

Town Of Barre Annual Town Meeting June 14, 2022 - MINUTES

**TOWN OF BARRE
REVENUE FY2023**

	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23 - Est
Property Tax Levy			
Prior Year Levy Limit	(8,401,060)	8,731,300	(9,009,689)
2 1/2% Increase	(210,027)	218,282.50	(225,242)
New Growth	(120,213)	60107	(70,000)
Debt Service Override- School	(99,188)	97,313	(95,250)
Debt Service Override- Municipal	(177,657)	175,057	(147,992)
Override?			
Unused Levy Limit			
Less Overlay	((72,000)	((70,000)	((70,000)
LEVY TOTAL	(\$ 8,936,145)	(\$ 9,212,059)	(\$ 9,478,173)

State Aid			
Unrestricted Gen. Governemnt Aid (State Lottery)	(955,017)	(988,445)	(1,041,819)
State Owned Land	(68,636)	(79,146)	(105,133)
Veteran's Benefits Reimbursements	(75,499)	(53,852)	(48,304)
Veteran, Blind, SSP Elderly	(21,071)	(17,655)	(8,735)
Public Library Offset	(11,667)	(11,667)	(15,140)
Less State Assessments	((20,693)	((19,854)	((16,609)
CHERRY SHEET TOTAL	(\$ 1,111,197)	(\$ 1,130,911)	(\$ 1,202,522)

Local Receipts Revenue			
Other Taxes & Excise	(950,429)	(960,169)	(980,169)
Charges for Fees & Services	(87,524)	(113,131)	(113,131)
Licenses & Permits	(57,750)	(104,000)	(95,800)
Fine & Forfeitures	(8,211)	(2,000)	(5,000)
Miscellaneous and Shared Services	(49,542)	(49,000)	(151,348)
Miscellaneous Non-recurring (Only in Actuals)	(12,988)	(4,000)	
TOTAL LOCAL SOURCE REVENUE	(\$ 1,166,444)	(\$ 1,232,300)	(\$ 1,345,447)

Additional Funds			
Indirect Costs- Water	(88,030)	(94,896)	(84,537)
Indirect Costs - Sewer	(150,015)	(126,027)	(144,162)
Free Cash			
Transfer from Special Revenue			
Transfer from Ambulance Funds	(435,000)	(475,000)	(500,000)
Operating Stabilization			
TOTAL OTHER ADDITIONAL FUNDS	(\$ 673,045)	(\$ 695,923)	(\$ 728,699)

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**Water
Enterprise**

Account Number	Description	FY22 Budget	FY2023 Request	Percentage Change	COLA
60204450-510000	DPW SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$26,854.00	\$28,489.80	6.09%	
60204450-511000	WATER DEPARTMENT SALARIES	\$115,378.00	\$117,687.00	2.00%	
60204450-511100	WATER OT/PT	\$24,684.00	\$25,178.00	2.00%	
60204450-512000	WATER SECRETARY (DPW)	\$16,125.00	\$17,104.18	6.07%	
60204450-514000	WATER COMMISSIONERS STIPENDS	\$900.00	\$900.00	0.00%	
60204450-576000	WATER OPERATIONS EXPENSE	\$104,700.00	\$104,500.00	-0.19%	
60204450-576100	WATER MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00	0.00%	
60204450-576200	WATER ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE	\$7,300.00	\$7,300.00	0.00%	
60204450-576400	WATER REPLACEMENT	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%	
60204450-576500	WATER PUMPING EXPENSE	\$68,000.00	\$68,000.00	0.00%	
60204450-576600	WATER UPGRADE	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	0.00%	
	PICKUP TRUCK	\$60,000.00	\$10,000.00	-83.33%	
		\$479,941.00	\$495,158.98	3.17%	
Indirect Costs (Transfer from Water to General Fund)					
60204450-596250	WATER DEBT TRANSFER TO GF	\$29,855.00	\$29,243.24	-2.05%	
60204450-599000	WATER HEALTH DENTAL LIFE	\$27,644.02	\$29,134.03	5.39%	
60204450-599100	GENERAL INSURANCE	\$18,929.19	\$18,929.19	0.00%	
60204450-599200	COUNTY RETIREMENT	\$608.00	\$608.00	0.00%	
60204450-599250	TOWN SERVICES	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	0.00%	
		\$84,536.21	\$85,414.46	1.04%	
Total:		\$564,477.21	\$580,573.44	2.85%	

**Sewer
Enterprise**

Account Number	Description	FY22 Budget	FY2023 Request	Percentage Change	
60104440-510000	DPW Superintendent Salary	\$26,854.00	\$28,489.80	6.09%	
60104440-511000	Sewer Salary	\$174,076.00	\$180,275.00	3.56%	
60104440-511100	Sewer OT/PT	\$26,928.00	\$27,467.00	2.00%	
60104440-512000	Sewer Department Secretary	\$16,125.00	\$17,104.18	6.07%	
60104440-513200	Longevity Stipends	\$200.00	\$300.00	50.00%	
60104440-514000	Sewer Commissioners Stipends	\$900.00	\$900.00	0.00%	
60104440-576000	Sewer Operating Costs	\$251,700.00	\$251,700.00	0.00%	
60104440-576100	Sewer Maintenance Costs	\$57,600.00	\$57,600.00	0.00%	
60104440-576200	Sewer Administrative Expenses	\$32,200.00	\$32,200.00	0.00%	
60104440-576300	Sewer Inflow/Infiltration	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	0.00%	
60104440-576400	Sewer Replacement Fund	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	0.00%	
	Pickup Truck	\$60,000.00	\$10,000.00	-83.33%	
		(\$ 696,583.00)	\$656,035.98	-5.82%	
Indirect Costs (Transfer from Sewer to General Fund)					
60104440-596240	Sewer Debt Transfer to GF	(\$ 79,922.00)	\$78,241.17	-2.15%	
60104440-599000	Sewer Health/Dental/Life	(\$ 10,396.61)	\$10,956.99	5.11%	
60104440-599100	Sewer General Insurance	(\$ 29,445.04)	\$29,445.04	0.00%	
60104440-599200	Sewer County Retirement	(\$ 16,898.00)	\$16,898.00	0.00%	
60104440-599250	Town Services	(\$ 7,500.00)	\$7,500.00	0.00%	
		(\$ 144,161.65)	\$143,041.20	-0.78%	
Total:		(\$ 840,744.65)	\$799,077.18	-5.21%	

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General Fund Operating Budget

