

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM**



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 22, 2013

7:30 p.m.

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Dated: May 7, 2013

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joseph E. Collamati, Jr., Chairman
Raymond Szczepan, Vice Chairman
John Allam
Judith Cibelli
Alexander Elliott
Katie Mullahy Quinn
Kenneth Shkreli
Lawrence Sposato, Clerk

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Roland A. Lavallee, Chairman
Raymond Szczepan, Vice Chairman
Judith Cibelli
Joseph Collamati
Vacancy

MODERATOR

Richard Singleton

TOWN CLERK

Ann L. Odabashian

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael J. Soter, Chairman
Michael J. Connor, Vice Chairman
Edward Featherston
Jerald A. Mayhew
Daniel Spencer

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Francis E. Cartier
Kimberley Jennings
Michael Carr
Ronald L. Martel
Daniel Ranieri

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Denis C. Fraine

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Christopher Laviolette

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 and trash). 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 receipts 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. However, the fund does have to be reauthorized annually at Town Meeting. |
| STABILIZATION FUND | Establishes source for funding future capital projects or other lawful spending. A withdrawal from the Stabilization Fund requires a 2/3 vote from Town Meeting. |
| TAX STABILIZATION FUND | A fund established by the voters of the town of Bellingham to mitigate the future loss of revenue from the power plants; this fund will ensure that the town of Bellingham can continue to provide services to its citizens and maintain its' infrastructure in a responsible and prudent manner. |

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

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

in said Bellingham, on Wednesday, the twenty-second day of May 2013, 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, 2013 through June 30, 2014; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

1. Travel expenses are paid at the rate of \$0.40 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.

***ALL LINE ITEM BUDGETS BELOW HAVE BEEN APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE.***

Recusals: J.Collamati (School), R. Szczepan (Trash), J. Cibelli (Electrical Inspector)

Town of Bellingham
Finance Committee Report

Budget Fiscal Year: 2014 to 2014

GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS

| Account_and_Description | 2011 Actual | 2012 Actual | 2013 Budget | FY 2014 Department Head Requested | Board of Selectmen | Finance Committee | % INCREASE/ DECREASE |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 114-EXPENSES | \$ - | \$ 20 | \$ 350 | \$ 350 | \$ 350 | \$ 350 | 0.00% |
| _Total_114 TOWN MEETING MODERATOR | \$ - | \$ 20 | \$ 350 | \$ 350 | \$ 350 | \$ 350 | 0.00% |
| 122-ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD | 5,083 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 0.00% |
| 122-SALARIES | 56,611 | 57,782 | 58,513 | 62,025 | 62,025 | 62,025 | 6.00% |
| 122- EXPENSES | 42,802 | 48,826 | 36,701 | 36,701 | 36,701 | 36,701 | 0.00% |
| _Total_122 SELECTMEN | \$ 104,496 | \$ 112,608 | \$ 101,214 | \$ 104,726 | \$ 104,726 | \$ 104,726 | 3.47% |
| 123-SALARIES/CLERICAL SUPPORT | 152,866 | 154,845 | 156,847 | 163,608 | 160,395 | 160,395 | 2.26% |
| 123-EXPENSES | 6,591 | 6,396 | 7,000 | 8,200 | 8,200 | 8,200 | 17.14% |
| _Total_123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR | \$ 159,457 | \$ 161,241 | \$ 163,847 | \$ 171,808 | \$ 168,595 | \$ 168,595 | 2.90% |
| 131-SALARIES | 2,868 | 2,868 | 2,868 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 25.52% |
| 131-EXPENSES | 1,461 | 1,349 | 2,207 | 2,207 | 2,207 | 2,207 | 0.00% |
| _Total_131 FINANCE COMMITTEE | \$ 4,329 | \$ 4,217 | \$ 5,075 | \$ 5,807 | \$ 5,807 | \$ 5,807 | 14.42% |
| 132-EXPENSES | - | - | 84,500 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 18.34% |
| _Total_132 RESERVE FUND | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 84,500 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | 18.34% |
| 135-SALARIES | 262,230 | 224,296 | 251,767 | 227,403 | 227,403 | 227,403 | -9.68% |
| 135-EXPENSES | 47,600 | 48,833 | 51,105 | 51,105 | 51,105 | 51,105 | 0.00% |
| _Total_135 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | \$ 309,830 | \$ 273,129 | \$ 302,872 | \$ 278,508 | \$ 278,508 | \$ 278,508 | -8.04% |

Town of Bellingham
Finance Committee Report

Budget Fiscal Year: 2014 to 2014

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 137-ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD S | 3,300 | 3,600 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 0.00% |
| 137-SALARIES | 94,875 | 97,703 | 113,025 | 115,907 | 115,907 | 115,907 | 2.55% |
| 137-EXPENSES | 7,560 | 12,189 | 15,425 | 15,425 | 15,425 | 15,425 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 137 ASSESSORS | \$ 105,735 | \$ 113,492 | \$ 132,250 | \$ 135,132 | \$ 135,132 | \$ 135,132 | 2.18% |
| 138-SALARIES | 68,485 | 72,270 | 80,897 | 85,575 | 85,575 | 85,575 | 5.78% |
| 138-EXPENSES | 10,702 | 23,000 | 23,100 | 24,100 | 24,100 | 24,100 | 4.33% |
| _Total_ 138 TREASURER | \$ 79,187 | \$ 95,270 | \$ 103,997 | \$ 109,675 | \$ 109,675 | \$ 109,675 | 5.46% |
| 139-SALARIES | 112,825 | 115,975 | 118,823 | 118,449 | 118,449 | 118,449 | -0.31% |
| 139-EXPENSES | 76,950 | 79,544 | 80,900 | 86,900 | 86,900 | 86,900 | 7.42% |
| _Total_ 139 TOWN COLLECTOR | \$ 189,775 | \$ 195,519 | \$ 199,723 | \$ 205,349 | \$ 205,349 | \$ 205,349 | 2.82% |
| 151-EXPENSES | 73,391 | 79,329 | 85,000 | 85,000 | 85,000 | 85,000 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 151 TOWN COUNSEL | \$ 73,391 | \$ 79,329 | \$ 85,000 | \$ 85,000 | \$ 85,000 | \$ 85,000 | 0.00% |
| 154-SALARIES | 71,900 | 71,975 | 138,725 | 139,616 | 139,616 | 139,616 | 0.64% |
| 154-EXPENSES | 208,885 | 149,378 | 162,635 | 162,635 | 162,635 | 162,635 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 154 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM | \$ 280,785 | \$ 221,353 | \$ 301,360 | \$ 302,251 | \$ 302,251 | \$ 302,251 | 0.30% |
| 156-EXPENSES | 4,381 | 1,609 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 156 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE | \$ 4,381 | \$ 1,609 | \$ 40,000 | \$ 40,000 | \$ 40,000 | \$ 40,000 | 0.00% |
| 161-ELECTED/APPOINTED SALARY | 53,560 | 53,560 | 54,095 | 55,717 | 55,717 | 55,717 | 3.00% |
| 161-SALARIES | 42,962 | 43,757 | 45,649 | 45,684 | 45,684 | 45,684 | 0.08% |
| 161-EXPENSES | 4,098 | 4,606 | 5,215 | 5,215 | 5,215 | 5,215 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 161 TOWN CLERK | \$ 100,620 | \$ 101,923 | \$ 104,959 | \$ 106,616 | \$ 106,616 | \$ 106,616 | 1.58% |

