

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MAY 23, 2018

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, 2018 through June 30, 2019; or act or do anything in relation thereto

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account</u>
114	Town Meeting Moderator
122	Board of Selectmen
123	Town Administrator
131	Finance Committee
132	Reserve Fund
135	Chief Financial Officer
137	Assessors
145	Treasurer & Collector
151	Town Counsel
152	Human Resources
154	Management Information System

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
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
210	Police Department
220	Fire Department
251	Town Inspector
252	Sealer of Weights & Measures
253	Inspector of Plumbing & Gas
255	Electrical Inspector
292	Animal Control
294	Tree Warden
299	Auxiliary Police
300	School Department
302	Blackstone Valley Vocational Tech School
303	School Transportation
421	Highway Administration
422	Highway Construction/Maintenance
423	Snow and Ice Removal
424	Street Lighting
425	Highway Maintenance
426	Gas & Oil
433	Solid Waste
439	Sanitary Landfill
491	Cemetery Committee
510	Board of Health
541	Council on Aging
543	Veterans Services
549	Veterans Grave Agent
610	Library

630	Park & Recreation
650	Historical Commission
651	Arts Cultural Commission
660	Memorial Day/Veterans
710	Maturing Debt
715	Interest on Bonds
990	Workers Compensation Trust Fund
991	Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund
992	Group Insurance Claims Trust Fund
996	Transfer to Capital Investment Trust
997	Compensated Absence Trust Fund

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,019,872 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, 2018 through June 30th, 2019 all as printed in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee. Said sum to be raised in the following manner:

\$	79,334	Title V Betterment Fund
\$	270,000	Free Cash
\$	350,000	Ambulance Receipts
\$	250,000	Pension Reserve
\$	56,070,538	Taxation

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. Salaries under negotiation have been level funded.
3. All dollar amounts listed have been rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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 a period commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,615,216 with \$1,500,000 coming from trash receipts and \$115,216 coming from trash receipts retained earnings for the period commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30th, 2019; said sum to be expended in the following manner:

\$	42,814	Salaries
\$	<u>1,572,402</u>	Expenses
\$	1,615,216	Total

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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 a period commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,847,358 for the Water Enterprise Fund for the period commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30th, 2019 said sum to be raised from Water Receipts to be expended in the following manner:

\$	50,000	Reserve Fund
\$	981,778	Elected/Appointed Salaries
\$	<u>1,815,580</u>	Expenses
\$	2,847,358	Total

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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 a period commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,407,611 for the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the period commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30th, 2019 said sum to be raised from Sewer Receipts to be expended in the following manner:

\$	25,000 Reserve Fund
\$	215,091 Elected/Appointed Salaries
\$	<u>1,167,520</u> Expenses
\$	1,407,611 Total

(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 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)

VOTED: The Town voted unanimously 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 to carryout said purose.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 6. 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 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 voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 from Free Cash and 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 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)

VOTED: The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen and their successors in office to sell at public auction any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute quitclaim deeds and other instruments therto.

(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 Voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (as pertaining to Highway Funds) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, 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 2017 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 1; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town voted unanimously to amend Article 1 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting by Transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 1 as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
DPW Highway Maintenance	\$15,000	Stormwater Management Expenses
DPW Highway Construction Maintenance Expenses	\$45,000	Stormwater Management Expenses
DPW Highway Construction Maintenance Expenses	\$10,000	Stormwater Management Expenses
DPW Snow and Ice Removal	\$350,000	Free Cash

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 10. AMEND ARTICLE 2.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 of the 2017 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: The Town voted unanimously to amend Article 2 Trash Enterprise of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting by transferring \$30,000 from Trash enterprise retained earnings to Article 2 Trash Enterprise Expenses.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 11. AMEND ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the 2017 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: The Town voted unanimously to amend Article 3 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting by transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 3 as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
DPW Water Enterprise Expenses	\$25,000	Water Enterprise Salaries

