

FY2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

June 13, 2023- 6:30 PM



Select Board

Dr. Maureen Marshall, Chairperson

John Dixson, Vice Chairperson

Mark Regienus, Clerk

Greg Balukonis

Interim Town Administrator

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLE MOTIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Greetings- 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 this Annual Town Meeting.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance</u>
FY23 Free Cash	\$406,339
Stabilization Fund	\$781,280
Cable Access Special Revenue Fund	\$577,345
Ambulance Receipts Reserved	\$516,273
Water Retained Earnings	\$747,500
Sewer Retained Earnings	\$808,012
Landfill Stabilization	\$14,540
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	\$1,164,836

MODERATOR'S 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.

**TOWN OF BARRE
REVENUE FY2024**

FY 22	FY 23	FY 24 - Est
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Property Tax Levy			
Prior Year Levy Limit	8,731,300	9,049,081	9,345,308
2 1/2% Increase	218,283	226,227.00	233,633
New Growth	99,498	70000	100,000
Debt Service Override- School	97,313	95,250	93,000
Debt Service Override- Municipal	175,057	172,104	162,335
Override			-
Unused Levy Limit			
Less Overlay	(72,000)	(70,000)	(70,000)
LEVY TOTAL	\$ 9,249,451	\$ 9,542,662	\$ 9,864,276

State Aid			
Unrestricted Gen. Governemnt Aid (State Lottery)	988,445	1,041,819	1,075,157
State Owned Land	79,146	105,133	124,001
Veteran's Benefits Reimbursements	53,852	48,304	40,377
Veteran, Blind, SSP Elderly	17,655	8,735	20,947
Public Library Offset	12,819	15,140	17,046
Less State Assessments	(20,693)	(19,854)	(16,609)
CHERRY SHEET TOTAL	\$ 1,131,224	\$ 1,199,277	\$ 1,260,919

Local Receipts Revenue			
Other Taxes & Excise	950,429	960,169	1,009,073
Charges for Fees & Services	119,530	113,131	121,200
Licenses & Permits	57,750	104,000	119,000
Fine & Forfeitures	7,050	2,000	7,000
Miscellaneous and Shared Services	94,542	79,000	149,478
Miscellaneous Non-recurring (Only in Actuals)	5,479	4,000	
TOTAL LOCAL SOURCE REVENUE	\$ 1,234,780	\$ 1,262,300	\$ 1,405,751

Additional Funds			
Indirect Costs- Water	88,030	94,896	160,289
Indirect Costs - Sewer	150,015	126,027	227,938
Free Cash			60,760
Transfer from Special Revenue			
Transfer from Ambulance Funds	475,000	500,000	520,000
Operating Stabilization			-
TOTAL OTHER ADDITIONAL FUNDS	\$ 713,045	\$ 720,923	\$ 968,987

TOTAL REVENUE:	\$ 12,328,500	\$ 12,725,162	\$ 13,499,932
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FY 2024 General Fund Operating Budget (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)

Account Number	Description	FY23 Budget	FY2024 Department Request	FY24 TA Recommendation	FY24 w/COLAs	Percentage Change	Req. Total Increase
Moderator							
00101114-570000	Moderator Stipend	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$50.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$50.00	0%	\$ -
Selectboard							
00101122-510000	Selectboard Stipends	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$1,800.00	0%	\$ -
00101122-570000	Selectboard Expenses	\$ 8,320.00	\$ 8,320.00	\$ 8,320.00	\$8,320.00	0%	\$ -
00101129-510000	Town Administrator Salary	\$ 82,919.00	\$ 82,919.00	\$ 103,000.00	\$103,000.00	24%	\$ 20,081.00
00101129-512000	Town Administrator Assistant Salary	\$ 42,905.00	\$ 42,905.00	\$ 42,905.00	\$43,763.10	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$ 135,944.00	\$ 135,944.00	\$ 156,025.00	\$156,883.10	15%	\$ 20,081.00
Finance Committee Expense							
00101131-570000	Finance Committee Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0%	\$ -
	Total:	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0%	\$ -
Reserve Fund							
00101132-570000	Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
	Total:	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$20,000.00	100%	\$ 10,000.00
Accounting Department							
00101135-510000	Town Accountant Salary	\$ 71,267.76	\$ 71,267.76	\$ 71,267.76	\$72,693.12	0%	\$ -
00101135-513000	Assistant Town Accountant	\$ 10,284.55	\$ 10,284.55	\$ 10,284.55	\$10,490.24	0%	\$ -
00101135-520000	Town Audit	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$26,000.00	0%	\$ -
00101135-570000	Town Accountant Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00	25%	\$ 500.00
	Total:	\$ 109,552.31	\$ 110,052.31	\$ 110,052.31	\$111,683.36	0%	\$ 500.00
Board of Assessors							
00101141-511000	Working Assessor Salary						\$ -
00101141-512000	Assessors Clerk Salary	\$ 17,155.00	\$ 17,155.00	\$ 17,155.00	\$17,498.10	0%	\$ -
00101141-513000	Administrative Assessor Salary	\$ 54,258.34	\$ 54,258.00	\$ 54,258.00	\$55,343.16	0%	\$ (0.34)
00101141-514000	Assessors Stipends	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,000.00	0%	\$ -
00101141-570000	Assessors Expenses	\$ 20,805.00	\$ 22,805.00	\$ 22,805.00	\$22,805.00	10%	\$ 2,000.00
	Total:	\$ 98,218.34	\$ 100,218.00	\$ 100,218.00	\$101,646.26	2%	\$ 1,999.66
Treasurer/Collector Department							
00101145-510000	Treasurer/Collector Salary	\$ 64,014.00	\$ 72,256.62	\$ 72,256.62	\$73,701.75	13%	\$ 8,242.62
00101145-512000	Assistant Treasurer/Collector Salary	\$ 38,257.29	\$ 37,441.28	\$ 37,441.28	\$38,190.11	-2%	\$ (816.01)
00101145-513000	Assistant Treasurer Salary	\$ 25,363.75	\$ 25,364.00	\$ 25,364.00	\$25,871.28	0%	\$ 0.25
00101145-513210	Certification Stipend	\$ -					\$ -
00101145-570000	Treasurer/Collector Expenses	\$ 21,909.00	\$ 22,800.00	\$ 22,800.00	\$22,800.00	4%	\$ 891.00
	Total:	\$ 149,544.04	\$ 157,861.90	\$ 157,861.90	\$160,563.14	6%	\$ 8,317.86
Legal							
00101151-510000	Town Counsel Stipend	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
NEW	Labor Counsel	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$9,000.00	0%	\$ -
00101151-520000	Legal Counsel	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$18,000.00	50%	\$ 6,000.00

