

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM**

**WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

*2023 ATM Warrant (Corrected 3-23-2023 to fix scrivener's error in Article 18 changing "86 Hartford Ave to 186 Hartford Ave.")*

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-fourth day of May 2023, 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024; 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024; 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024; 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024; 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024; 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 FY2023 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending or transferring funds from various sources for items within said Article 1; or act or do anything in relation thereto.**

**(By: Board of Selectmen)**

#### **ARTICLE 11. AMEND FY2023 TRASH ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, or otherwise amending appropriations or by transferring funds from various sources for items within said Article 2; or act or do anything in relation thereto.**

**(By: Board of Selectmen)**

## **ARTICLE 12. AMEND FY2023 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, or otherwise amending appropriations or by transferring funds from various sources for items within said Article 3; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

## **ARTICLE 13. AMEND FY2023 SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, or otherwise amending appropriations or by transferring funds from various sources for items within said Article 4; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

## **ARTICLE 14. AMEND FY2023 STORMWATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, or otherwise amending appropriations or by transferring funds from various sources for 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 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 and equipping, 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)

## **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 and equipping 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. ACCEPTANCE OF CANDLELIGHT LANE AND NORTHERN LIGHTS WAY AS PUBLIC WAY**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept as a public way the roadways known as Candlelight Lane and Northern Lights Way as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan Candlelight Lane and Northern Lights Way Bellingham, Massachusetts" Scale: 40 Feet to an Inch Date: August 26, 2022 prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., Engineering & Land Surveying for Owner: South Center Realty, LLC, a copy of which is on file at the Office of the Town Clerk, and, further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or easements therein for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Bellingham, and such access, utility, and/or other easements incidental or related thereto; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: South Center Realty, LLC  
120 Quarry Drive  
Milford, MA 01757)

#### **ARTICLE 18. HARTFORD AVENUE ADAPTIVE OVERLAY DISTRICT**

To see if the Town will vote to replace Article XXVI, Overlay District, of the Towns Zoning Bylaws with the following:

##### **§ 240-185 Purpose.**

The purpose of the Hartford Avenue Adaptive Use Overlay District (HAAOD) is to promote responsible economic development while providing an aesthetically pleasing transition from the existing commercial zone to the residentially zoned neighborhoods located along the northern side of Hartford Avenue.

The specific purpose of the HAAOD are:

- A. To provide options for limited business operations subject to the standards designed to preserve the integrity of the abutting residential neighborhoods.
- B. To encourage the reuse of residential buildings by providing economic uses for buildings that may no longer function as well as single-family residences.
- C. To implement certain goals of the Master Plan, including encouraging economic development, protecting small town character, and updating zoning to maintain consistency.

**§ 240-186 -General requirements.**

**A. A. Location.** The HAAOD is hereby established as an overlay district. HAAOD is superimposed on that portion of the Residential District along the north side of Hartford Avenue heading west between Route 495 and Arrowhead Road Location. The HAAOD is located on the northern side of Hartford Avenue heading west between Route 495 and Farm St. The following lots are referenced in the Bellingham MA Online Assessor's GIS Mapping Database, are included in the HAAOD on a plan entitled "Hartford Avenue Adaptive Use Overlay District dated January 13, 2023, incorporated by reference in the Zoning Bylaw and on file with the Town Clerk and Building Inspector:

- Parcel 24 Lot 3 - 3 Farm Street
- Parcel 24 Lot 4 - 178 Hartford Ave
- Parcel 24 Lot 5 - 182 Hartford Ave
- Parcel 24 Lot 6 - 186 Hartford Ave
- Parcel 24 Lot 7 - 190 Hartford Ave
- Parcel 24 Lot 8 - 194 Hartford Ave
- Parcel 24 Lot 9 – 198 Hartford Ave
- Parcel 24 Lot 9-200 - 202 Hartford Ave
- Parcel 24 Lot 9-100 - 2 Rawson Road
- Parcel 24 Lot 9-2500 - 210 Hartford Ave
- Parcel 18 Lot 81 -216 Hartford Ave
- Parcel 18 Lot 82 - 2 Deerfield Lane
- Parcel 18 Lot 97 - 1 Deerfield Lane
- Parcel 18 Lot 98 - 222 Hartford Ave
- Parcel 18 Lot 99 - 224 Hartford Ave

**Rules and regulations.** The Planning Board may develop Hartford Avenue (HAAOD) Rules and Regulations which shall more fully define the application requirements and design guidelines, identify supporting information needed, and establish reasonable application, review and inspection fees, and construction protocols.