Account Number	Description	FY22 Budget	FY2023 Department Request	FY23 TA V2	Percentage Change	Req. Total Increase
Moderator						
00101114-570000	Moderator Stipend	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$50.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$50.00	0%	\$ -
Selectboard						
00101122-510000	Selectboard Stipends	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$1,800.00	0%	\$ -
00101122-570000	Selectboard Expenses	\$ 8,320.00	\$ 8,320.00	\$8,320.00	0%	\$ -
00101129-510000	Town Administrator Salary	\$ 82,919.20	\$ 82,919.00	\$82,919.00	0%	\$ (0.20)
00101129-512000	Town Administrator Assistant Salary	\$ 41,655.15	\$ 41,655.15	\$42,904.80	3%	\$ 0.00
	Total:	\$ 134,694.35	\$ 134,694.15	\$135,943.80	1%	\$ (0.20)
Finance Committee Expense						
00101131-570000	Finance Committee Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0%	\$ -
Reserve Fund						
00101132-570000	Reserve Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		0%	\$ -
Accounting Department						
00101135-510000	Town Accountant Salary	\$ 67,170.06	\$ 69,192.00	\$71,267.76	6%	\$ 2,021.94
00101135-513000	Assistant Town Accountant	\$ 9,984.78	\$ 9,985.00	\$10,284.55	3%	\$ 0.22
00101135-520000	Town Audit	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$26,000.00	4%	\$ 1,000.00
00101135-570000	Town Accountant Expense	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	14%	\$ 250.00
	Total:	\$ 103,904.84	\$ 107,177.00	\$109,552.31	5%	\$ 5,647.47
Board of Assessors						
00101141-511000	Working Assessor Salary	\$ 11,561.70	\$ 11,741.00		-100%	\$ (11,561.70)
00101141-512000	Assessors Clerk Salary	\$ 16,655.58	\$ 16,655.58	\$17,155.25	3%	\$ -
00101141-513000	Administrative Assessor Salary	\$ 52,408.62	\$ 52,408.62	\$54,258.34	4%	\$ 1,849.72
00101141-514000	Assessors Stipends	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,000.00	0%	\$ -
00101141-570000	Assessors Expenses	\$ 21,305.00	\$ 20,805.00	\$20,805.00	-2%	\$ (500.00)
	Total:	\$ 107,930.90	\$ 107,610.20	\$98,218.59	-9%	\$ (9,712.31)
Treasurer/Collector Department						
00101145-510000	Treasurer/Collector Salary	\$ 64,014.18	\$ 64,014.00	\$64,014.00	0%	\$ (0.18)
00101145-512000	Assistant Treasurer/Collector Salary	\$ 35,939.70	\$ 37,143.00	\$38,257.29	6%	\$ 2,317.59
00101145-513000	Assistant Treasurer Salary	\$ 23,858.45	\$ 24,625.00	\$25,363.75	6%	\$ 1,505.30
00101145-513210	Certification Stipend	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00			\$ -
00101145-570000	Treasurer/Collector Expenses	\$ 21,909.00	\$ 21,909.00	\$21,909.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$ 145,721.33	\$ 148,691.00	\$149,544.04	3%	\$ 2,969.67
Legal						
00101151-510000	Town Counsel Stipend	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$0.00	-100%	\$ (10,000.00)
NEW	Labor Counsel		\$ 9,000.00	\$9,000.00		\$ 9,000.00
00101151-520000	Legal Counsel	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$12,000.00	0%	\$ 3,000.00
	Total:	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$21,000.00	-5%	\$ (1,000.00)
Tax Title Expense						
00101158-520000	Tax Title Expense	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -		-100%	\$ (10,000.00)
	Total:	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -		-100%	\$ (10,000.00)
Technology						
00101159-520000	IT Managed Services	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 27,140.00	\$27,140.00	9%	\$ 2,140.00
00101159-540000	Software	\$ 16,756.00	\$ 16,756.00	\$19,256.00	15%	\$ 2,500.00
00101159-570000	IT Expenses	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$26,000.00	8%	\$ 2,000.00
	Total:	\$ 65,756.00	\$ 67,896.00	\$72,396.00	10%	\$ 6,640.00
Town Clerk						
00101161-510000	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 60,755.28	\$ 61,971.00	\$63,830.13	2%	\$ 1,215.72
00101161-520000	Assistant Town Clerk Salary	\$ 24,268.86	\$ 24,886.00	\$25,632.58	3%	\$ 617.14
00101161-530000	Administrative Clerk Salary	\$ 8,580.00	\$ 12,074.00	\$12,074.00		\$ 3,494.00
00101161-513200	Town Clerk Longevity Stipend	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$300.00	0%	\$ -
00101161-513205	Assistant Town Clerk Longevity Stipend	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$300.00		\$ -
00101161-513210	Certification Stipend	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0%	\$ -
00101161-512000	Vital Statistics Expense	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$4,100.00	0%	\$ -
00101161-520004	Codification Maintenance	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$0.00	13%	\$ (4,425.00)
00101161-570000	Town Clerk Expense	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$4,800.00	0%	\$ -
00101161-570100	Vault Maintenance/Service Contract	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$1,850.00	48%	\$ 600.00
00101162-514000	Registrars Stipends	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$1,700.00	0%	\$ -
00101162-570000	Election Expense	\$ 18,324.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$26,000.00	206%	\$ 37,676.00
	Total:	\$ 129,803.14	\$ 173,981.00	\$141,586.71	32%	\$ 41,783.57
Conservation Commission						
00101171-570000	Conservation Commission Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0%	\$ -

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Planning Board							\$	-		
00101175-520000	Planning Board Consultant	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	0%	\$	-
00101175-570000	Planning Board Expenses	\$	3,100.00	\$	3,100.00	\$	3,100.00	0%	\$	-
Total:		\$	4,100.00	\$	4,100.00	\$	4,100.00	0%	\$	-
Zoning Board							\$	-		
00101176-512000	Land Use Admin Secretary	\$	18,753.72	\$	19,315.40	\$	19,894.86	3%	\$	561.68
00101176-570000	ZBA Expense	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	0%	\$	-
Total:		\$	19,003.72	\$	19,565.40	\$	20,144.86	3%	\$	561.68
Town Buildings							\$	-		
00101192-513200	Longevity Municipal Custodian	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	0%	\$	-
00101192-516000	Municipal Custodian	\$	33,808.92	\$	33,808.92	\$	34,823.19	0%	\$	-
00101192-571000	Repairs to Town Buildings	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	0%	\$	-
00101192-571100	Henry Woods Building	\$	52,000.00	\$	52,000.00	\$	52,000.00	0%	\$	-
00101192-571200	Town Hall Maintenance	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	0%	\$	-
00101192-571350	Public Safety Building	\$	50,000.00	\$	50,000.00	\$	50,000.00	0%	\$	-
Total:		\$	145,608.92	\$	145,608.92	\$	146,623.19	0%	\$	-
Central Purchasing							\$	-		
00101193-520015	Regional Planning Assessment	\$	1,624.00	\$	1,664.00	\$	1,664.00	2%	\$	40.00
00101193-521125	Postage	\$	6,500.00	\$	6,600.00	\$	6,600.00	2%	\$	100.00
00101193-521130	Mail Machine	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	0%	\$	-
00101193-521140	Town Report Expense	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,000.00	0%	\$	-
00101193-521150	Centrex Phone Line	\$	9,000.00	\$	9,000.00	\$	9,000.00	0%	\$	-
Total:		\$	21,124.00	\$	21,464.00	\$	21,264.00	1%	\$	140.00
Police Department							\$	-		
00102210-510000	Police Chief Salary	\$	88,111.00	\$	88,111.00	\$	88,111.00	0%	\$	-
00102210-510100	Deputy Police Chief Salary	\$	81,852.96	\$	81,852.96	\$	81,852.96	0%	\$	-
00102210-511000	Police Department Salaries	\$	405,609.00	\$	477,395.00	\$	477,395.00	18%	\$	71,786.00
00102210-511100	Police Overtime	\$	60,000.00	\$	60,000.00	\$	60,000.00	0%	\$	-
00102210-512000	Administrative Assistant	\$	43,976.52	\$	43,977.00	\$	45,296.31	0%	\$	0.48
00102210-513200	Longevity Stipends	\$	1,150.00	\$	2,300.00	\$	3,400.00	100%	\$	1,150.00
00102210-513210	Part-Time Salaries	\$	30,000.00	\$	30,000.00	\$	30,000.00	0%	\$	-
00102210-514410	Specialty Stipends	\$	2,250.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	33%	\$	750.00
00102210-514415	Contractual Obligations	\$	36,900.00	\$	36,900.00	\$	36,900.00	0%	\$	-
00102210-514420	Educational Stipends	\$	9,500.00	\$	9,500.00	\$	9,500.00	0%	\$	-
00102210-514425	Special Events	\$	3,432.00	\$	3,432.00	\$	3,432.00	0%	\$	-
00102210-520000	Police Purchased Services	\$	14,140.00	\$	14,140.00	\$	14,140.00	0%	\$	-
00102210-520100	Contractual Allowances	\$	11,625.00	\$	12,900.00	\$	12,900.00	11%	\$	1,275.00
00102210-540000	Police Supplies	\$	9,500.00	\$	9,500.00	\$	9,500.00	0%	\$	-
00102210-540400	Armory	\$	12,558.00	\$	12,558.00	\$	12,558.00	0%	\$	-
00102210-572000	Police Training	\$	15,250.00	\$	15,250.00	\$	15,250.00	0%	\$	-
00102210-572300	Police Tuition	\$	6,809.00	\$	6,809.00	\$	6,809.00	0%	\$	-
00102210-574500	Cruiser Maintenance	\$	11,504.00	\$	11,504.00	\$	11,504.00	0%	\$	-
Total:		\$	844,167.48	\$	919,128.96	\$	921,548.27	9%	\$	76,280.79
Fire Department							\$	-		
00102220-510000	Fire Chief Salary	\$	81,126.00	\$	76,900.80	\$	76,900.80	-5%	\$	(4,225.20)
00102220-511000	Fire Department Salaries	\$	45,777.60	\$	46,778.00	\$	48,181.34	2%	\$	1,000.40
00102220-512000	Fire Department Clerk	\$	15,905.64	\$	16,224.00	\$	16,710.72	2%	\$	318.36
00102220-513150	Fire Inspector	\$	38,904.84	\$	53,040.00	\$	57,418.00	36%	\$	14,135.16
00102220-513200	Fire Department Longevity Stipends	\$	2,100.00	\$	2,550.00	\$	2,550.00	21%	\$	450.00
00102220-540100	Fire Hoses	\$	2,000.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00	75%	\$	1,500.00
00102220-570000	Fire Expenses	\$	85,300.00	\$	72,495.00	\$	72,495.00	-15%	\$	(12,805.00)
00102220-572000	Training	\$	24,000.00	\$	24,480.00	\$	24,480.00	2%	\$	480.00
Total:		\$	295,114.08	\$	295,967.80	\$	302,235.86	2%	\$	7,121.78
Ambulance Services							\$	-		
NEW	Fire Chief Salary	\$		\$	14,418.90	\$	14,418.90		\$	14,418.90
00102231-511000	EMT Salaries	\$	464,457.00	\$	572,846.00	\$	577,115.00	24%	\$	112,658.00
00102231-511100	EMS Overtime	\$	12,240.00	\$	15,000.00	\$	22,500.00	84%	\$	10,260.00
00102231-514000	EMT Stipends	\$	2,300.00	\$	2,300.00	\$	5,200.00	126%	\$	2,900.00
00102231-520000	Ambulance Billing	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00	0%	\$	-
00102231-520200	EMS Service Contracts	\$	16,206.00	\$	16,555.00	\$	16,555.00	2%	\$	349.00
00102231-540300	EMS Cardiac Monitors	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	-
00102231-570000	Ambulance Expenses	\$	43,284.00	\$	52,684.00	\$	52,684.00	22%	\$	9,400.00
Total:		\$	563,487.00	\$	698,803.90	\$	713,472.90	27%	\$	149,985.90
Building Department							\$	-		
00102241-512000	Building Department Clerk Salary	\$	22,064.64	\$	22,064.64	\$	22,746.44	0%	\$	-
00102241-514100	Plumbing Inspector Stipend	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	0%	\$	-
00102241-514200	Wire Inspector Stipend	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	0%	\$	-
00102241-570000	Building Department Expenses	\$	5,400.00	\$	5,400.00	\$	5,400.00	0%	\$	-