	Total:	\$	21,000.00	\$	27,000.00	\$	27,000.00	\$	\$27,000.00	29%	\$	6,000.00
Tax Title Expense												
00101158-520000	Tax Title Expense	\$	-	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	\$10,000.00		\$	10,000.00
	Total:	\$	-	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	\$10,000.00		\$	10,000.00
Technology												
00101159-520000	IT Managed Services	\$	27,140.00	\$	35,000.00	\$	35,000.00	\$	\$35,000.00	29%	\$	7,860.00
00101159-540000	Software	\$	19,256.00	\$	21,000.00	\$	21,000.00	\$	\$21,000.00	9%	\$	1,744.00
00101159-570000	IT Expenses	\$	26,000.00	\$	28,000.00	\$	28,000.00	\$	\$28,000.00	8%	\$	2,000.00
	Total:	\$	72,396.00	\$	84,000.00	\$	84,000.00	\$	\$84,000.00	16%	\$	11,604.00
Town Clerk												
00101161-510000	Town Clerk Salary	\$	65,745.00	\$	69,033.00	\$	65,745.00	\$	\$67,059.90	0%	\$	-
00101161-520000	Assistant Town Clerk Salary	\$	25,632.58	\$	25,763.00	\$	25,763.00	\$	\$26,278.26	1%	\$	130.42
00101161-530000	Administrative Clerk Salary	\$	12,074.00	\$	12,493.00	\$	12,493.00	\$	\$12,742.86		\$	419.00
00101161-513200	Town Clerk Longevity Stipend	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	\$300.00	0%	\$	-
00101161-513205	Assistant Town Clerk Longevity Stipend	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	\$300.00		\$	-
00101161-513210	Certification Stipend	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	\$1,000.00	0%	\$	-
00101161-512000	Vital Statistics Expense	\$	4,100.00	\$	4,100.00	\$	4,100.00	\$	\$4,100.00	0%	\$	-
00101161-520004	Codification Maintenance	\$	-	\$	4,425.00	\$	4,425.00	\$	\$4,425.00	100%	\$	4,425.00
00101161-570000	Town Clerk Expense	\$	4,800.00	\$	4,800.00	\$	4,800.00	\$	\$4,800.00	0%	\$	-
00101161-570100	Vault Maintenance/Service Contract	\$	1,850.00	\$	1,850.00	\$	1,850.00	\$	\$1,850.00	0%	\$	-
00101162-514000	Registrars Stipends	\$	1,700.00	\$	1,700.00	\$	1,700.00	\$	\$1,700.00	0%	\$	-
00101162-570000	Election Expense	\$	26,000.00	\$	37,750.00	\$	37,750.00	\$	\$37,750.00	45%	\$	11,750.00
	Total:	\$	143,501.58	\$	163,514.00	\$	160,226.00	\$	\$162,306.02	12%	\$	16,724.42
Conservation Commission												
00101171-570000	Conservation Commission Expenses	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	\$1,000.00	0%	\$	-
	Total:	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	\$1,000.00	0%	\$	-
Planning Board												
00101175-520000	Planning Board Consultant	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	\$1,000.00	0%	\$	-
00101175-570000	Planning Board Expenses	\$	3,100.00	\$	3,100.00	\$	3,100.00	\$	\$3,100.00	0%	\$	-
	Total:	\$	4,100.00	\$	4,100.00	\$	4,100.00	\$	\$4,100.00	0%	\$	-
Zoning Board												
00101176-512000	Land Use Admin Secretary	\$	19,894.86	\$	19,894.86	\$	19,894.86	\$	\$19,894.86	0%	\$	-
00101176-570000	ZBA Expense	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$	\$250.00	0%	\$	-
	Total:	\$	20,144.86	\$	20,144.86	\$	20,144.86	\$	\$20,144.86	0%	\$	-
Town Buildings												
00101192-513200	Longevity Municipal Custodian	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	\$	\$300.00	0%	\$	-
00101192-516000	Municipal Custodian	\$	34,823.19	\$	34,823.19	\$	34,823.19	\$	\$35,519.65	0%	\$	-
00101192-571000	Repairs to Town Buildings	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	\$2,500.00	0%	\$	-
00101192-571100	Henry Woods Building	\$	52,000.00	\$	55,000.00	\$	55,000.00	\$	\$55,000.00	6%	\$	3,000.00
00101192-571200	Town Hall Maintenance	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	\$7,000.00	0%	\$	-
00101192-571350	Public Safety Building	\$	50,000.00	\$	60,000.00	\$	60,000.00	\$	\$60,000.00	20%	\$	10,000.00
	Total:	\$	146,623.19	\$	159,623.19	\$	159,623.19	\$	\$160,319.65	9%	\$	13,000.00

Central Purchasing											
00101193-520015	Regional Planning Assessment	\$	1,664.00	\$		\$	1,697.28	\$1,697.28	2%	\$	33.28
00101193-521125	Postage	\$	6,600.00	\$	6,600.00	\$	7,000.00	\$7,000.00	0%	\$	400.00
00101193-521130	Mail Machine	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0%	\$	-
00101193-521140	Town Report Expense	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0%	\$	-
00101193-521150	Centrex Phone Line	\$	9,000.00	\$	11,000.00	\$	11,000.00	\$11,000.00	22%	\$	2,000.00
Total:		\$	21,264.00	\$	21,600.00	\$	23,697.28	\$23,697.28	11%	\$	2,433.28

00102210-510000	Police Chief Salary	\$	88,111.00	\$	98,400.00	\$	98,400.00	\$98,400.00	12%	\$	10,289.00
00102210-510100	Police Lieutenant Salary	\$	81,852.96	\$	84,000.00	\$	86,520.00	\$86,520.00	6%	\$	4,667.04
00102210-511000	Police Department Salaries	\$	477,395.00	\$	521,352.00	\$	471,056.00	\$471,056.00	-1%	\$	(6,339.00)
00102210-511100	Police Overtime	\$	60,000.00	\$	72,000.00	\$	90,000.00	\$92,732.00	50%	\$	30,000.00
00102210-512000	Administrative Assistant	\$	45,296.31	\$	45,296.31	\$	45,296.31	\$46,202.24	0%	\$	-
00102210-513200	Longevity Stipends	\$	2,300.00	\$	3,900.00	\$	3,900.00	\$3,900.00	70%	\$	1,600.00
00102210-513210	Part-Time Salaries	\$	30,000.00	\$	8,506.00	\$	27,998.00	\$27,998.00	-7%	\$	(2,002.00)
00102210-514410	Specialty Stipends	\$	3,000.00	\$	1,750.00	\$	1,750.00	\$1,750.00	-42%	\$	(1,250.00)
00102210-514415	Contractual Obligations	\$	36,900.00	\$	55,747.00	\$	53,584.00	\$53,584.00	45%	\$	16,684.00
00102210-514420	Educational Stipends	\$	9,500.00	\$	12,000.00	\$	12,000.00	\$12,000.00	26%	\$	2,500.00
00102210-514425	Special Events	\$	3,432.00	\$	10,368.00	\$	3,432.00	\$3,432.00	0%	\$	-
00102210-520000	Police Purchased Services	\$	14,140.00	\$	28,338.00	\$	30,578.00	\$30,578.00	116%	\$	16,438.00
00102210-520100	Contractual Allowances	\$	12,900.00	\$	13,475.00	\$	13,000.00	\$13,000.00	1%	\$	100.00
00102210-540000	Police Supplies	\$	9,500.00	\$	11,500.00	\$	11,500.00	\$11,500.00	21%	\$	2,000.00
00102210-540400	Armory	\$	12,558.00	\$	7,558.00	\$	7,558.00	\$7,558.00	-40%	\$	(5,000.00)
00102210-572000	Police Training	\$	15,250.00	\$	31,544.00	\$	22,544.00	\$22,544.00	48%	\$	7,294.00
00102210-572300	Police Tuition	\$	6,809.00	\$	8,434.00	\$	8,434.00	\$8,434.00	24%	\$	1,625.00
00102210-574500	Cruiser Maintenance	\$	11,504.00	\$	16,190.00	\$	16,190.00	\$16,190.00	41%	\$	4,686.00
	Police Cruiser (to be funded with ARPA money)	\$		\$	72,000.00	\$	72,000.00				
Total:		\$	920,448.27	\$	1,102,358.31	\$	1,075,740.31	\$1,007,378.24	9%	\$	86,929.97

Fire Department											
00102220-510000	Fire Chief Salary	\$	76,900.80	\$	78,823.32	\$	78,823.32	\$78,823.32	3%	\$	1,922.52
00102220-511000	Fire Department Salaries	\$	48,181.34	\$	50,600.00	\$	50,600.00	\$50,600.00	5%	\$	2,418.66
00102220-512000	Fire Department Clerk	\$	16,710.72	\$	17,045.00	\$	17,045.00	\$17,045.00	2%	\$	334.28
00102220-513150	Fire Inspector	\$	57,418.00	\$	62,369.00	\$	62,369.00	\$62,369.00	9%	\$	4,951.00
00102220-513200	Fire Department Longevity Stipends	\$	2,550.00	\$	4,725.00	\$	4,725.00	\$4,725.00	85%	\$	2,175.00
00102220-540100	Fire Hoses	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00	\$3,500.00	0%	\$	-
00102220-570000	Fire Expenses	\$	72,495.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$75,000.00	3%	\$	2,505.00
00102220-572000	Training	\$	24,480.00	\$	30,240.00	\$	30,240.00	\$30,240.00	24%	\$	5,760.00
Total:		\$	302,235.86	\$	322,302.32	\$	322,302.32	\$322,302.32	7%	\$	20,066.46

