REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, May 24, 2023
7:30 p.m.

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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

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Norfolk, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham, in the County of Norfolk;

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the:

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

At 60 Blackstone Street in said Bellingham, on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of May 2023, at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. OPERATING EXPENSES AND SALARIES

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds and/or otherwise, for the following purposes, to include determining the expenses and salaries of the various elected and appointed Town Officials for the period commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

1. All travel expenses are paid at the rate of 65.5 cents per mile pursuant to Finance department procedures
2. All dollar amounts listed have been rounded to the nearest whole dollar

Account Description	Actual FY2021	Actual FY2022	Budget FY2023	Department Head Requested FY2024	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2024	% Change FinCom vs. FY2023 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2024
114 TOWN MEETING MODERATOR							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	0.00 %	**$0**
Expenses	$0	$0	$350	$100	$100	(71.43)%	**$100**
Total 114	$0	$0	$350	$100	$100	(71.43)%	**$100**
122 SELECTMEN							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$9,975	$9,500	$12,900	$12,900	$12,900	0.00 %	**$12,900**
Salaries	$54,389	$56,663	$58,363	$65,000	$65,000	11.37 %	**$65,000**
Expenses	$51,618	$46,494	$79,256	$80,016	$80,016	0.96 %	**$80,016**
Total 122	$115,982	$112,657	$150,519	$157,916	$157,916	4.91 %	**$157,916**
123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR							
Salaries/Clerical Support	$194,046	$201,224	$209,169	$218,925	$218,925	4.66 %	**$218,925**
Expenses	$2,018	$2,156	$3,012	$3,974	$53,974	1,691.97 %	**$53,974**
Total 123	$196,064	$203,380	$212,181	$222,899	$272,899	28.62 %	**$272,899**
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE							
Salaries	$3,820	$3,820	$3,820	$3,820	$3,820	0.00 %	**$3,820**
Expenses	$1,031	$1,428	$1,575	$1,575	$1,575	0.00 %	**$1,575**
Total 131	$4,851	$5,248	$5,395	$5,395	$5,395	0.00 %	**$5,395**
132 RESERVE FUND							
Expenses	$0	$0	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	0.00 %	**$50,000**
Total 132	$0	$0	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	0.00 %	**$50,000**
135 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER							
Salaries	$242,212	$261,527	$271,226	$278,967	$278,967	2.85 %	**$278,967**
Expenses	$77,895	$67,886	$95,185	$106,656	$106,656	12.05 %	**$106,656**
Total 135	$320,107	$329,413	$366,411	$385,623	$385,623	5.24 %	**$385,623**
137 ASSESSORS							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$2,500	$3,600	$3,600	$3,600	$3,600	0.00 %	**$3,600**
Salaries	$143,240	$161,300	$179,280	$178,108	$178,108	(0.65)%	**$178,108**
Expenses	$31,997	$9,758	$68,240	$42,900	$42,900	(37.13)%	**$42,900**
Total 137	$177,737	$174,658	$251,120	$224,608	$224,608	(10.56)%	**$224,608**
142 ASSESSORS REVALUATION							
Expenses	$13,264	$18,725	$25,000	$49,000	$49,000	96.00 %	**$49,000**
Total 142	$13,264	$18,725	$25,000	$49,000	$49,000	96.00 %	**$49,000**
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR							
Salaries	$237,456	$237,894	$273,188	$306,799	$306,799	12.30 %	**$306,799**
Expenses	$64,821	$77,818	$103,945	$119,871	$110,371	6.18 %	**$110,371**
Total 145	$302,277	$315,712	$377,133	$426,670	$417,170	10.62 %	**$417,170**