**§ 240-187 - Permitted and prohibited uses.**

**A. Uses allowed as of right.** All uses allowed as of right in the underlying Residential District shall remain as of right within the HAAOD. Similarly, uses presently allowed by special permit in the underlying Residential District shall continue to be allowed by special permit in the HAAOD.

**B. Uses allowed by special permit in the HAAOD.**

**(1)** In approving an adaptive use special permit under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A, § 9 and these Zoning Bylaws, the Planning Board may provide for the following uses:

(a) Offices for business or professional uses, including, but not limited to, accountants, architects, attorneys, counselors, engineers, insurance agents, planners, real estate sales, and similar uses.

(b) Medical offices, including, but not limited to, acupuncture, chiropractors, massage therapy, other medical specialists and similar uses.

(c) Studios for artists, photographers, interior decorators, and similar design-related uses.

(d) Personal care services such as barber shops, beauty parlors and nail salons.

(e) Bank freestanding and/or with a drive-thru.

(2) The adaptive use special permit shall expressly indicate which of the above-allowed uses is specifically permitted and may impose conditions, safeguards and limitations on the permitted use(s). A change is any use allowed by special permit hereunder to another use shall require a new special permit. Uses not listed in B(1) or (2) are prohibited, except that such a use may be allowed on special permit if the Planning Board determines that it closely resembles in its neighborhood impacts an allowed use or a use allowed by special permit in that district.

**C. Prohibited uses. The following uses shall be prohibited in the HAAOD:**

(1) Motor vehicle sales, repair, or sales of parts; gas stations, (multi-port charging stations.)

(2) Manufacturing or industrial uses of any kind.

(3) Food Services, including but not limited to bakeries, cafes, coffee shops, delicatessens, dessert shops, pastry shops, sandwich shops, convenience stores, pizza parlors, and other fast food-type restaurants.

(4) Drive-through windows of any kind except associated with a bank.

(5) Exterior storage of equipment or materials.

(6) No non-bank loan or check cashing operations.

(7) Repair shops for large equipment, appliances or tools and/or the fabrication or repair of machinery.

(8) Off street parking.

(9) Exterior Fleet storage.

(10) Retail sales for liquor and convenient stores.

(11) Any use not specifically allowed § 240-187(A) & (B) above is hereby prohibited.

#### **§ 240-188 - Special permit site development standards.**

The following site development standards shall apply to all HAAOD developments and shall be reviewed during any special permit proceeding:

**A. New construction may be permitted, provided that it is designed to be compatible with the overall residential character of the adjacent neighborhood and the HAAOD.**

**B. Each adaptive use project may utilize the existing structures but may include restoration, renovation or improvement of the primary existing building to maintain, restore or enhance its original architectural integrity. Construction of an addition to an existing building on the premises may be permitted, provided that it is designed to be compatible with the overall residential character of the adjacent neighborhood and the HAAOD.**



**C. The alteration of, addition to, and/or conversion of an existing building to one residential dwelling unit and one business use listed above may be permitted by special permit, provided that the appearance of the building is characteristic of a single-family dwelling and that the residential unit is occupied by the business owner.**

**D. New construction and existing building alterations shall be in accordance with Section 240-40 for the underlying Residential Zoning District.**

**E. Required parking space calculations shall be in accordance with Article X Parking and Loading Requirements. No on-street parking shall be allowed. Additionally, no parking spaces or driveways are permitted in the rear or side setbacks. Parking areas shall be screened from the abutting properties by a combination of opaque structures, such as fencing or ornamental walls, and landscaping. Adequate provisions for on-site retention and treatment of stormwater shall be included. This will be the discretion of the Planning Board.**

**F. A photometric plan shall be included with the site design submission which ensures adequate site lighting for parking and pedestrian walkways, no glare is produced on abutting parcels or the public way, and all proposed light fixtures are dark sky compliant.**

**G. Signage shall include no more than one freestanding sign. Signage Signs shall be externally illuminated with no spillover onto adjacent properties. Signage placement shall be reviewed by the Safety Officer so as to maintain adequate visual access for vehicles entering and exiting the property.**

