

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM**



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
7:30 p.m.

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

**Town of Bellingham
Special Town Meeting
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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 FALL 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

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Located at 60 Blackstone Street in said Bellingham, on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of November 2021, at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: OPERATING AND SALARIES EXPENSES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 1 of the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2022 Town operating budget, by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations, or transferring funds from various sources into items within said Article 1; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

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

Account	Department	Purpose	Amount
194 – Expenses	Retirement	Address NCRS Error	\$17,615
189 – Expenses	Building Maintenance	Repairs/Maintenance/Professional Services	\$35,000
422 – Salaries	DPW	Contract	\$3,302
422 – Expenses	DPW	FOB Security System	\$15,000
171 – Salaries	Conservation	Contract	\$4,504
137 – Salaries	Assessors	Contract	\$2,000
137 – Expenses	Assessors	Professional Services (Appraisals)	\$10,000
135 – Salaries	CFO	Contract	\$4,000
632 – Salaries	Town Common	Maintenance of Town Common	\$2,000
632 – Expenses	Town Common	Maintenance of Town Common	\$13,000
210 – Salaries	Police	Reclass to Expenses	(\$55,942)
210 – Expenses	Police	Reclass from Salaries	\$55,942
154 – Expenses	MIS	NW/Equipment Upgrades	\$5,000
154 – Salaries	MIS	Zoom Stipend	\$15,000
996 – Expenses	Transfer to Capital Trust	Replenish Reserve	\$200,000
Funding Source:		Raise & Appropriate	\$326,421

MOTION: I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$326,421 for supplemental appropriations to the Fiscal 2022 operating budget for the departments, purposes, and amounts all as listed in Article 1 of the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee. Motion made by Cynthia McNulty, and seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed by majority vote: 88 Yes/20 No

ARTICLE 2. AMEND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 2 - TRASH ENTERPRISE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 2 of the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2022 Trash Enterprise Fund budget, by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations, or transferring funds from various sources into said Article 2; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

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

MOTION: A motion was made by Cynthia McNulty to Pass Over Article 2.

VOTE: The motion to Pass Over was accepted by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. AMEND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 3 – WATER ENTERPRISE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2022 Water Enterprise budget, by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations, or transferring funds from various sources into said Article 3; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

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

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Salaries-AFSCME Contract	\$15,335	Water Retained Earnings
Expenses	Up to \$325,000	Water Retained Earnings
TOTAL	\$340,335	

MOTION: I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$326,421 for supplemental appropriations to the Fiscal 2022 operating budget for the departments, purposes, and amounts all as listed in Article 1 of the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee. Motion was made by Cynthia McNulty, and seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed by majority vote: 78 Yes/29 No

ARTICLE 4. AMEND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 4 – SEWER ENTERPRISE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 4 of the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2022 Sewer Enterprise budget, by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations, or transferring funds from various sources into said Article 4; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

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

	Amount	Funding Source
Salaries-AFSCME Contract	\$5,363	Sewer Retained Earnings

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,363 for supplemental appropriations of the Sewer Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; said sum to be raised from Sewer Retained Earnings and to be expended in the following manner: motion was made by Cynthia McNulty, and seconded.

Salaries \$5,363

VOTE: The motion received a majority vote: 94 Yes/18 No

**ARTICLE 5. AMEND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE 5 –
STORMWATER ENTERPRISE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 5 of the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting establishing the FY2022 Stormwater Enterprise budget, by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations, or transferring funds from various sources into said Article 5; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

Funding as listed below:

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Salaries-AFSCME Contract	\$3,090	Stormwater Retained Earnings

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 4/0

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,090 for supplemental appropriations of the Stormwater Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; said sum to be raised from Stormwater Retained Earnings receipts and to be expended in the following manner: motion was made by Cynthia McNulty, and seconded.