Ambulance Services											
NEW	Fire Chief Salary	\$	14,418.90	\$	14,779.37	\$	14,779.37	\$14,779.37		\$	360.47
00102231-511000	EMT Salaries	\$	577,115.00	\$	590,962.00	\$	590,962.00	\$590,962.00	2%	\$	13,847.00
00102231-511100	EMS Overtime	\$	22,500.00	\$	35,000.00	\$	35,000.00	\$35,000.00	56%	\$	12,500.00

00102231-514000	EMT Stipends	\$	5,200.00	\$	6,250.00	\$	6,250.00	\$6,250.00	20%	\$	1,050.00
00102231-520000	Ambulance Billing	\$	25,000.00	\$	32,000.00	\$	32,000.00	\$32,000.00	28%	\$	7,000.00
00102231-520200	EMS Service Contracts	\$	16,555.00	\$	18,274.00	\$	18,274.00	\$18,274.00	10%	\$	1,719.00
00102231-540300	EMS Cardiac Monitors	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-			\$	-
00102231-570000	Ambulance Expenses	\$	52,684.00	\$	61,400.00	\$	61,400.00	\$61,400.00	17%	\$	8,716.00
	Total:	\$	713,472.90	\$	758,665.37	\$	758,665.37	\$758,665.37	6%	\$	45,192.47
	Building Department									\$	-
00102241-512000	Building Department Clerk Salary	\$	22,726.58	\$	22,726.58	\$	22,726.58	\$23,181.11	0%	\$	-
00102241-514100	Plumbing Inspector Stipend	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0%	\$	-
00102241-514200	Wire Inspector Stipend	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0%	\$	-
00102241-570000	Building Department Expenses	\$	5,400.00	\$	5,400.00	\$	5,400.00	\$5,400.00	0%	\$	-
	Total:	\$	32,126.58	\$	32,126.58	\$	32,126.58	\$32,581.11	0%	\$	-
	Regional Building Program									\$	-
00102242-510000	Building Commissioner	\$	68,266.94	\$	68,266.94	\$	68,266.94	\$69,632.28	0%	\$	-
00102242-511000	Alternate Building Commissioner	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$500.00	0%	\$	-
00102242-573000	Training/Travel/Communications	\$	3,970.00	\$	3,970.00	\$	3,970.00	\$3,970.00	0%	\$	-
	Total:	\$	72,736.94	\$	72,736.94	\$	72,736.94	\$74,102.28	0%	\$	-
	Emergency Management									\$	-
NEW	Emergency Management Salary	\$	4,806.30	\$	4,926.46	\$	4,926.46	\$4,926.46		\$	120.16
00102291-570000	Emergency Management Expense	\$	1,250.00	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,500.00	\$1,500.00	20%	\$	250.00
	Total:	\$	6,056.30	\$	6,426.46	\$	6,426.46	\$6,426.46	6%	\$	370.16
	Animal Control									\$	-
00102292-570000	Regional Animal Control	\$	17,632.70	\$	15,700.00	\$	15,700.00	\$15,700.00	-11%	\$	(1,932.70)
	Total:	\$	17,632.70	\$	15,700.00	\$	15,700.00	\$15,700.00	-11%	\$	(1,932.70)
	Dispatch									\$	-
00102293-570000	Regional Dispatch Fee	\$	146,770.00	\$	166,383.27	\$	130,000.00	\$130,000.00	-11%	\$	(16,770.00)
	Total:	\$	146,770.00	\$	166,383.27	\$	130,000.00	\$130,000.00	-11%	\$	(16,770.00)
	Tree Warden									\$	-
00102294-570000	Shade Tree Management/Operations	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0%	\$	-
	Total:	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0%	\$	-
	Schools										
00103300-561000	Quabbin Assessment	\$	6,199,860.81	\$	6,492,678.46	\$	6,492,678.46	\$6,492,678.46	5%	\$	292,817.65
00103300-561100	Monty Tech Assessment	\$	370,256.00	\$	340,067.00	\$	340,067.00	\$340,067.00	-8%	\$	(30,189.00)
00103300-590000	Quabbin Regional Debt Service	\$	47,069.00	\$	45,973.21	\$	45,973.21	\$45,973.21	-2%	\$	(1,095.79)
	Total:	\$	6,617,185.81	\$	6,878,718.67	\$	6,878,718.67	\$6,878,718.67	4%	\$	261,532.86
	Town Roads/Highway										
00104422-510000	DPW Superintendent Salary	\$	28,489.80	\$	32,674.00	\$	28,489.80	\$29,059.60	0%	\$	-
00104422-511000	Town Roads Salary	\$	318,656.40	\$	369,670.00	\$	318,656.40	\$318,656.40	0%	\$	-
00104422-511100	Town Roads OT/PT	\$	13,240.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	13,240.00	\$13,240.00	0%	\$	-
00104422-512000	DPW Secretary Salary	\$	17,104.18	\$	19,670.00	\$	17,104.18	\$17,446.26	0%	\$	-
00104422-513200	Longevity Stipend	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$400.00	0%	\$	-
00104422-513300	Differential	\$	1,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0%	\$	-

00104422-520000	Fuel Account	\$ 73,479.60	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$125,000.00	70%	\$ 51,520.40
00104422-570000	Town Roads Expense	\$ 96,400.00	\$ 120,500.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$105,000.00	9%	\$ 8,600.00
00104422-570200	Highway Administration	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,000.00	7%	\$ 400.00
00104422-571500	Town Barn Account	\$ 18,100.00	\$ 22,625.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$20,000.00	10%	\$ 1,900.00
00104422-575000	Machinery Account	\$ 53,240.00	\$ 66,551.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$55,000.00	3%	\$ 1,760.00
Total:		\$ 625,709.98	\$ 786,090.00	\$ 689,890.38	\$690,802.26	10%	\$ 64,180.40
Snow Removal							\$ -
00104423-511100	Snow Removal OT/PT	\$ 23,651.00	\$ 23,651.00	\$ 23,651.00	\$23,651.00	0%	\$ -
00104423-570000	Highway Snow Removal	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$105,000.00	0%	\$ -
Total:		\$ 128,651.00	\$ 128,651.00	\$ 128,651.00	\$128,651.00	0%	\$ -
Street Lights							\$ -
00104424-520000	Street lighting	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$30,000.00	30%	\$ 7,000.00
Total:		\$ 23,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$30,000.00	30%	\$ 7,000.00
Sanitary Landfill							\$ -
00104433-576000	Sanitary Landfill	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -		-100%	\$ (1,000.00)
00104433-576200	Laboratory Testing	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -		-100%	\$ (250.00)
Total:		\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ -		-100%	\$ (1,250.00)
Cemetery Department							\$ -
00104491-512000	Secretary/Clerk Salary	\$ 10,091.51	\$ 10,091.51	\$ 10,091.51	\$10,293.34	0%	\$ -
00104491-514000	Cemetery Commission Stipend	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$450.00	0%	\$ -
00104491-521000	Cemetery Scans/Projects	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0%	\$ -
00104491-570000	Cemetery Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$4,500.00	50%	\$ 1,500.00
Total:		\$ 18,541.51	\$ 20,041.51	\$ 20,041.51	\$20,243.34	8%	\$ 1,500.00
Board of Health							\$ -
00105510-511000	Board of Health Agent Salary	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0%	\$ -
00105510-513000	Board of Health Administrative Assistant Salary	\$ 22,726.58	\$ 22,726.58	\$ 22,726.58	\$23,181.11	0%	\$ -
00105510-514000	Board of Health Stipends	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 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	\$3,000.00	0%	\$ -
00105510-572000	Training	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$200.00	0%	\$ -
Total:		\$ 32,426.58	\$ 32,426.58	\$ 32,426.58	\$32,881.11	0%	\$ -
Inspector of Animals							\$ -
00105519-514000	Inspector of Animals Stipend	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$600.00	0%	\$ -
Total:		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$600.00	0%	\$ -
Council on Aging							\$ -
00105541-510000	COA Director Salary	\$ 56,181.74	\$ 62,182.00	\$ 56,181.74	\$57,305.37	0%	\$ -
NEW	Outreach Coordinator	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$8,500.00		
00105541-570000	COA Expenses	\$ 39,300.00	\$ 50,400.00	\$ 50,400.00	\$50,400.00	28%	\$ 11,100.00
Total:		\$ 102,981.74	\$ 121,082.00	\$ 115,081.74	\$116,205.37	12%	\$ 12,100.00
Veterans Agent							\$ -
00105543-510000	Veterans Agent Salary	\$ 5,449.00	\$ 5,449.00	\$ 5,449.00	\$5,557.98	0%	\$ -
00105543-520000	Veterans Benefits	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$70,000.00	0%	\$ -
00105543-570000	Veterans Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0%	\$ -