Town of Bellingham
Finance Committee Report

Budget Fiscal Year: 2014 to 2014

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 162-EXPENSES | 38,256 | 32,253 | 42,175 | 42,175 | 42,175 | 42,175 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 162 ELECTIONS | \$ 38,256 | \$ 32,253 | \$ 42,175 | \$ 42,175 | \$ 42,175 | \$ 42,175 | 0.00% |
| 163-SALARIES | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 0.00% |
| 163-EXPENSES | 6,378 | 7,096 | 9,100 | 10,100 | 10,100 | 10,100 | 10.99% |
| _Total_ 163 REGISTRATION | \$ 7,778 | \$ 8,496 | \$ 10,500 | \$ 11,500 | \$ 11,500 | \$ 11,500 | 9.52% |
| 171-SALARIES | 32,252 | 32,252 | 32,598 | 32,882 | 32,882 | 32,882 | 0.87% |
| 171-EXPENSES | 10,654 | 10,645 | 10,690 | 10,726 | 10,726 | 10,726 | 0.34% |
| _Total_ 171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION | \$ 42,906 | \$ 42,897 | \$ 43,288 | \$ 43,608 | \$ 43,608 | \$ 43,608 | 0.74% |
| 172-ELECTED SALARIES | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0.00% |
| 172-SALARIES | 47,127 | 46,358 | 48,761 | 48,972 | 48,972 | 48,972 | 0.43% |
| 172-EXPENSES | 3,984 | 4,797 | 5,898 | 5,898 | 5,898 | 5,898 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 172 PLANNING BOARD | \$ 56,111 | \$ 56,155 | \$ 59,659 | \$ 59,870 | \$ 59,870 | \$ 59,870 | 0.35% |
| 173-SALARIES | 6,375 | 6,375 | 7,275 | 7,275 | 7,275 | 7,275 | 0.00% |
| 173-EXPENSES | 710 | 668 | 807 | 852 | 852 | 852 | 5.58% |
| _Total_ 173 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS | \$ 7,085 | \$ 7,043 | \$ 8,082 | \$ 8,127 | \$ 8,127 | \$ 8,127 | 0.56% |
| 183-SALARIES | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 0.00% |
| 183-EXPENSES | 60 | 128 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 183 COMMISSION ON DISABILITY | \$ 1,560 | \$ 1,628 | \$ 2,800 | \$ 2,800 | \$ 2,800 | \$ 2,800 | 0.00% |
| 189-SALARIES | 86,651 | 87,261 | 101,939 | 103,551 | 73,261 | 73,261 | -28.13% |
| 189-EXPENSES | 179,660 | 182,049 | 203,300 | 203,300 | 198,500 | 198,500 | -2.36% |
| _Total_ 189 PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE | \$ 266,311 | \$ 269,310 | \$ 305,239 | \$ 306,851 | \$ 271,761 | \$ 271,761 | -10.97% |

Town of Bellingham
Finance Committee Report

Budget Fiscal Year: 2014 to 2014

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 190-EXPENSES | 21,627 | 3,256 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 0.00% |
| _Total_190 OTJ INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE | \$ 21,627 | \$ 3,256 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 15,000 | 0.00% |
| 191-SALARIES | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 7,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 20.00% |
| _Total_191 WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 7,000 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,000 | 20.00% |
| | 15,000 | 215,000 | 415,000 | 25,000 | - | - | -100.00% |
| _Total_192 EMPLOYEE SICK DAY BUY-BACK FD | \$ 15,000 | \$ 215,000 | \$ 415,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ - | \$ - | -100.00% |
| 193-EXPENSES | 285,958 | 279,248 | 320,000 | 320,000 | 340,000 | 340,000 | 6.25% |
| _Total_193 PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANC | \$ 285,958 | \$ 279,248 | \$ 320,000 | \$ 320,000 | \$ 340,000 | \$ 340,000 | 6.25% |
| 194-EXPENSES | 1,700,781 | 1,727,382 | 1,870,099 | 1,892,217 | 1,892,217 | 1,892,217 | 1.18% |
| _Total_194 RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT | \$ 1,700,781 | \$ 1,727,382 | \$ 1,870,099 | \$ 1,892,217 | \$ 1,892,217 | \$ 1,892,217 | 1.18% |
| 195-EXPENSES | 331,899 | 336,329 | 340,000 | 340,000 | 340,000 | 340,000 | 0.00% |
| _Total_195 MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE | \$ 331,899 | \$ 336,329 | \$ 340,000 | \$ 340,000 | \$ 340,000 | \$ 340,000 | 0.00% |
| 196-EXPENSES | 776 | 863 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0.00% |
| _Total_196 TOWN REPORTS | \$ 776 | \$ 863 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | 0.00% |
| 197-EXPENSES | 25,830 | 25,723 | 32,000 | 32,000 | 32,000 | 32,000 | 0.00% |
| _Total_197 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH | \$ 25,830 | \$ 25,723 | \$ 32,000 | \$ 32,000 | \$ 32,000 | \$ 32,000 | 0.00% |
| 198-EXPENSES | - | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0.00% |
| _Total_198 INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | 0.00% |

