ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 28, 2014

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, 2014 through June 30, 2015; or act or do anything in relation thereto

Account #	Account
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 Foreclosure

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
515	

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 Unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,385,616 for the purpose of determining the expenses and salaries of various elected and appointed Town Officials and Town Departments for the period commencing July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 all as printed in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee and identified within their recommendations. Said sums to be raised in the following manner:

60,455 from Title V Betterment Fund 357,100 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved 800,000 Overlay Surplus \$ 48,168,061 from Taxation

Total \$ 49,385,616

- 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, expenses incurred and the number of miles traveled.
- 2. All dollar amounts listed have been rounded to the nearest whole 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, 2014 through June 30, 2015; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,530,080.00 for the Trash Enterprise Fund for a period commencing July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, said sum to be raised by transfer from trash receipts and expended in the following manner:

Salaries	\$36,202.00
Expenses	<u>\$1,493,878.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,530,080.00

(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, 2014 through June 30, 2015; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,259,805.00 for the Water Enterprise Fund for a period commencing July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 said sum to be raised by transfer from water receipts expended in the following manner:

Reserve Fund	\$50,000.00
Salaries	\$810,081.00
Expenses	<u>\$1,399,724.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,259,805.00

(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, 2014 through June 30, 2015; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,038,941.00 for the Sewer Enterprise Fund for a period commencing July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, said sum to be raised from sewer receipts and expended in the following manner:

Reserve Fund	\$25,000.00
Salaries	\$147,224.00
Expenses	<u>\$866,717.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,038,941.00

(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.

VOTED: The Town unanimously 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 Free Cash for such purposes.

(Recommended 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)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1.00 from Free Cash to authorize the D.P.W. Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town.

(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.

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted 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)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted 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.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 9. AMEND ARTICLE 1.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 2013 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.

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to amend Article 1 of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$840,770.19 by transferring said amounts from and into various accounts as follows:

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT REQUESTED		TRANSFER FROM
Fire-Pump Testing of Appar	atus	\$18,000.00	Free Cash
FY2014 AFG Grant		5,000.00	Debt Interest
CFO Permanent Personnel Payroll Clerk Human Resources-HR		5,670.64	Free Cash
Director Salary		718.90	Free Cash
Planning Board Administrative Personnel W	ages	142.79	Free Cash
Planning Board Dept. Head Salary		133.30	Free Cash
Library Expenses		10,000.00	Free Cash
Veterans Benefits		20,000.00	Free Cash
Police Expenses		39,448.00	Police Salaries
Snow/Ice Deficit		671,656.56	Free Cash
School Expenses		70,000.00	School Transportation
	TOTAL	\$840,770.19	

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 10. AMEND ARTICLE 2.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 of the 2013 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)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 11. AMEND ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the 2013 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)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 12. AMEND ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4 of the 2013 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)

VOTED: 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)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Capital Outlay projects and to divide the motion as follows:

MOTION 1:

The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Feasibility Study and Schematic Design for Roof Replacement at the South Elementary School, 70 Harpin Street, Bellingham, MA under the Accelerated Repair Program, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto and for which the Town of Bellingham may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA'), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Bellingham School Committee. The Town of Bellingham acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based upon need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town of Bellingham incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Bellingham, and further provided that to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$90,000.00 shall be transferred from the Town's Capital Improvement Trust Fund; and further to authorize the Town of Bellingham and the MSBA and any other agreements that may be required to carry out the purposes of this Motion.

MOTION 2:

The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$111,120.00 by transfer from the Interest Account for the purposes of funding a Municipal Building Sewers Contract for Sewer Line Extension to Connect the New Police Station, Fire Station, Senior Center and DPW to Maplewood Estates.

> (Motion 1- Recommended by Finance Committee) (Motion 2- Recommended by Finance Committee and Capital Improvement 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.

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,810.70 for the purpose of financing the non-capital outlay items from the stated funds as follows:

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	FUNDING
Mechanic Street Sewer Pump Force Main Downsize Preliminary Analysis & Design	\$40,000.00	Sewer Surplus
Convert Stall Brook Elementary Septic System to Town Sewer System		
Preliminary Analysis & Design	\$5,000.00	Sewer Surplus
Stall Brook Carpets	\$10,766.70	Article 5, Capital Outlay of the Oct., 2012 STM
Asbestos Remediation	\$16,044.00	Article 6, Non- Capital Outlay of the Oct., 2012 STM
TOTAL	\$71,810.70	

(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 reauthorization and/or creation of the following revolving funds:

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 Board of Health to create a special revolving fund from the revenues received from Tobacco Permits and violations and to authorize the use of said funds for tobacco surveillance of the tobacco regulations and for tobacco education and training, not to exceed \$12,000.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. To allow the School Committee to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from the rental of the Anderson Athletic Field; the purchase of commemorative

bricks at said field; and the purchase of advertising at said field and to authorize the use of such funds for maintenance of the grounds to include payments to qualifying employees and independent contractors, not to exceed \$50,000; 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)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 of the General Laws to adopt, authorize and/or reauthorize revolving funds as described within 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 Board of Health to create a special revolving fund from the revenues received from Tobacco Permits and violations and to authorize the use of said funds for tobacco surveillance of the tobacco regulations and for tobacco education and training, not to exceed \$12,000.
- 5. 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.

