

**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-fifth day of May 2022, 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023; 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	Sealer 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
632	Town Common
650	Historical Commission
651	Cultural Council
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, 2022 through June 30, 2023; 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023; 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023; 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023; 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 FY2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 2021 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 FY2022 TRASH ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 of the 2021 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 FY2022 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the 2021 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 FY2022 SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4 of the 2021 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 FY2022 STORMWATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the 2021 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. HARTFORD AVENUE ZONING CHANGE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws, Attachment 1 and Zoning Map by amending the designated zoning district for the properties commonly known as and numbered 182 Hartford Avenue (parcel 24- lot 5), 186 Hartford Avenue (parcel 24-lot 6), 190 Hartford Avenue (parcel 24-lot 7), 194 Hartford Avenue (parcel 24-lot 8) and 198 Hartford Avenue (parcel 24-lot 9) from the Residential District to the Business 2 District.

(By: Rte 85 Realty Corp., Kevin P. Meehan;  
296 Main LLC, Jack F. Meehan;  
217 River Road LLC, Kevin P. Meehan)

#### **ARTICLE 18. MARIJUANA USES OVERLAY DISTRICT**

To see if the Town acting by and thru its Town Meeting will vote to amend Chapter 240 (Zoning) of the Town's By-Laws by adding a new Article XXX entitled "Marijuana Uses Overlay District", the Marijuana Uses Overlay District shall be limited to those parcels of Industrially Zoned land having street frontage on William Way and being more specifically identified below in Section 240-240 (D), and if so approved to amend the Town's Zoning Map to identify the Assessor's Parcels hereinafter identified as being located in the Marijuana Overlay Uses District

##### **240-240**

- A. Purpose:** It is the purpose of the Marijuana Uses Overlay District ("MUOD") to create a limited and defined area within the Town's multiple Industrially Zoned land areas where Marijuana Cultivators, Marijuana Establishments, and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers as those terms are defined in Article VI (Definitions) of the Bellingham zoning by-laws may be located and operated.
- B.** A Special Permit from the Planning Board shall be required for the use of any land area within the MUOD for a Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Establishment, or a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center.
- C.** Except as otherwise set forth in this Article XXX, no provision in Article XXX may be construed to supersede or otherwise alter or amend the bylaws pertaining to the use of land in the underlying district. Rather Article XXX is intended to supply an alternative for those who elect to submit a special permit application under the

provisions of this MUOD Bylaw, in which case the use provisions of the MUOD Bylaw shall apply.

- D. **Overlay District.** The MUOD shall consist of the following properties as identified on the Assessor's Maps maintained by the Town and map attached, and specifically identified as: Assessor's Parcels: 43 - 6A, 48-7, 48-9, 48 - 9A, 48 - 10, 48 - 11, 48 - 12, 48 - 13, 48 - 14, 48 - 15, 48 - 16, 48 - 4A-A, 48 - A, 48 - A-B (one lot)
- E. **Dimensional Requirements:** The terms and provisions set forth in Article VII, Section 240-240 shall apply to all Uses in the Marijuana Use Overlay District.
- F. **Standards and Other Rules and Regulations:** All applications for a special permit hereunder shall include all plans and materials required under Article IV of the bylaw; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

**Note:** A Map of the proposed MUOD is attached hereto and incorporated herein

(By: Maria Fresola, 25 Dolly Drive, Worcester, MA 01604)

#### **ARTICLE 19. DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed in lieu of tax foreclosure, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 60, Section 77C, conveying to the Town fee title to all or portions of the parcels of land located at Freeman Street, and identified as Assessors Map 0090, Parcel 017B, Lot 0000 which is subject to a tax taking by the Town for unpaid real estate taxes, said land to be held by the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and/or for the purpose of disposition thereof, by sale or otherwise, and, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said land on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, and, further, to take any and all actions and execute any and all documents necessary or convenient to consummate the foregoing transactions; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

#### **ARTICLE 20. DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed in lieu of tax foreclosure, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 60, Section 77C, conveying to the Town fee title to all or portions of the parcels of land located at Mann Street, identified as Assessors Map 0090, Parcel 0073, Lot 0000 which is subject to a tax taking by the Town for unpaid real estate taxes, said land to be held by the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and/or for the purpose of disposition thereof, by sale or otherwise, and, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said land on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, and, further, to take any and all actions and execute any and all documents necessary or convenient to consummate the foregoing transactions; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

## **ARTICLE 21. ACCEPTANCE OF ROGER STREET AS PUBLIC WAY**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept Roger Street as a public way, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Sub-division of Land at Lake Hiawatha in Bellingham, Mass, Joseph A. Allard, Land Surveyor, 1944," recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 135 as Plan No. 358 of 1945, on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, eminent domain, and/or gift the fee title to and/or easements in Roger Street and any and all access, drainage, utility and/or other easements, related or incidental thereto, and, further, to raise and appropriate a sum of money to acquire the foregoing rights and costs incidental or related thereto, including the cost of recording; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

## **ARTICLE 22. STALLBROOK EASEMENT ACQUISITION**

To see if the Town will vote to (a) 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 easements and temporary easements in, on, and under a portion or portions of Assessors Map 13 parcels 15 & 16 (also known as 364, and 368 thru 376 Hartford Ave), all as approximately shown on plans entitled "Stall Brook Dam Removal Easements", dated April 15, 2022, prepared by Land Planning Inc. on file with the Town Clerk, as said plans may be amended from time to time and/or incorporated into an easement plan, and land within 200 feet of said parcels, for public way purposes, including without limitation, removal of stone dam, river bank reconstruction, and appurtenant work, to enable the Town to undertake the Stall Brook Ecological Improvements, including replacement of the culvert on Hartford Ave and for any and all purposes and uses incidental or related thereto; (b) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the foregoing project and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land/easement acquisitions, appraisals, and surveys; and, further, (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

## **ARTICLE 23. AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS CHAPTER 71-6 REVOLVING FUND (ESTABLISH COUNCIL ON AGING CENTER ACTIVITY REVOLVING FUND)**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½, of the General Laws, to create a new Council on Aging Activities Revolving Fund, and, for such purposes to amend the chart set forth in Chapter 71-6 of the Town Bylaws, Revolving Funds, by inserting a new annual expenditure limit of \$50,000, with such expenditure limit to apply from fiscal year to fiscal year unless amended by vote of Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any year; or act or do anything in relation thereto.



<b>Fund</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Authority to Spend Funds</b>	<b>Use of Funds</b>	<b>Spending Limit</b>	<b>Fiscal Years</b>
Council on Aging Activities	Program, activity, and other related receipts	Council on Aging Director	Expenses in support of the Council on Aging Programs and Activities including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors	\$50,000	Fiscal 2023 and subsequent years

**(By: Board of Selectmen)**

#### **ARTICLE 24. 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 25. TRANSFER TO CAPITAL INVESTMENT TRUST 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 Capital Investment Trust Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.**

**(By: Board of Selectmen)**

#### **ARTICLE 26. TRANSFER TO GROUP INSURANCE TRUST 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 Group Health Insurance Trust 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.

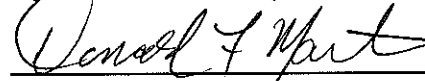
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 21 day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Two.

**BELLINGHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN**



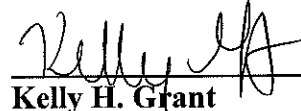
Cynthia L. McNulty, Chairwoman



Donald F. Martinis, Vice Chairman



Michael J. Connor



Kelly H. Grant

**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.

3/24/2022  
Date

  
Constable of Bellingham