



TOWN OF BARRE

**Report and Recommendation
of the
Finance Committee
for the**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Fiscal Year 2025**

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024
Ruggles Lane School
6:30 p.m.**

**TOWN OF BARRE, MASSACHUSETTS
FINANCE COMMITTEE BOOKLET
2024 Special Town Meeting to be held December 17TH @ 6:30pm**

Greetings- The following materials will show 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.

BEGINNING FUND BALANCES

The amounts shown below are the balances in the Town's two Stabilization funds prior to the start of this Special Town Meeting.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Stabilization Fund	\$ 846,726.57
Capital Stabilization	\$ 172,360.73

FOLLOWING ARE THE MODERATOR'S PROPOSED OPENING MOTIONS

MOTION 1: That this meeting dispenses 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.

MOTION 2: 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: That the Moderator, pursuant to G.L. c. 39 § 15, be allowed to declare a two-thirds vote rather than taking a standing count.

FOLLOWING IS THE DECEMBER 17TH 2024 WARRANT ARTICLES WITH PROPOSED MOTIONS, DESCRIPTIONS WITH SELECT BOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WORCESTER, SS:**

To one of the Constables in the Town of Barre, in the County of Worcester.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Barre, qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the **Ruggles Lane Elementary School, 105 Ruggles Lane, Barre, MA 01005.**

TUESDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.
then and there to act on the following articles:

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ARTICLE 1:
Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Transfers/Reductions
Sponsor: Select Board [Majority Vote Required]

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from any account in the FY2025 budget to another account in the FY2025 budget and/or to reduce any FY 2025 budget line items, including but not limited to transfers from the Stabilization Fund, or other available funds for the purpose of amending Article 7 of the June 25, 2024 Annual Town Meeting to balance the FY2025 budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article Amount/Funds: (-\$243,111.19)
Reduce Police Department line items by:

Reduce Contractual Obligations- account number 00102210-514415 by \$5,000.00,
from \$55,747.00 to \$50,747.00

Reduce Police Purchased Services, account number 00102210-520000 by \$10,000.00
from \$36,678.00 to \$26,678.00

Reduce Police Training, account number 00102210-572000 by \$5,000.00
from \$ 22,544.00 to \$ 17,544.00

And further changing the grand total of Police from \$1,091,999.00 to \$ 1,071,999.00

Reduce Fire Department line items by:

Reduce Fire Chief Salary account number 00102220-510000 by \$38,111.19,
from \$ 80,794.00 to \$ 42,682.81;

And further changing the grand total of Fire Department from \$331,477.00 to \$293,365.81

Reduce Town Roads/Highway line item by:

Reduce Town Roads Salary, account number 00104422-511000 by \$80,000.00
from \$ 350,046.00 to \$ 270,046.00 changing the grand total of Town Roads/Highway from
\$731,835.00 to \$651,835.00

Reduce Town Buildings line item by:

Reduce Henry Woods Building, account number 00101192-571100 by \$41,000.00
from \$125,000.00 to \$84,000.00;

Reduce Town Hall Maintenance, account number 00101192-571200 by \$4,000.00
from \$ 10,000.00 to \$6,000.00;

Reduce Public Safety Building, account number 00101192-571350 by \$12,000.00
from \$ 75,000.00 to \$63,000.00;

And further change the grand total of Town Buildings from \$247,606.00 to \$190,606.00.

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Reduce Regional Building Program line item by:

Building Commissioner, account number 00102242-510000 by \$33,000.00
from \$ 71,373.00 to \$ 38,373.00 changing the grand total Regional Building Program from
\$75,843.00 to \$42,843.00.

Reduce Reserve Fund line item by:

Reduce Reserve Fund, account number 00101132-570000 by \$15,000.00
from \$20,000.00 to \$ 5,000.00.

Change total Raised and Appropriated from **\$6,629,784.13 to \$6,286,672.94**

Change total Transferred from Ambulance Receipts Reserved from **\$520,000.00 to \$620,000.00**

Change total Article 7 from **\$7,149,784.13 to \$6,906,672.94**

Description:

This article will reduce the FY2025 omnibus budget voted under Article 7 of the June 25, 2024 Annual Town Meeting by \$243,111.19 for the purpose of balancing the town's budget.

PROPOSED ARTICLE 1 MOTION: I move the Town vote to amend the vote taken pursuant to Article 7 of the June 25, 2024 Annual Town Meeting by reducing the FY 2025 omnibus budget as shown in the Finance Committee Booklet.

Recommendations: Finance Committee:

Select Board:

**ARTICLE 2:
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION
TO PURCHASE SNOWPLOW FOR DPW
Sponsor: Select Board [*Majority Vote Required*]**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Capital Stabilization or other available funds for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a snowplow for use by the Department of Public Works and anything incidental or related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article Amount/Funds: \$7,500.00

Transfer \$7,500.00 from Capital Stabilization, leaving a balance of \$164,860.73 in the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Description:

To purchase and equip snowplow for DPW.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE 2 MOTION: I move the Town transfer the sum of \$7,500.00 from Capital Stabilization for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a snowplow for use by the Department of Public Works.

Recommendations: Finance Committee:

Select Board:

**ARTICLE 3:
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION
TO PAY OFF THE BALANCE OF FIRE TRUCK MATCHING GRANT
Sponsor: Select Board [*Majority Vote Required*]**

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Capital Stabilization or other available funds for the purpose of paying the Town's share of a local match grant to fund the remaining balance of the Fire Truck purchased by a grant authorized by the Select Board, and anything incidental or related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article Amount/Funds: \$26,000.00

Transfer \$26,000.00 from Capital Stabilization to pay balance of Fire Truck Grant local match, leaving a balance of \$138,860.73 in the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Description

The Town purchased a Fire Truck in 2022. The total cost of the Fire Truck was \$501,747.00. The Town obtained a grant from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$476,190.47. This appropriation represents the remaining balance, the Town's share.

PROPOSED ARTICLE 3 MOTION: I move the Town transfer the sum of \$26,000.00 from Capital Stabilization to fund the Town's share of a local match grant to fund the remaining balance of the grant used to purchase a Fire Truck.

Recommendations: Finance Committee:

Select Board:

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof on the bulletin boards at Ruggles Lane School, 105 Ruggles Lane; Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange Street; Town Clerk's Office, 40 West St. (basement), Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street – 1st floor; Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant Street; 50 Main Street; and Barre Senior Center 557 South Barre Road.

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Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Barre Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 2nd day of December, 2024 A.D.

s/Dr. Maureen Marshall, Chair
s/John Dixson, Vice Chairman
s/Mark Regienus
BARRE SELECT BOARD

CONSTABLE'S RETURN OF SERVICE

Worcester SS:

Pursuant to the within Warrant, On December 3, 2024, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Barre by posting up attested copies of the same on the bulletin boards at:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Ruggles Lane School, 105 Ruggles Lane at:	9:45 a.m.
Barre Town Hall, 2 Exchange Street at:	10:00 a.m.
Town Clerk's Office, 40 West Street (basement) at:	9:15 a.m.
Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street 1st floor at:	9:30 a.m.
Woods Memorial Library, 19 Pleasant Street at:	10:45 a.m.
50 Main Street at:	10:30 a.m.
Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road at:	10:15 a.m.

12/3/2024
Date Signed

s/Michael LaRose
Constable of Barre

Returned to the Barre Town Clerk at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of December, 2024 A.D.

Ellen M. Glidden

Ellen M. Glidden, CMC, CMMC
Barre Town Clerk

s/Michael LaRose

Constable of Barre