- 6. 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.
- 7. To allow the Bellingham Conservation Commission to create a special revolving fund from revenues received by applicants under the Town's local wetlands protection bylaw; 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. To allow the School Committee to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from the rental of the Anderson Athletic Field; the purchase of commemorative bricks at said field; and the purchase of advertising at said field and to authorize the use of such funds for maintenance of the grounds to include payments to qualifying employees and independent contractors, not to exceed \$50,000; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 16. BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RENOVATION

To see if the Town of Bellingham will vote to approve the total \$2.9 million debt authorized by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee on April 17, 2014 for costs of adding to, equipping, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the regional school, including all costs incidental and related thereto, with the Town's apportioned share of debt payments computed in accordance with the Regional Agreement and commencing in fiscal year 2016; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen/Blackstone Valley Voc. Reg. District School Committee)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 17. SCHOOL CONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF THREE YEARS

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 12(b), to authorize the Town Administrator or the Superintendent of Schools to solicit and award contracts for terms exceeding three years, including any renewal, extension or option, provided in each instance the longer term is determined to be in the best interest of the Town by a vote of the Board of Selectmen or the School Committee, as appropriate; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: School Committee)

VOTED: The Town by a majority vote in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 12(b), authorize the Town Administrator or the Superintendent of Schools to solicit and award contracts for terms exceeding three years, including any renewal, extension or option, provided in each instance the longer term is determined to be in the best interest of the Town by a vote of the Board of Selectmen or the School Committee, as appropriate.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 18. VOTE TO RESCIND APPROVAL OF ARTICLE 20 OF THE 2013 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the approval of Article 20 as voted at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting:

"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."

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town voted no to rescind the approval of Article 20 as voted at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting:

"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."

Hand Count: NO – 64 YES – 60

(Not Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 19. FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM REPAIR

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 repair of the library's fire sprinkler system; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Library Trustees)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 20. REMOVAL OF OLD MILL POND DAM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$312,000 (Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars) for the removal of the Old Mill Pond Dam (located on Pearl Street); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any action and execute any agreements necessary to effectuate such removal, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer-Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, said funds to be expended under the director of the Board of Selectmen; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate, by borrowing the sum of \$312,000.00 (Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars) for the removal of the Old Mill Pond Dam (located on Pearl Street); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any action and execute any agreements necessary to effectuate such removal, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer-Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, Section7, or

any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 21. BIRCHWOOD ESTATES SEWER EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and allow the Selectmen to accept gifts, purchase, or take by eminent domain permanent sewer easement at Birchwood Estates as shown on the plans titled "Sewer Easement Plan of Land in Bellingham, MA" prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., dated January 8, 2014, and recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds on February 7, 2014, Book 628 Page 83, 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)

VOTED: The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 from sewer surplus and allow the Selectmen to accept gifts, purchase, or take by eminent domain permanent sewer easement at Birchwood Estates as shown on the plans title "Sewer Easement Plan of Land in Bellingham, MA" prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., dated January 8, 2014 and recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds on February 7, 2014, Book 628 Page 83, copies of which are on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

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 22. BLACKMAR STREET & BERTINE STREET ROADWAY EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriated a sum of money and allow the Selectmen to accept gifts, purchase, or take by eminent domain permanent roadway and municipal infrastructure easement at Blackmar Street and Bertine Street in as shown on the plans titled "Easement Plan Blackmar Street, Bellingham MA" drafted by Land Planning, 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.