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151 TOWN COUNSEL							
Expenses	$101,314	$108,349	$100,000	$110,000	$110,000	10.00 %	**$110,000**
Total 151	$101,314	$108,349	$100,000	$110,000	$110,000	10.00 %	**$110,000**
152 HUMAN RESOURCES							
Salaries	$107,688	$108,205	$132,397	$142,642	$157,642	19.07 %	**$157,642**
Expenses	$11,020	$3,945	$23,161	$25,970	$25,970	12.13 %	**$25,970**
Total 152	$118,708	$112,150	$155,558	$168,612	$183,612	18.03 %	**$183,612**
154 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS							
Salaries	$166,322	$176,409	$203,546	$209,402	$209,402	2.88 %	**$209,402**
Expenses	$307,261	$327,812	$424,600	$442,030	$442,030	4.11 %	**$442,030**
Total 154	$473,583	$504,221	$628,146	$651,432	$651,432	3.71 %	**$651,432**
156 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE							
Expenses	$24,600	$26,625	$55,000	$50,000	$50,000	(9.09)%	**$50,000**
Total 156	$24,600	$26,625	$55,000	$50,000	$50,000	(9.09)%	**$50,000**
161 TOWN CLERK							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$69,001	$73,999	$76,220	$84,000	$84,110	10.35 %	**$84,110**
Salaries	$49,858	$52,552	$55,585	$47,000	$47,000	(15.44)%	**$47,000**
Expenses	$6,994	$5,268	$14,800	$15,800	$15,800	6.76 %	**$15,800**
Total 161	$125,853	$131,819	$146,605	$146,800	$146,910	0.21 %	**$146,910**
162 ELECTIONS							
Salaries	$36,515	$22,091	$89,100	$71,600	$71,600	(19.64)%	**$71,600**
Expenses	$22,234	$14,009	$26,000	$24,000	$24,000	(7.69)%	**$24,000**
Total 162	$58,749	$36,100	$115,100	$95,600	$95,600	(16.94)%	**$95,600**
171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$6,917	$6,000	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000	0.00 %	**$7,000**
Salaries	$44,732	$50,250	$70,300	$76,250	$76,250	8.46 %	**$76,250**
Expenses	$9,503	$7,968	$11,196	$12,020	$12,020	7.36 %	**$12,020**
Total 171	$61,152	$64,218	$88,496	$95,270	$95,270	7.65 %	**$95,270**
172 PLANNING BOARD							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$5,000	$4,750	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	0.00 %	**$5,000**
Salaries	$111,707	$120,659	$133,250	$131,259	$131,259	(1.49)%	**$131,259**
Expenses	$2,175	$1,239	$4,350	$21,500	$21,500	394.25 %	**$21,500**
Total 172	$118,882	$126,648	$142,600	$157,759	$157,759	10.63 %	**$157,759**
173 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS							
Salaries	$7,275	$7,275	$7,500	$7,500	$7,500	0.00 %	**$7,500**
Expenses	$948	$298	$1,100	$1,100	$1,100	0.00 %	**$1,100**
Total 173	$8,223	$7,573	$8,600	$8,600	$8,600	0.00 %	**$8,600**
183 DISABILITY COMMISSION							
Salaries	$0	$0	$500	$500	$500	0.00 %	**$500**
Expenses	$0	$0	$20,001	$20,000	$20,000	100.00 %	**$20,000**
Total 183	$0	$0	$20,501	$20,500	$20,500	(0.00)%	**$20,500**
189 PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE			*Does not include School Buildings*				
Salaries	$41,721	$82,474	$107,204	$111,249	$111,249	3.77 %	**$111,249**
Expenses	$170,792	$219,580	$326,722	$323,526	$293,526	(10.16)%	**$293,526**
Total 189	$212,513	$302,054	$433,926	$434,775	$404,775	(6.72)%	**$404,775**
190 OTJ INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE (On the job)							
Expenses	$23,494	$25,659	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	0.00 %	**$25,000**
Total 190	$23,494	$25,659	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	0.00 %	**$25,000**
193 PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE							
Expenses	$520,560	$591,370	$704,997	$823,500	$823,500	16.81 %	**$823,500**
Total 193	$520,560	$591,370	$704,997	$823,500	$823,500	16.81 %	**$823,500**

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194 RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT							
Expenses	$3,571,600	$3,304,448	$3,534,569	$4,162,172	$4,162,172	17.76 %	**$4,162,172**
Total 194	$3,571,600	$3,304,448	$3,534,569	$4,162,172	$4,162,172	17.76 %	**$4,162,172**
195 MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE							
Expenses	$491,435	$537,207	$560,000	$588,000	$588,000	5.00 %	**$588,000**
Total 195	$491,435	$537,207	$560,000	$588,000	$588,000	5.00 %	**$588,000**
196 TOWN REPORTS							
Expenses	$888	$865	$1,000	$1,115	$1,115	11.50 %	**$1,115**
Total 196	$888	$865	$1,000	$1,115	$1,115	11.50 %	**$1,115**
197 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH							
Expenses	$39,134	$41,415	$41,800	$41,800	$41,800	0.00 %	**$41,800**
Total 197	$39,134	$41,415	$41,800	$41,800	$41,800	0.00 %	**$41,800**
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT							
Salaries	$3,013,744	$3,287,179	$3,479,042	$4,155,576	$4,148,404	19.24 %	**$4,148,404**
Expenses	$245,100	$272,846	$347,499	$243,928	$243,928	(29.80)%	**$243,928**
Total 210	$3,258,844	$3,560,025	$3,826,541	$4,399,504	$4,392,332	14.79 %	**$4,392,332**
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT							
Salaries	$2,468,732	$2,959,392	$3,170,719	$3,390,592	$3,390,592	6.93 %	**$3,390,592**
Expenses	$257,103	$291,032	$508,056	$508,213	$508,213	0.03 %	**$508,213**
Total 220	$2,725,835	$3,250,424	$3,678,775	$3,898,805	$3,898,805	5.98 %	**$3,898,805**
251 TOWN INSPECTOR							
Salaries	$178,366	$187,881	$209,206	$240,560	$240,560	14.99 %	**$240,560**
Expenses	$9,856	$9,150	$6,552	$6,359	$4,359	(33.47)%	**$4,359**
Total 251	$188,222	$197,031	$215,758	$246,919	$244,919	13.52 %	**$244,919**
253 INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS							
Salaries	$29,534	$29,583	$29,753	$31,446	$31,446	5.69 %	**$31,446**
Expenses	$50	$340	$400	$400	$400	0.00 %	**$400**
Total 253	$29,584	$29,923	$30,153	$31,846	$31,846	5.61 %	**$31,846**
255 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR							
Salaries	$27,600	$27,136	$27,540	$28,257	$28,257	2.60 %	**$28,257**
Expenses	$145	$240	$500	$500	$500	0.00 %	**$500**
Total 255	$27,745	$27,376	$28,040	$28,757	$28,757	2.56 %	**$28,757**
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	*Note: Services are regionalized with the Town of Franklin and budget costs are shared.*						
Salaries	$125,515	$134,423	$161,436	$165,410	$165,410	2.46 %	**$165,410**
Expenses	$4,235	$7,518	$8,300	$7,900	$7,900	(4.82)%	**$7,900**
Total 292	$129,750	$141,941	$169,736	$173,310	$173,310	2.11 %	**$173,310**
294 TREE WARDEN							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$6,432	$4,333	$6,500	$6,500	$6,500	0.00 %	**$6,500**
Salaries	$4,148	$2,167	$3,700	$3,700	$3,700	0.00 %	**$3,700**
Expenses	$39,378	$19,871	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000	0.00 %	**$20,000**
Total 294	$49,958	$26,371	$30,200	$30,200	$30,200	0.00 %	**$30,200**
299 AUXILIARY POLICE							
Expenses	$5,338	$0	$5,000	$0	$0	(100.00)%	**$0**
Total 299	$5,338	$0	$5,000	$0	$0	(100.00)%	**$0**
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT							
School Salaries and Expenses	$27,878,707	$27,878,917	$28,765,338	$30,279,081	$30,379,081	5.61 %	**$30,379,081**
Transportation	$2,216,144	$3,081,955	$3,152,555	$3,112,710	$3,112,710	(1.26)%	**$3,112,710**
Total 300	$30,094,851	$30,960,872	$31,917,893	$33,391,791	$33,491,791	4.93 %	**$33,491,791**
302 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL							
Expenses	$954,780	$1,014,129	$1,080,034	$1,186,947	$1,186,947	9.90 %	**$1,186,947**
Total 302	$954,780	$1,014,129	$1,080,034	$1,186,947	$1,186,947	9.90 %	**$1,186,947**

