	\$894,731
Total 750	\$5,574,422	\$5,882,106	\$6,497,195	\$4,503,615	\$4,503,615	-30.68%	\$4,503,615
989 OPEB TRUST							
Transfer	\$0	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	100.00%	\$50,000
Total 989	\$0	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	100.00%	\$50,000
990 WORKERS COMPENSATION							
Transfer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.00%	\$25,000
Total 990	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.00%	\$25,000
991 UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST							
Transfer	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Total 991	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
992 GROUP INSURANCE TRUST FUND							
Transfer	\$6,600,000	\$6,600,000	\$6,600,000	\$7,100,000	\$7,100,000	7.58%	\$7,100,000
Total 992	\$6,600,000	\$6,600,000	\$6,600,000	\$7,100,000	\$7,100,000	7.58%	\$7,100,000
994 MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST							
Transfer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.00%	\$50,000
Total 994	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.00%	\$50,000

Account Description	Actual FY2019	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Department Head Requested FY2022	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2022	% Change FinCom vs. FY2021 budget	Finance Committee's Recommendations FY2022
996 CAPITAL INVESTMENT TRUST							
Transfer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	0.00%	\$100,000
Total 996	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	0.00%	\$100,000
997 COMP ABSENCES FUND							
Transfer	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	0.00%	\$100,000
Total 997	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	0.00%	\$100,000
Total General Fund	\$57,554,963	\$58,236,515	\$61,988,422	\$61,542,111	\$61,741,130	-0.40%	\$61,741,130

(By: Board of Selectmen)
RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee, Funding as follows:

\$61,741,130	From Taxation and Other Available Revenue Sources
<u>\$61,741,130</u>	TOTAL

Account Description	Actual FY2019	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Department Head Requested FY2022	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2022	% Change FinCom vs. FY2021 budget	Finance Committee's Recommendations FY2022
ARTICLE 2. TRASH ENTERPRISE							
To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Trash Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Board of Selectmen)							
100 Trash - Operating Expenses (430 Solid Waste Collection/Disposal)							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$42,780	\$34,309	\$60,365	\$62,278	\$63,220	4.73%	\$63,220
Expenses	\$1,547,515	\$1,551,887	\$1,805,030	\$1,736,530	\$1,736,530	-3.79%	\$1,736,530
Total 430	\$1,590,295	\$1,586,196	\$1,865,395	\$1,798,808	\$1,799,750	-3.52%	\$1,799,750

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.
Funding: \$1,755,571 from Trash Enterprise Receipts and \$44,179 appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Trash Receipts

ARTICLE 3. WATER ENTERPRISE							
To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Water Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Board of Selectmen)							
200 Water - Operating Expenses (450 Water Operating)							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$941,058	\$1,019,774	\$1,101,462	\$1,140,073	\$1,145,809	4.03%	\$1,145,809
Expenses	\$1,829,406	\$2,039,414	\$2,241,112	\$2,451,160	\$2,451,160	9.37%	\$2,451,160
Total 450	\$2,770,464	\$3,059,188	\$3,342,574	\$3,591,233	\$3,596,969	7.61%	\$3,596,969

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.
Funding: \$3,101,528 from Water Enterprise Receipts and \$495,441 appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Water Receipts

Account Description	Actual FY2019	Actual FY2020	Budget FY2021	Department Head Requested FY2022	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2022	% Change FinCom vs. FY2021 budget	Finance Committee's Recommendations FY2022
ARTICLE 4. SEWER ENTERPRISE							
To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sewer Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Board of Selectmen)							
300 Sewer - Operating Expenses (460 Sewer Operating)							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$204,554	\$313,108	\$358,433	\$358,212	\$359,938	0.42%	\$359,938
Expenses	\$1,121,103	\$1,070,833	\$1,137,579	\$1,232,885	\$1,232,885	8.38%	\$1,232,885
Total 460	\$1,325,657	\$1,383,941	\$1,496,012	\$1,591,097	\$1,592,823	6.47%	\$1,592,823

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.

Funding: \$1,455,358 from Sewer Enterprise Receipts and \$137,465 appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Sewer Receipts

ARTICLE 5. STORMWATER ENTERPRISE							
To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stormwater Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; or act or do anything in relation thereto. (By Board of Selectmen)							
400 Stormwater - Operating Expenses (490 Stormwater Operating)							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$409,160	\$425,331	\$427,675	4.53%	\$427,675
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$344,680	\$396,641	\$396,641	15.08%	\$396,641
Total 490	\$0	\$0	\$753,840	\$821,972	\$824,316	9.35%	\$824,316

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.

Funding: \$795,134 from Stormwater Enterprise Receipts and \$29,182 appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Stormwater Receipts

Note: FY19-FY20 was funded via the General Fund Operating Budget

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 4/0
Funding as listed below:

To Account	Description	Total	Funding Source
1000-423	Snow & Ice Deficit	\$335,000	Free Cash

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)

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

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)

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

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)

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

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)

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

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)

The Finance Committee's Recommendations are listed below:

The Capital Improvements Committee's Recommendations are listed below:

Department	Capital Request	Amount	Funding
Fire	Bryx Fire Alerting System	\$88,000	Free Cash
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 3/0</i> <i>RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 6/0</i>			

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)

The Finance Committee's Recommendations are listed below:

Department	Capital Request	Amount	Funding
Police	Repeater / Receiver Upgrade	\$40,392	Free Cash
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 6/0</i>			
Clerk	Digital Tabulator	\$5,000	Free Cash
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 6/0</i>			
Animal Control	Truck Replacement – Cost for truck is shared with the Town of Franklin (\$20,000 each Town)	\$20,000	Free Cash
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 6/0</i>			
Fire	Brush Truck – Replace an F350 with an F550	\$49,905	Free Cash
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 6/0</i>			
Treasurer	Software Modifications for Forms and Online Procedures	\$7,500	Free Cash
<i>RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 6/0</i>			

TOTAL – Free Cash	\$122,797
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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,
20th Century Homes Inc
Post Office Place, LLC)

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

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)

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

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 4/0
Funding as listed below:

Department	Amount	Funding Source
DPW – Easements	\$180,000	Free Cash

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Funding as listed below:

Funding Source	Description	Amount
Free Cash	Transfer to Stabilization Fund	\$100,000

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)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0
Funding as listed below:

Funding Source	Description	Amount
Free Cash	Kelley & Ryan	\$17.50


**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE MAY 2021
ANNUAL 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 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.

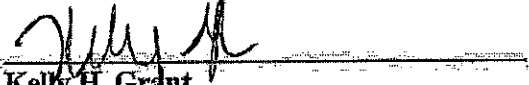
Given under our hands this 14th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty One.


Michael J. Connor, Chairman


Cynthia L. McNulty, Vice Chairwoman


Daniel M. Spencer


Donald F. Martinis


Kelly H. Grant


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
Date


Constable of Bellingham