	Total:	\$	80,449.00	\$	80,449.00	\$	80,449.00	\$	\$80,557.98	0%	\$	-
Library												
00106610-510000	Library Director	\$	59,740.00	\$	61,179.76	\$	61,179.76		\$62,403.36	2%	\$	1,439.76
00106610-511000	Youth Services Librarian Salary	\$	29,399.29	\$	\$35,061.00	\$	\$28,426.00		\$28,995.00	-3.3%	\$	-\$973.29
00106610-513000	Library Assistants	\$	36,671.09	\$	42,697.26	\$	39,454.00		\$39,454.00	8%	\$	2,782.91
00106610-513100	Cataloging Librarian	\$	27,161.00	\$	33,854.08	\$	27,995.00		\$27,995.00	3%	\$	834.00
00106610-513140	Adult Services Librarian	\$	27,052.95	\$	35,045.92	\$	28,841.00		\$28,840.00	7%	\$	1,788.05
00106610-520000	Library Utilities	\$	40,800.00	\$	40,800.00	\$	41,728.00		\$41,728.00	2%	\$	928.00
00106610-570000	Library Expenses	\$	58,578.00	\$	66,489.00	\$	66,739.00		\$66,739.00	14%	\$	8,161.00
	Total:	\$	279,402.33	\$	315,127.02	\$	294,362.76		\$296,653.36	5%	\$	14,960.43
Recreation												
NEW	Wachusett Greenway	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,100.00	\$	1,100.00		\$1,100.00	10%	\$	100.00
00106630-570000	Recreation	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00		\$6,000.00	0%	\$	-
00106630-575500	Youth Commission	\$	2,500.00	\$	-	\$	-			-100%	\$	(2,500.00)
00106630-575700	South Barre Common	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	500.00		\$500.00	0%	\$	-
00106630-575800	Felton Field Commission	\$	11,100.00	\$	10,500.00	\$	10,500.00		\$10,500.00	-5%	\$	(600.00)
	Total:	\$	21,100.00	\$	18,100.00	\$	18,100.00		\$18,100.00	-14%	\$	(3,000.00)
Parks and Commons												
00106650-511000	Commons and Cemeteries Salaries	\$	40,000.00	\$	46,000.00	\$	40,000.00		\$40,000.00	0%	\$	-
00106650-570000	Commons and Cemeteries Expenses	\$	5,250.00	\$	6,565.00	\$	5,500.00		\$5,500.00	5%	\$	250.00
	Total:	\$	45,250.00	\$	52,565.00	\$	45,500.00		\$45,500.00	1%	\$	250.00
Historical Commission												
00106691-570000	Historical Commission	\$	1,200.00	\$	-	\$	-			-100%	\$	(1,200.00)
	Total:	\$	1,200.00	\$	-	\$	-			-100%	\$	(1,200.00)
Holiday Decoration												
00106692-570000	Holiday Decoration	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00		\$2,500.00	0%	\$	-
	Total:	\$	2,100.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00		\$2,500.00	19%	\$	400.00
County Retirement												
00109911-599300	County Retirement	\$	454,844.00	\$	536,064.00	\$	536,064.00		\$536,064.00	18%	\$	81,220.00
	Total:	\$	454,844.00	\$	536,064.00	\$	536,064.00		\$536,064.00	18%	\$	81,220.00
Health Insurance												
00109914-599400	Health Insurance	\$	423,632.01	\$	445,000.00	\$	452,736.00		\$452,736.00	7%	\$	29,103.99
00109914-599420	SUI Unemployment Insurance	\$	13,362.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00		\$10,000.00	-25%	\$	(3,362.00)
00109914-599500	Medicare	\$	42,900.00	\$	47,000.00	\$	47,000.00		\$47,000.00	10%	\$	4,100.00
	Total:	\$	479,894.01	\$	502,000.00	\$	509,736.00		\$509,736.00	6%	\$	29,841.99
General Insurance												
00109945-599600	General Insurance	\$	191,295.00	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00		\$200,000.00	5%	\$	8,705.00
	Total:	\$	191,295.00	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00		\$200,000.00	5%	\$	8,705.00
Debt Principal												
00111710-591110	DEx- Barre Common BAN	\$	52,400.00	\$	52,400.00	\$	52,400.00		\$52,400.00	0%	\$	-
00111710-591112	DE x- Ruggles Lane Project	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00		\$75,000.00	0%	\$	-
00111710-591116	Sewer Upgrade Phase 1	\$	4,607.00	\$	4,607.00	\$	4,607.00		\$4,607.00	0%	\$	-

00111710-591118	Sewer Upgrade Phase 1 B	\$	21,154.00	\$	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	\$12,821.00	0%	\$	-
00111710-591122	WWTF Upgrades	\$	12,540.00	\$	12,540.00	\$	12,540.00	\$12,540.00	0%	\$	-
00111710-591124	Well #3 South Barre	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,065.00	\$	3,065.00	\$3,065.00	2%	\$	65.00
00111710-591125	DE x- Barre Common State House Note #	\$	80,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$75,000.00	-6%	\$	(5,000.00)
00111710-591126	DE xx- Combined Capital Improvement BAN	\$	171,000.00	\$	171,000.00	\$	171,000.00	\$171,000.00	0%	\$	-
Total:		\$	432,522.00	\$	427,587.00	\$	427,587.00	\$427,587.00	-1%	\$	(4,935.00)
Debt Interest											
\$ -											
00111750-591110	DEx- Barre Common BAN	\$	6,979.68	\$	5,816.40	\$	5,816.40	\$5,816.40	-17%	\$	(1,163.28)
00111750-591112	DE x- Ruggles Lane Project	\$	20,250.00	\$	18,000.00	\$	18,000.00	\$18,000.00	-11%	\$	(2,250.00)
00111750-591116	Sewer Upgrade Phase 1	\$	4,749.73	\$	4,559.69	\$	4,559.69	\$4,559.69	-4%	\$	(190.04)
00111750-591118	Sewer Upgrade Phase 1 B	\$	22,211.44	\$	21,185.95	\$	21,185.95	\$21,185.95	-5%	\$	(1,025.49)
00111750-591120	Water Tank Sanderson Road	\$	12,532.00	\$	11,986.83	\$	11,986.83	\$11,986.83	-4%	\$	(545.17)
00111750-591122	WWTF Upgrades	\$	12,979.00	\$	12,414.60	\$	12,414.60	\$12,414.60	-4%	\$	(564.40)
00111750-591124	Well #3 South Barre	\$	890.24	\$	830.24	\$	830.24	\$830.24	-7%	\$	(60.00)
00111750-591125	DE x- Barre Common State House Note #	\$	8,612.50	\$	6,093.75	\$	6,093.75	\$6,093.75	-29%	\$	(2,518.75)
00111750-591126	DE xx- Combined Capital Improvement BAN	\$	2,859.20	\$	7,695.00	\$	7,695.00	\$7,695.00	169%	\$	4,835.80
Total:		\$	92,063.79	\$	88,582.46	\$	88,582.46	\$88,582.46	-4%	\$	(3,481.33)
General Fund Total:		\$	12,781,284.62	\$	13,698,391.75	\$	13,551,987.62	\$13,499,932.00	6%	\$	770,703.00