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		Total:	\$ 31,464.64	\$	31,464.64	\$32,146.44	0%	\$ -
	Regional Building Program							\$ -
00102242-510000	Building Commissioner	\$	66,278.58	\$	66,278.58	\$ 68,266.94	0%	\$ -
00102242-511000	Alternate Building Commissioner	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$ 500.00	0%	\$ -
00102242-573000	Training/Travel/Communications	\$	3,970.00	\$	3,970.00	\$ 3,970.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$	70,748.58	\$	70,748.58	\$72,736.94	0%	\$ -
	Emergency Management							\$ -
NEW	Emergency Management Salary			\$	4,806.30	\$ 4,806.30		\$ 4,806.30
00102291-570000	Emergency Management Expense	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	25%	\$ 250.00
	Total:	\$	1,000.00	\$	6,056.30	\$6,056.30	506%	\$ 5,056.30
	Animal Control							\$ -
00102292-570000	Regional Animal Control	\$	17,632.70	\$	17,632.70	\$ 17,632.70	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$	17,632.70	\$	17,632.70	\$17,632.70	0%	\$ -
	Dispatch							\$ -
00102293-570000	Regional Dispatch Fee	\$	143,505.74	\$	146,770.07	\$146,770.00	2%	\$ 3,264.33
	Total:	\$	143,505.74	\$	146,770.07	\$146,770.00	2%	\$ 3,264.33
	Tree Warden							\$ -
00102294-570000	Shade Tree Management/Operations	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0%	\$ -
	Schools							\$ -
00103300-561000	Quabbin Assessment	\$	5,773,358.00	\$	6,199,860.81	\$ 6,199,860.81	5%	\$ 317,534.69
00103300-561100	Monty Tech Assessment	\$	380,831.00	\$	370,256.00	\$ 370,256.00	-3%	\$ (10,575.00)
00103300-590000	Quabbin Regional Debt Service	\$	46,580.00	\$	\$47,068.89	\$47,068.89	1%	\$ 488.89
	Total:	\$	6,200,769.00	\$	6,617,185.70	\$6,617,185.70	5%	\$ 307,448.58
	Town Roads/Highway							\$ -
00104422-510000	DPW Superintendent Salary	\$	26,853.54	\$	27,660.00	\$ 28,489.80	3%	\$ 806.46
00104422-511000	Town Roads Salary	\$	312,855.00	\$	322,136.00	\$ 322,136.00	3%	\$ 9,281.00
00104422-511100	Town Roads OT/PT	\$	12,980.00	\$	13,240.00	\$ 13,240.00	2%	\$ 260.00
00104422-512000	DPW Secretary Salary	\$	16,124.16	\$	16,606.00	\$ 17,104.18	3%	\$ 481.84
00104422-513200	Longevity Stipend	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$ 400.00	0%	\$ -
00104422-513300	Differential	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0%	\$ -
00104422-520000	Fuel Account	\$	70,000.00	\$	70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	21%	\$ 15,000.00
00104422-570000	Town Roads Expense	\$	96,400.00	\$	96,400.00	\$ 96,400.00	0%	\$ -
00104422-570200	Highway Administration	\$	5,600.00	\$	5,600.00	\$ 5,600.00	0%	\$ -
00104422-571500	Town Barn Account	\$	18,100.00	\$	18,100.00	\$ 18,100.00	0%	\$ -
00104422-575000	Machinery Account	\$	48,400.00	\$	53,240.00	\$ 53,240.00	10%	\$ 4,840.00
	Total:	\$	608,712.70	\$	624,382.00	\$625,709.98	3%	\$ 15,669.30
	Snow Removal							\$ -
00104423-511100	Snow Removal OT/PT	\$	23,651.00	\$	23,651.00	\$ 23,651.00	0%	\$ -
00104423-570000	Highway Snow Removal	\$	105,000.00	\$	105,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$	128,651.00	\$	128,651.00	\$128,651.00	0%	\$ -
	Street Lights							\$ -
00104424-520000	Street lighting	\$	33,000.00	\$	33,000.00	\$23,000.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$	33,000.00	\$	33,000.00	\$23,000.00	0%	\$ -
	Sanitary Landfill							\$ -
00104433-576000	Sanitary Landfill	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0%	\$ -
00104433-576200	Laboratory Testing	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$ 250.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$	1,250.00	\$	1,250.00	\$1,250.00	0%	\$ -
	Cemetery Department							\$ -
00104491-512000	Secretary/Clerk Salary	\$	8,817.90	\$	9,797.58	\$ 10,091.51	11%	\$ 979.68
00104491-514000	Cemetery Commission Stipend	\$	450.00	\$	450.00	\$ 450.00	0%	\$ -
00104491-521000	Cemetery Scans/Projects	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	0%	\$ -
00104491-570000	Cemetery Expenses	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$	17,267.90	\$	18,247.58	\$18,541.51	6%	\$ 979.68
	Board of Health							\$ -
00105510-511000	Board of Health Agent Salary	\$	7,344.00	\$	7,344.00	\$ 5,000.00	0%	\$ -
00105510-513000	Board of Health Administrative Assistant Salary	\$	22,064.64	\$	22,064.64	\$ 22,726.58	0%	\$ -
00105510-514000	Board of Health Stipends	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	0%	\$ -
00105510-570000	Board of Health Expenses	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	0%	\$ -
00105510-572000	Training	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	\$ 200.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$	34,108.64	\$	34,108.64	\$32,426.58	0%	\$ -
	Inspector of Animals							\$ -
00105519-514000	Inspector of Animals Stipend	\$	600.00	\$	600.00	\$ 600.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$	600.00	\$	600.00	\$600.00	0%	\$ -
	Council on Aging							\$ -
00105541-510000	COA Director Salary	\$	45,437.94	\$	54,458.00	\$ 56,181.74	20%	\$ 10,743.80
NEW	Outreach Coordinator			\$	7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00		\$ -
00105541-570000	COA Expenses	\$	39,300.00	\$	39,300.00	\$ 39,300.00	0%	\$ -