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 and allow the Selectmen to accept gifts, purchase, or take by eminent domain permanent roadway and municipal infrastructure easement at Blackmar Street and Bertine Street in as shown on the plans titled "Easement Plan Blackmar Street, Bellingham MA" drafted by Land Planning, Inc., copies of which are on file with the Town Clerk's Office; said sum to be transferred from Fund 3807 – Roadway Improvements, Article 6 of the 10/12/2011 Town Meeting.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 23. 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, or 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)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 and allow the Selectmen to accept gifts, purchase, or 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 are on file with the Town Clerk's Office; said sum to be transferred from Fund 3807 – Roadway Improvements, Article 6 of the 10/12/2011 Town Meeting.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 24. WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN LAND & EASEMENT ACQUISITION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and allow the Selectmen to accept gifts, purchase, or take by eminent domain permanent waterworks easements between Well 12 off of Cliff Road and Hartford Ave. (west of I-495) generally in the area of Home Depot to the well property as shown on the plans titled "Easement Plan Water Transmission Mains 2013, Bellingham, MA" drafted by Wright Pierce, copies 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)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 from the Water Treatment Fund #3809 and allow the Selectmen to accept gifts, purchase, or take by eminent domain permanent waterworks easements between Well 12 off of Cliff Road and Hartford Ave. (west of I-495) generally in the area of Home Depot to the well property as shown on the plans titled "Easement Plan Water Transmission Mains 2013, Bellingham, MA" drafted by Wright Pierce, copies which are on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 25. WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN LAND AND EASEMENT ACQUISITION SNETT RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and allow the Selectmen to accept gifts, purchase, or take by eminent domain permanent waterworks easements along the Mass Department of Conservation and Recreation old railroad right of way between Cross Street Wells 1 and 2 and Center Street near Fox Run Road, and in as shown on the plans titled "Easement Plan Water Transmission Mains 2013, Bellingham MA" drafted by Wright Pierce, copies of which will be on file with the Town Clerk's Office 14 days before the Town Meeting; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 26. PULASKI BOULEVARD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to replace and increase the size of the existing water pipe in Pulaski Boulevard from Arthur Street to Auclair Street and renew all water service from the curb to the main, funding to be from borrowing or other such means; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate by borrowing a sum of \$150,000.00 to replace and increase the size of the existing water pipe in Pulaski Boulevard from Arthur Street to Auclair Street and renew all water service from the curb to the main, funding to be from borrowing. The Treasurer-Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 27. HAMPTON COURT, KENSINGTON COURT, LEEDS LANE, OXFORD COURT & WHITEHALL WAY ACCEPTANCE

To see if the Town will vote to accept as Public Ways the roads, easements and appurtenances thereto, and the Deed thereto, identified as Hampton Court (f.k.a. Meg Lane), Kensington Court (f.k.a. Wallis Road), Leeds Lane (f.k.a. Avery Way), Oxford Court (f.k.a. Winthrop Drive) and Whitehall Way (f.k.a. Pierce Crossing), being shown on a Plan entitled, "Pierce Estates Subdivision, Bellingham, Massachusetts issued for Definitive Subdivision," dated March 13, 2003, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., endorsed by the Bellingham Planning Board on March 13, 2003, recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds on May 21, 2003 as Plan No. 310 of 2003, Plan Book 508; as amended by that certain plan entitled: "Pierce Estates Subdivision, Bellingham, Massachusetts," dated April 24, 2003, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., endorsed by the Bellingham Planning Board on April 24, 2003, recorded with said Registry of Deeds on May 21, 2003 as Plan No. 311 of 2003, Plan Book 508 (now known as Bellingham Estates), as further amended by Title Affidavit, dated August 19, 2004, recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 21445, Page 28, and as more particularly described in a Deed on file at the Office of the Town Clerk and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the Deed thereto; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: CC Estates Limited Partnership, Mark A. Kablack, Esq., 176 East Main St., Suite 3, Westborough, MA 01581)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 28. LINDA WAY ACCEPTANCE

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Public Way the road, easements and appurtenances thereto, and the Deed thereto, identified as Linda Way being shown on a Plan entitled, "Road Acceptance Plan, Linda Way, North Wood II in the Town of

Bellingham", dated January 24, 2013 revised February 15, 2013 and June 26, 2013, prepared by Heritage Design Group, LLC, One Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588, said plan to be duly recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds herewith and as more particularly described in a deed on file at the Office of the Town Clerk and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Mark Anderson, Heritage Design Group, One Main St., Whitinsville, MA for Maddi North St. Development, LLC)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to accept, as a Public Way, a road, identified as Linda Way; and to accept a deed of such way, along with all identified open space and easements appurtenant thereto, all being shown on a Plan entitled, Road Acceptance Plan, Linda Way, North Wood II in the Town of Bellingham, dated January 24, 2013 revised February 15, 2013 and June 26, 2013, prepared by Heritage Design Group, LLC, One Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk's office, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the deeds thereto and take any other administrative actions as may be necessary to facilitate this matter.

