

ANNUAL TOWM MEETING

May 22, 2013

At

7:30 PM

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

<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
138	Treasurer
139	Town Collector
151	Town Counsel
152	Personnel Board
154	Management Information System
156	Tax Title Foreclosures
161	Town Clerk
162	Elections
163	Board of Registrars
171	Conservation Commission
172	Planning Board
173	Zoning Board of Appeals
182	Industrial Development Commission
183	Commission on Disability
189	Public Buildings Maintenance
190	OTJ Injury for Deductible
191	Worker's Compensation Agent
192	Employee Sick Day Buy-Back
193	Property & Liability Insurance
194	Retirement Assessment
195	Medicare/Employer Share
196	Town Reports
197	Physical/Occupational Health
198	Insurance Deductible

199	Damage to Persons & Property
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
421	Highway Administration
422	Highway Construction/Maintenance
423	Snow and Ice Removal
424	Street Lighting
425	Highway Maintenance
426	Gas & Oil
433	Solid Waste
439	Sanitary Landfill
491	Cemetery Committee
510	Board of Health
541	Council on Aging
543	Veterans Services
549	Veterans Grave Agent
610	Library
630	Park & Recreation
650	Historical Commission
651	Arts Cultural Commission
660	Memorial Day/Veterans
710	Maturing Debt
715	Interest on Bonds
990	Workers Compensation Trust Fund
991	Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund
992	Group Insurance Claims Trust Fund
996	Transfer to Capital Investment Trust
997	Compensated Absence Trust Fund

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,175,626.00 for the purpose of determining the expenses and salaries of various elected and appointed Town Officials for the period commencing July 1, 2013 through June 30th 2014, said sum to be raised

in the following manner:

\$46,673,379.00	from taxation
\$456,807.00	from ambulance receipts
\$45,440.00	from Title V receipts

- 1) All travel expenses are paid at the rate of \$.40 per mile. No travel expenses shall be paid except upon receipt of vouchers showing dates traveled.
- 2) Salaries under negotiation have been level funded.
- 3) All dollar amounts listed have been rounded off to the nearest dollar.

(recommended by the Finance Committee)

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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,531,682.00 for the Trash Enterprise Fund for a period commencing July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, said sum to be raised by transfer from trash receipts and expended in the following manner:

Salaries	\$36,702.00
Expenses	\$1,494,980.00
Total	\$1,531,682.00

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate from rates and receipts the sum of \$2,246,365.00 for the Water Enterprise Fund for a period commencing July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, said sum to be raised in the following manner:

Reserve Fund	\$50,000.00
Salaries	\$806,402.00
Expenses	\$1,389,963.00
Total	\$2,246,365.00

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate from rates and receipts the sum of \$965,682.00 for the Sewer Enterprise Fund for a period commencing July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 said sum to be raised from sewer receipts and expended in the following manner:

Reserve Fund	\$25,000.00
Salaries	\$117,537.00
Expenses	\$823,145.00
Total	\$965,682.00

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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)

VOTE: The Town voted 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 the sum of \$1.00 from taxation to carry out said purpose.

Motion carried by a 2/3 voice vote.
(per General By-Law Section 4.07.100 adopted by Town of May 28, 1997.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 and to authorize the D.P.W. Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town; said sum to be raised from taxation.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously 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.

(Recommended by 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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously 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; and expended under the direction of the D.P.W. Director

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously to amend Article 1 of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$587,604.00 for fiscal year 2013 expenditures by transferring said amounts from and into various accounts as follows:

Department	Amount Requested	Transfer From
School Department Transportation	\$151,100.00	\$105,100.00 from SPED Tuition Accounts \$46,000.00 from Free Cash
Fire Department Expenses/Grant Match	\$11,149.00	Free Cash
DPW/Snow & Ice Removal	\$425,355.00	Free Cash
TOTAL	\$587,604.00	

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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)

VOTE: Passed over.

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)

VOTE: Passed over.

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)

VOTE: Passed over.

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)

VOTE: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,000.00 from Long Term Debt, Article 1, Item 710, of the May 2012 Town Meeting, for the purpose of funding Various school technology improvements.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,000.00 for the purpose of financing the non-capital outlay items from the stated funds as follows:

Transfer To	Transfer From	Amount
Generator for Police Admin. Bldg. to backup I.T.	\$20,000.00 from Police Generator Acct. \$6,000.00 from Free Cash	\$26,000.00
Town Common Trustees For Playground Repairs	Free Cash	\$18,000.00
	TOTAL	\$44,000.00

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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 hired by the Police Department, 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.
8. To allow the School Committee to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from the rental of the Anderson Athletic Field and to authorize the use for maintenance of the grounds to include payments to employees and independent contractors, 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, School Committee)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously to adopt the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, of the General Laws and to allow for the creation and/or reauthorization of various revolving funds, all as printed in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows:

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 hired by the Police Department, 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.
8. To allow the School Committee to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from the rental of the Anderson Athletic Field and to authorize the use for maintenance of the grounds to include payments to employees and independent contractors, not to exceed \$25,000.00.