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	Total:	\$	84,737.94	\$	101,258.00	\$	\$102,981.74	22%	\$	18,243.80
Veterans Agent										
									\$	-
00105543-510000	Veterans Agent Salary	\$	5,290.74	\$	5,290.74	\$	5,449.46	0%	\$	-
00105543-520000	Veterans Benefits	\$	100,000.00	\$	100,000.00	\$	55,000.00	0%	\$	(30,000.00)
00105543-570000	Veterans Expenses	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	0%	\$	-
	Total:	\$	110,290.74	\$	110,290.74	\$	\$65,449.46	-27%	\$	(29,841.28)
Library										
									\$	-
00106610-510000	Library Director	\$	48,478.56	\$	48,967.00	\$	59,740.00	23%	\$	11,261.44
00106610-511000	Youth Services Librarian Salary	\$	28,428.42	\$	\$28,543.00	\$	\$29,399.29	0.4%	\$	\$114.58
00106610-513000	Library Assistants	\$	19,492.20	\$	38,013.00	\$	36,671.09	88%	\$	17,178.89
00106610-513100	Cataloging Librarian	\$	26,596.50	\$	27,161.00	\$	27,161.00	2%	\$	564.50
00106610-513140	Adult Services Librarian	\$	27,418.62	\$	36,006.00	\$	27,052.95	-1%	\$	(365.67)
00106610-520000	Library Utilities	\$	39,180.00	\$	46,650.00	\$	40,800.00	4%	\$	1,620.00
00106610-570000	Library Expenses	\$	50,147.00	\$	63,478.00	\$	58,578.00	17%	\$	13,331.00
	Total:	\$	239,741.30	\$	288,818.00	\$	\$279,402.33	17%	\$	39,661.03
Recreation										
									\$	-
NEW	Wachusett Greenway				1,000.00	\$	1,000.00			
00106630-570000	Recreation	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00	0%	\$	-
00106630-575500	Youth Commission	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	0%	\$	-
00106630-575700	South Barre Common	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	0%	\$	-
00106630-575800	Felton Field Commission	\$	2,000.00	\$	11,100.00	\$	11,100.00	455%	\$	9,100.00
	Total:	\$	11,000.00	\$	21,100.00	\$	\$21,100.00	92%	\$	10,100.00
Parks and Commons										
									\$	-
00106650-511000	Commons and Cemeteries Salaries	\$	38,750.00	\$	53,820.00	\$	40,000.00	39%	\$	15,070.00
00106650-570000	Commons and Cemeteries Expenses	\$	5,250.00	\$	5,250.00	\$	5,250.00	0%	\$	-
	Total:	\$	44,000.00	\$	59,070.00	\$	\$45,250.00	34%	\$	15,070.00
Historical Commission										
									\$	-
00106691-570000	Historical Commission	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00	\$	\$1,200.00	0%	\$	-
	Total:	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00	\$	\$1,200.00	0%	\$	-
Holiday Decoration										
									\$	-
00106692-570000	Holiday Decoration	\$	2,100.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	\$2,500.00	19%	\$	400.00
	Total:	\$	2,100.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	\$2,500.00	19%	\$	400.00
County Retirement										
									\$	-
00109911-599300	County Retirement	\$	417,604.00	\$	454,844.00	\$	\$454,844.00	9%	\$	37,240.00
	Total:	\$	417,604.00	\$	454,844.00	\$	\$454,844.00	9%	\$	37,240.00
Health Insurance										
									\$	-
00109914-599400	Health Insurance	\$	399,652.84	\$	423,632.01	\$	\$423,632.01	6%	\$	23,979.17
00109914-599420	SUI Unemployment Insurance	\$	13,362.00	\$	13,362.00	\$	\$11,000.00	0%	\$	-
00109914-599500	Medicare	\$	42,900.00	\$	42,900.00	\$	\$42,900.00	0%	\$	-
	Total:	\$	455,914.84	\$	479,894.01	\$	\$477,532.01	5%	\$	23,979.17
General Insurance										
									\$	-
00109945-599600	General Insurance	\$	198,809.00	\$	198,809.00	\$	\$191,295.00	-4%	\$	(7,514.00)
	Total:	\$	198,809.00	\$	198,809.00	\$	\$191,295.00	0%	\$	(7,514.00)
Debt Principal										
									\$	-
00111710-591110	DEX- Barre Common BAN	\$	76,347.00	\$	52,400.00	\$	52,400.00	-31%	\$	(23,947.00)
00111710-591112	DE x- Ruggles Lane Project	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	0%	\$	-
00111710-591116	Sewer Upgrade Phase 1	\$	12,540.00	\$	4,607.00	\$	4,607.00	-63%	\$	(7,933.00)
00111710-591118	Sewer Upgrade Phase 1 B	\$	21,154.00	\$	21,154.00	\$	21,154.00	0%	\$	-
00111710-591120	Water Tank Sanderson Road	\$	12,821.00	\$	12,821.00	\$	12,821.00	0%	\$	-
00111710-591122	WWTF Upgrades	\$	4,607.00	\$	12,540.00	\$	12,540.00	172%	\$	7,933.00
00111710-591124	Well #3 South Barre	\$	2,936.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	2%	\$	64.00
00111710-591125	DE x- Barre Common State House Note #	\$	80,000.00	\$	80,000.00	\$	80,000.00	0%	\$	-
00111710-591126	Combined Capital Improvement BAN	\$	57,200.00	\$	171,000.00	\$	171,000.00	199%	\$	113,800.00
	Total:	\$	342,605.00	\$	432,522.00	\$	\$432,522.00	26%	\$	89,917.00
Debt Interest										
									\$	-
00111750-591110	DEX- Barre Common BAN	\$	7,497.00	\$	6,979.68	\$	6,979.68	-7%	\$	(517.32)
00111750-591112	DE x- Ruggles Lane Project	\$	22,313.00	\$	20,250.00	\$	20,250.00	-9%	\$	(2,063.00)
00111750-591116	Sewer Upgrade Phase 1	\$	13,544.00	\$	4,749.73	\$	4,749.73	-65%	\$	(8,794.27)
00111750-591118	Sewer Upgrade Phase 1 B	\$	23,137.00	\$	22,211.44	\$	22,211.44	-4%	\$	(925.56)
00111750-591120	Water Tank Sanderson Road	\$	13,077.00	\$	12,532.00	\$	12,532.00	-4%	\$	(545.00)
00111750-591122	WWTF Upgrades	\$	4,940.00	\$	12,979.00	\$	12,979.00	163%	\$	8,039.00
00111750-591124	Well #3 South Barre	\$	1,021.00	\$	890.24	\$	890.24	-13%	\$	(130.76)
00111750-591125	DE x- Barre Common State House Note #	\$	11,213.00	\$	8,612.50	\$	8,612.50	-23%	\$	(2,600.50)
00111750-591126	Combined Capital Improvement BAN	\$	21,569.00	\$	2,859.20	\$	2,859.20	-87%	\$	(18,709.80)
	Total:	\$	118,311.00	\$	92,063.79	\$	\$92,063.79	-22%	\$	(26,247.21)
General Fund Total:										
		\$	12,441,240.98	\$	12,858,205.08	\$	\$12,753,528.01	2%	\$	312,287.03

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The following materials will show the following information for each article: the warrant language, the proposed motion(s), the amount of the article and from where the funds will be taken, the description, and any/all recommendations from the Finance Committee and the Select Board.

FUND BALANCES

The amounts shown below are the Town’s current balances in all available fund accounts prior to the start of Annual Town Meeting.

Fund	Balance
FY21 Free Cash	-\$327,059
Operating Stabilization Fund	\$793,487
Cable Access Special Revenue Fund	\$536,660
Ambulance Receipts Reserved	\$478,785
Water Retained Earnings	\$634,818
Sewer Retained Earnings	\$548,955
Landfill Stabilization	\$222,696

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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant 160 of the 3,965 qualified voters (98 from Prec. 1 and 62 from Prec. 2) gathered at the Quabbin Regional High School cafeteria, located at 800 South St., Barre, to act on the Articles in said warrant. A total of 20 guests (non-voters) were also in attendance. A quorum of 50 voters or more were present at all times.

There was a slight delay to open meeting due to late comers and meeting quorum. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. with 156 voters in attendance.

The Moderator opened the meeting by welcoming everyone followed with a pledge of allegiance to the Flag. The Moderator then requested a moment of silence be held for the passing of Theodore “Ted” Twarog in honor of his years on the Finance Committee and his dedicated service to the Town of Barre and it’s residents.

Moderator Smith announced that everyone should have copies of the Finance Committee, AKA FINCOM, Booklet which contained the warrant and motions to be acted upon. He explained that a consent agenda would once again be requested similar to that of previous Town Meetings and that if any one or more voters wanted discussion on any of the Articles contained within the consent agenda that they would just need to call out “HOLD” and then that article would be taken off the consent agenda and voted on separately.

He then made the following motions which were all favorably voted by the Select Board and Finance Committee, duly seconded and voted unanimously:

MODERATOR’S MOTIONS

MOTION 1

On a motion made and duly seconded it was **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve that this meeting dispense with the reading of the warrant and of the Constable’s return of service of that warrant and that the Moderator not be required to read warrant articles verbatim, but may refer to them by number and/or subject matter.