Revenue Estimate

\$13,499,932.00

Operating Budget Surplus/Deficit

\$0.00

Note- DE xx Combined Capital Improvement Ban approved by debt exclusion, 4/3/23

Water Enterprise

Account Number	Description	FY23 Budget	FY2024 Recommended	Percentage Change
60204450-510000	DPW SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	\$28,489.80	\$29,060.00	2.00%
60204450-511000	WATER DEPARTMENT SALARIES	\$117,687.00	\$117,687.00	0.00%
60204450-511100	WATER OT/PT	\$25,178.00	\$25,178.00	0.00%
60204450-512000	WATER SECRETARY (DPW)	\$17,104.18	\$17,447.00	2.00%
60204450-514000	WATER COMMISSIONERS STIPENDS	\$900.00	\$900.00	0.00%
60204450-576000	WATER OPERATIONS EXPENSE	\$104,500.00	\$130,625.00	25.00%
60204450-576100	WATER MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	\$41,000.00	\$51,250.00	25.00%
60204450-576200	WATER ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE	\$7,300.00	\$9,125.00	25.00%
60204450-576400	WATER REPLACEMENT	\$5,000.00	\$6,250.00	25.00%
60204450-576500	WATER PUMPING EXPENSE	\$68,000.00	\$85,000.00	25.00%
60204450-576600	WATER UPGRADE	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	0.00%
	PICKUP TRUCK	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
		\$485,158.98	\$542,522.00	11.82%
	Indirect Costs (Transfer from Water to General Fund)			
60204450-596250	WATER DEBT TRANSFER TO GF	\$29,243.24	\$28,703.07	-1.85%
60204450-599000	WATER HEALTH DENTAL LIFE	\$29,134.03	\$31,279.24	7.36%
60204450-599100	GENERAL INSURANCE	\$18,929.19	\$26,467.32	39.82%
60204450-599200	COUNTY RETIREMENT	\$608.00	\$66,339.33	10811.07%
60204450-599250	TOWN SERVICES	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	0.00%
		\$85,414.46	\$160,288.96	87.66%
	Total:	\$570,573.44	\$702,810.96	23.18%

Sewer Enterprise

Account Number	Description	FY23 Budget	FY2024 Recommended	Percentage Change
60104440-510000	DPW Superintendent Salary	\$28,489.00	\$29,060.00	2.00%
60104440-511000	Sewer Salary	\$180,275.00	\$180,275.00	0.00%
60104440-511100	Sewer OT/PT	\$27,467.00	\$27,467.00	0.00%
60104440-512000	Sewer Department Secretary	\$17,104.00	\$17,447.00	2.00%
60104440-513200	Longevity Stipends	\$300.00	\$300.00	0.00%
60104440-514000	Sewer Commissioners Stipends	\$900.00	\$900.00	0.00%
60104440-576000	Sewer Operating Costs	\$251,700.00	\$314,625.00	25.00%
60104440-576100	Sewer Maintenance Costs	\$57,600.00	\$72,000.00	25.00%
60104440-576200	Sewer Administrative Expenses	\$32,200.00	\$40,250.00	25.00%
60104440-576300	Sewer Inflow/Infiltration	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	0.00%
60104440-576400	Sewer Replacement Fund	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00	25.00%
	Pickup Truck	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
		\$ 656,035.00	\$742,324.00	13.15%
	Indirect Costs (Transfer from Sewer to General Fund)			
60104440-596240	Sewer Debt Transfer to GF	\$ 78,241.00	\$76,461.24	-2.33%
60104440-599000	Sewer Health/Dental/Life	\$ 10,957.00	\$34,077.02	67.85%
60104440-599100	Sewer General Insurance	\$ 29,445.04	\$47,336.11	37.80%
60104440-599200	Sewer County Retirement	\$ 16,898.00	\$62,563.33	72.99%
60104440-599250	Town Services	\$ 7,500.00	\$7,500.00	0.00%
		\$ 143,041.04	\$227,937.70	37.25%
	Total:	\$ 799,076.04	\$970,261.70	17.64%

ARTICLE 1

CHOOSE TOWN OFFICERS

Sponsor: Select Board

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to choose all other town officers, agents and committees not elected by ballot or appointed, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town Pass Over Article 1 to choose all other town officers, agents and committees not elected by ballot or appointed having already been acted upon.

Article Amount/Funds

N/A

Description

Appointment of finance committee members by moderator for the next fiscal year.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 2

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Sponsor: Finance Committee

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Select Board, Finance Committee, School Committee and any other department or committee and act thereon, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town accept the written reports of the Town departments for calendar year 2022.

Article Amount/Funds

N/A

Description

Annual Article to accept Town Reports and hear additional reports from any board or committee.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 3

PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR

Sponsor: Select Board
[Four-Fifths Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for bills of a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town Pass Over Article 3.

Article Amount/Funds

N/A

Description

There are no bills of a prior year to be approved by town meeting.

ARTICLE 4

FISCAL 2023 BUDGET TRANSFERS

Sponsor: Select Board
[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from any available source of funds sums of money to be added to departmental budgets and appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending on June 30, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town Pass Over Article 4.

Article Amount/Funds

N/A

Description

Any FY 23 budget transfers will be addressed through interdepartmental transfers by the Select Board and Finance Committee at the end of the current fiscal year.

ARTICLE 5

FY 2023 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL ACCOUNT

Sponsor: DPW Commission
(Majority Vote Required)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Fiscal Year 2023 Snow Removal Overtime/PT and Expense Accounts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$74,125 to fund the over expenditure of expenses used for snow and ice removal in the current fiscal year.

Article Amount/Funds

This article proposes \$74,125 to be taken from Free Cash.

Description

Use of Free Cash is required 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 6

FY 2024 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

Sponsor: DPW Commission

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from Water Receipts a sum of money for the operations and maintenance of the municipal water system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town appropriate from Water Receipts the sum of \$702,810.96 for the Water Enterprise Fund; to be funded from the following sources:

Revenues	FY2023	FY2024 Recommended
Water Receipts	\$547,651	\$665,435.96
Retained Earnings	\$13,493	\$37,375
Total	\$561,114	\$702,810.96
Expenses	FY2023	FY2024- Recommended
Salaries	\$187,131	\$189,372
Commissioner Stipends	\$900	\$900
Expenses	\$240,800	\$276,000
Water Replacement	\$5,000	\$6,250
Water Upgrade	\$70,000	\$70,000
Indirect Costs	\$85,415	\$160,288.96
Total	\$561,144.00	\$702,810.96

Article Amount/Funds

This article is in the amount of \$702,810.96 to establish the Water Enterprise Budget and is created through the user fees, charges to water users and use of retained earnings.

Description

This article will establish the Water Enterprise Budget for FY24. The collective bargaining agreement for union employees is under negotiation and both salaries and overtime are level funded as no increase can be put before town meeting, unless the agreement is settled. Salaries for Non-union employees have been increased by 2% to reflect a COLA increase as recommended by the Select Board and Finance Committee. Additionally, Indirect Costs have been increased to reflect the cost paid by the General Fund to cover time spent by employees in the Accounting and Collector offices on Water Enterprise tasks, employee benefits, insurance, departmental costs, and debt service.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 7

FY 2024 SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

Sponsor: DPW Commission

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from Sewer Receipts a sum of money for the operations and maintenance of the municipal sewer system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town appropriate from Sewer Receipts the sum of \$970,261.70 for the Sewer Enterprise Fund; to be funded from the following sources:

Revenues	FY2023	FY2024 Recommended
Sewer Receipts	\$779,000	\$929,861.70
Retained Earnings	\$17,750	\$40,400
Total	\$797,750	\$970,261.70
Expenses	FY2022	FY2023
Salaries	\$252,308	\$254,549
Commissioner Stipends	\$900	\$900

Expenses	\$391,500	\$486,875
Indirect Costs	\$143,041	\$227,937.70
Total	\$797,750.00	\$970,261.70

Article Amount/Funds

This article is in the amount of \$970,261.70 to establish the Sewer Enterprise Budget and is created through the user fees, charges to sewer users and use of retained earnings.

Description

This article will establish the Sewer Enterprise Budget for FY24. The collective bargaining agreement for union employees is under negotiation and both salaries and overtime are level funded as no increase can be put before town meeting, unless the agreement is settled. Salaries for Non-union employees have been increased by 2% to reflect a COLA increase as recommended by the Select Board and Finance Committee. Additionally, Indirect Costs have been increased to reflect the cost paid by the General Fund to cover time spent by employees in the Accounting and Collector offices on Sewer Enterprise tasks, employee benefits, insurance, departmental costs, and debt service.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 8

FY 2024 TRANSFER FROM AMBULANCE RECEIPTS RESERVED

Sponsor: Fire Chief

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will transfer from Ambulance Receipts Reserved the sum of \$520,000 to fund the FY 2024 Omnibus Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town Pass Over Article 8.

Article Amount/Funds

Ambulance Receipts Reserve Balance - \$520,000

Description

The appropriation of funds from ambulance receipts will be taken up in the next article, Article 9, funding for the FY 2024 omnibus budget. The Department of Revenue prefers ambulance revenues be listed as a funding source as part of the omnibus budget.