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 12. AMEND ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4 of the 2017 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: This article was 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 taxation, by transfer from available funds, 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: This article was Passed Over

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 taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase of various non-capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,100 for the purpose of purchasing various items from the identified sources as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>
DPW Replace Drives at Water Pump Stations #4 & #5	\$20,000	Water Surplus
Fire Dept-Purchase Two "LUCAS" Chest Compression Systems	\$31,100	Ambulance Receipts

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 15. REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the total expenditures for the following revolving funds pursuant to G.L. c. 44 §53E½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 to be expended in accordance with the bylaws; or take any other action relative thereto.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>SPENDING LIMIT</u>
Bellingham Public Library Trustees	\$15,000
D.P.W.	\$20,000
Board of Health	\$35,000
Board of Health	\$20,000
Commission on Disability	\$10,000
Bellingham Police Department	\$40,000
Bellingham Conservation Commission	\$15,000
Board of Selectmen	\$25,000
School Committee	\$50,000

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

VOTED: The Town Voted unanimously to authorize the total expenditures for the following revolving funds pursuant to G.L. c. 44 §53E½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 to be expended in accordance with the bylaws;

<u>FUND</u>	<u>SPENDING LIMIT</u>
Bellingham Public Library Trustees	\$15,000
D.P.W.	\$20,000
Board of Health	\$35,000
Board of Health	\$20,000
Commission on Disability	\$10,000
Bellingham Police Department	\$40,000
Bellingham Conservation Commission	\$15,000
Board of Selectmen	\$25,000
School Committee	\$50,000

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 16. LAKEVIEW AVE. PERMANENT ROADWAY & MUNICIPAL UTILITY EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to accept a portion of Lakeview Avenue as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or take by eminent domain permanent roadway, drainage and utility easements and to accept a deed or deeds to the Town for said layout of a portion of Lakeview Avenue and to allow for the connection of two dead-end water mains in the area of 137 Lakeview Ave as shown on plans titled “Permanent Right of Way Easements Located at Lakeview Avenue Bellingham MA Prepared for the Town of Bellingham Department of Public Works” prepared by Land Planning, Inc., latest revision date January 23, 2018, and plans titled “Easement Plan Located at 137 Lakeview Avenue Bellingham MA, Owned by Town of Bellingham & Paul D. Clarkin Prepared for the Town of Bellingham” prepared by Land Planning, Inc., dated June 21, 2017; copies of which will be on file with the Town Clerk’s Office 14 days before the Town Meeting, and to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money for the purposes of this Article including any related expenses; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

VOTED: The Town voted to accept a portion of Lakeview Avenue as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or take by eminent domain permanent roadway, drainage and utility easements and to accept deed or deeds to the Town for said layout of a portion of Lakeview Avenue and to allow for the connection of two dead-end water mains in the area of 137 Lakeview Ave as shown on plans titled “Permanent Right of Way Easements Located at Lakeview Avenue Bellingham MA Prepared for the Town of Bellingham Department of Public Works” prepared by Land Planning, Inc., latest revision date January 23, 2018, and plans titled “Easement Plan Located at 137 Lakeview Avenue Bellingham MA, Owned by Town of Bellingham & Paul D. Clarkin Prepared for the Town of Bellingham” prepared by Land Planning, Inc., dated June 21, 2017, and to transfer \$25,000 from Article 5 “Sand Castle Lane Water Loop” of the 2015 Special Town Meeting for the purposes of this Article including any related expenses.