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MOTION 2

On a motion made and duly seconded it was **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve that the moderator may extend the floor to Town management and staff and other non-voters provided that they must first be recognized by the Moderator.

MOTION 3

On a motion made and duly seconded it was **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve that the Moderator, pursuant to G.L. c. 39 § 15, be allowed to declare a two-thirds vote rather than taking a standing count.

In response to a point of information the moderator explained the warrant was posted in the locations required on May 30th in accordance with MGL. He further stated that all motions must be in writing and submitted to the Town Clerk immediately following the stated motion.

A Motion was then made by Dan Jewell, FINCOM member, seconded and **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** that the Town vote to move article 7 to be the first article.

**ARTICLE 7 - FY 2023
OMNIBUS BUDGET- SCHOOLS**

Sponsor: Select Board - *[Majority Vote Required]*

Article Amount/Funds - This would allow for school funds to be raised and appropriated for FY23.

Description: This is the annual appropriation for schools for FY23. The Town is recommending a lower number relative to the Quabbin Regional School District budget in order to avoid having to make significant cuts to the general operating budget with the hopes that the State agrees to recommendations.

Finance Committee: Favorable for the Town of Barre recommendation

Select Board: Favorable for the Town of Barre recommendation

A Motion was made by Dan Jewell and 2nd to raise and appropriate funds as identified in the Town's recommended Omnibus Budget relative to Education as follows:

Schools	FY2022	FY2023 Requested	FY2023 Recommended
Quabbin Regional School District	\$5,773,358	\$6,199,860.81	\$ 6,090,892.69
Monty Tech	\$380,831	\$370,256	\$370,256
QRSD Debt Service	\$46,580	\$47,069	\$47,069

A second Motion was made by Sheila Muir, QRSD Superintendent and seconded to **amend** the Quabbin Regional School District Line Item from \$6,090,892.69 to the requested amount of \$6,199,860.81 to fund Barre's portion of the QRSD budget for Fiscal Year 2023 and **VOTED by a Majority Standing Affirmative Vote, 82 YES to 56 NO.**

A third Motion made by resident Sam Lipson and seconded for a secret ballot on the amendment **was voted and defeated** by the required 10% of voters voting by a standing vote of 9 yes and 147 no. (Moderator announced 156 voters were checked in so 15 voters were required for 10%)

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Discussion on Article 7 Included:

Selectman O’Sullivan stated if this amendment passes it would create over a \$100,000 shortfall in the towns overall budget and would require cuts to other departmental budgets and services. It would also most likely affect our tax rates next year.

Finance Chair, Dan Jewell stated the original proposed budget included a 5.5% increase over the previous fiscal year amounting to a \$317,530 increase. The amendment would increase it to 7.39%, \$426,503. He also stated that over the past 10 years their budget has increased by \$1,280,979, 28.51%. He also stated that if the additional funding is passed we would not have a balanced budget, that the town is not prepared for an override and other line items within the budget would need to be cut or reduced to balance.

Residents, Cora Jean Robinson stated she would like to see teachers better compensated and smaller class room sizes. Sam Lipson asked about student enrollment declining. Patrick Swain asked if property taxes would increase if \$100,00 is received and what would the impact be if additional funds were not received and if teachers would be laid off. Lee Radlo questioned if Barre was 1st town in district to vote and Moderator Smith answered Barre was the 2nd town to vote.

Superintendent Dr. Muir stated that there are 128 additional students this year 116 from member towns and 12 school choice. She stated that the assessment to Town of Barre was 7.9% but the Quabbin budget was only increased 2.4%. The reason for the increase was mainly due to two factors. The first factor was that the overall operating costs were lower for the last 2 fiscal years, due to covid and second, the district was able to use 1 million dollars from their realized savings account which reduced the towns assessments during those years and those funds are no longer available. She also stated that state funding for rural schools have been continually declining which affects local assessments within the district and the towns need to address this with state legislatures.

ARTICLE 7 - FY 2023 OMNIBUS BUDGET- SCHOOLS

The Main Motion as Amended was VOTED by an Affirmative Majority Voice Vote as follows:

To raise and appropriate funds as identified in the Town’s recommended Omnibus Budget relative to Education as amended as follows:

Schools	FY2022	FY2023 Requested	FY2023 Recommended
Quabbin Regional School District	\$5,773,358	\$6,199,860.81	\$ 6,199,860.81
Monty Tech	\$380,831	\$370,256	\$370,256
QRSD Debt Service	\$46,580	\$47,069	\$47,069

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDED: UNFAVORABLE ON AMENDMENT

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED: UNFAVORABLE ON AMENDMENT

A Motion made by Neil Anders and 2nd to take up Article 31 as the second article was **defeated** by a **Majority Negative Voice vote.**

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ARTICLE 1

PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

Sponsor: Select Board- *[Two-Thirds Vote Required]*

Article Amount/Funds- Landfill Stabilization Account - \$222,696

Medical Insurance - \$47,872.60

Dental Insurance - \$3,745.76

Description- There was a health insurance bill that the Town missed paying in FY2021.

Recommendations:

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 1- On a Motion made by Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall and 2nd, it was **Voted by a declared 2/3rd Majority Affirmative Voice Vote** (1 no vote) to transfer from the Landfill Stabilization, the sum of \$51,618.36 to fund the payment of two health insurance bills from May, 2021.

ARTICLE 2

PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

Sponsor: Select Board
[Two-Thirds Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds- Landfill Stabilization Account - \$222,696

Combi-Oven and installation - \$6,509.80

Description – This article allows for the Town to reimburse QRSD for their purchase of a combi-oven at Ruggles Lane Elementary school that broke prior to the start of the school year.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 2 - On a Motion made by Select Board Chair Maureen Marshall and 2nd was **Voted Unanimously** to transfer from Landfill Stabilization the sum of \$6,509.80 to reimburse the Quabbin Regional School District for purchase of a combi-oven at Ruggles Lane Elementary School purchased in FY22.

MODERATOR CONSENT AGENDA MOTION – (process explained by Moderator)

On a motion made and duly seconded it was **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve that Articles 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 23, 24 be considered together in a consent agenda.

*A hold was placed on Article 21 which was removed from the consent agenda as it requires a 2/3rd vote.

The following consent agenda articles were VOTED by a MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE (1 NO) as follows:

ARTICLE 3

FY 2023 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND

Sponsor: DPW Commission
[Majority Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds - This article is in the amount of **\$579,246** to establish the Water Enterprise Budget and is created through the user fees and charges to water users and a transfer of \$24,246 from retained earnings. The current balance of FY22 Retained Earnings is \$634,818.

Description - This article will establish the Water Enterprise Budget for FY23. It will include authorizing the transfer of Water Retained Earnings (Enterprise version of free cash) to offset the

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water budget and a transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund to the General Fund in the form of indirect costs to cover employee benefits, insurance, departmental costs, and debt.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 3- VOTED to appropriate the sum of \$579,246 for the Water Enterprise Fund;
to be funded from the following sources:

Revenues	FY2022	FY2023
Water Receipts	\$547,651	\$550,000
Retained Earnings	\$13,493	\$29,246
Total	\$561,114	\$579,246
Expenses	FY2022	FY2023
Salaries	\$179,708	\$187,131
Commissioner Stipends	\$900	\$900
Expenses	\$221,000	\$221,000
Water Replacement	\$5,000	\$5,000
Water Upgrade	\$70,000	\$70,000
Indirect Costs	\$84,573	\$85,415
Total	\$561,144	\$579,246

ARTICLE 4

FY 2023 SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

Sponsor: DPW Commission

[Majority Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds -This article is in the amount of \$777,410 to establish the Water Enterprise Budget and is created through the user fees and charges to water users and a transfer of \$12,750 from retained earnings. The current balance of FY22 Retained Earnings is \$548,955.

Description - This article will establish the Sewer Enterprise Budget for FY23. It will include authorizing the transfer of Sewer Retained Earnings (Enterprise version of free cash) to offset the water budget and a transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Fund to the General Fund in the form of indirect costs to cover employee benefits, insurance, departmental costs, and debt.