Salaries \$3,090

VOTE: The motion passed by majority vote: 89 Yes/23 No

ARTICLE 6. CAPITAL OUTLAY – (Expenditures \$50,000 & over)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase, construction, reconstruction and/or engineering costs associated with various capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees, and, as may be appropriate, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreements of up to or exceeding three years; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

Department	Description	Amount
Selectboard	Land Acquisition	\$ 96,000
Fire	Vehicle	\$ 73,663
Police	Traffic Vehicle	\$ 61,139
School	BHS Roof Repair/Replace - Auditorium	\$ 100,000
School	BHS Roof Repair/Replace - West Loading Dock	\$ 200,000
Tree Warden	Tree Removal/Stump Grinding	\$ 50,000
DPW	Vehicle-Small dump truck w/ Plow (Replace B14)	\$ 76,000
DPW	Vehicle-Small dump truck (Replace B21)	\$ 65,000
DPW	Fire Apron Repair/Replace	\$ 256,000
DPW	So Main St TIPS local funding needed	\$ 200,000
DPW	Design/engineering services for DPW Office	\$ 75,000
Trash	Pick Up Truck	\$ 51,000
Water	South Main St Standpipe Rehab	\$ 841,175
Water	10 wheel Dump Truck	\$ 215,000
Water	Replace Well 12 Engineering & Hydrologic Study	\$ 260,000
Sewer	Generator - Potter Dr station	\$ 120,000

and to meet said appropriation,

- (i) \$1,153,217 is transferred from free cash,
- (ii) \$51,000 is transferred from Trash retained earnings,
- (iii) \$475,000 is transferred from water retained earnings,
- (iv) \$120,000 is transferred from sewer retained earnings,
- (v) \$99,585 is transferred from the unexpended proceeds of the bonds dated June 20, 2019 issued for the South Elementary Roof project which project is complete and no liability remains, and,
- (vi) the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow \$841,175 pursuant to Massachusetts General Law ch.44, sections 7 or 8

or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, and, further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Law ch.44, section 20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,739,977 for the purpose of funding the following capital projects including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto;

Department	Description	Amount
Selectboard	Land Acquisition	\$ 96,000
Fire	Vehicle	\$ 73,663
Police	Traffic Vehicle	\$ 61,139
School	BHS Roof Repair/Replace - Auditorium	\$ 100,000
School	BHS Roof Repair/Replace - West Loading Dock	\$ 200,000
Tree Warden	Tree Removal/Stump Grinding	\$ 50,000
DPW	Vehicle-Small dump truck w/ Plow (Replace B14)	\$ 76,000
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Sewer	Generator - Potter Dr station	\$ 120,000

and to meet said appropriation,

- (i) \$1,153,217 is transferred from free cash,
- (ii) \$51,000 is transferred from Trash retained earnings,
- (iii) \$475,000 is transferred from water retained earnings,
- (iv) \$120,000 is transferred from sewer retained earnings,
- (v) \$99,585 is transferred from the unexpended proceeds of the bonds dated June 20, 2019 issued for the South Elementary Roof project which project is complete and no liability remains, and,
- (vi) the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow \$841,175 pursuant to Massachusetts General Law ch.44, sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, and, further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Law ch.44, section 20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

Motion made by Daniel Spencer, and seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed by required 2/3 majority: 83Yes/ 28 No

ARTICLE 7. NON-CAPITAL OUTLAY – (Expenditures of Less Than \$50,000)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase of various non-capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees, and, as may be appropriate, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreements of up to or exceeding three years; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$244,642 for the purpose of funding various projects, all as described in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, including all incidental and related expenses, and to meet said appropriation that the sum of \$145,000 be transferred from Free Cash, the sum of \$25,000 be transferred from Trash Retained Earnings, the sum of \$40,000 be transferred from Water Retained Earnings, the sum of \$34,642 be transferred from Sewer Retained Earnings. Motion made by Daniel Spencer, and seconded.