Town of Bellingham
Finance Committee Report

Budget Fiscal Year: 2014 to 2014

| | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 199-EXPENSES | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 199 DAMAGES TO PERSONS/PROPERTY | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1 | \$ 1 | \$ 1 | \$ 1 | 0.00% |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | \$ 4,218,864 | \$ 4,370,293 | \$ 5,097,990 | \$ 4,755,371 | \$ 4,711,068 | \$ 4,711,068 | -7.59% |
| 210-SALARIES | 2,440,501 | 2,386,370 | 2,479,374 | 2,608,671 | 2,608,671 | 2,608,671 | 5.21% |
| 210-EXPENSES | 131,783 | 177,466 | 188,848 | 149,400 | 149,400 | 149,400 | -20.89% |
| _Total_ 210 POLICE DEPARTMENT | \$ 2,572,284 | \$ 2,563,836 | \$ 2,668,222 | \$ 2,758,071 | \$ 2,758,071 | \$ 2,758,071 | 3.37% |
| 220-SALARIES | 1,512,509 | 1,550,806 | 1,770,607 | 1,859,216 | 2,065,508 | 2,065,508 | 16.66% |
| 220-EXPENSES | 93,058 | 124,616 | 141,560 | 150,160 | 170,110 | 170,110 | 20.17% |
| _Total_ 220 FIRE DEPARTMENT | \$ 1,605,567 | \$ 1,675,422 | \$ 1,912,167 | \$ 2,009,376 | \$ 2,235,618 | \$ 2,235,618 | 16.92% |
| 251-SALARIES | 131,532 | 133,245 | 133,703 | 136,856 | 141,703 | 141,703 | 5.98% |
| 251-EXPENSES | 5,173 | 4,996 | 5,988 | 5,988 | 5,988 | 5,988 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 251 TOWN INSPECTOR | \$ 136,705 | \$ 138,241 | \$ 139,691 | \$ 142,844 | \$ 147,691 | \$ 147,691 | 5.73% |
| 252-SALARIES | 2,250 | 3,000 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.00% |
| 252-EXPENSES | 130 | 865 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 252 SEALERS OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES | \$ 2,380 | \$ 3,865 | \$ 2 | \$ 2 | \$ 2 | \$ 2 | 0.00% |
| 253-SALARIES | 22,102 | 21,719 | 31,314 | 31,912 | 31,912 | 31,912 | 1.91% |
| 253-EXPENSES | 218 | 175 | 245 | 245 | 245 | 245 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 253 INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS | \$ 22,320 | \$ 21,894 | \$ 31,559 | \$ 32,157 | \$ 32,157 | \$ 32,157 | 1.89% |
| 255-SALARIES | 23,707 | 24,041 | 27,000 | 27,000 | 27,000 | 27,000 | 0.00% |
| 255-EXPENSES | 170 | 80 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 255 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR | \$ 23,877 | \$ 24,121 | \$ 28,200 | \$ 28,200 | \$ 28,200 | \$ 28,200 | 0.00% |

Town of Bellingham
Finance Committee Report

| Budget Fiscal Year: 2014 to 2014 | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 292-SALARIES | 95,608 | 95,718 | 100,404 | 101,518 | 101,518 | 101,518 | 1.11% |
| 292-EXPENSES | 7,243 | 6,882 | 9,700 | 9,800 | 9,800 | 9,800 | 1.03% |
| Total_292 ANIMAL CONTROL | \$ 102,851 | \$ 102,600 | \$ 110,104 | \$ 111,318 | \$ 111,318 | \$ 111,318 | 1.10% |
| 294-ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 0.00% |
| 294-SALARIES | - | - | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 0.00% |
| 294-EXPENSES | 18,313 | 20,626 | 20,626 | 20,626 | 20,626 | 20,626 | 0.00% |
| Total_294 TREE WARDEN | \$ 24,813 | \$ 27,126 | \$ 30,826 | \$ 30,826 | \$ 30,826 | \$ 30,826 | 0.00% |
| 299-EXPENSES | 5,765 | 5,765 | 5,766 | 5,766 | 5,766 | 5,766 | 0.00% |
| Total_299 AUXILIARY POLICE | \$ 5,765 | \$ 5,765 | \$ 5,766 | \$ 5,766 | \$ 5,766 | \$ 5,766 | 0.00% |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | \$ 4,496,562 | \$ 4,562,870 | \$ 4,926,537 | \$ 5,118,560 | \$ 5,349,649 | \$ 5,349,649 | 8.59% |
| 300-ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD | - | - | 39,220 | 80,617 | 104,562 | 104,562 | 166.60% |
| 300-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET | 5,000 | 4,917 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0.00% |
| | 19,905,603 | 19,933,532 | 20,231,624 | 21,686,548 | 20,875,634 | 20,875,634 | 3.18% |
| Total_300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT | \$ 19,910,603 | \$ 19,938,449 | \$ 20,275,844 | \$ 21,772,165 | \$ 20,985,196 | \$ 20,985,196 | 3.50% |
| 302-EXPENSES | 644,205 | 719,519 | 840,975 | 965,975 | 873,431 | 873,431 | 3.86% |
| Total_302 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL | \$ 644,205 | \$ 719,519 | \$ 840,975 | \$ 965,975 | \$ 873,431 | \$ 873,431 | 3.86% |
| 303-TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES S | 1,719,455 | 1,701,418 | 1,680,000 | 1,932,000 | 1,932,000 | 1,932,000 | 15.00% |
| Total_303 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION | \$ 1,719,455 | \$ 1,701,418 | \$ 1,680,000 | \$ 1,932,000 | \$ 1,932,000 | \$ 1,932,000 | 15.00% |
| EDUCATION - SCHOOLS | \$ 22,274,263 | \$ 22,359,386 | \$ 22,796,819 | \$ 24,670,140 | \$ 23,790,627 | \$ 23,790,627 | 4.36% |