ARTICLE 9

FY 2024 OMNIBUS BUDGET

Sponsor: Select Board

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay Town charges and expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and vote to fix salary and compensation of all elected officials of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, effective July 1, 2023 and make all appropriations for the same; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town fix salaries and compensation of all elected officials of the Town for the Fiscal Year 2024 for the period of July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024, and further, to raise and appropriate funds, transfer \$520,000 of Ambulance receipts reserve, and transfer \$60,760 from Free Cash as identified in the Town's Omnibus Budget as follows:

Department	FY2023	FY2024
Moderator	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Selectboard	\$ 135,944.00	\$ 156,883.10
Finance Committee Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Reserve Fund	\$0	\$ 20,000.00
Accounting Department	\$ 109,552.31	\$ 111,683.36
Board of Assessors	\$ 98,218.34	\$ 101,646.26
Treasurer/Collector Department	\$ 149,544.04	\$ 160,563.14
Legal	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
Tax Title Expense	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Technology	\$ 72,396.00	\$ 84,000.00
Town Clerk	\$ 143,501.58	\$ 162,306.02
Conservation Commission	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Planning Board	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00
Zoning Board	\$ 20,144.86	\$ 20,144.86
Town Buildings	\$ 146,623.19	\$ 160,319.65
Central Purchasing	\$ 21,264.00	\$ 23,697.28
Police Department	\$ 920,448.27	\$ 1,007,378.24
Fire Department	\$ 302,235.86	\$ 322,302.32
Ambulance Services	\$ 713,472.90	\$ 758,665.37
Building Department	\$ 32,126.58	\$ 32,581.11
Regional Building Program	\$ 72,736.94	\$ 74,102.28
Emergency Management	\$ 6,056.30	\$ 6,426.46

Animal Control	\$ 17,632.70	\$ 15,700.00
Dispatch	\$ 146,770.00	\$ 130,000.00
Tree Warden	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Town Roads/Highway	\$ 625,709.98	\$ 690,802.26
Snow Removal	\$ 128,651.00	\$ 128,651.00
Street Lights	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Sanitary Landfill	\$ 1,250.00	\$0
Cemetery Department	\$ 18,541.51	\$ 20,243.34
Board of Health	\$ 32,426.58	\$ 32,881.11
Inspector of Animals	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Council on Aging	\$ 102,981.74	\$ 116,205.37
Veterans Agent	\$ 80,449.00	\$ 80,557.98
Library	\$ 279,402.33	\$ 296,653.36
Recreation	\$ 21,100.00	\$ 18,100.00
Parks and Commons	\$ 45,250.00	\$ 45,500.00
Historical Commision	\$ 1,200.00	\$0
Holiday Decorations	\$2,100.00	\$2,500.00
County Retirement	\$ 454,844.00	\$ 536,064.00
Health Insurance	\$ 479,894.01	\$ 509,736.00
General Insurance	\$ 191,295.00	\$ 200,000.00
Debt Principal	\$ 432,522.00	\$ 427,587.00
Debt Interest	\$ 92,063.79	\$ 88,582.46
Total	\$ 6,164,098.81	\$ 6,621,213.13

Article Amount/Funds

This would allow for all town funds to be raised and appropriated and transferred from other funds to achieve a balanced budget for FY24.

Description

This is the Town's annual operating budget. The School budget taken separately in the next article.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 10

FY 2024 OMNIBUS BUDGET- SCHOOLS

Sponsor: Select Board

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay school charges and expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, effective July 1, 2023 and make all appropriations for the same; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town raise and appropriate funds as identified in the Town’s recommended Omnibus Budget relative to Education as follows for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023:

Schools	FY2023	FY2024 Requested	FY2024 Recommended
Quabbin Regional School District	\$6,199,860.81	\$6,492,678.46	\$6,492,678.46
Monty Tech	\$ 370,256.00	\$340,067.00	\$340,067.00
QRSD Debt Service	\$ 47,069.00	\$45,973.21	\$45,973.21

Article Amount/Funds

Raise and appropriate a total of \$6,878,718.67 for Education.

Description

This is the annual appropriation for education for FY24. The requested amounts are consistent with the recommended Quabbin Regional School District and Regional Vocational School budgets for the upcoming year.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 11

PEG ACCESS AND CABLE RELATED FUND

Sponsor: Select Board

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote 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 established pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53F ¾ for fiscal year FY2024; or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town 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 FY 24.

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 FY 24 budget for the Town’s PEG Access contractor and operational expenses for hosting the PEG Access.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 12

REVOLVING FUNDS

Sponsor: Select Board

[Majority Vote Required]

To see what spending limits the Town will establish 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, 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town establish spending limits for revolving accounts established pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 and the Town’s Bylaws Chapter 48, Section 1, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, as follows:

Revolving Fund	Approval to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY24 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
Board of Health	Board of Health Members	Percolation test fees and disposal work construction	To be used to pay one of its members or designated agent for	\$11,000

		permits, food permits, pool permits	inspections associated with said tests and permits	
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	To be used on payment of all charges and fees related to gas expenses and gas inspector 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	Barre Falls Dam Contractual Revenue	To be used for an Administrative Cruiser Replacement	\$70,000
Police Department	Police Chief	Detail administrative fees and cruiser	To be used on payment of administrative costs 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
Council on Aging	Council on Aging	Program Fees and Event Fees	To be used for programs and events	\$2,000

Article Amount/Funds

All funds would only be expended if they are collected.

Description

This article would establish the Fiscal Year 2024 expenditure limits for the Town's revolving Funds. There are no new Revolving Funds proposed by the Article for FY 2024.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 13

CHAPTER 90 GRANT

Sponsor: Select Board

[Two-Thirds Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote 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 2024 up to the reimbursable amount, for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in anticipation of reimbursement of said highway assistance in conformity with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 6AI, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town 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 Select Board, to borrow money from time to time during FY 24 up to the reimbursable amount, for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in anticipation of reimbursement of said highway assistance in conformity with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 6A.

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: Favorable

ARTICLE 14

AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BARRE

Sponsor: Select Board
(*Majority Vote Required*)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code of the Town of Barre by establishing a bylaw for the position of Town Administrator, including but not limited to qualifications, appointment, powers and duties, acting town administrator, removal and suspension, as reflected in a document on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Town Administrator Bylaw," or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town amend the Town Code of the Town of Barre by establishing a bylaw for the position of Town Administrator and to insert the same in The Town Code as a new Chapter 70 as follows:

Chapter 70- Town Administrator

§ 70-1 Appointment; annual review; other activities.

A. Appointment; term of office. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Town Administrator to serve for a term of not more than three years; provided, however, that the first six months of any individual's first appointment to the office shall be considered a probationary period. The Town Administrator shall be appointed solely on the basis of his/her executive and administrative qualifications. He/she shall be a person especially fitted by education, training and previous experience in business or public administration to perform the duties of the office of Town Administrator.

B. Review of performance. The Board of Selectmen shall annually provide for a review of the job performance of the Town Administrator which shall, at least be in summary form, be a public record.

C. Restriction on other activities. The Town Administrator shall devote his/her full time to the duties of his/her office and will not hold any other public office, elective or appointive, nor shall he/she engage in any other business, occupation or profession during his/her term unless such action is approved, in advance, in writing, by the Board of Selectmen.

§ 70-2 Powers and duties.

The Town Administrator shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town and shall be responsible to the Board of Selectmen for the proper administration of all Town affairs placed under his charge by the Board of Selectmen or under Town bylaws. Acting by and for the Selectmen, the powers and duties of the Town Administrator shall include, but are not intended to be limited to, the following:

A.He/she shall supervise, direct and be responsible for the efficient administration of all functions placed under his control by bylaw, by Town Meeting vote, by vote of the Board of Selectmen, or otherwise, including all officers appointed by him/her.

B.He/she shall coordinate the activities of all Town departments under his/her control with those under the control of officers and multiple-member bodies who are elected directly by the voters of Barre appointed by the Board of Selectmen, or provided for under any special act, including, without limitation, Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1988.