VOTE: Article was approved by Majority vote: 96 Yes/17 No

ARTICLE 8. ZONING BYLAW RELATIVE TO SHORT-TERM LEASING

To see if the Town will vote to add a zoning bylaw providing that no property, zoned residential, suburban, or agricultural, shall be short-term leased or rented for a period of less than thirty (30) days unless specifically authorized by the Zoning Board of Appeals through special use or variance, with associated due process, applicable board reviews and permitting, and, notwithstanding any “grandfathering” clauses. In comport with Massachusetts General Law any short-term lessor may be required to register with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, and to comply with the reporting and collection of all state and local taxes relative to short-term lodging.

**(Petitioner: Lawrence J. Sposato, Jr.
337 Lakeshore Drive
Bellingham, MA 02019)**

***RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 4/1
RECOMMENDED by the Planning Board 4/0***

Motion was made to pass over article, and second. Motion was passed by a majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENT TO WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Water Resource District overlay map in the Zoning Bylaw, Section 240-135 to correct an inaccuracy and assure that the Water Resource District map matches the DEP Wellhead Protection Zone II for drinking water well 2025000-12G; the proposed revised map, entitled “Town of Bellingham Water District Map” dated April 2021 and is shown on the 2011 MassDEP Plan. Said plan has been on file with the Town Clerk’s Office fourteen days prior to the Town Meeting; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

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

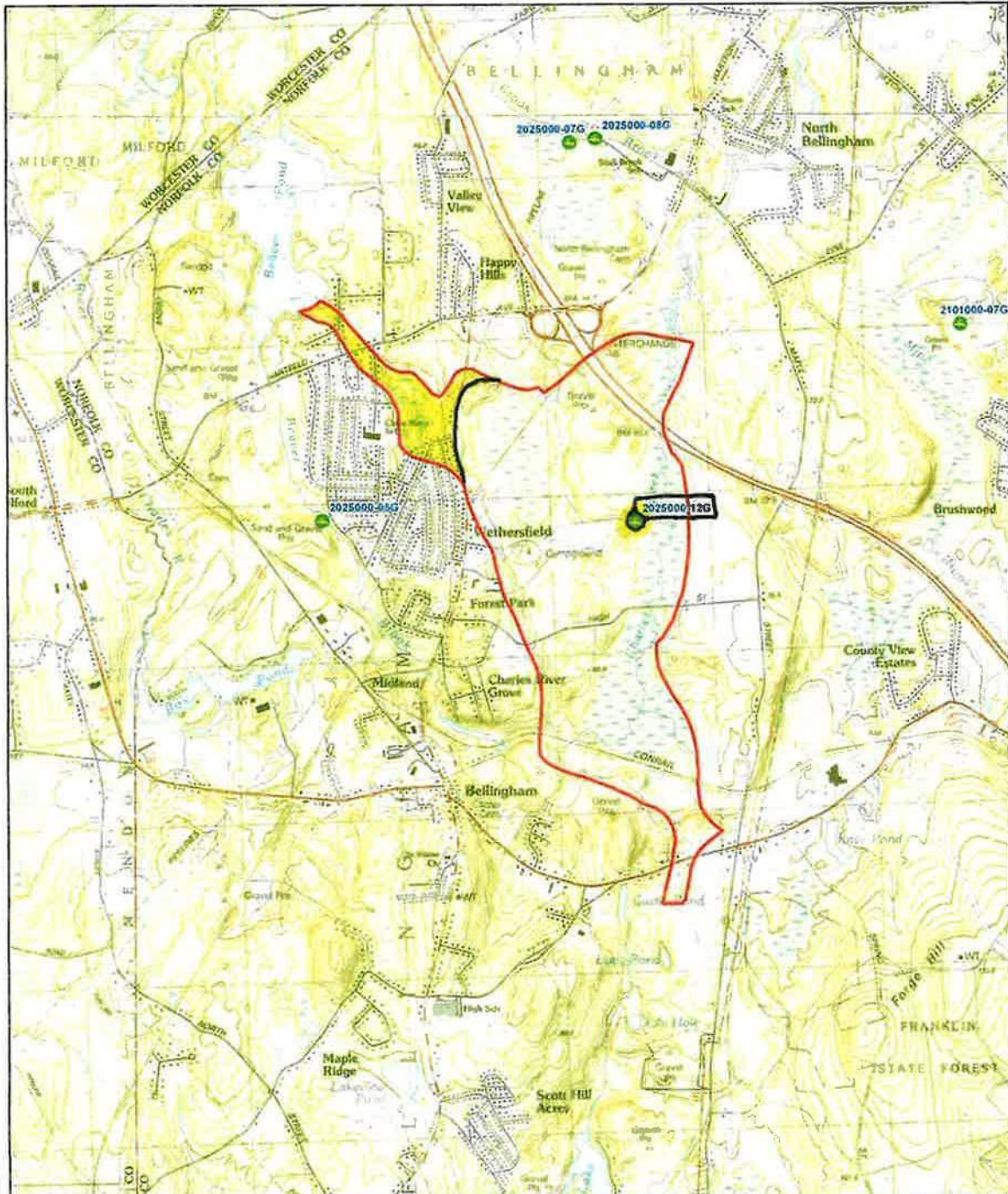
MOTION: I move the Town vote to amend the Water Resource District overlay map as contained in the Zoning Bylaw, Section 240-135 to correct an inaccuracy and assure that the Water Resource District map matches the DEP Wellhead Protection Zone II for drinking water well 2025000-12G by replacing the current overlay map with the proposed revised map, entitled "Town of Bellingham Water District Map" dated April 2021 as shown on the 2011 MassDEP Plan which plan has been on file with the Town Clerk's Office fourteen days prior to the Town Meeting. Motion made by Daniel Spencer, and seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed by required 2/3 vote: 94 Yes/12 No