Town of Bellingham
Finance Committee Report

Budget Fiscal Year: 2014 to 2014

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 421-SALARIES | 101,123 | 101,251 | 104,295 | 105,067 | 105,067 | 105,067 | 0.74% |
| 421-EXPENSES | 21,143 | 21,134 | 21,150 | 21,150 | 21,150 | 21,150 | 0.00% |
| _Total_421 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION | \$ 122,266 | \$ 122,385 | \$ 125,445 | \$ 126,217 | \$ 126,217 | \$ 126,217 | 0.62% |
| 422-SALARIES | 331,765 | 333,954 | 304,925 | 312,386 | 312,386 | 312,386 | 2.45% |
| 422-EXPENSES | 292,991 | 293,440 | 377,950 | 377,950 | 377,950 | 377,950 | 0.00% |
| _Total_422 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION/MAINT | \$ 624,756 | \$ 627,394 | \$ 682,875 | \$ 690,336 | \$ 690,336 | \$ 690,336 | 1.09% |
| 423-SALARIES | 125,888 | 35,223 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0.00% |
| 423- EXPENSES | 627,639 | 200,671 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 0.00% |
| _Total_423 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL | \$ 753,527 | \$ 235,894 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | 0.00% |
| 424-EXPENSES | 143,405 | 140,707 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 0.00% |
| _Total_424 STREET LIGHTING | \$ 143,405 | \$ 140,707 | \$ 160,000 | \$ 160,000 | \$ 160,000 | \$ 160,000 | 0.00% |
| 425-EXPENSES | 81,038 | 82,000 | 115,000 | 115,000 | 115,000 | 115,000 | 0.00% |
| _Total_425 HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE | \$ 81,038 | \$ 82,000 | \$ 115,000 | \$ 115,000 | \$ 115,000 | \$ 115,000 | 0.00% |
| 426-EXPENSES | 164,000 | 171,000 | 180,400 | 189,420 | 189,420 | 189,420 | 5.00% |
| _Total_426 GAS AND OIL | \$ 164,000 | \$ 171,000 | \$ 180,400 | \$ 189,420 | \$ 189,420 | \$ 189,420 | 5.00% |
| 433-EXPENSES | 679 | 585 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0.00% |
| _Total_433 SOLID WASTE | \$ 679 | \$ 585 | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | 0.00% |
| 439-EXPENSES | 3,478 | 3,278 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0.00% |
| _Total_439 SANITARY LANDFILL | \$ 3,478 | \$ 3,278 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000 | 0.00% |

Town of Bellingham
Finance Committee Report

Budget Fiscal Year: 2014 to 2014

| | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 491-ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 0.00% |
| 491-EXPENSES | 6,207 | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,300 | 0.00% |
| _Total_491 CEMETERY DEPARTMENT | \$ 9,807 | \$ 9,900 | \$ 9,900 | \$ 9,900 | \$ 9,900 | \$ 9,900 | 0.00% |
| PUBLIC WORKS | \$ 1,902,956 | \$ 1,393,143 | \$ 1,379,620 | \$ 1,396,873 | \$ 1,396,873 | \$ 1,396,873 | 1.25% |
| 510-ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD | 3,000 | 2,992 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 0.00% |
| 510-SALARIES | 92,797 | 92,911 | 94,770 | 95,746 | 88,754 | 88,754 | -6.35% |
| 510-EXPENSES | 12,014 | 11,424 | 12,061 | 12,106 | 12,106 | 12,106 | 0.37% |
| _Total_510 BOARD OF HEALTH | \$ 107,811 | \$ 107,327 | \$ 109,831 | \$ 110,852 | \$ 103,860 | \$ 103,860 | -5.44% |
| 541-SALARIES | 65,328 | 65,328 | 66,866 | 68,058 | 97,058 | 97,058 | 45.15% |
| 541-EXPENSES | 21,213 | 21,245 | 34,500 | 34,500 | 34,500 | 34,500 | 0.00% |
| _Total_541 COUNCIL ON AGING | \$ 86,541 | \$ 86,573 | \$ 101,366 | \$ 102,558 | \$ 131,558 | \$ 131,558 | 29.79% |
| 543-EXPENSES | 23,605 | 21,323 | 26,250 | 26,250 | 26,250 | 26,250 | 0.00% |
| _Total_543 VETERANS SERVICES | \$ 23,605 | \$ 21,323 | \$ 26,250 | \$ 26,250 | \$ 26,250 | \$ 26,250 | 0.00% |
| 549-SALARIES | - | - | 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 0.00% |
| 549-EXPENSES | - | - | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 0.00% |
| _Total_549 VETERANS GRAVE AGENT | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 850 | \$ 850 | \$ 850 | \$ 850 | 0.00% |
| HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | \$ 217,957 | \$ 215,223 | \$ 238,297 | \$ 240,510 | \$ 262,518 | \$ 262,518 | 10.16% |
| 610-APPOINTED/ELECTED SALARIE | - | 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 0.00% |
| 610-SALARIES | 284,898 | 286,426 | 304,640 | 316,934 | 316,934 | 316,934 | 4.04% |
| 610-EXPENSES | 157,095 | 161,483 | 163,400 | 169,000 | 169,000 | 169,000 | 3.43% |
| _Total_610 LIBRARY | \$ 441,993 | \$ 448,509 | \$ 468,640 | \$ 486,534 | \$ 486,534 | \$ 486,534 | 3.82% |