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422 HIGHWAY							
Salaries	$252,839	$227,445	$266,197	$449,578	$449,578	68.89 %	**$449,578**
Expenses	$897,993	$842,352	$1,182,503	$1,112,104	$1,112,104	(5.95)%	**$1,112,104**
Total 422	$1,150,832	$1,069,797	$1,448,700	$1,561,682	$1,561,682	7.80 %	**$1,561,682**
423 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL							
Salaries	$111,470	$89,209	$39,200	$39,200	$39,200	0.00 %	**$39,200**
Expenses	$440,949	$579,250	$220,800	$220,800	$220,800	0.00 %	**$220,800**
Total 423	$552,419	$668,459	$260,000	$260,000	$260,000	0.00 %	**$260,000**
424 STREET LIGHTING							
Expenses	$132,423	$152,671	$155,000	$162,750	$162,750	5.00 %	**$162,750**
Total 424	$132,423	$152,671	$155,000	$162,750	$162,750	5.00 %	**$162,750**
426 GAS AND OIL							
Expenses	$152,667	$224,293	$227,900	$257,868	$257,868	13.15 %	**$257,868**
Total 426	$152,667	$224,293	$227,900	$257,868	$257,868	13.15 %	**$257,868**
491 CEMETERY							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$3,600	$3,600	$4,800	$4,800	$4,800	0.00 %	**$4,800**
Expenses	$4,315	$4,197	$4,201	$4,201	$4,201	0.00 %	**$4,201**
Total 491	$7,915	$7,797	$9,001	$9,001	$9,001	0.00 %	**$9,001**
510 BOARD OF HEALTH							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$6,000	$6,000	$6,000	$11,400	$6,000	0.00 %	**$6,000**
Salaries	$122,998	$126,746	$132,627	$140,534	$140,534	5.96 %	**$140,534**
Expenses	$3,244	$2,904	$17,597	$17,153	$17,153	(2.52)%	**$17,153**
Total 510	$132,242	$135,650	$156,224	$169,087	$163,687	4.78 %	**$163,687**
541 COUNCIL ON AGING							
Salaries	$171,654	$153,346	$216,538	$228,041	$228,041	5.31 %	**$228,041**
Expenses	$27,868	$38,292	$40,719	$39,356	$39,356	(3.35)%	**$39,356**
Total 541	$199,522	$191,638	$257,257	$267,397	$267,397	3.94 %	**$267,397**
543 VETERANS ASSISTANCE							
Salaries	$9,208	$8,500	$39,200	$20,984	$20,984	(46.47)%	**$20,984**
Expenses	$96,160	$69,374	$100,000	$101,500	$101,500	1.50 %	**$101,500**
Total 543	$105,368	$77,874	$139,200	$122,484	$122,484	(12.01)%	**$122,484**
610 LIBRARY							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$583	$500	$600	$600	$600	0.00 %	**$600**
Salaries	$403,304	$408,036	$443,625	$463,009	$463,009	4.37 %	**$463,009**
Expenses	$155,989	$156,531	$163,650	$169,950	$169,950	3.85 %	**$169,950**
Total 610	$559,876	$565,067	$607,875	$633,559	$633,559	4.23 %	**$633,559**
630 PARKS AND RECREATION							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$2,050	$2,050	$3,050	$0	$0	(100.00)%	**$0**
Salaries	$65,874	$69,333	$93,858	$96,948	$100,948	7.55 %	**$100,948**
Expenses	$68,874	$68,326	$69,600	$70,810	$70,810	1.74 %	**$70,810**
Total 630	$136,798	$139,709	$166,508	$167,758	$171,758	3.15 %	**$171,758**
632 TOWN COMMON							
Salaries	$0	$652	$9,000	$9,500	$9,500	5.56 %	**$9,500**
Expenses	$0	$11,023	$22,150	$25,800	$25,800	16.48 %	**$25,800**
Total 632	$0	$11,675	$31,150	$35,300	$35,300	13.32 %	**$35,300**
650 HISTORICAL COMMISSION							
Expenses	$4,488	$5,999	$10,000	$7,000	$7,000	(30.00)%	**$7,000**
Total 650	$4,488	$5,999	$10,000	$7,000	$7,000	(30.00)%	**$7,000**
651 CULTURAL COUNCIL							
Salaries	$5,625	$9,375	$7,500	$7,500	$7,500	0.00 %	**$7,500**
Expenses	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	0.00 %	**$0**
Total 651	$5,625	$9,375	$7,500	$7,500	$7,500	0.00 %	**$7,500**