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

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 17. CHARLES RIVER GROVE DRAINAGE EASEMENTS & PARCEL ACQUISITION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or take by eminent domain permanent drainage easements and to accept a deed or deeds to the Town to allow for the improvement to the storm drain system in the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Middle Ave as shown on plans titled “Drainage Easement Plan Charles River Grove, Bellingham, Massachusetts” prepared by Borderland Engineering, Inc., dated May 4, 2018, copies of which will be on file with the Town Clerk’s Office 14 days before the Town Meeting; and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or take by eminent domain and to accept a deed or deeds to the Town all or a portion of parcels noted on the Tax Assessor’s records as Map 40 Parcels 82, 98, 99, 109, & 110 to allow for improvement to the storm drain system and to establish ownership of traveled ways in First, Second, Third, and Middle Avenue, and to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money for the purposes of this Article including any related expenses; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

VOTED: This article was Passed Over

ARTICLE 18. COOKS LANE PERMANENT ROADWAY EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to accept Cooks Lane as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or take by eminent domain permanent roadway, drainage and utility easements and to accept a deed or deeds to the Town for said easements as shown on plans titled “Taking Plans Located at Cooks Lane Bellingham MA Prepared for the Town of Bellingham Department of Public Works” prepared by Land Planning, Inc., dated July 28, 2016; copies of which will be on file with the Town Clerk’s Office 14 days before the Town Meeting, and to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money for the purposes of this Article including any related expenses; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

VOTED: This article was Passed Over

ARTICLE 19. ACCEPTANCE OF UNACCEPTED PUBLIC WAYS

To see if the Town will vote to accept as public ways the following roads as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as shown on plans on file with the office of the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain, or accept as a gift, and to accept a deed or deeds to the Town of easements in these ways to be accepted as public ways, and any associated drainage, utility, snow, slope or other easements appurtenant thereto, and to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money for the purposes of this Article including any related expenses; or act or do anything related thereto.

- Steven Road (All)
- Northeast Drive (All)
- Roger Street (currently improved section)
- Rear Elm Street (All)

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Town voted to accept as public ways the following roads as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as shown on plans on file with the office of the Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed or deeds to the Town for easements in these ways to be accepted as public ways, and any associated drainage, utility, snow, slope or other easements appurtenant thereto.

- Steven Road (All)
- Northeast Drive (All)
- Roger Street (currently improved section)
- Rear Elm Street (All)

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

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 20. ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE LAND

To see if that the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain, or accept as a gift a portion of the parcel shown as Map 65 Parcel 20 as shown on the Tax Assessor's and vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money or transfer from open space account to provide payment of aforesaid acquisitions, or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: This article was Passed Over

ARTICLE 21. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS – SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, FUEL STORAGE TANKS & DE-LEADING DWELLINGS

To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of remediating failing residential subsurface sewage disposal systems, underground fuel storage tanks and de-leading dwellings with dangerous levels of lead, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, §127B ½ and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 80 (Betterments) and determine how such appropriation should be raised whether by taxation, transfer of available funds, borrowing or otherwise and if by borrowing, to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes by the Town at one time or from time to time; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Health)

VOTED: The Town voted to raise the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of remediating failing residential subsurface sewage disposal systems, underground fuel storage tanks and de-leading dwellings with dangerous levels of lead, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, 127B½ and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 80 (Betterments) that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$300,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under General laws, Chapter 111, 127½ and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws and/or Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 80 (Betterments) or any other enabling authority; that although it is the Town's intent that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, such bonds or notes shall nevertheless be general obligations of the Town, and the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all of a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the projects. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by like amounts.

Motion carried by 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. LEASE OF TOWN LAND

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease, as well as a payment in lieu of tax agreement, for the development of a solar array electric storage on Town property at 26 Pearl Street, formally known as the Pearl Street Mill site identified as Town of Bellingham Assessor's Map 60, Parcel 4 for a term of up to thirty 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: This article was Passed Over

ARTICLE 23. 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: Finance Committee)

VOTED: This article was Passed Over

Adjourned at 9:03 PM.

No Quorum required.

Attendance:

P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-4A	P-5	TOTAL
15	11	21	15	2	13	77

A True Record.

ATTEST:

**Ann L. Odabashian
Bellingham Town Clerk**