C.He/she shall recommend the appointment, and may recommend the removal, subject to the civil service law and any collective bargaining agreements as may be applicable, of all department heads, all officers, subordinates and employees for whom no other method of selection is provided by bylaws, unless otherwise provided by state law. Appointments made by the Town Administrator shall become effective at his/her discretion, unless the Board of Selectmen shall within such period by majority vote of the Board vote to reject such appointment or has sooner voted to affirm it.

D.He/she shall be entrusted with the administration of a Town personnel system and personnel policy manual adopted by the Board of Selectmen, including but not limited to personnel policies and practices, rules and regulations, including provisions for an annual employee performance review, personnel bylaw and all collective bargaining agreements entered into on behalf of the Town. He/she shall prepare, maintain and keep current a plan establishing the personnel staffing requirement of each Town agency.

E. He/she shall attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Selectmen and unless excused at his/her own request, and shall have a voice, but no vote in all of its proceedings.

F. He/she shall attend all sessions of the Town Meeting and shall answer all questions addressed to him/her related to warrant articles and which are related to matters under his/her general supervision.

G.He/she shall assure that all provisions of state laws, the bylaws and other votes of the Town Meeting, votes of the Board of Selectmen and of other Town agencies which require enforcement by him or by officers or employees subject to his general supervision and direction are faithfully carried out, performed and enforced.

H.He/she shall prepare, propose and submit the fiscal documents pertaining to the annual operating budget and proposed capital outlay program for all municipal departments.

I. He/she shall keep the Board of Selectmen fully informed as to the fiscal condition and needs of the Town and shall make such recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and to other elected and appointive officers as he may deem to be necessary or desirable.

J. He/she shall assure that full and complete records of the financial and administrative activities of the Town are kept and shall render full reports to the Board of Selectmen at the end of each fiscal year and at such other periods as it may reasonably require.

K.He/she shall have full jurisdiction over the rental and use of all Town facilities. He shall

be responsible for the maintenance and repair of all Town facilities.

L. He/she may at any time inquire into the conduct of office or performance of duty of any Town officer, Town employee or Town agency under his general supervision. The Town Administrator may impose progressive discipline for any infractions subject to disciplinary actions, including verbal warning, written warning, performance improvement plans, suspension or administrative leave, and may recommend termination or any other action to the Board of Selectmen as may be necessary in accordance with the town's personnel policy manual.

M. He/she shall assure that a full and complete inventory of all Town-owned property, both real and personal, is kept consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

N. Under the guidance of the Board of Selectmen, he/she shall be responsible for the negotiation of all contracts with Town employees over wages, hours, and other conditions of employment. The Town Administrator may serve as designee of the Board of Selectmen for the purposes of regional school district collective bargaining negotiations.

O. He/she shall be responsible for the purchase of all supplies, materials and equipment, and shall award all contracts for supplies, materials and equipment for all departments and activities of the Town, except for the Regional School District. He/she shall examine and inspect, or cause to be examined and inspected, the quality and the condition of all supplies, materials and equipment delivered to or received by any Town department, except the Regional School District. He/she shall, in addition, be responsible for the disposal of all surplus supplies, materials and equipment for all departments and activities of the Town, except for the Regional School District.

P. He/she shall be in charge of all technology and software, other than technology and software used for educational or classroom purposes by the Regional School District, and shall allocate the use thereof among the several Town agencies.

Q. He/she may authorize any subordinate officer or employee to exercise any power or duty which he/she is authorized to perform; provided, however, that all acts which are performed under any such delegation shall be deemed to be his/her acts.

R. He/she shall be responsible to implement and maintain general security and public safety procedures in the Municipal Center (Town Hall) and extend and review policies and procedures to all buildings and properties controlled or owned by the Town, with the exception of those properties under the control of the Regional School Committee. This includes but is not limited to IT and network security.

S. He/she shall serve as the Town's Chief Procurement Officer, ADA Coordinator, Records Access Officer, Parking Clerk and Municipal Hearings Officer pursuant to MGL Ch. 148A.

T. He/she shall perform such other duties as may be required by bylaw, by Town Meeting vote, by vote of the Board of Selectmen, or otherwise.

§ 70-3 Acting Town Administrator.

A. Temporary absence. The Town Administrator shall, by letter filed with the Board of Selectmen and a copy filed with the Town Clerk, designate a qualified Town officer or employee to exercise the powers and perform the duties of his office during his temporary absence. During the temporary absence of the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen may not revoke such designation until at least 10 working days have elapsed, whereupon it may designate another qualified Town officer or employee to serve as acting Town Administrator until the Town Administrator shall return and assume his duties.

B. Vacancy. Any vacancy in the office of Town Administrator shall be filled as soon as possible by the Board of Selectmen but pending such appointment the Board of Selectmen shall designate a qualified Town officer or employee or other qualified individual to perform the duties of the Town Administrator on an acting basis. The appointment of an acting Town Administrator shall be for a term not to exceed six months; provided, however, that a renewal, not to exceed an additional three months, may be provided.

C. Powers and duties. The powers of a temporary or acting Town Administrator, under Subsection B above, shall be limited to matters not admitting of delay and shall include authority to make appointments or designations to Town office or employment to the same extent and the same conditions as the Town Administrator, except that, for positions reporting directly to the Town Administrator, only an acting appointment or designation may be made.

§ 70-4 Removal and suspension.

A. The Board of Selectmen, by a majority vote taken with the full Board present, may terminate the Town Administrator from his office in accordance with the following procedure:

(1) During probationary period: notice in writing of termination.

(2) After probationary period, the Town Administrator shall not be dismissed except for inefficiency, incapacity, conduct unbecoming the office, insubordination or other good cause; nor shall the Town Administrator be removed without notice and an opportunity to be heard.

B. Anything contained in this provision to the contrary notwithstanding, the non-renewal of the term of appointment of the Town Administrator shall not be considered to be a dismissal and the provisions of Subsections A (1) and (2) shall not apply to the non-renewal of the Town Administrator's employment.

C. The Town Administrator may be suspended from office by a procedure following the same steps outlined above for a removal.

D. The Town Administrator shall continue to receive his full salary until 30 days following the date a final vote of removal has become effective.

Article Amount/Funds- N/A

Description

This Article seeks to establish a bylaw for the position of Town Administrator, and to recognize him or her as the Town’s chief administrative officer responsible for the daily management and supervision of municipal departments. The bylaw provides that the Town Administrator shall be responsible for and answering to the Select Board concerning the efficient administration of all functions placed under their control by bylaw, by Town Meeting vote, by vote of the Board of Selectmen.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 15

AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BARRE

Sponsor: Select Board

[Two-Thirds Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Barre as follows:

Chapter 140, Zoning, Section 140-7 Residence Districts, subsection A.(5) by deleting said subsection in its entirety, and inserting the following language in place thereof: Two-family dwellings, with the exception that in the Residence Districts R-20 and R-15, the same must be serviced by town water and sewer; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town approve Article 15 as printed in the warrant.

Article Amount/Funds

N/A

Description

This is a Zoning bylaw amendment inserted by the Select Board at the request of a resident.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: No Recommendation

Select Board: No Recommendation

ARTICLE 16

AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BARRE

Sponsor: Select Board

[Two-Thirds Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Barre as follows:

Chapter 140, Town of Barre Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map incorporated therein by reference, by changing the zoning district of land on the northwesterly side of South Street, consisting of land owned by Caruso Construction Corp. as recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 68670, Page 115 and being a portion on Assessors Map 51E and shown as the

shaded area on the attached plan, from what is currently designated as “R-80 Rural Residence District” to “R-20 General Residence District”;or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town approve Article 16 as printed in the warrant.

Article Amount/Funds

N/A

Description

This is a Zoning bylaw amendment inserted by the Select Board at the request of a resident.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: No Recommendation

Select Board: No Recommendation

ARTICLE 17

AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BARRE

Sponsor: Planning Board

[Two-Thirds Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, Zoning, Chapter 140, to include Open Space Development bylaw of the Planning Board, a copy of which is available for review at the Planning Board Office; or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town take no action on Article 17 OR,

I move the Town amend the Code of the Town of Barre as follows and renumber accordingly:

§ 140-33 - Open Space Development

A. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

- (1) Purpose: The primary purpose of this Section is to preserve large contiguous blocks of arable land and forested back-land that must be maintained as large-acreage holdings in order to remain viable for commercial agriculture, forestry and recreation. This section is also intended to foster compact development patterns using flexible regulations for density and lot dimensions and to promote and encourage creativity in neighborhood design.
- (2) Applicability to Subdivisions: To encourage this type of development, this Bylaw shall be referred to when permitting all Open Space Development projects (hereinafter, “OSD Projects”), which are subdivisions that are allowed by-right within the R-80 zoning district, subject to the rules and regulations of the Town of Barre, Chapter 202, Subdivision of Land (Subdivision Regulations). This Bylaw shall guide the permitting process for all OSP Projects. If a subdivision does not fall within this bylaw, it can still be approved under the subdivision regulations.