Account Description	Actual FY2021	Actual FY2022	Budget FY2023	Department Head Requested FY2024	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2024	% Change FinCom vs. FY2023 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2024
660 MEMORIAL DAY/VETERANS DAY							
Expenses	$13,605	$14,458	$15,000	$18,000	$18,000	20.00 %	**$18,000**
Total 660	$13,605	$14,458	$15,000	$18,000	$18,000	20.00 %	**$18,000**
750 DEBT SERVICE							
Expenses- Principal	$4,837,338	$3,411,848	$2,758,758	$2,852,071	$2,852,071	3.38 %	**$2,852,071**
Expenses- Interest	$1,149,434	$952,620	$1,056,712	$888,131	$888,131	(15.95)%	**$888,131**
Total 750	$5,986,772	$4,364,468	$3,815,470	$3,740,202	$3,740,202	(1.97)%	**$3,740,202**
989 OPEB TRUST							
Transfer	$25,000	$50,000	$100,000	$75,000	$50,000	(50.00)%	**$50,000**
Total 989	$25,000	$50,000	$100,000	$75,000	$50,000	(50.00)%	**$50,000**
990 WORKERS COMPENSATION							
Transfer	$300,000	$475,000	$0	$65,000	$15,000	0.00 %	**$15,000**
Total 990	$300,000	$475,000	$0	$65,000	$15,000	0.00 %	**$15,000**
991 UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST							
Transfer	$200,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	0.00 %	**$0**
Total 991	$200,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	0.00 %	**$0**
992 GROUP INSURANCE TRUST FUND							
Transfer	$6,600,000	$7,100,000	$7,500,000	$7,800,000	$7,650,000	2.00 %	**$7,650,000**
Total 992	$6,600,000	$7,100,000	$7,500,000	$7,800,000	$7,650,000	2.00 %	**$7,650,000**
994 MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST							
Transfer	$0	$50,000	$0	$0	$0	0.00 %	**$0**
Total 994	$0	$50,000	$0	$0	$0	0.00 %	**$0**
996 CAPITAL INVESTMENT TRUST							
Transfer	$0	$300,000	$100,000	$0	$0	(100.00)%	**$0**
Total 996	$0	$300,000	$100,000	$0	$0	(100.00)%	**$0**
997 COMP ABSENCES FUND							
Transfer	$100,000	$100,000	$150,000	$50,000	$50,000	(66.67)%	**$50,000**
Total 997	$100,000	$100,000	$150,000	$50,000	$50,000	(66.67)%	**$50,000**
Total General Fund	**$60,911,429**	**$62,002,536**	**$64,338,922**	**$67,900,813**	**$67,790,851**	**5.37 %**	**$67,790,851**

Funding:		
Taxation & Other Available Sources	$	66,733,582
Title 5 Betterments	$	131,226
Pension Reserve	$	200,000
Trash Receipts	$	45,218
Water Receipts	$	507,621
Sewer Receipts	$	141,405
Stormwater Receipts	$	31,799
Total	$	67,790,851

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $ 67,790,851 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024 all as presented in the column entitled, "Finance Committee Recommended FY2024" appearing in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee under Article 1, said sum to be raised in the following manner:

Raise and Appropriate:	$ 66,733,582
Transfer from Title V Betterment Fund:	$ 131,226
Transfer from Pension Reserve	$ 200,000
Transfer from Trash Enterprise:	$ 45,218
Transfer from Water Enterprise:	$ 507,621
Transfer from Sewer Enterprise:	$ 141,405
Transfer from Stormwater Enterprise:	$ 31,799

Motion to amend Article 1 was made by Mr. Sposato to amend Department 161, Town Clerk's salary to $92,000 commencing on July 1, 2023, thus increasing Department 161 total to $154,800. Amendment passed by majority vote: **113Y/75N**

Motion to vote on amended Article 1 made by M. Connor and seconded. Motion passed by majority vote**: 146Y/39N**

ARTICLE 2. TRASH ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the Trash Enterprise for the period commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Account Description	Actual FY2021	Actual FY2022	Budget FY2023	Department Head Requested FY2024	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2024	% Change FinCom vs. FY2023 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2024
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$74,514	$76,624	$68,592	$76,662	$76,662	11.77 %	**$76,662**
Expenses	$1,674,139	$1,610,481	$2,012,196	$2,090,153	$2,090,153	3.87 %	**$2,090,153**
Total 430 - Trash	$1,748,653	$1,687,105	$2,080,788	$2,166,815	$2,166,815	4.13 %	**$2,166,815**

Funding:	$	2,121,597	Trash Enterprise Receipts
	$	45,218	Appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Trash Receipts
	$	2,166,815	Total

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $ 2,166,815 for the Trash Enterprise for the period commencing July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, said sum to be raised from Trash Receipts and expended in the following manner:

Salaries	$ 76,662	
Expenses	$ 2,090,153	Of which $ 45,218 shall be appropriated in the General Fund and funded from TRASH Receipts
For a Total of	$ 2,166,815	

Motion made by M. Connor and seconded. Motion passed by majority vote: **147Y/34N**

Prior to the reading of Article 3, a motion was made from the floor to move Article 25 out of order, and entertain it before Article 3.
Motion was made by J. Altomonte and seconded. Motion failed to receive the required 2/3 vote: **107Y/81N.** Thus, motion was defeated.