Recommendations- Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 4- VOTED to appropriate the sum of \$797,750 for the Sewer Enterprise Fund; to be funded from the following sources:

Revenues	FY2022	FY2023
Sewer Receipts	\$774,764	\$785,000
Retained Earnings	\$2,646	\$12,750
Total	\$777,410	\$797,750

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Expenses	FY2022	FY2023
Salaries	\$240,849	\$252,308
Commissioner Stipends	\$900	\$900
Expenses	\$391,500	\$391,500
Indirect Costs	\$144,162	\$143,041
Total	\$777,410	\$797,750

ARTICLE 5

FY 2023 TRANSFER FROM AMBULANCE RECEIPTS RESERVED

Sponsor: Fire Chief

[Majority Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds - Ambulance Receipts Reserve Balance - \$500,000

Description -This article allows for the transfer of Ambulance Receipts reserved to the Town's omnibus budget to offset the cost of the ambulance services provided to the Town. Ambulance receipts reserved is a special revenue account that is funded from bills paid from ambulance services incurred. The amount for this year is larger than in past years because there are more funds available and it reduces the overall impact on the Operating Budget. The cost of the FY23 Ambulance Departmental services is \$713,472.90 which once offset by the transfer will cost the Town \$238,472.90.

Recommendations -Finance Committee: Favorable -Select Board: TBD

ARTICLE 5 - VOTED to pass over Article 5.

ARTICLE 8

PEG ACCESS AND CABLE RELATED FUND

Sponsor: Select Board

[Majority Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds- This article would allow for the transfer of \$25,000 from the special PEG revenue fund.

Description -At the June 2017 Annual Town Meeting, the Town voted to establish a PEG Access and Cable Related Fund effective July 1, 2018. Such a fund is considered a special revenue account under Massachusetts General Laws requiring the Town to adopt a budget annually for PEG Access services and other related expenses. Approval of this article would establish the Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Town's PEG Access contractor and operational expenses for hosting the PEG Access.

Recommendations - Finance Committee: Favorable- Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 8- VOTED to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund to operate the Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Access and Cable Related Fund for fiscal year FY2023.

ARTICLE 9

REVOLVING FUNDS

Sponsor: Select Board-***[Majority Vote Required]***

Article Amount/Funds -All funds would only be expended if they are collected.

Description- This article would establish the Fiscal Year 2023 expenditure limits for the Town's revolving funds.

Recommendations- Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: Favorable

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ARTICLE 9- VOTED to establish spending limits for revolving accounts established pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ and the Town’s Bylaws Chapter 48, Section 1, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, as follows:

Revolving Fund	Authorization to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY23 Spending Limit
Library	Library Director	Library Printing and photocopying fees and charges	To be used on an operation and/or maintenance of the library copper and printers	\$2,000
Library	Library Director	De-certified library user fees and charges	To be used on operation and purchase of replacement materials	\$2,000
Board of Health	Board of Health Members	Percolation test fees and disposal work construction permits, food permits, pool	To be used to pay one of its members or designated agent for inspections associated with said tests and permits	\$11,000
Electrical Inspector	Building Inspector	Electrical Inspector charges and fees	To be used on payment of all charges and fees related to electrical expenses and electrical inspector fees	\$50,000
Plumbing Inspector	Building Inspector	Plumbing Inspector charges and fees	To be used on payment of all charges and fees related to plumbing expenses and plumbing inspector fees	\$7,000
Gas Inspector	Building Inspector	Gas Inspector charges and fees related to gas expenses and gas inspector fees	To be used on payment of all charges and fees	\$4,000
Police Department	Police Chief	Civilian Firearms Safety Class fees	To be used on administrative costs (Instructor pay) and expense related costs	\$10,000
Police Department	Police Chief	Detail administrative fees and cruiser fees (1/3rd)	To be used for K9 Cruiser Replacement	\$50,000
Police Dept.	Police Chief	Barre Falls Dam Contractual Revenue	To be used for an Administrative Cruiser Replacement	\$70,000
Police Department	Police Chief	Detail administrative fees and cruiser fees (2/3rds)	To be used on payment of administrative costs and cruiser repair/replacement costs	\$16,000
Fire Department	Fire Chief	Burning Permit Fees	To be used on the purchase of replacement brush fire/forest fire equipment	\$3,000
Town Departments	Town Accountant/Select Board	Technology Fee from permit and licences	To be used on payment of software fees and for purchase of software upgrades/equipment	\$20,000
Council on Aging	Council on Aging	Program Fees and Event Fees	To be used for programs and events	\$2,000

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**ARTICLE 10
REVOLVING FUNDS**
Sponsor: Police Department
[Majority Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds- All funds would only be expended if they are collected.
Description - This article would establish the Fiscal Year 2023 expenditure limits for the Town's revolving funds.
Recommendations - Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 10- VOTED To amend the code of the Town of Barre Chapter 48 Section 1 to eliminate the K9 Cruiser Revolving Funder under and subject to the provisions of Chapter 44 Sections 53 ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws beginning July 1, 2022 (fy2023) and to transfer the existing balance of \$14,199.44 into the Barre Falls Dam Revolving Fund.

**ARTICLE 23
CHOOSE TOWN OFFICERS**
Sponsor: Select Board
[Majority Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds - N/A
Description- Appointment of finance committee members by moderator for the next fiscal year.
Recommendations - Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: TBD

ARTICLE 23- VOTED TO PASS OVER ARTICLE 23 to choose all other town officers, agents and committees not elected by ballot or appointed having already been acted upon.

**ARTICLE 24
REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**
Sponsor: Finance Committee
[Majority Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds - N/A
Description - Annual Article to accept Town Reports.
Recommendations - Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 24- VOTED accept the written reports of the Town departments for calendar year 2021.

**ARTICLE 6
FY 2023 OMNIBUS BUDGET**
Sponsor: Select Board
[Majority Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds- This would allow for all town funds to be raised and appropriated for FY23.
Description- This is the Town's annual operating budget. The School's are taken separately in the next article.
Recommendations- Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: Favorable

A motion was made and 2nd to fix salaries and compensation of all elected officials of the Town for the Fiscal Year 2022 for the period of July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023, and further, to raise and appropriate \$5,713,973.10, transfer \$500,000 of Ambulance receipts reserve, and transfer the premium Capital Improvement Plan Bond of \$13,951.81 for a grand total of \$6,227,924.92 as identified in the Town's Omnibus Budget as follows:

Department	FY2022	FY2023
Moderator	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Selectboard	\$ 134,694.35	\$ 135,943.80
Finance Committee Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

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Reserve Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Accounting Department	\$ 103,904.84	\$ 109,552.31
Board of Assessors	\$ 107,930.90	\$ 98,218.59
Treasurer/Collector Department	\$ 145,721.33	\$ 149,544.04
Legal	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Tax Title Expense	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Technology	\$ 65,756.00	\$ 72,396.00
Town Clerk	\$ 129,803.14	\$ 171,586.71
Conservation Commission	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Planning Board	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00
Zoning Board	\$ 19,003.72	\$ 20,144.86
Town Buildings	\$ 145,608.92	\$ 146,623.19
Central Purchasing	\$ 21,124.00	\$ 21,264.00
Police Department	\$ 844,167.48	\$ 920,448.27
Fire Department	\$ 295,114.08	\$ 302,235.86
Ambulance Services	\$ 563,487.00	\$ 713,472.90
Building Department	\$ 31,464.64	\$ 32,126.58
Regional Building Program	\$ 70,748.58	\$ 72,736.94
Emergency Management	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,056.30
Animal Control	\$ 17,632.70	\$ 17,632.70
Dispatch	\$ 143,505.74	\$ 146,770.07
Tree Warden	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Town Roads/Highway	\$ 608,712.70	\$ 637,230.38
Snow Removal	\$ 128,651.00	\$ 128,651.00
Street Lights	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
Sanitary Landfill	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Cemetery Department	\$ 17,267.90	\$ 18,541.51
Board of Health	\$ 34,108.64	\$ 32,426.58
Inspector of Animals	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Council on Aging	\$ 84,737.94	\$ 102,981.74
Veterans Agent	\$ 110,290.74	\$ 80,449.46
Library	\$ 239,741.30	\$ 279,402.33
Recreation	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 21,100.00
Parks and Commons	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 59,070.00
Historical Commision	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Holiday Decorations	\$2,100.00	\$2,500.00
County Retirement	\$ 417,604.00	\$ 454,844.00
Health Insurance	\$ 455,914.84	\$ 479,894.01
General Insurance	\$ 198,809.00	\$ 191,295.00
Debt Principal	\$ 342,605.00	\$ 432,522.00
Debt Interest	\$ 118,311.00	\$ 92,063.79
Total	\$ 5,743,721.48	\$ 6,227,924.92

A motion to amend the main motion was made and 2nd and it was unanimously voted to amend the FY23 Omnibus Budget as follows:

- Reduce the Reserve Fund Line Item from \$10,000 to \$0
- Reduce the Town Clerk's Line Item from \$171,586.71 to \$141,586.71
- Reduce the Town Roads and Highway Item from \$637,230.38 to \$625,709.98
- Reduce the Street light Account from \$33,000 to \$23,000
- Reduce the Parks and Commons from \$59,070 to \$45,250
- Adjust grand total to \$6,152,584.54
- Change Raise and Appropriate from \$5,713,973.10 to \$5,638,632.72

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ARTICLE 6 - On a motion made and duly 2nd it was Voted Unanimously to accept the main motion as amended to fix salaries and compensation of all elected officials of the Town for the Fiscal Year 2022 for the period of July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023, and further, to raise and appropriate \$5,638,632.70, transfer \$500,000 of Ambulance receipts reserve, and transfer the premium Capital Improvement Plan Bond of \$13,951.81 for a grand total of \$6,152,584.54 as identified in the Town’s Omnibus Budget as follows:

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Selectboard	\$ 134,694.35	\$ 135,943.80
Finance Committee Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
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**ARTICLE 11
FY 2022 SNOW REMOVAL OT/PT ACCOUNT**

Sponsor: DPW Commission
(Majority Vote Required)

Article Amount/Funds- This article is for \$25,077.39 to be taken from Stabilization.