**H. Curb cuts on Route 126 are subject to approval of the state. New curb cuts on Hartford Avenue are subject to recommendations of the Safety Officer and will require a Bellingham street opening permit from the DPW. The division of state and local roads is shown on the plan.**

**I. All developments shall include a landscape plan, stamped by a Massachusetts Registered Landscape Architect, that maintains or enhances the residential character of the property. The landscape plan shall also provide, at the discretion of the Planning Board, a buffer zone (including a combination of shrubs, trees, grass and fencing) appropriate for the proposed use along any property boundaries with an adjacent residential use.**

**J. The development plans shall include specific areas for snow storage and rubbish. All rubbish areas shall be screened with an opaque fence and be located outside the front yard setback.**

#### **§ 240-189 – Procedures for Special Permit**

**Reference the Special Permit Section Article IV Section 240-15.**

**§ 240-190 - Special permit standards and criteria.**

**In considering an application for an adaptive use special permit, the Planning Board shall make the following findings:**

- A. The proposed use is contemplated under the provisions of this bylaw.**
- B. The site is adequate for the proposed use in terms of size, configuration, and use of abutting properties.**
- C. The proposed use will cause minimal adverse impacts to abutting properties and will provide mitigation of any impacts.**
- D. Provisions for traffic and parking are adequate for the proposed use.**
- E. The proposal promotes the aesthetic appeal and deters detrimental impacts to the abutting residential neighborhood and that the proposed project complies with the goals of the Master Plan.**
- F. The provisions for utilities, including sewage disposal, water supply and stormwater management, are adequate.**
- G. The proposed project complies with the goals of the Master Plan and the purposes of this article of the Zoning Bylaw; or act or do anything in relation thereto.**

**(By: Board of Selectmen & HAAOD Committee)**

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

**To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 60, Section 77C, conveying to the Town fee title to all or portions of the parcel of land located on Maple Street, identified on the Assessors Map as Parcel 0020-0023, containing 0.084 acres, more or less, and being the premises described in a deed recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 9169, Page 692, which parcel is subject to tax taking by the Treasurer/Collector for unpaid real estate taxes, said parcel to be under the care, custody, control and management of the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and/or for the 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 deems 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. ACCEPTANCE OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 41, SECTION 110A

To see if the Town will vote to adopt M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 110A allowing Town offices to remain closed on any or all Saturdays, as if it were a legal holiday, which will, among other things, provide the Town flexibility concerning the last day to register to vote or other filing deadline for local town meetings and elections; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

## ARTICLE 21. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS CHAPTER 71-6 REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to replace the chart appearing in Section 71-6 of the Town Bylaws with a new chart, set forth below, reflecting the items required by law to appear in the Town Bylaws and making certain revisions to reflect those approved by prior Town Meetings, and, further, to insert a new revolving fund, set forth in *bold italic*, below, all as follows:

Fund Name	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend	Use of Funds
Library Fines	Overdue fines	Library Trustees	Books, videos, library materials, Temp or PT employees, & independent contractors
Cemetery Grave Openings	Service fees to open cemetery graves	DPW Director	Expenses in support of the Cemetery department including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors
Food Inspections	Inspectional fees and fines	Board of Health	Expenses in support of the Board of Health food inspections program including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors
Tobacco Compliance	Inspectional fees and fines	Board of Health	Expenses in support of the tobacco inspections and compliance program including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors
Commission on Disability	Fees, fines, gifts, and donations	Commission on Disability	Expenses in support of the Commission on Disability including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors
Police Vehicles	3rd party vendor payments	Police Chief	Repair, replacement or purchase of vehicles or equipment
Conservation Wetland Bylaw Fees	Application fees and related revenues	Conservation Commission	Land purchases to supplement the Town's land acquisition trust, or related expenditures
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Sealer of Weights & Measures fees and fines	Board of Selectmen	Expenses in support of the Sealer of Weights & Measures department including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors
Anderson Field Rental	Revenues received from the rental of the Anderson Athletic Field, the purchase of commemorative bricks at said field, the purchase of	School Committee	Maintenance of the grounds at the Anderson Athletic Field

	advertising at said field		
Inspectional Services	Inspectional fees and fines	Building Commissioner	Expenses in support of the Inspectional Services department including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors
Silver Lake Admission Fee	Parking fees and fines for Silver Lake and Arcand parks	Town Administrator	Expenses in support of the Parks department including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors
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
<i>Town Beautification</i>	<i>Beautification related receipts, gifts, and donations</i>	<i>Town Administrator</i>	<i>Expenses in support of Town Beautification activities including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors</i>