Town of Bellingham
Finance Committee Report

Budget Fiscal Year: 2014 to 2014

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 630-APPOINTED SALARIES | 3,050 | 3,050 | 3,050 | 3,050 | 3,050 | 3,050 | 0.00% |
| 630-SALARIES | 96,090 | 92,386 | 98,500 | 98,500 | 138,500 | 138,500 | 40.61% |
| 630-EXPENSES | 46,603 | 46,491 | 47,028 | 47,028 | 47,028 | 47,028 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 630 PARKS AND RECREATION | \$ 145,743 | \$ 141,927 | \$ 148,578 | \$ 148,578 | \$ 188,578 | \$ 188,578 | 26.92% |
| 650-EXPENSES | 4,210 | 3,538 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 650 HISTORICAL COMMISSION | \$ 4,210 | \$ 3,538 | \$ 4,500 | \$ 4,500 | \$ 4,500 | \$ 4,500 | 0.00% |
| 651-SALARIES | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 651 CULTURAL COUNCIL | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 | 0.00% |
| 660-EXPENSES | 10,719 | 9,434 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 660 MEMORIAL DAY/VETERANS | \$ 10,719 | \$ 9,434 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 12,000 | 0.00% |
| CULTURE & RECREATION | \$ 610,165 | \$ 610,908 | \$ 641,218 | \$ 659,112 | \$ 699,112 | \$ 699,112 | 9.03% |
| 710-EXPENSES | 3,974,118 | 3,649,630 | 3,774,118 | 3,774,440 | 3,774,440 | 3,774,440 | 0.01% |
| _Total_ 710 DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL PAYMEN | \$ 3,974,118 | \$ 3,649,630 | \$ 3,774,118 | \$ 3,774,440 | \$ 3,774,440 | \$ 3,774,440 | 0.01% |
| 715-EXPENSES | 1,305,943 | 1,071,343 | 1,827,675 | 1,827,675 | 1,827,675 | 1,827,675 | 0.00% |
| _Total_ 715 DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST ON BOND | \$ 1,305,943 | \$ 1,071,343 | \$ 1,827,675 | \$ 1,827,675 | \$ 1,827,675 | \$ 1,827,675 | 0.00% |
| DEBT SERVICE | \$ 5,280,061 | \$ 4,720,973 | \$ 5,601,793 | \$ 5,602,115 | \$ 5,602,115 | \$ 5,602,115 | 0.01% |
| 991-INTERFUND TRANSFERS | 200,000 | 200,000 | 225,000 | 225,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | -55.56% |
| _Total_ 991 TRANSFER TO UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST | \$ 200,000 | \$ 200,000 | \$ 225,000 | \$ 225,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | -55.56% |

Town of Bellingham
Finance Committee Report

Budget Fiscal Year: 2014 to 2014

| | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 992-SALARIES | - | 35,000 | 35,000 | 38,664 | 38,664 | 38,664 | 10.47% |
| 992-INTERFUND TRANSFER | 4,511,000 | 4,925,000 | 4,925,000 | 5,200,000 | 5,200,000 | 5,200,000 | 5.58% |
| Total_992 TRANSFER TO GROUP INS TRUST | \$ 4,511,000 | \$ 4,960,000 | \$ 4,960,000 | \$ 5,238,664 | \$ 5,238,664 | \$ 5,238,664 | 5.62% |
| | 35,000 | 35,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | -50.00% |
| Total_997 TRANS TO COMP ABS FUND | \$ 35,000 | \$ 35,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | -50.00% |
| TRANSFERS TO TRUST FUNDS/OTHER FINANCING USES | \$ 4,746,000 | \$ 5,195,000 | \$ 5,235,000 | \$ 5,513,664 | \$ 5,363,664 | \$ 5,363,664 | 2.46% |
| Total_1000 General Fund | \$ 43,746,828 | \$ 43,427,796 | \$ 45,917,274 | \$ 47,956,345 | \$ 47,175,626 | \$ 47,175,626 | 2.74% |

**Article 1: RECOMMENDED by Finance Committee,
with Funding of \$47,175,626 as follows:**

**\$46,673,379 from Taxation
\$456,807 from Ambulance Receipts
\$45,440 from Title V**

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, 2013 through June 30, 2014; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

**RECOMMENDED by Finance Committee.
Funding: \$1,531,682 from Trash Enterprise Receipts/Trash Surplus**

| TRASH ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATIONS | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
| Account_and_Description | 2011 Actual | 2012 Actual | 2013 Budget | FY 2014 Dept Head Request | Board of Selectmen Recommend- ation FY 2014 | Finance Committee Recommend- ation FY 2014 | % CHG |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | 0.0 |
| 430-SALARIES | 26,852 | 26,758 | 36,702 | 36,702 | 36,702 | 36,702 | 0% |
| | | | | | | | 0.0 |
| 430-EXPENSES | 1,326,184 | 1,339,402 | 1,494,980 | 1,494,980 | 1,494,980 | 1,494,980 | 0% |
| _Total_0100 TRASH- OPERATING FUND | \$ 1,353,036 | \$ 1,366,160 | \$ 1,531,682 | \$ 1,531,682 | \$ 1,531,682 | \$ 1,531,682 | 0.0 0% |

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, 2013 through June 30, 2014; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

**RECOMMENDED by Finance Committee.
Funding: \$2,246,365 from Water Enterprise Receipts/Water Surplus**

| WATER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATIONS | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|--|------------------------|
| Account_and_Des cription | 2011 Actual | 2012 Actual | 2013 Budget | FY 2014 Department Head Request | Board of Selectmen Recommend -ation FY 2014 | Finance Committee Recommend -ation FY 2014 | % CHG |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 450-SALARIES | 675,533 | 653,260 | 793,082 | 806,402 | 806,402 | 806,402 | 1.6 8% 12. 19 |
| 450-EXPENSES | 1,312,594 | 1,329,868 | 1,238,895 | 1,387,109 | 1,389,963 | 1,389,963 | % |
| 450-RESERVE FUND | - | - | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 0.0 0% |
| _Total_0200 WATER- OPERATING | \$ 1,988,127 | \$ 1,983,128 | \$ 2,081,977 | \$ 2,243,511 | \$ 2,246,365 | \$ 2,246,365 | 7.9 0% |

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, 2013 through June 30, 2014; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by Finance Committee.
Funding: \$965,682 from Sewer Enterprise Receipts/Sewer Surplus

| SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND OPERATIONS | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|---|--|--------------------|
| Account_and_Descri ption | 2011 Actual | 2012 Actual | 2013 Budget | FY 2014 Department Head Request | Board of Selectmen Recommend -ation FY 2014 | Finance Committee Recommend -ation FY 2014 | % CHG |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 460-SALARIES | 107,488 | 107,442 | 116,239 | 117,537 | 117,537 | 117,537 | 1.12 % |
| 460-EXPENSES | 610,357 | 605,621 | 934,455 | 821,042 | 823,145 | 823,145 | - 11.9 1% |
| 460-RESERVE FUND | - | - | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 0.00 % |
| _Total_0300 SEWER- OPERATING FUND | \$ 717,845 | \$ 713,063 | \$ 1,075,694 | \$ 963,579 | \$ 965,682 | \$ 965,682 | - 10.2% |

ARTICLE 5. CONVEYANCES AND EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and/or purchase conveyances or easements, sewers, water lines, retaining walls and streets, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to carry out said purposes; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

**RECOMMENDED by Finance Committee.
Funding: \$1 from Taxation**

ARTICLE 6. PURCHASE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to authorize the D.P.W. 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 Finance Committee.
Funding: \$1 from Taxation**

ARTICLE 7. TOWN PROPERTY AUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and their successors in office 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.