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Map Scale 1:25,000

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles



Disclaimer:
This map shows the Zone II Boundary and Public Water Supply sources that are associated with it at the date of publication.

* Only one Zone II is shown in bold per map sheet, for clarity. There may be others in this area, and they may overlap the present zone.

Zone 2 Arc Number: 695

DEP GIS Program
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Name(s) of Water Supply:

WELL # 12

Municipality

BELLINGHAM

PWS Identification

2025000

Water Purveyor

BELLINGHAM WATER DEPARTMENT

USGS Quadrangle Name(s)

FRANKLIN

Source Identification

2025000-12G

Date

2011

Signature:

Date:

Water Purveyor:

Consultant:

Project Proponent:

Regional Water Supply Chief:

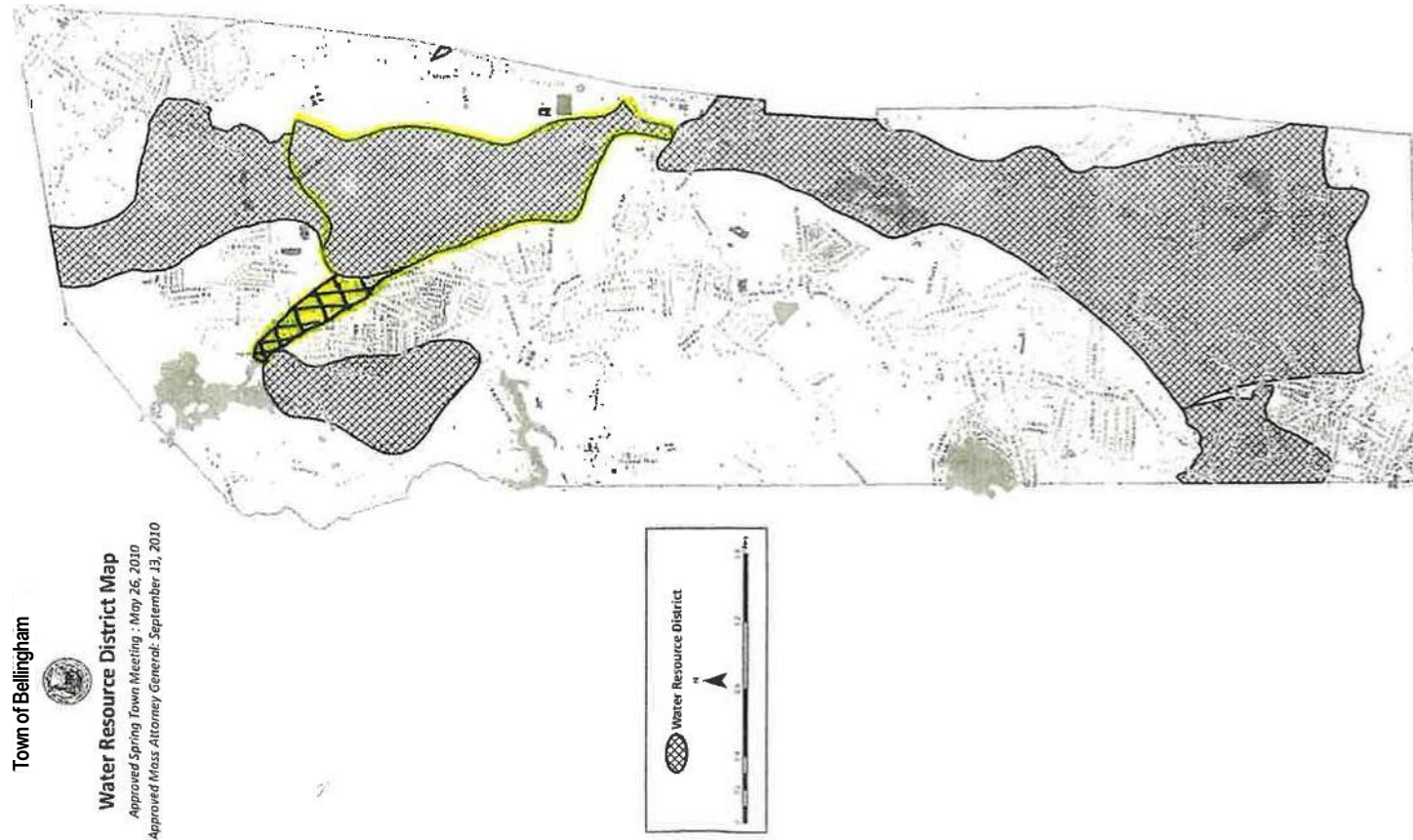


ZONING

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Town of Bellingham

Water Resource District Map



ARTICLE 10. MAPLE STREET ZONING CHANGE

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map by changing the zoning district of the following addresses from Industrial District to Suburban District:

240 Maple Street Parcel 37 Lot 4;
236 Maple Street Parcel 37 Lot 5;
244 Maple Street Parcel 37 Lot 4-3;
Parcel 37 Lot 4-4;
260 Maple Street Parcel 37 Lot 4-1;
306 Maple Street Parcel 37 Lot 6A, 6B, and 4-3C;
Parcel 47 Lot 3;

all as set forth in a document entitled, “Zoning Bylaw and Map Changes – Article 10-2021 Fall Town Meeting” on file with the Town Clerk; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Planning Board)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 3/0 - 2 Abstained
RECOMMENDED by the Planning Board 5/0

MOTION: I move the Town vote to amend its Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map by changing the zoning district from Industrial District to Suburban District for the Maple Street properties identified in Article 10, all as described in the Report & Recommendations of the Finance Committee. Original motion was made by Brian Salisbury. After much discussion, a motion was made by Daniel Ranieri to pass over the article; seconded. Motion to pass over was accepted by a majority vote: 76 Yes/35 No