(Recommended by DPW and Planning Board)

ARTICLE 29. STONEHEDGE ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to accept deeds for or take by eminent domain or easement in right of way and roadway, identified as Stonehedge Road being shown on a Plan entitled "The Woodlands Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land in Bellingham, Massachusetts for Pentad Realty Trust, Leo L. Mayewski Tr. Scale 1" = 40', July 28, 1987, David E. Beede EPLS Reading, Massachusetts duly recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 362 as Plan 1526 of 1987, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any orders or agreements necessary to accomplish such taking or acquisition, and to appropriate or transfer any necessary funds to complete said acquisition; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to accept deeds or take by eminent domain or easement in right of way and roadway, identified as Stonehedge Road being shown on a Plan entitled "The Woodlands Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land in Bellingham, Massachusetts for Pentad Realty Trust, Leo L. Mayewski Tr. Scale 1" = 40', July 28, 1987, David E. Beede EPLS Reading, Massachusetts duly recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 362 as Plan 1526 of 1987, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any orders or agreements necessary to accomplish such taking or acquisition.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 30. LEASE OF TOWN LAND

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease for the development of a solar array on Town and School property near Hartford Avenue and Stallbrook School identified as Town of Bellingham Assessor's Map 13, parcels 10C and 9A for a term 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)

VOTED: The Town unanimously voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease for the development of a solar array on Town and School property near Hartford Avenue and Stallbrook School identified as Town of Bellingham Assessor's Map 13, parcels 10C and 9A for a term of up to twenty years on terms it determines to be in the best interest of the Town.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 31. BYLAW AMENDMENT – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

To see if the Town will vote to Amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Article VI under Chapter 25 of the Bellingham Code, as follows:

ARTICLE VI

Residency Requirement

§25-33

- A. All members of any appointed Board, Committee or Commission that receives an appropriation for expenses or salaries at an Annual or Special Town Meeting must be full time residents of the Town of Bellingham, as may be determined by the Town Clerk.
- B. Upon the 90th day following the effective date of this Bylaw, the tenure of any member of such a Board, Committee or Commission that is not a full-time resident of the Town of Bellingham shall lapse.

Or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town voted to amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Article VI under Chapter 25 of the Bellingham Code, as follows:

ARTICLE VI Residency Requirement

§25-33

- A. All members of any appointed Board, Committee or Commission that receives an appropriation for expenses or salaries at an Annual or Special Town Meeting must be full time residents of the Town of Bellingham, as may be determined by the Town Clerk, unless a non-resident member is excepted by a vote by the Board of Selectmen.
- B. Unless excepted by a vote by the Board of Selectmen under the preceding section, upon the 90th day following the effective date of this Bylaw, the tenure of any member of such a Board, Committee or Commission that is not a full-time resident of the Town of Bellingham shall lapse.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 32. CHAPTER 114. DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITING

To see if the Town shall vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding the following:

Article 1. Door to Door Solicitation

§ 114-1. Title

This article shall be known as the "Door-to-Door Solicitation and No Solicitation Law" of the Town of Bellingham.

§ 114-2. Findings and Intent

This article is intended to regulate door-to-door sales by licensing sales agents; establishing a No Solicitation Registry and setting reasonable time and manner restrictions on door-to-door solicitation, including enforcement of the No Solicitation Registry.

§114.3 Definitions

The following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES

The in-person solicitation of sales of goods or services for present or future delivery by entry upon residential property, including multifamily or duplex residential property, or by soliciting persons located on residential property from a street, sidewalk or other adjacent property, without the prior invitation of the person to be solicited.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES PERMIT

A permit issued to a sales agent to engage in door-to-door sales in accordance with this article.

NO SOLICITATION REGISTRY

A Registry of residential addresses in the Town, organized alphabetically by street name, indicating those residential properties placed on the Registry at the request of the owner or occupant indicating that he or she does not want sales agents to enter his or her property.

SALES ORGANIZATION

Any entity engaged in the supervision, recruitment, retention or employment of a salesperson or salespersons, including any person or representative thereof.

SALESPERSON

Any person engaged in door-to-door sales of goods or services for present or future delivery.

SALES SUPERVISOR

Any person who directs or supervises a salesperson or salespersons engaged in door-todoor sales.

§114-4. Administration

The Town of Bellingham door-to-door sales permit process shall be administered by the Bellingham Police Department. The Town of Bellingham No Solicitation Registry shall be administered by the Bellingham Town Clerk.

§ 114-5. Application Requirements

- A. Each salesperson must apply individually to the Bellingham Police Department during posted administrative hours by submitting a completed application, which shall require:
 - (1) Government-issued photographic identification.
 - (2) Date of birth.
 - (3) Social security number.