ARTICLE 8. 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 to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts 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 D.P.W. Director; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: D.P.W. Director)

**RECOMMENDED by Finance Committee.
(\$545,000 in anticipated State Monies)**

ARTICLE 9. AMEND ARTICLE 1.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 1; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

**RECOMMENDED by Finance Committee.
Funding Total \$587,604 as below:**

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Amount Requested</u> | <u>Transfer from</u> | <u>FinCom Commentary</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| School Department -Transportation | \$151,100 | \$105,100 from SPED Budget \$46,000 from FREE CASH | To supplement Athletic and SPED Transportation Costs |
| Fire Department | \$11,149 | FREE CASH | Required AFG Grant Match |
| DPW | \$425,355 | FREE CASH | To Supplement Snow & Ice Budget |

ARTICLE 10. AMEND ARTICLE 2.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 2; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends PASSING OVER this article.

ARTICLE 11. AMEND ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 3; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends PASSING OVER this article.

ARTICLE 12. AMEND ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 4; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends PASSING OVER this article.

ARTICLE 13. CAPITAL OUTLAY

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; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

**RECOMMENDED by Finance Committee.
Funding Total \$185,000 as below:**

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Amount Requested</u> | <u>Transfer from</u> | <u>FinCom Commentary</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| School Department | \$185,000 | Long Term Interest | School Technology Phase III Year 4 of 5 |

ARTICLE 14. NON-CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES

(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; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

**RECOMMENDED by Finance Committee.
Funding Total \$44,000 as below:**

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Amount Requested</u> | <u>Transfer from</u> | <u>FinCom Commentary</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Police Department | \$26,000 | \$20,000 from Police Generator Account; \$6,000 from FREE CASH | For new Police Station Generator that will continue in usage after new police station is built. |
| Common Trustees | \$18,000 | FREE CASH | For repairs to playground equipment and to address drainage issues. |

ARTICLE 15. REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2, of the General Laws to allow the following:

1. To allow the Bellingham Public Library Trustees to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from overdue books and video fines and to authorize the Trustees to use said funds for purchasing books, videos, library materials, and to make payment to temporary or part-time employees and independent contractors, not to exceed \$15,000.
2. To allow the D.P.W. to create a special revolving fund from the revenues received for services provided to open cemetery graves and to authorize the DPW to use said funds to make payments for salaries and other related expenses not to exceed \$7,500.
3. To allow the Board of Health to create a special revolving fund from the revenues received for services provided for food inspections and to authorize the Board to use said funds for salaries and other related expenses not to exceed \$35,000.
4. To allow the Commission on Disability to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from gifts, grants and fees and to authorize the use for purchasing equipment and supporting materials, and to authorize the Commission to use said funds to make payment to temporary or part-time employees and independent contractors, not to exceed \$10,000.

5. To allow the Bellingham Police Department to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from third party vendors who hire Police details with assigned vehicles for the detail; and to authorize the Department to use funds for the repair, replacement and/or for the purchase of equipment or vehicles for the Police Department, not to exceed \$40,000; or act or do anything in relation thereto.
6. To allow the Bellingham Conservation Commission to create a special revolving fund from revenues received by applicants under the Town's local wetlands protection by-law; not to exceed \$5,000; and to authorize the Commission to use said funds for potential land purchases, in supplementation of funds in the Town's Land Acquisition Trust; or act or do anything in relation thereto.
7. To allow the Board of Selectmen to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from fees and fines issued by the Sealer of Weights and Measures and to authorize the Selectmen to use said funds for purchasing equipment and materials and to make payments for salaries, all in the performance of annual inspections as required by State law, not to exceed \$25,000; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Library Trustees, D.P.W., Board of
Health, Commission on Disability,
Police Department, Conservation
Commission, Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.

**ARTICLE 16. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS-SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS,
FUEL STORAGE TANKS & DELEADING DWELLINGS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of up to \$300,000 of monies for the purpose of remediating failing residential subsurface sewage disposal systems, underground fuel storage tanks and deleading dwellings with dangerous levels of lead, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 127B ¹/₂ and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 80 (Betterments) and to determine how such appropriation should be raised whether by taxation, transfer of available funds, borrowing or otherwise and if by borrowing, to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes by the Town at one time or from time to time; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Health)

RECOMMENDED by Finance Committee.

Funding: \$300,000 from borrowing

FinCom Commentary: This article allows the Town to offer a loan to homeowners in order to repair their residential failing septic system through the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Revolving Fund. This is only for existing septic systems. A homeowner with a problem may apply for the loan, and if approved, will need to pay it back at 2% interest. The charges are placed as a lien (same as betterment) on the property. The homeowner may pay off the loan over 20 years.

ARTICLE 17. POLICE STATION DESIGN

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the design of a new Police Station to be constructed on Blackstone Street 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; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Police Chief/ Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by Finance Committee.

Funding: \$400,000 from FREE CASH

ARTICLE 18. BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RENOVATION

To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$2,900,000 debt authorized by vote of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District on March 7, 2013 to pay costs of renovating and reconfiguring the District High School, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Blackstone Valley Vocational
Regional School District)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No Funding Involved.

ARTICLE 19. PACKAGE STORE BEER AND WINE LICENSE

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to enact legislation granting the Board of Selectmen the authority to issue an additional Package Store Beer and Wine License for Ayman Nakda, 829 South Main Street, Bellingham, MA Penguin Convenience Store.

Notwithstanding any general or special law or any rule or regulation to the contrary, the local alcohol license authority shall not approve the transfer of said license to any other location. Said license may be re-issued by the local alcohol licensing authority at the same location if any applicant for said license files with said authority a letter in writing from the Department of Revenue indicating that said license is in good standing with said Department and that any and all applicable taxes have been paid.

If the license granted under this section is canceled, revoked or no longer in use, such license shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the local alcohol licensing authority. Notwithstanding Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the local alcohol licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location and under the same condition specified in the preceding paragraph; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petition
Ayman Nakda
246 West River Road
Uxbridge, MA 01569
508-397-5551)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No Funding Involved.