And, separately, to establish annual spending limits for such revolving funds for FY2024, as follows:

Library Fines	\$15,000
Cemetery Grave Openings	\$20,000
Food Inspections	\$50,000
Tobacco Compliance	\$50,000
Commission on Disability	\$10,000
Police Vehicles	\$40,000
Conservation Wetland Bylaw Fees	\$50,000
Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$25,000
Anderson Field Rental	\$50,000
Inspectional Services	\$50,000
Silver Lake Admission Fee	\$40,000
Council on Aging Activities	\$50,000
Town Beautification	\$50,000

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

## ARTICLE 22. DEPOT STREET DPW PARKING AND ACCESS LAND ACQUISITION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain and on such terms as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, the fee in a parcel of land for DPW parking and access as may be necessary or convenient to undertake the DPW Office construction project, of approximately 6,436 square feet, shown on plans entitled "Taking Plan of Land Depot Street (Parcel 0034-0149-0000) Bellingham Massachusetts", dated May 1, 2023, prepared by Guerriere & Halnon Inc. copies of which will be on file with the Town Clerk's Office 14 days before the Town Meeting; and, further, to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the

foregoing purposes including any costs incidental or related thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

#### **ARTICLE 23. CONSTRUCTION OF DPW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer of available funds, by borrowing or otherwise for the purpose of constructing and furnishing a DPW Administration Building, as well as any engineering, design, site clearing and preparation, and any other incidental and related costs, on land owned by the Town located on Depot Street, and, if borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing said construction project; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen & DPW Building Committee)

#### **ARTICLE 24. TO APPROVE AND FUND THE AFSCME LABOR CONTRACT**

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 cost items of the first year of an Agreement by and between the Town of Bellingham and the AFSCME Labor Union beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such funds to appropriate departments; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

#### **ARTICLE 25. TOWN CHARTER REVISIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file with the General Court a home rule petition for special legislation amending the Town Charter to make various revisions proposed by the Charter and Bylaw Review Committee, all as shown in a document on file with the Town Clerk's office and available on the Town's website at [www.bellinghamma.org](http://www.bellinghamma.org); provided, however, that the General Court may make changes of form only to such bill without approval of the Board of Selectmen, and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such revisions requested by the General Court as are consistent with the public purposes of the petition; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Charter and Bylaw Review Committee)

## **ARTICLE 26. OPIOID SETTLEMENT STABILIZATION FUND AND OPIOID REVENUES**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.40, §5B to create a new special purpose stabilization fund, to be known as the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, which may be expended for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid-litigation settlement documents, a document prepared by the Substance Abuse Bureau of the state Office of Health and Human Services Department, found at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-abatement-terms/download> entitled “Abatement Strategies”, and consistent with any state guidelines or regulations further clarifying allowable uses of opioid litigation settlement funds, and, further, to adopt the last paragraph of said §5B and dedicate to such fund, without further appropriation, 100% of the opioid litigation settlement funds received by the Town, and, to comply with the Town’s obligations to use such funds solely for allowable purposes, to transfer to said fund a sum of money from available funds equal to the amount already received in FY23, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

## **ARTICLE 27. 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 28. 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 29. 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 30. 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.

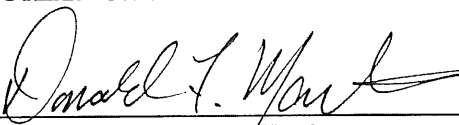
(By: Board of Selectmen)

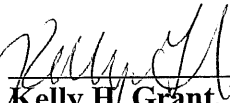
And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at Town Hall and in other municipal buildings throughout Town sixty days, at least, before the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

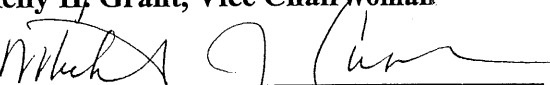
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.


Given under our hands this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Three.

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

  
Donald F. Martinis, Chairman

  
Kelly H. Grant, Vice Chairwoman

  
Michael J. Connor, Member

  
Cynthia L. McNulty, Member


  
Sahan Sahin, Member

**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.**

3/21/23  
**Date**

  
**Constable of Bellingham**