- (4) Permanent residential address.
- (5) Home telephone number.
- (6) Temporary local address.
- (7) Current cell phone number.
- (8) Sales organization information.
- (9) Sales supervisor identity.

(10) Make, model, color and registration number of any vehicle(s) used to transport the sales agent, his/her supervisor, or sales materials.

(11)Such other verifying information as may be reasonable required.

Failure to submit any of the information listed above may be grounds for denial of the Permit.

B. An application fee to be established and adjusted from time to time by the Board of Selectmen shall accompany each Town of Bellingham door-to-door sales permit application.

C. Background Check

Subject to the provisions of the Massachusetts "Criminal Records Offender Information Act", MGL c. 6, § 167 et seq., and regulations set thereunder, the Bellingham Police Department shall conduct a criminal records check of each applicant for a Town of Bellingham door-to-door sales permit to determine the applicant's fitness and suitability to conduct door-to-door sales. The background check shall be initiated within seven (7) days of receipt of the application. The Bellingham Police Department may deny a permit hereunder if the background check reveals any convictions for felonies or other offenses that, in the judgment of the Department, may imperil the public health, safety or welfare.

D. A decision on the application shall be issued by the Bellingham Police Department, in writing within thirty (30) days following receipt of the results of the background check.

§ 114-6. No Solicitation Registry

- A. Residents may submit their property for inclusion on the No Solicitation Registry without charge to Bellingham Town Clerk.
- B. Upon approval and issuance of a Town of Bellingham door-to-door sales permit, each salesperson shall be provided with a copy of the No Solicitation Registry.
- C. The only exceptions to the No Solicitation Registry shall be limited to Bellingham Youth Groups serving children 17 years of age and under, politicians campaigning and religious organizations. Such excepted organizations and entities shall not be required to obtain a permit hereunder

§ 114-7. Door-to-door Sales Regulations.

- A. No salesperson shall engage in door-to-door sales without first having applied for and received a Town of Bellingham door-to-door sales permit.
- B. No sales organization shall allow any salesperson to engage in door-to-door sales who has not applied for and received a Town of Bellingham door-to-door sales permit.
- C. No sales supervisor shall direct or supervise, direct, or allow any salesperson to engage in door-to-door sales who has not applied for and received a Town of Bellingham door-to-door sales permit.
- D. No salesperson shall enter within the perimeter of any residential property included on the No Solicitation Registry. In addition to the fine(s) established below, inclusion of a residential property on the No Solicitation Registry except those identified in 114-7C shall constitute notice prohibiting trespass under MGL c. 266 s.120.
- E. No salesperson shall solicit sales from a person situated within a residential property included on the No Solicitation Registry from street, sidewalk or other adjacent property except those identified in 114-7C.
- F. Each salesperson shall carry the Town of Bellingham door-to-door sales permit at all times while engaged in door-to-door sales and shall display said permit upon request by any police officer, Town official or any person present at a residential property where door-to-door sales are solicited.

- G. No salesperson or supervisor shall use any vehicle to transport persons or materials for door-to-door sales unless said vehicle is identified in the Town of Bellingham door-to-door sales permit application.
- H. Door-to-door sales shall not be conducted except during the hours between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

§ 114-8. Violations and Penalties.

- A. Each violation of any provision of this article shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.
- B. Upon the occurrence of a second violation of this article by any salesperson, the issuing authority may, by seven (7) days prior written notice, revoke that salesperson's Town of Bellingham door-to-door sales permit.

§ 114-9. Severability.

The invalidity of any portion of this article shall not invalidate any other portion.

;or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town voted to amend the General Bylaws by adding Article 1. Door to Door Solicitation as described within the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee as follows:

Article 1. Door to Door Solicitation

§ 114-1. Title

This article shall be known as the "Door-to-Door Solicitation and No Solicitation Law" of the Town of Bellingham.

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 - (2) Date of birth.
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 - (5) Home telephone number.
 - (6) Temporary local address.
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 - (8) Sales organization information.
 - (9) Sales supervisor identity.
 - (10) Make, model, color and registration number of any vehicle(s) used to transport the sales agent, his/her supervisor, or sales materials.
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hereunder if the background check reveals any convictions for felonies or other offenses that, in the judgment of the Department, may imperil the public health, safety or welfare.

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§ 114-9. Severability.

The invalidity of any portion of this article shall not invalidate any other portion.

ARTICLE 33. 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)

VOTED: Passed over.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55PM

No quorum required.

Attendance:

P – 1	P-2	P – 3	P-4	P – 4	4A P-5	TOTAL
41	20	30	23	4	28	146

A true record.

ATTEST:

Ann L. Odabashian Bellingham Town Clerk