ARTICLE 20. PACKAGE STORE ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to enact legislation granting the Board of Selectmen the authority to issue an additional Package Store All Alcohol License for Ernest H. Pelletier, Jr., 191 Mechanic Street.

Notwithstanding any general or special law or any rule or regulation to the contrary, the local alcohol license authority shall not approve the transfer of said license to any other location. Said license may be re-issued by the local alcohol licensing authority at the same location if any applicant for said license files with said authority a letter in writing from the Department of Revenue indicating that said license is in good standing with said Department and that any and all applicable taxes have been paid.

If the license granted under this section is canceled, revoked or no longer in use, such license shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the local alcohol licensing authority. Notwithstanding Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the local alcohol licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location and under the same condition specified in the preceding paragraph; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petition
Ernest H. Pelletier, Jr.
60 Standish Road
Bellingham, MA 02019
508-966-3722)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No funding involved.

ARTICLE 21. STONE AND BEECH STREET DRAINAGE EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and allow the Selectmen to accept gifts, purchase, take by eminent domain permanent drainage easements adjacent to Stone Street, adjacent to Beech Street and in the area between Stone Street and Beech Street as shown on the plans titled "Easement Plan Stone and Beech Street Drains, Bellingham MA" drafted by Professional Services Corporation, PC., copies of which will be on file with the Town Clerk's Office 14 days before the Town Meeting; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

**RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.
Funding: \$30,000 from the Road Bond Account**

ARTICLE 22. WRENTHAM ROAD DRAINAGE EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriated a sum of money and allow the Selectmen to accept gifts, purchase, take by eminent domain permanent drainage easements adjacent to Wrentham Road, and in as shown on the plans titled "Easement Plan Wrentham Road, Bellingham MA" drafted by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., copies of which will be on file with the Town. Clerk's Office 14 days before the Town Meeting; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

Finance Committee Recommends PASSING OVER this Article.

ARTICLE 23. PUBLIC LIBRARY RENOVATIONS — YOUNG ADULT ROOM

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 funding the renovation of the Young Adult Room at the Bellingham Public Library; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Library Trustees)

Finance Committee recommends PASSING OVER this Article.

ARTICLE 24. VETERAN'S TAX WORKOFF

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5N allowing the Board of Selectmen to establish a program which allows Veterans, as described in clause Forty-third of Section 7 of Chapter 4, to volunteer to provide services to the Town. In exchange for such volunteer services, the Town shall reduce the real property tax obligations of that Veteran's tax bill up to \$1,000 per year all as defined in said section; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 25. LEASE OF LANDFILL

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease for the property which is the former landfill located on South Main Street, Town of Bellingham Assessor's Map 61, Parcel 8A, for a period of up to twenty years on terms it determines to be in the best interest of the Town, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 26. RENUMBERING OF GENERAL BYLAWS

To see if the Town will vote to renumber and recaption the General Bylaws of the Town by (a) assigning a chapter number to each of the General Bylaws; (b) renumbering each section of each bylaw accordingly; (c) inserting chapter, article and section titles; and (d) updating internal references to reflect the new numbering system, all as set forth in the document on file in the office of the Town Clerk titled "Code of the Town of Bellingham Massachusetts" dated _____, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No Funding Involved.

ARTICLE 27. GENERAL BYLAW CHANGES

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following changes to the General Bylaws:

- 1) References to the Massachusetts General Laws are standardized to the following format: M.G.L. ch. ___, § ___.
- 2) References to "by-law" are amended to read "bylaw.";

or act or do anything in relation.

(By: Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No Funding Involved.

ARTICLE 28. CHANGE TO ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 25

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following change to Article I of Chapter 25, Personnel Board, of the General Bylaws:

Sections 25-1 and 25-5 are amended to change the Charter reference from “Section 8-5-12” to “Sections 5-9-1 and 5-9-2.”;

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No Funding Involved.

ARTICLE 29. CHANGE TO ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 25

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following change to Article III of Chapter 25, Capital Improvements Committee, of the General Bylaws:

Section 25-17 is amended to read as follows: “A Capital Improvement Committee of five members consisting of three Finance Committee members appointed by the Finance Committee and two at-large appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Members shall serve a term of three years, those from the Finance Committee will serve a term contemporaneous with their term of the Finance Committee. A member’s reappointment to the Finance Committee shall not automatically cause reappointment to the Capital Improvements Committee. Any vacancy on the Capital Improvements Committee shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the remainder of the term; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No Funding Involved.

ARTICLE 30. CHANGE TO ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 25

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following change to Article IV of Chapter 25, Council on Aging, of the General Bylaws:

1. Section 25-22 is amended to remove the reference to repealed MGL Chapter 6 Section 73 and replace it with a reference to M.G.L. ch. 40, § 8B.
2. Section 25-22 is amended to change “Commission on Aging” to “Department of Elder Affairs.”;

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No Funding Involved.

ARTICLE 31. CHANGE TO ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 25

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following change to Article V of Chapter 25, Commission on Disability, of the General Bylaws:

Section 25-27 is amended to read as follows: “The purpose of the Commission on Disability is to research local problems of people with disabilities; advise and assist municipal officers and employees in assuring compliance with state and federal laws and regulations that affect people with disabilities; coordinate or carry out programs designed to meet the problems of people with disabilities in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts Office on Disability; review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services, activities, and facilities of departments, boards, and agencies of the Town as they affect people with disabilities; provide information, referrals, guidance, and technical assistance to individuals, public agencies, businesses, and organizations in matters pertaining to disability; and to coordinate activities of other local groups for similar purposes.”;

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No Funding Involved.

ARTICLE 32. CHANGES TO CHAPTER 55

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following changes to Chapter 55, Dogs, of the General Bylaws:

1. Section 55-4, Late fees, is amended to read as follows: “Should any owner or keeper of a dog fail to license that dog before July 1, that owner or keeper shall pay a late fee as established by the Board of Selectmen before obtaining said license. This late fee shall be applicable from the 61st day after arrival of a dog brought into the Town as provided in M.G.L. ch. 140, § 138. Any person maintaining a kennel in the Town who fails to license as prescribed by this section and the law of the commonwealth shall pay a late fee beginning July 1.”
2. Section 55-12D is amended to change “should have the animal humanely euthanized” to “shall have the animal humanely euthanized.”
3. The first sentence of § 55-12D is amended to read as follows: “The owner or keeper of a dog deemed dangerous will notify Animal Control if he or she is intending to give the dog away to a person who lives in a town other than the Town of Bellingham.”;

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No Funding Involved.