ARTICLE 3. WATER ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the Water Enterprise for the period commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Account Description	Actual FY2021	Actual FY2022	Budget FY2023	Department Head Requested FY2024	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2024	% Change FinCom vs. FY2023 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2024
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$1,062,421	$1,096,901	$1,178,004	$1,279,565	$1,279,565	8.62 %	**$1,279,565**
Expenses	$2,141,639	$2,266,440	$2,469,098	$2,653,584	$2,653,584	7.47 %	**$2,653,584**
Total 450 - Water	$3,204,060	$3,363,341	$3,647,102	$3,933,149	$3,933,149	7.84 %	**$3,933,149**

Funding:	$	3,425,528	Water Enterprise Receipts
	$	507,621	Appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Water Receipts
	$	3,933,149	Total

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $ 3,933,149 for the Water Enterprise for the period commencing July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, said sum to be raised from Water Receipts and expended in the following manner:

Salaries	$ 1,279,565	
Expenses	$ 2,653,584	Of which $ 507,621 shall be appropriated in the General Fund and funded from WATER Receipts
For a Total of	$ 3,933,149	

Motion was made by M. Connor and seconded. Motion was passed by majority vote: **146Y/36N**

ARTICLE 4. SEWER ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the Sewer Enterprise for the period commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Account Description	Actual FY2021	Actual FY2022	Budget FY2023	Department Head Requested FY2024	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2024	% Change FinCom vs. FY2023 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2024
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$291,996	$337,525	$367,799	$404,208	$404,208	9.90 %	**$404,208**
Expenses	$1,114,711	$1,050,195	$1,265,842	$1,222,720	$1,222,720	(3.41)%	**$1,222,720**
Total 460 - Sewer	$1,406,707	$1,387,720	$1,633,641	$1,626,928	$1,626,928	(0.41)%	**$1,626,928**

Funding:	$	1,485,523	Sewer Enterprise Receipts
	$	141,405	Appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Sewer Receipts
	$	1,626,928	Total

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $ 1,626,928 for the Sewer Enterprise for the period commencing July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, said sum to be raised from Sewer Receipts and expended in the following manner:

Salaries	$ 404,208	
Expenses	$ 1,222,720	Of which $ 141,405 shall be appropriated in the General Fund and funded from SEWER Receipts
For a Total of	$ 1,626,928	

Motion was made by M. Connor and seconded. Motion passed by majority vote: **150Y/29N**

ARTICLE 5. STORMWATER ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the Stormwater Enterprise for the period commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Account Description	Actual FY2021	Actual FY2022	Budget FY2023	Department Head Requested FY2024	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2024	% Change FinCom vs. FY2023 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2024
Elected/Appointed Salaries	$375,255	$367,466	$472,578	$499,154	$499,154	5.62 %	**$499,154**
Expenses	$188,553	$186,831	$482,941	$456,250	$456,250	(5.53)%	**$456,250**
Total 490 - Stormwater	$563,808	$554,297	$955,519	$955,404	$955,404	(0.01)%	**$955,404**

Funding:	$	923,605	Stormwater Enterprise Receipts
	$	31,799	Appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Stormwater Receipts
	$	955,404	Total

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $ 955,404 for the Stormwater Enterprise for the period commencing July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, said sum to be raised from Stormwater Receipts and expended in the following manner:

Salaries	$ 499,154	
Expenses	$ 456,250	Of which $ 31,799 shall be appropriated in the General Fund and funded from STORMWATER Receipts
For a Total of	$ 955,404	

Motion made by M. Connor and seconded. Motion passed by majority vote: **139Y/35Y**

ARTICLE 6. CONVEYANCES AND EASEMENTS

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

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, by gift, any conveyances or easements for sewers, water lines, retaining walls and streets.
Motion made by M. Hennessy and seconded. Motion passed my majority vote. **142Y/25N**

ARTICLE 7. PURCHASE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money and to authorize the DPW Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to authorize the DPW Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town.
Motion made by M. Hennessy. Motion passed by majority vote: **145Y/28N**

ARTICLE 8. TOWN PROPERTY AUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell at public auction any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute quitclaim deeds and other instruments thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 8 as set forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee under said Article 8.
Motion made by M. Hennessy and seconded. Motion passed by majority vote: **146Y/26N**

ARTICLE 9. HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, (as pertaining to Highway Funds) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, said funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State Revenue; and expended under the direction of the DPW Director; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 9 as set forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee under said Article 9.
Motion made by M. Hennessy and seconded. Motion passed by majority vote: **150Y/24N**

ARTICLE 10. AMEND FY2023 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

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

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends Passing Over this Article

Motion was made to pass over Article 10 and seconded. Motion passed over by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. AMEND FY2023 TRASH ENTERPRISE BUDGET

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

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends Passing Over this Article

Motion was made to pass over Article 11 and seconded. Motion passed over by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. AMEND FY2023 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

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

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends Passing Over this Article

Motion was made to pass over Article 12 and seconded. Motion passed over by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 13. AMEND FY2023 SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

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

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends Passing Over this Article

Motion was made to pass over Article 13 and seconded. Motion passed over by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 14. AMEND FY2023 STORMWATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, or otherwise amending appropriations or by transferring funds from various sources for items within said Article 5; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends <u>Passing Over</u> this Article

Motion was made to pass over Article 14 and seconded. Motion passed over by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 15. CAPITAL OUTLAY – (Expenditures $50,000 & Over)

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

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee's Recommendations are listed below:
The Capital Improvements Committee's Recommendations are listed below:

Department	Capital Request	Amount	Funding
POLICE	Police Vehicle	76,368	Free Cash $36,368 Police Vehicle Revolving Fund $40,000
FIRE	Station 1: Roof and Remove Boiler	60,000	Free Cash
SCHOOL	14 Passenger Bus	65,000	Operating Budget
SCHOOL	BHS Cafeteria tables/chairs	84,180	Free Cash
SCHOOL	BMS Handicap parking and lighting	50,392	Free Cash
SCHOOL	Upgrade WIFI-access points	76,953	Free Cash
	SUB-TOTAL	412,893	
RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 7/0 ***RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 4/0***			
WATER	Generator at Well 7/8	65,000	Prior Year Articles: $47,628.74 from 0200-921-69387 Water System Replacement $17,371.26 from 0200-922-69426 Well 1 Replace
WATER	PFAS/TTHM Design/Engineering for Hartford Ave Treatment Plant (HAFP)	2,100,000	Borrowing
	SUB-TOTAL	2,165,000	
	TOTAL	2,577,893	
RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 7/0 ***RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 4/0***			

Motion: I move the Town vote that $**2,577,893** is appropriated for the following purposes, and any other incidental or related costs:

Department	Project	Amount
Police	Replace Police Vehicle	76,368
Fire	Station 1: Roof and Remove Boiler	60,000
School	14 Passenger Bus	65,000
School	BHS Cafeteria tables/chairs	84,180
School	BMS Handicap parking and lighting	50,392
School	Upgrade WIFI-access points	76,953
Water	Generator at Well 7/8	65,000
Water	PFAS/TTHM Design/Engineering for Hartford Ave Treatment Plant	2,100,000;

that to meet this appropriation
(i) $307,893 is transferred from free cash,
(ii) $40,000 is transferred from the Police Vehicle Revolving Fund,
(iii) $65,000 is transferred from line 1000-303-7500-524-09-00-52210 of the FY 2023 operating budget,
(iv) $47,628.74 is transferred from Prior Year Articles 0200-921-69387 Water System Replacement,
(v) $17,371.26 is transferred from Prior Year Articles 0200-922-69426 Well 1, and
(vi) the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $2,100,000 under G.L. c.44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority as shown for the projects in the Article under the table heading "Funding"; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the projects; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the projects.

Motion made by K. Grant and seconded. Motion passed by required 2/3 vote: **154Y/32N**

ARTICLE 16. NON-CAPITAL OUTLAY – (Expenditures of Less Than $50,000)

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

(By: Board of Selectmen)

Department	Description	Amount	Funding
BLDG MAINT	Exterior Painting – Old Town Hall	20,000	Free Cash
SCHOOL	DiPietro Bus Access Road	45,000	Prior Year Article: 1000-928-59549 Primavera Demolition
SCHOOL	BHS cafeteria hallway floors	32,065	Free Cash
DPW	Silver Lake Dam, Phase 1, Design/Engineering	41,120	Free Cash
TREE WARDEN	Stump Grinding and Tree Removal Services	40,000	Free Cash
CEMETERY	Columbarium	45,000	Cemetery Sale of Lots $40,000 Cemetery Maintenance $5,000
ELECTION	Special Election to fill vacancy on Select Board	13,000	Free Cash
	TOTAL	236,185	
RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0			

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 16 as printed in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee and appropriate a total amount of $236,185, in the amounts, from the funding sources, and for the purposes listed in said Article 16. Motion made by K. Grant and seconded. Motion passed by majority vote: **155Y/29N**

ARTICLE 17. ACCEPTANCE OF CANDLELIGHT LANE AND NORTHERN LIGHTS WAY AS PUBLIC WAY

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

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

NOT RECOMMENDED by the Planning Board 5/0
The Finance Committee recommends <u>Passing Over</u> this Article

Motion was made to pass over Article 16 and seconded. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 18. HARTFORD AVENUE ADAPTIVE OVERLAY DISTRICT

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

§ 240-185 Purpose.

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

A. To provide options for limited business operations subject to the standards designed to preserve the integrity of the abutting residential neighborhoods.

B. To encourage the reuse of residential buildings by providing economic uses for buildings that may no longer function as well as single-family residences.

C. To implement certain goals of the Master Plan, including encouraging economic development, protecting small town character, and updating zoning to maintain consistency.

§ 240-186 -General requirements.

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

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

- **Parcel 18 Lot 97 - 1 Deerfield Lane**
- **Parcel 18 Lot 98 - 222 Hartford Ave**
- **Parcel 18 Lot 99 - 224 Hartford Ave**

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

§ 240-187 - Permitted and prohibited uses.

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

B. Uses allowed by special permit in the HAAOD.
(1) In approving an adaptive use special permit under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A, § 9 and these Zoning Bylaws, the Planning Board may provide for the following uses:
(a) Offices for business or professional uses, including, but not limited to, accountants, architects, attorneys, counselors, engineers, insurance agents, planners, real estate sales, and similar uses.
(b) Medical offices, including, but not limited to, acupuncture, chiropractors, massage therapy, other medical specialists and similar uses.
(c) Studios for artists, photographers, interior decorators, and similar design-related uses.
(d) Personal care services such as barber shops, beauty parlors and nail salons.
(e) Bank freestanding and/or with a drive-thru.

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

C. Prohibited uses. The following uses shall be prohibited in the HAAOD:
(1) Motor vehicle sales, repair, or sales of parts; gas stations, (multi-port charging stations.)
(2) Manufacturing or industrial uses of any kind.
(3) Food Services, including but not limited to bakeries, cafes, coffee shops, delicatessens, dessert shops, pastry shops, sandwich shops, convenience stores, pizza parlors, and other fast food-type restaurants.
(4) Drive-through windows of any kind except associated with a bank.
(5) Exterior storage of equipment or materials.
(6) No non-bank loan or check cashing operations.
(7) Repair shops for large equipment, appliances or tools and/or the fabrication or repair of machinery.
(8) Off street parking.
(9) Exterior Fleet storage.
(10) Retail sales for liquor and convenient stores.
(11) Any use not specifically allowed § 240-187(A) & (B) above is hereby prohibited.