ARTICLE 11. WILLIAM WAY SOLAR TAX AGREEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a tax agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes ("PILOT") pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.59, § 5 (Clause Forty-Fifth), and any other enabling authority, between the Town and Kearsarge Energy, its successors and assigns for a term of up to 20 years commencing in FY 2023, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board shall deem in the best interest of the Town, for both real property and/or personal property associated with construction and operation of a solar renewable energy generation facility to be owned and operated by Kearsarge Energy, its affiliate or assignee, on an approximately 50-acre parcel of municipality owned land located on Assessor's Map 58 Parcel 1 and Map 53 Parcel 3, upon which such facility is to be constructed and operated; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to implement such agreement; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 4/0

MOTION: I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a tax agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes ("PILOT") pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.59, § 5 (Clause Forty-Fifth), and any other enabling authority, between the Town and Kearsarge Energy, its successors and assigns for a term of up to 20 years commencing in FY 2023, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board shall deem in the best interest of the Town, for both real property and/or personal property associated with construction and operation of a solar renewable energy generation facility to be owned and operated by Kearsarge Energy, its affiliate or assignee, on an approximately 50 acre parcel of municipally owned land located on Assessor's Map 58 Parcel 1 and Map 53 Parcel 3, upon which such facility is to be constructed and operated; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to implement such agreement.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

Motion made by Daniel Spencer, and seconded.

VOTE: The motion was passed by a majority vote: 77 Yes/10 No

ARTICLE 12. RESCISSION OF UNISSUED BORROWING AUTHORITY

To see if the Town will vote to rescind unissued borrowing authorizations for the projects set forth, and for the amounts listed, in the chart below, which borrowing authorizations are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were initially approved; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Date of Approval	Original Purpose	Unissued Amount
5/27/2015	South Elementary Roof Replacement	\$335,084
5/27/2015 & 5/25/2016	Pine Grove Sewer Pump	\$35,000
	TOTAL:	\$370,084

(By: Chief Financial Officer)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 4/0

MOTION: I move the Town vote to rescind the following amounts that **have been authorized** to be borrowed, but which are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were initially approved; motion made by Daniel Spencer, and seconded.

Date of Approval	Original Purpose	Unissued Amount
5/27/2015	South Elementary Roof Replacement	\$335,084
5/27/2015 & 5/25/2016	Pine Grove Sewer Pump	\$35,000
		\$370,084

VOTE: Article approved by majority vote: 84 Yes/ 4 No

ARTICLE 13. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS CHAPTER 71-6 REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E^{1/2}, of the General Laws, to amend the General Bylaws, Chapter 71-6, by revising the rows for the Board of Health Revolving Funds appearing therein to clarify the fees to be credited to and the purposes for said revolving funds, all as set forth below, including establishing a new expenditure limit of \$50,000 for each such fund; and, further, to confirm that all monies in these respective funds as of the effective date of this bylaw amendment shall remain in such funds, available for expenditure by the Board of Health for the stated purposes of, and in a manner consistent with, the revised bylaw; and, further, that all such expenditure limits shall 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.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 4/0

MOTION: I move the Town vote to approve Article 13 as set forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee. Motion made by Daniel Spencer.

VOTE: Motion passed by majority vote: 72 Yes/12 No

ARTICLE 14. ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

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 engineering and construction of various roadway repairs throughout the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 4/0

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Funding as listed below:

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Road Improvements	\$1,500,000	Borrowing

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,500,000 for the purpose of financing the engineering, construction, and related costs of various roadway repairs and to meet said appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum pursuant to Massachusetts General Law ch.44, sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, and, further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Law ch.44, section 20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs. Motion made by Daniel Spencer, and seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed by required 2/3 vote: 75 Yes/10 No

ARTICLE 15. PURCHASE OF LAND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring a parcel of land located at 215 Depot Street, containing 3.02 acres, more or less, shown as "Lot 2" on a plan recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 454, Page 129, and described in deeds recorded in Book 12287, Page 287 and Book 14505, Page 397, and construction and rehabilitation costs related or incidental thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said land by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, for general municipal purposes, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing purposes; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 3/0
RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0
Funding as listed below:

MOTION:

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Acquisition of Land and Buildings	\$2,700,000	Borrowing