(Recommended by 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 V2 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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously to raise the sum of up to \$300,000.00 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 ½ and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 80 (Betterments) and determine how such appropriation should be raised whether by taxation, transfer of available funds, borrowing or otherwise and it by borrowing, to authorize the issuance of bonds or note by the town at one time or from time to time.

Motion carried by a 2/3 voice vote.

(per General By-Law Section 4.07.100 adopted by Town on May 28, 1997)

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 for the purpose of financing the design of a new Police Station to be constructed on Blackstone Street, said sum to be transferred from free cash.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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)

VOTE: Passed over.

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)

VOTE: Passed over.

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.)

VOTE: The Town voted 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.

ARTICLE 21. STONE AND BEECH STREET DRAINAGE EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise 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, and further to appropriate, by borrowing, transfer or otherwise, a sufficient sum of funds to accomplish the same, and to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to negotiate and execute any and all documents to effectuate this donation, purchase and/or taking; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

VOTE: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 from the "Road Bond Account" to 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 are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Motion carried by a 2/3 voice vote.
(per General By-Law Section 4.07.100 adopted by Town of May 28, 1997.)

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 22. WRENTHAM ROAD DRAINAGE EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire through donation, purchase or eminent domain, or otherwise 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; , and further to appropriate, by borrowing, transfer or otherwise, a sufficient sum of funds to accomplish the same, and to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to negotiate and execute any and all documents to effectuate this donation, purchase and/or taking; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

VOTE: Passed over.

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)

VOTE: Passed over.

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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously 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-Three 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 property tax bill up to \$1,000.00 per year all as defined in said section.

(Recommended by 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 Maple 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)

VOTE: The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease for the property for Solar Farm Purposes which is the former landfill located on South Maple 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.

Motion carried by 2/3 voice vote.

(per General By-Law Section 4.07.100 adopted by Town of May 28, 1997)

(Recommended by 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 __May, 2013__, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously 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 May, 2013.

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)

VOTE; The Town voted unanimously 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".

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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously 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".

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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously 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.

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)

VOTE: The Town voted 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.”

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)

VOTE: The Town voted 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.”;

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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously 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.”

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)

VOTE: The Town voted unanimously 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.”

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)

VOTE: Passed over.

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 _May_, 2013_. 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)

VOTE: The Town voted to 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 May, 2013. 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.

Motion carried by a 2/3 voice vote.

(per General by-Law Section 4.07.100 adopted by Town of May 28, 1997)

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)

VOTE: The Town voted 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.”

Motion carried by a 2/3 voice vote.

(Per General By-Law Section 4.07.100 adopted by Town on May 28, 1997)

(Recommended by Planning Board)

ARTICLE 37. REQUIRED FENCE PERMIT

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 21 entitled “Fences” and, under said Chapter, add Section 21.01 as follows:

Anyone who wishes to put up a fence in the Town of Bellingham must obtain a permit from the Building Commissioner. The fence permit fee shall be \$25. Records of fence permits and issues arising thereunder shall be kept indefinitely;

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner: Shella Fitzpatrick)

VOTE: Failed for lack of a motion.

ARTICLE 38. SURVEY REQUIRED FOR A FENCE

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 21 entitled “Fences” and, under said Chapter, add Section 21.02 as follows:

Applicants for a fence permit must provide an instrument survey confirming location of the proposed fence on the Applicant’s property. Surveys shall be maintained in the Inspectional Services Department;

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner — Shella Fitzpatrick)

VOTE: Failed for lack of a motion.

ARTICLE 39. EXISTING FENCE OWNERS MUST MAINTAIN THEIR FENCES

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 21 entitled “Fences” and, under said Chapter, add Section 21.03 as follows:

All fence owners shall be required to maintain their fences. The Building Commissioner shall have the ability to fine any fence owners who are in violation. Upon submittal of a written 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 repair said fence within 30 days. The fine for failure to comply shall be \$100 per day;

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner — Shella Fitzpatrick)

VOTE: Failed for lack of a motion.

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 amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 21, entitled “Fences” and, under said Chapter, add Section 21.04 as follows:

Fence owners shall be required to move or remove their fences at their own expense if the Building Inspector finds that a survey indicates that the fence is encroaching on a neighbor’s land. The Building Commissioner shall allow the fence owner 60 days to comply with any finding of an encroaching fence. 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)

VOTE: Failed for lack of a motion.

ARTICLE 41. RESPONSIBLE USE OF FIREWORKS

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 22 entitled Fireworks and, under said Chapter, add Section 22.01 as follows:

Persons using fireworks shall be prohibited from allowing debris from such fireworks to accumulate on the property of any other. The fine shall be \$300 per violation;

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner — Shella Fitzpatrick)

VOTE: Failed for lack of a motion.

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)

VOTE: The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,929.85 from the Long Term Interest Account and to Transfer said amount to Town Planner Salaries and fund an additional license software module.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Meeting adjourned at: 9:35PM

Attendance:

P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-4A	P-5	TOTAL
23	33	41	34	5	27	163

A true record.

ATTEST:

Ann L. Odabashian
Bellingham Town Clerk