Description - Use of Stabilization to fund the over expenditure of salaries used for snow and ice removal in the current fiscal year.

Recommendations- Finance Committee: Favorable -Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 11- ON A MOTION MADE AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$25,077.39 to fund the over expenditure of salaries used for snow and ice removal for fiscal year 2022.

**ARTICLE 12
FY 2022 SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT**

Sponsor: DPW Commission
(Majority Vote Required)

Article Amount/Funds - This article is for \$82,333.10 to be taken from

Description- Use of Certified Free Cash to fund the over expenditure of expenses used for snow and ice removal in the current fiscal year.

Recommendations - Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 12- ON A MOTION MADE AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to transfer from Landfill Stabilization the sum of \$82,333.10 to fund the over expenditure of expenses used for snow and ice removal in the fiscal year 2022.

**ARTICLE 13
AMEND ARTICLE 12 OF THE 2002 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Sponsor: Finance Committee
(Majority Vote Required)

Description - This article is to return the long standing unused funds from a bridge repair account back into the general fund. Due to the length of time these funds have been in this account, the value of the tax dollar has depreciated.

Recommendations - Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: TBD

ARTICLE 13- ON A MOTION MADE AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to pass over Article 13.

**ARTICLE 14
AMEND ARTICLE 11 OF THE 2003 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Sponsor: Finance Committee
(Majority Vote Required)

Description - This article is to return the long standing unused funds from a bridge repair account back into the general fund. Due to the length of time these funds have been in this account, the value of the tax dollar has depreciated.

Recommendations - Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: TBD

ARTICLE 14- ON A MOTION MADE AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to pass over Article 14.

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ARTICLE 15

AMEND ARTICLE 19 OF THE 2004 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Sponsor: Finance Committee
(Majority Vote Required)

Description - This article is to return the long standing unused funds from a bridge repair account back into the general fund. Due to the length of time these funds have been in this account, the value of the tax dollar has depreciated.

Recommendations - Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: TBD

ARTICLE 15- ON A MOTION MADE AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to pass over Article 15.

ARTICLE 16

AMEND ARTICLE 30 OF THE 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Sponsor: Finance Committee
(Majority Vote Required)

Article Amount/Funds - This article is to return the remaining funds from the Town Hall roof project back into the general fund.

Description - This article is to return the remaining unused funds from the Town Hall roof project back into the general fund.

Recommendations - Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: TBD

ARTICLE 16- ON A MOTION MADE AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to rescind the vote under Article 30 Town Hall Roof of the June 15, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, returning \$37,184 to the General Fund.

ARTICLE 17

CAPITAL REQUEST - Purchase & Equip a New Ambulance

Sponsor: Fire Department
[Two-Thirds Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds - This article is for the use of \$305,000 to be paid through a lease purchase agreement.

Description - This is to replace Ambulance 1 in accordance with the replacement schedule. Build time for the new apparatus is expected to be about two years.

Recommendations - Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: TBD

Pat Kowal clarified the Ambulance Receipts were used to pay for Ambulance Budget –not a vehicle.

ARTICLE 17- ON A MOTION MADE AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to borrow the sum of \$305,000 to purchase and equip a new ambulance.

ARTICLE 18

CAPITAL REQUEST -Purchase & Equip a New Fire Truck

Sponsor: Fire Department
[Two-Thirds Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds - This article is for the use of \$700,000 to be paid through a lease purchase agreement.

Description - This is to replace Engine 5 from the 1980's. Maintenance on the existing apparatus is becoming nearly impossible due to the age of the equipment and lack of ability to find replacement parts. Build time for the new apparatus is expected to be about two years.

Recommendations - Finance Committee: Unfavorable - Select Board: TBD

ARTICLE 18- ON A MOTION MADE AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED A DECLARED 2/3RD VOTE BY THE MODERATOR to borrow the sum of \$700,000 to purchase and equip a new fire truck.

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**ARTICLE 19
CAPITAL REQUEST - HVAC Replacement at Station 2**

Sponsor: Fire Department
[Two-Thirds Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds - This article is for the use of \$18,000.
Description - This is to replace the HVAC system at Fire Station 2.
Recommendations Finance Committee: Favorable
Select Board: TBD

ARTICLE 19- ON A MOTION MADE AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to transfer from the Landfill Stabilization the sum of \$18,000 to replace the HVAC system at Fire Station 2.

**ARTICLE 20
CAPITAL REQUEST -Ruggles Lane Parking Lot**

Sponsor: QRSD
[Two-Thirds Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds - This article is for the use of \$54,000.
Description - This is to redo the parking lot at Ruggles Lane Elementary School. Funds were allocated at the 2020 Town Meeting but it ended up not being enough to complete the project.
Recommendations - Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: TBD

ARTICLE 20- ON A MOTION MADE AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to transfer from the Landfill Stabilization the sum of \$54,000 to pay for the replacement of the parking lot at Ruggles Elementary School.

**ARTICLE 21
CHAPTER 90 GRANT
Sponsor: Select Board
*[Two-Thirds Vote Required]***

Article Amount/Funds - N/A
Description - Massachusetts law requires that Town Meeting approve the use of funds received from the Commonwealth for road construction purposes, including engineering or addressing traffic improvements.
Recommendations - Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: TBD

ARTICLE 21- ON A MOTION MADE AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to accept any and all state highway assistance funds authorized by the state legislature and approved by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation- Highway Division under the so-called Chapter 90 Highway Assistance Program to be expended for the maintenance, repair and construction of Town roads in anticipation of reimbursement under the direction of the Select Board for work on roads located on the State Aid Primary System as approved by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation-Highway Division, and further to authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time during Fiscal Year 2023 up to the reimbursable amount, for the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, in anticipation of reimbursement of said highway assistance in conformity with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 6A.

**ARTICLE 22
TREASURER/COLLECTOR BORROWING**

Sponsor: Select Board
[Two-Thirds Vote Required]

Article Amount/Funds - N/A
Description - Authorize the Treasurer/Collector to borrow funds for anticipated expenses.
Recommendations - Finance Committee: Favorable - Select Board: TBD

ARTICLE 22- ON A MOTION MADE AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to

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time in anticipation of revenue for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2022, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, and to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for Fiscal Year 2023 pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

The Planning Board announced a favorable written decision was placed on file with the Town Clerk for Article 25.

**ARTICLE 25
AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BARRE
Citizens Petition - Richard McDonald Jr
*[Two-Thirds Vote Required]***

ARTICLE 25- ON A MOTION MADE BY RICHARD MCDONALD, JR. AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to change the zoning district for property located at 323, 377-395 Stetson Road, Assessors Map E, Lot 31 and Map H, Lot 173 and described in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 49455, Page 387 and Book 54561, Page 186 to business commercial.