ARTICLE 33. CHANGE TO ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 60

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following changes to Article I of Chapter 60, Drugs, of the General Bylaws:

Section 60-2 is amended to change “set forth above” to “set forth in § 60-3.”;

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No Funding Involved.

ARTICLE 34. CHANGES TO CHAPTER 71

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following changes to Article I of Chapter 60, Drugs, of the General Bylaws:

Section 60-2 is amended to change “set forth above” to “set forth in § 60-3.”;

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No Funding Involved.

ARTICLE 35. RENUMBERING OF ZONING BYLAWS

To see if the Town will accept the renumbering and revision of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town from its original numbering, as amended through December 31, 2012, to the numbering, as set forth in the Final Draft of the Code of the Town of Bellingham, dated _____, 20___. The Zoning Bylaw shall be codified as Chapter 240 of the “Code of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts,” a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk;

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No Funding Involved.

ARTICLE 36. CHANGES TO CHAPTER 240

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following changes to Chapter 240, the Zoning Bylaw:

1. Footnote 12 in the Use Regulations Schedule in § 240-31 is amended to delete the reference to “Section 3400.”
2. In § 240-32, the definition of LOT FRONTAGE is amended to read as follows (punctuation changes): “The boundary of a lot on land coinciding with a street line if there are both rights of access and potential vehicular access across that boundary to a potential building site, measured continuously along one street line between side lot lines; in the case of corner lots, measured between the side lot line and the mid-point of the corner radius on the street designated as the frontage street by the owner or, failing that, by the Building Inspector.”
3. In § 240-32, the definition of PUBLIC HOUSING is amended to read as follows: “Housing operated by a public body.”
4. The Intensity of Use Schedule in § 240-40 is amended to remove the Footnote “f” designation from the “Other uses” entry. Original Footnote “g” references are changed to Footnote “f”.
5. Section 240-49B is amended to change “SPGA” to “special permit granting authority.”
6. Section 240-89B(1) is amended to change “Intensity of Use Requirements” to “Intensity of Use Schedule.”
7. Section 240-109, Development rate, is amended to read as follows: “In authorizing townhouse dwellings and other multifamily dwellings, the Planning Board shall establish an annual limit for the number of such dwelling units to be authorized, taking into consideration the Town-wide building rate experienced over the previous two years and anticipated over the next half-dozen years, the needs which the housing will serve, the ability of the Town to provide services in a timely manner, and the housing cost and feasibility consequences of the limitation.”
8. Section 240-154 is amended to read as follows: “The Mill Reuse District is hereby established as an overlay district. The district is bounded on the map entitled “Mill Reuse Overlay District,” dated August 23, 2004 incorporated by reference in the Zoning Bylaw and on file with the Town Clerk and Building Inspector.”
9. Section 240-157C is amended to read as follows: “Exemption from major development and special residential use regulations. A Mill Reuse Project shall not be subject to Article XIV, Major Residential Development, or to Article XV, Special Residential Uses.”
10. Section 240-160C(2) is amended to change the reference from “Section 4360” to “§ 240-94.”
11. Section 240-160F(3)(a), F(4), F(4)(a) and F(4)(d) are amended to change the reference to “Section 5264(i)” to “Subsection F(2) above.”

12. Section 240-174B is amended to change “Article 2 of the Zoning Bylaw” to “Article IV of the Zoning Bylaw.”;
or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No Funding Involved.

ARTICLE 37. REQUIRED FENCE PERMIT

To see if the Town will vote to require a fence permit from anyone who wishes to put up a fence in the Town of Bellingham. The article establishes fence ownership. It also calls for a record of fence permit issues to be kept indefinitely; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner — Shella Fitzpatrick
14 Brion Road
Bellingham, MA
508-883-4743)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No funding involved.

ARTICLE 38. SURVEY REQUIRED FOR A FENCE

To see if the Town will vote to require an instrument survey from anyone who wishes to put up a fence. The article places responsibilities on fence owners to make sure that their newly erected fences are within their property lines. I call for a copy of the survey to be left in the Inspectional Services Department; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner — Shella Fitzpatrick
14 Brion Road
Bellingham, MA
508-883-4743)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No funding involved.

ARTICLE 39. EXISTING FENCE OWNERS MUST MAINTAIN THEIR FENCES

To see if the Town will vote to require fence owners to maintain their fences. The article provides the Town Inspector the ability to fine any fence owners who are in violation. Upon report that a neighbor has allowed their fence to become an eyesore, the Town Inspector must investigate within one week. Once violations are found, the fence owner shall be 30 days to be in compliance. The fine shall be \$100 per day after the grace period, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner — Shella Fitzpatrick
14 Brion Road
Bellingham, MA
508-883-4743)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No funding involved.

ARTICLE 40. EXISTING FENCE OWNERS MUST MOVE THEIR FENCES IF AN INSTRUMENT SURVEY WERE TO FIND ENCROACHMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to require existing fence owners to move their fences at their own expense once a survey has found that they are encroaching on their neighbor's land. They shall have 60 days to comply. The Town Inspector shall have the right to issue fines after the 60-day period for fence owners who have not complied. The fine shall be \$100 per day; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner — Shella Fitzpatrick
14 Brion Road
Bellingham, MA
508-883-4743)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No funding involved.

ARTICLE 41. RESPONSIBLE USE OF FIREWORKS

To see if the Town will vote to ban anyone from using fireworks to accumulate debris in their neighbor's property. The fine shall be \$500 per violation; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner — Shella Fitzpatrick
14 Brion Road
Bellingham, MA
508-883-4743)

The Finance Committee takes NO ACTION; No funding involved.

ARTICLE 42. 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; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.

Funding: \$7,929.85 from Long Term Interest Account to fulfill Town Planner salary contractual obligations and to fund additional license software module.

**THANK
YOU
FOR ATTENDING THE
MAY 2013
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.**