MOTON: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,700,000 for the purpose of acquiring on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate land and existing structures located at 215 Depot St, containing 3.02 acres, more or less, shown as "Lot 2" on a plan recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 454, Page 129, and described in deeds recorded in Book 12287, Page 287 and Book 14505, Page 397, and construction and rehabilitation costs related thereto, and to meet said appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum pursuant to Massachusetts General Law ch.44, sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, and, further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Law ch.44, section 20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing purposes. Motion made by Daniel Spencer, and seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed by the required 2/3 vote: 60 Yes/23 No

ARTICLE 16. TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

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

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Transfer to Stabilization Trust #7020	\$250,000	Free Cash

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from Free Cash and to transfer said sum to the Stabilization Fund. Motion made by Kelly Grant, and seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed by majority vote: 61 Yes/10 No

ARTICLE 17. TRANSFER TO GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to the Group Health Insurance Trust Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

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

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Transfer to Health Insurance Trust #7010	\$500,000	Free Cash

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 from Free Cash and to transfer said sum to the Group Health Insurance Trust Fund. Motion made by Kelly Grant, and seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed by majority vote: 64 Yes/6 No

ARTICLE 18. TRANSFER TO COMPENSATED ABSENCES FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding the Compensated Absences Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

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

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Transfer to Compensated Absences Trust #7080	\$125,000	Free Cash

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$125,000 from Free Cash and to transfer said sum to the Compensated Absences Fund. Motion made by Kelly Grant, and seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed by majority vote: 62 Yes/7 No

ARTICLE 19. UNPAID BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer a sum of money for the payment of certain unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

MOTION: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$888.81 from Free Cash to pay unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year all as listed in Article 19 of the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee. Motion was made by Kelly Grant, and seconded.

VOTE: Vote failed to produce the required 9/10 to pass: 61 Yes/8 No

MOTION: A motion to reconsider was made by the Finance Committee, and seconded.

VOTE: The vote to reconsider the original motion was passed by majority vote: 58 Yes/3 No

RECONSIDERATION VOTE: Again, the vote did not reach the required 9/10 majority, this time, 59 Yes/8 No. Motion failed; Article 19 "Unpaid Bills" not adopted.

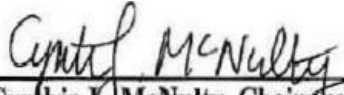
The Finance Committee's Recommendations are listed below:

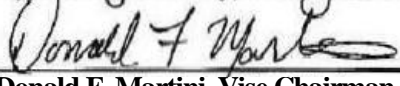
Department	Date of Invoice	Vendor	Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Human Resources	10/17/2020	Convenient MD	Pre-Employ Physical	\$70.00	Free Cash
Human Resources	5/7/2021	Convenient MD	Pre-Employ Physical (partially paid)	\$20.00	Free Cash
Fire	3/23/2021	Home Depot	Supplies	\$19.94	Free Cash
Aux Police	6/24/2021	Tritech Forensics	Mini Medic Bag	\$149.98	Free Cash
MIS	1/6/2021	Staples	Laptop Sleeve	\$28.49	Free Cash
RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 4/0					
Police	4/20/2021	MHQ	Exhaust Leak on Cruiser	\$600.40	Free Cash
RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0					
TOTAL				\$888.81	Free Cash

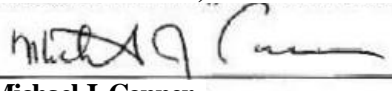
And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at Town Hall and in other municipal buildings throughout Town forty-five days, at least, before the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

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

Given under our hands
this 9th day of
September in the year
of Our Lord, Two
Thousand Twenty One.


Cynthia L. McNulty, Chairwoman


Donald F. Martini, Vice Chairman


Michael J. Conner

Daniel M. Spencer


Kelly H. O'Grant

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Norfolk, ss:

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham by posting attested copies of the same at Town Rail and in other municipal buildings throughout Town, in accordance with Town By-laws.



Constable of Bellingham