**ARTICLE 26
RESOLUTION
Citizens Petition - Neil Anders
*[Majority Vote Required]***

ARTICLE 26- ON A MOTION MADE BY NEAL ANDERS AND 2ND IT WAS VOTED BY A MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

Whereas the history of the State of Massachusetts is replete with instances of conflict between the European Colonists and the Native Nations of the region who first extended the hand of friendship to the Colonists on their shores in 1620, and helped them to survive starvation during the settlers' first winters on their land;

Whereas members of the Native Nation for whom the State of Massachusetts is named were ambushed and killed by Myles Standish, first commander of the Plymouth Colony in April of 1623, barely two years after the Pilgrims arrived;

Whereas the Colonial broadsword held by a white hand above the head of the Native man on the Massachusetts State Flag and Seal is modeled after Myles Standish's own broadsword, borrowed for that purpose from the Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth by the illustrator Edmund Garrett in 1884;

Whereas the belt binding the Native's cloak on the Flag and Seal is modeled after a belt worn by Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, who was among the Wampanoag leaders that resorted to a mutually destructive war in 1675-76 in defense of the Native lands against Colonial encroachment;

Whereas the proportions of the body of the Native man in the Flag and Seal were taken from a Native skeleton unearthed in Winthrop, the bow modeled after a bow taken from a Native man shot and killed by a colonist in Sudbury in 1665, and the facial features taken from a photograph of an Ojibwe chief from Great Falls, Montana, considered by the illustrator to be a "fine specimen of an Indian," though not from Massachusetts;

Whereas the history of relations between Massachusetts since Colonial times and the Native Nations who continue to live within its borders includes the forced internment of thousands of so-called "praying Indians" on Deer Island, in Boston Harbor, where they died by the hundreds of exposure on the winter of 1675, the enslavement of Native people in Boston, Bermuda, and the Caribbean Islands, the offering of 40 pounds sterling as a bounty for the scalps of Native men, women and children in Massachusetts beginning in 1686, increased to 100 pounds sterling for the scalps of Native adult males by 1722, half that amount for Native women and children;

Whereas Native Nations within the boundaries of Massachusetts were legally considered wards of the state until the nonviolent action of the so-called Mashpee Rebellion of 1833 led to the granting of Native self-rule by the Massachusetts legislature in 1834, as if the sovereign right of Native self-government was the Massachusetts legislature's to confer;

Whereas Native Americans were legally prohibited from even stepping foot into Boston from 1675 until 2004, when that last law was finally repealed;

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Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Colonists at Plymouth Plantation, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate policies of cultural destruction against Native Nations of this continent, occurred in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to an appreciation of the need for better relations between the descendants of the Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of the Commonwealth;

Whereas the land area now known as the Town of Barre shares a rich Native history with modern tribal Nations like the Nipmuc, who inhabited this area for thousands of years before the first colonial settlers arrived in 1733;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Town of Barre hereby adopts this resolution in support of the work of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth established by a Resolve of the General Court in 2020 and appointed by the Governor to recommend changes to the current flag and seal of Massachusetts, and in support of a new seal and motto for the Commonwealth that may better reflect our aspirations for harmonious and respectful relations between all people who now call Massachusetts home. The town clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Senator Marc Pacheco and Rep. Antonio Cabral, co-chairs of the Joint Committee on State Administration, who serve as members of the Special Commission Relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, and to Senator Anne Gobi and Representative Donald Berthiaume with the request that they continue their support for the work of the aforementioned Special Commission.

ARTICLE 27 - RESOLUTION

Citizens Petition - Neil Anders

[Majority Vote Required]

A MOTION MADE AND 2ND TO PASS OVER ARTICLE 27 WAS DEFEATED.

ARTICLE 27- A MOTION MADE AND 2ND TO ACCEPT A Resolution in support of the Town of Barre voting to mandate that the town department heads provide weekly administrative reports to town administrator be published in their entirety without omission, excepting where to do so would violate the law or violate a person's right to privacy and that likewise all committee and board heads (chairpersons) be to provide annual or other durational time report be published to the town website in a timely manner not to exceed 48 hours from the date of receipt so that citizens maybe be appraised of the workings of the town in a timely manner **WAS DEFEATED BY A MAJORITY 2/3RD NEGATIVE VOTE.**

ARTICLE 28 - RESOLUTION

Citizens Petition - Neil Anders

[Majority Vote Required]

A MOTION WAS MADE AND 2ND TO ADOPT A Resolution in support of the Town of Barre voting to mandate that the town warrant be kept open for no less than 30 consecutive days prior to each town meeting to facilitate citizen involvement.

- Whereas, in the past, the time has been too limited and unclear as to when the warrant is open for petitions being presented.
- Whereas, it is imperative for a sound democracy to have clear and concise rulers of governance.
- Whereas, to avoid arbitrary and capricious implementation of time limits being implemented.

A 2ND MOTION WAS MADE BY SAM LIPSON, 2ND AND VOTED BY A MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, TO AMEND THE MAIN MOTION BY INSERTING THE WORDS "ANNUAL TOWN MEETING" BEFORE "TOWN WARRANT".

ARTICLE 28- VOTED BY A MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, AS AMENDED, TO ADOPT A Resolution in support of the Town of Barre voting to mandate that the Annual Town Meeting town warrant be kept open for no less than 30 consecutive days prior to each town meeting to facilitate citizen involvement.

- Whereas, in the past, the time has been too limited and unclear as to when the warrant is open for petitions being presented.
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- Whereas, to avoid arbitrary and capricious implementation of time limits being implemented.

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ARTICLE 29 – RESOLUTION - Citizens Petition - Neil Anders - *[Majority Vote Required]*

A MOTION MADE AND 2ND WAS DEFEATED BY A MAJORITY NEGATIVE VOTE TO
ADOPT A Resolution in support of the Town of Barre voting to mandate that the town place the town's financial records for all sources and uses of funds and all pertinent charts, records, and informative declaratives regarding town finances to be placed on line to the town's web site and that said open sources of information be done in a timely fashion not to exceed one week length of delay from the availability and that the posting be preferably done as a single write system.

- Whereas, informed towns citizenry makes for contented citizenry.
- Whereas, the public actions of Barre require more transparently so that the everyday workings of our town be open for all to see.

The moderator clarified that no funds were being voted on in Article 30 as it is only a resolution. There is no legal description. Town Council stated the voting body should use caution in voting as the Authority for this article is with the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health and the Building Inspector. He stated the owner of the property was not listed and it is not confirmed to be in tax title so it would need to go to land court. The cost would be most likely greater than \$15,000 to resolve.

ARTICLE 30 – RESOLUTION - Citizens Petition - Neil Anders - *[Majority Vote Required]*

A MOTION MADE AND 2ND WAS DEFEATED BY A MAJORITY NEGATIVE VOTE TO
ADOPT A Resolution in support of the Town of Barre voting to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer funds of \$15,000 to clean up or take any legal action on 1000 West Street's derelict property, or take any action relative thereto.

- Whereas, the Town of Barre has been requested to take legal action on said property and has chosen not to accomplish the basics of remedying the public nuisance issue nor to address the potential for the site being hazardous waist, 21e site. Additionally, said site harbors further potential health hazards, building code violations, and violation of the fire department's safety directives during the fire at said property and afterward by not having taking such actions as might have been needed to negate these impediments.
- Whereas, the lack of the Town to take responsibility to abate the nuisance has brought harm to abutters and other towns persons alike, having to witness such impediments to their property and town's scenic beauty.
- Whereas, such allocation of funds could be retrieved from the sale of said property in the future.
- Whereas, said property holds dominant visibility for anyone entering Barre from North and West and shows Barre to be a neglected community and makes the Town unsuitable for development.

**ARTICLE 31 - AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BARRE Citizens Petition - Neil Anders
- *[Majority Vote Required]***

A MOTION MADE AND 2ND WAS DEFEATED BY A MAJORITY NEGATIVE VOTE TO
ADOPT A Resolution in support of the Town of Barre voting to pass a By-law regulation that the Town or its officers may not engage in the procuring of any loans that would exceed to life expectancy of the project or item to which the appropriation is related.

ON A MOTION MADE AND 2ND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO DISSOLVE THE MEETING AT 9:30 P.M.

Moderator Smith announced effective immediately after town meeting, he was re-appointing Eric Reicker and Claire Adomaitis to the finance committee. He then requested everyone not depart just yet and announced that Town Counsel, Attorney James Baird (aka "Jim") had a special brief presentation and gift for the Town upon his retirement from his 50 years of service to the Town of Barre. Attorney Baird briefly stated that his time with Barre will always remain close to his heart. He enjoyed working with Barre town officials and residents and will truly miss working with them. He explained how he and his wife both loved and admired the town for all of its wonderful characteristics and that he wanted to express his gratitude to the town for allowing him to continue to serve as their Town Counsel over the many years in a unique and memorable way. He stated his gift was from the bottom of his heart and required a lot of coordination on his part, including taking up singing lessons! He then played a pre-recorded farewell song, dedicated to Town of Barre, for which he wrote and also sang. With an emotional standing ovation, the crowd cheered for Jim! His presence will be missed by many.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ellen M. Glidden, cmc, cmmc
Barre Town Clerk