§ 240-188 - Special permit site development standards.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 240-189 – Procedures for Special Permit

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

§ 240-190 - Special permit standards and criteria.

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

A. The proposed use is contemplated under the provisions of this bylaw.

B. The site is adequate for the proposed use in terms of size, configuration, and use of abutting properties.

C. The proposed use will cause minimal adverse impacts to abutting properties and will provide mitigation of any impacts.

D. Provisions for traffic and parking are adequate for the proposed use.

E. The proposal promotes the aesthetic appeal and deters detrimental impacts to the abutting residential neighborhood and that the proposed project complies with the goals of the Master Plan.

F. The provisions for utilities, including sewage disposal, water supply and stormwater management, are adequate.

G. The proposed project complies with the goals of the Master Plan and the purposes of this article of the Zoning Bylaw; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

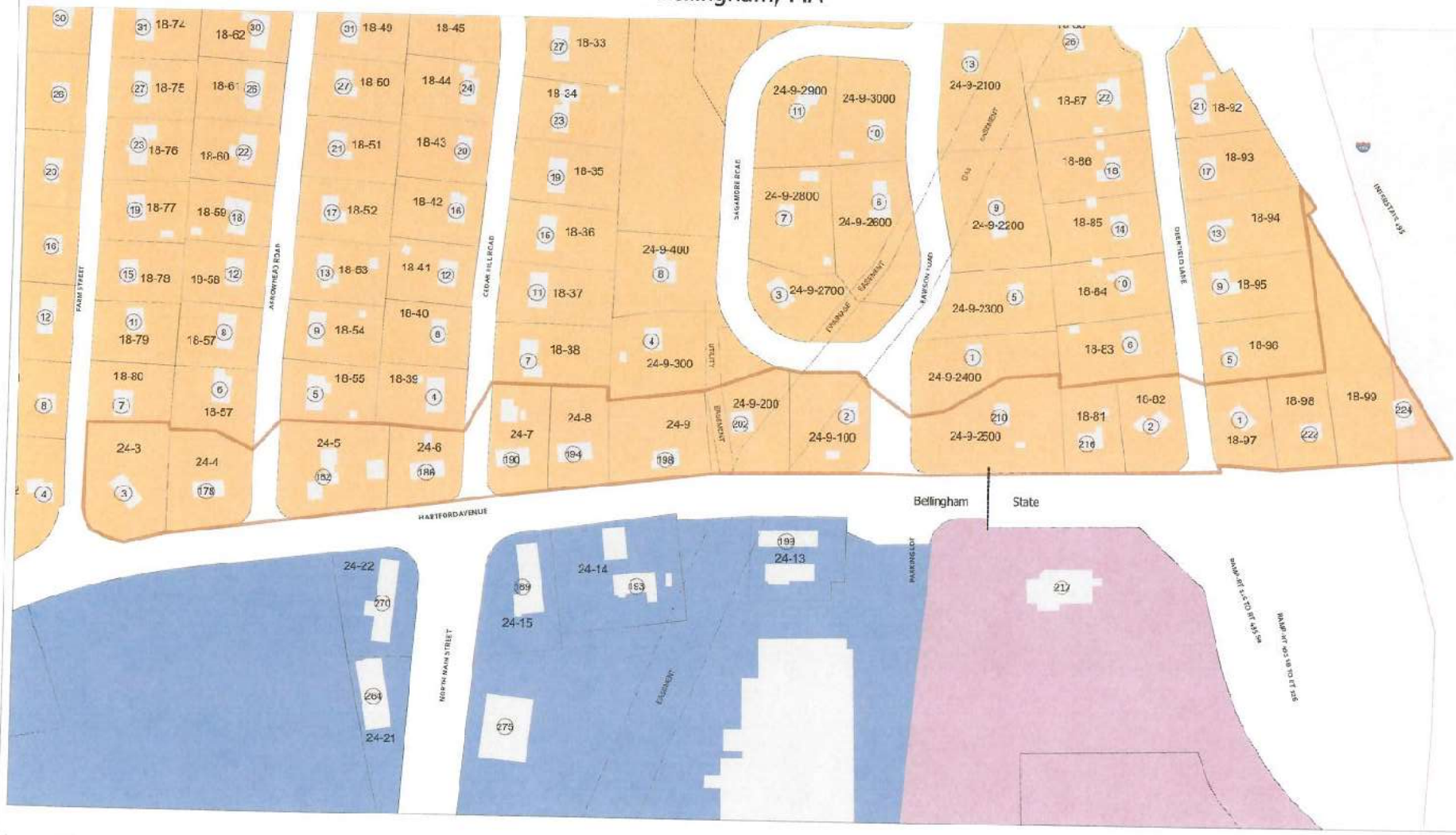
(By: Board of Selectmen & HAAOD Committee)

RECOMMENDED by the Planning Board 5/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 18 as printed in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, to amend the Zoning Bylaws, Attachment 1 and the Zoning Map by deleting the existing Article XXVI Hartford Avenue Adaptive Use Overlay District (HAAOD) and inserting in its place the new Harford Avenue Adaptive Overlay District, all as set forth in said Article 18.

Motion was made by M. Connor and seconded. Motion passed by required 2/3 vote: **133Y/52N**

Hartford Avenue Adaptive Overlay District
Bellingham, MA



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ARTICLE 19. DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE

To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 60, Section 77C, conveying to the Town fee title to all or portions of the parcel of land located on Maple Street, identified on the Assessors Map as Parcel 0020-0023, containing 0.084 acres, more or less, and being the premises described in a deed recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 9169, Page 692, which parcel is subject to tax taking by the Treasurer/Collector for unpaid real estate taxes, said parcel to be under the care, custody, control and management of the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and/or for the disposition thereof, by sale or otherwise, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said land on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, and, further, to take any and all actions and execute any and all documents necessary or convenient to consummate the foregoing transactions; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 19 as set forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee under said Article 19.

Motion was made by S. Sahin and seconded. Motion passed by majority vote: **141Y/23N**

ARTICLE 20. ACCEPTANCE OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 41, SECTION 110A

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

(By: Town Clerk)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 20 as set forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee under said Article 20.

Motion made by S. Sahin and seconded. Motion passed by majority vote: **125Y/39N**

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

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

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

Fund Name	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend	Use of Funds
	said field, the purchase of advertising at said field		
Inspectional Services	Inspectional fees and fines	Building Commissioner	Expenses in support of the Inspectional Services department including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors
Silver Lake Admission Fee	Parking fees and fines for Silver Lake and Arcand parks	Town Administrator	Expenses in support of the Parks department including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors
Council on Aging Activities	Program, activity, and other related receipts	Council on Aging Director	Expenses in support of the Council on Aging Programs and Activities including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors
Town Beautification	***Beautification related receipts, gifts, and donations***	***Town Administrator***	***Expenses in support of Town Beautification activities including supplies, materials, equipment, and compensation to employees or contractors***

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

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

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 21 as set forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee under said Article 21.
Motion made by K. Grant and seconded. Motion passed by majority vote: **144Y/23N**

ARTICLE 22. DEPOT STREET DPW PARKING AND ACCESS LAND ACQUISITION

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

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 7/0

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Land Acquisition	$45,000	Free Cash

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 22 as set forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee for the purpose, in the amount and from the funding source specified under said Article 22.
Motion was made by K. Grant and seconded. Motion received the required 2/3 vote: **132Y/37N**

ARTICLE 23. CONSTRUCTION OF DPW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

(By: Board of Selectmen & DPW Building Committee)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 7/0
RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee 4/0

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
DPW Administration Building	$2,500,000	Borrowing

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 23 as set forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, and, to meet this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow $2,500,000 pursuant to G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and issues bonds and notes of the Town therefor; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for and expend any federal or state

aid available for the project and take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.
Motion made by K. Grant and seconded. Motion passed with required 2/3 vote: **140Y/42N**

ARTICLE 24. TO APPROVE AND FUND THE AFSCME LABOR CONTRACT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise for the purpose of funding the cost items of the first year of an Agreement by and between the Town of Bellingham and the AFSCME Labor Union beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such funds to appropriate departments; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends Passing Over this Article

Motion was made to pass over Article 24 and seconded. Motion passed over by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 25. TOWN CHARTER REVISIONS

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

(By: Charter and Bylaw Review Committee)

RECOMMENDED by the Charter and Bylaw Review Committee 6/1

I move the Town vote to approve Article 25 as set forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to file special legislation to amend the Town Charter as recommended by the 2023 Charter and Bylaw Review Committee, so that the Charter provides as specified in a document entitled "Proposed Charter".

Prior to a vote on Article 25, a motion was made by J. Altomonte, and seconded, to move to amend to pass over Article 25**. Motion to amend** was passed by majority vote: **118Y/50N**

A motion to actually pass over Article 25 was then made by J. Altomonte and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote: **120Y/47N**

ARTICLE 26. OPIOID SETTLEMENT STABILIZATION FUND AND OPIOID REVENUES

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.40, §5B to create a new special purpose stabilization fund, to be known as the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, which may be expended for all of the

purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid-litigation settlement documents, a document prepared by the Substance Abuse Bureau of the state Office of Health and Human Services Department, found at https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-abatement-terms/download entitled "Abatement Strategies", and consistent with any state guidelines or regulations further clarifying allowable uses of opioid litigation settlement funds, and, further, to adopt the last paragraph of said §5B and dedicate to such fund, without further appropriation, 100% of the opioid litigation settlement funds received by the Town, and, to comply with the Town's obligations to use such funds solely for allowable purposes, to transfer to said fund a sum of money from available funds equal to the amount already received in FY23, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Transfer to Opioid Stabilization	$86,713.97	Free Cash

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 26 as set forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, creating an Opioid Stabilization Fund and dedicating 100% of the opioid litigation settlement monies to said fund, and, further, to transfer $86,713.97 from Free Cash, the amount equal to that received by the Town to date, to the fund. Motion made by S. Sahin and seconded. Motion passed by required 2/3 vote: **119Y/26N**

ARTICLE 27. TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION FUND

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

(By: Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Purpose	Amount	Funding Source
Transfer to Stabilization Trust Fund	$200,000	Free Cash

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $200,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.
Motion was made by S. Sahin and seconded. Motion passed by required 2/3/ vote: **116Y/21N**

ARTICLE 28. TRANSFER TO CAPITAL INVESTMENT TRUST FUND

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

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends Passing Over this Article

A motion was made to pass over Article 28 and seconded. Article was passed over by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 29. TRANSFER TO GROUP INSURANCE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise for the purpose of funding the Group Health Insurance Trust Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends Passing Over this Article

A motion was made to pass over Article 28 and seconded. Article was passed over by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 30. UNPAID BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise for the payment of certain unpaid bills; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

The Finance Committee recommends Passing Over this Article

A motion was made to pass over Article 28 and seconded. Article was passed over by unanimous voice vote.

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

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this 20th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty Three.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Donald F. Martinis, Chairman

Kelly H. Grant, Vice Chairwoman

Michael J. Connor, Member

Cynthia L. McNulty, Member

Sahan Sahin, Member

RETURN ON THE WARRANT

Norfolk, ss:

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

3/21/23
Date

Constable of Bellingham