B. DEVELOPMENT IMPACT STATEMENT AND CONSERVATION ANALYSIS

- (1) In order to enable the Planning Board to determine whether or not a proposed OSD Project satisfies the purposes and standards of this section, an applicant must present sufficient information on the environmental and open space resources for the Planning Board to make such determination. The required information shall be provided in the form described in the Subdivision Regulations.
- (2) A Preliminary Plan is required to be presented and reviewed by the Planning Board to discuss the conservation analysis as described in the Subdivision Regulations. All Boards, Departments, Committees and Commission will be invited to participate.
- (3) Arrangement of Lots – See Rural Siting Principles 14-34

C. MINIMUM PRESERVED OPEN SPACE

The Plan shall show that at least 65% of the total acreage of the OSD Project will be preserved by a Conservation Restriction, as that term is defined below in 140-33(F)(1) of this zoning bylaw, or other means.

D. ALLOWABLE RESIDENTIAL UNITS

- (1) The maximum number of residential dwelling units in an OSD Project is calculated by a formula based upon the acreage of the project.

- (a) Unit Count Calculations:

(1) To determine the base number of allowable residential dwelling units on the site, divide the acreage by the base density divisor of four. Base density is the total number of residential dwelling units allowed to be built on the 35% of the subdivision”.

(2) Fractional units shall be rounded down.

E. DIMENSIONAL AND DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Minimum Lot Sizes in Open Space Development

The limiting factor on lot size in Open Space Development is the need for adequate water supply and sewage disposal. Therefore, there is no required minimum lot size for zoning purposes. This does not affect the powers of the Board of Health to require areas on a lot for the disposal of sewage and the protection of water supply.

- (b) Setbacks, Road Frontage, and Road Requirements within this development-

minimum

building setback shall be 10 feet from any property line. In the case of adjoining property that is not a part of the OSD Project, the setback requirements from such property lines shall be as otherwise required in this Chapter 140. There shall be no numerical requirements for road frontage in an OSD Project, provided that each lot has legally and practically adequate vehicular access to a public way or a way approved under the Subdivision Regulations across either its own frontage on the way or via a common driveway approved under this zoning bylaw. All dwellings must comply with applicable Board of Health requirements. The Planning Board may modify the applicable road construction requirements for new roads within an OSD Project as provided in the Subdivision Regulations, if it finds that such modifications will be consistent with the purposes of this Chapter 140.

F. PERMANENT OPEN SPACE

The Planning Board may not require open space land within an OSD Project to be accessible to the public. Any development permitted in connection with the open space should not compromise the conservation value of such land. Individual or shared water wells and septic systems may be located upon the open space land if so, allowed by the appropriate authority. Any development must support the preservation intent of this bylaw.

(1) Permanent Preservation of Open Space Land

(a) All land to be set aside as open space in connection with this Open Space Development bylaw shall be so noted on any approved plans and shall be protected by a Conservation Restriction or other means, herein defined as a permanent restriction in the title to land of the type described in G.L. Chapter 184, Sections 31–33, to be held by, at the applicant’s discretion, under G.L. c.41, Sec 81Q. the Town of Barre Conservation Commission, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a non-profit conservation organization qualified to hold conservation restrictions under Chapter 184, Section 31 of the General laws, and also qualified to hold tax-deductible conservation easements under Section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code. As used in this zoning bylaw “Conservation Restriction” also includes an Agricultural Preservation Restriction, a Watershed Preservation Restriction, or a Preservation Restriction as defined in G.L. Chapter 184, Section 31.

(b) The restriction shall specify the permitted uses of the restricted land which may otherwise constitute development. The restriction may permit, but the Planning Board may not require, public access or access by residents of the development to the protected open space land.

(2) Ownership of Open Space Land

(a) The fee interest in the protected open space land, at the applicant’s discretion, may be held: in private ownership; common ownership by a homeowner's association

(HOA); by the town or state governments with their consent; by a non-profit organization; or in such other form of ownership as the Planning Board finds appropriate to manage the open space land and protect its conservation value. In the case of private ownership, ownership interests in such land shall be undivided unless the Planning Board grants a special permit allowing for the division of ownership, which may include apportioned ownership amongst some or all of the residential lots.

(b) If the land is owned in common by an HOA, such HOA shall be established in accordance with the following:

[1] The HOA must be created before final approval of the development, and must comply with all applicable provisions of state law.

[2] Membership must be mandatory for each lot owner, who must be required by recorded covenants and restrictions to pay fees to the HOA for taxes, insurance, and maintenance of common open space, private roads, and other common facilities.

[3] The HOA must be responsible for liability insurance, property taxes, the maintenance of recreational/other facilities, private roads, and any shared driveways available for use by all members.

[4] Property owners must pay their pro rata share of the costs in (b)[2] and [3] above, and the assessment levied by the HOA must be able to become a lien on the property.

[5] The HOA must be able to adjust the assessment to meet changed needs.

[6] The applicant shall make a conditional offer of dedication to the Town, binding upon the HOA, for all open space to be conveyed to the HOA. Such offer may be accepted by the Town, at the discretion of the Select Board, upon the failure of the HOA to take title to the open space from the applicant or other current owner, upon dissolution of the association at any future time, or upon failure of the HOA to fulfill its maintenance obligations hereunder or to pay its real property taxes.

If the conveyance to the Town occurs, it will be for just compensation pursuant to G.L.c.41, Sec. 81Q.

[7] Ownership shall be structured in such a manner that real property taxing authorities may satisfy property tax claims against the open space lands by proceeding against individual owners in the HOA and the dwelling units they each own.

[8] Town Counsel shall find that the HOA documents presented satisfy the conditions in (b) [1-7] above, and such other conditions as the Planning Board

shall deem necessary to preserve the preservation intent of this bylaw.

(c) Maintenance Standards

(1) Ongoing maintenance standards shall be established as a condition of development approval to ensure that the open space land is not used for storage or dumping of refuse, junk, unregistered or derelict vehicles, or other offensive or hazardous materials. Such standards shall be enforceable by the Town against any owner of open space land, including an HOA. The applicant will establish these standards.

(2) If the Select Board finds that the provisions of (C)(1), above, are being violated to the extent that the condition of the land constitutes a public nuisance, it may, upon 30 days written notice to the owner, enter the premises for necessary maintenance, and the actual costs of such maintenance by the Town shall be assessed ratably against the landowner or, in the case of an HOA, the owners of properties within the development, and shall, if unpaid, become a property tax lien on such property or properties under G.L. c. 40, §58. The incurred costs will be liens for purposes of G.L.c.40 Sec. 58, the municipal charges lien statute.

G. Waivers: Unless stated expressly in this section 140-33, no waivers from this section are permitted. If the subdivision plan otherwise applies with all subdivision rules and regulations, the plan must be approved.

Article Amount/Funds

N/A

Description

The Article proposes to amend the Town's zoning bylaw by adding a section addressing open space developments.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Recommendation at Town Meeting

Select Board: Recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 18

AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BARRE

Sponsor: Planning Board

[Two-Thirds Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, Zoning, Chapter 140, to include Rural Siting Principles of the Planning Board, a copy of which is available for review at the Planning Board Office; or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town take no action on Article 18 OR,

I move the Town amend the Code of the Town of Barre as follows and renumber accordingly:

§ 140-34 Rural Siting Principles

A. STANDARDS FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT FOR OSD

The following standards shall apply to the siting of all roadways, driveways, common driveways, uses, and structures that are in OSDs. They are recommended but not required for the siting of individual residences on existing lots.

(1) Wherever feasible, retain and reuse existing old farm/woods roads and lanes rather than constructing new roads or driveways. This minimizes clearing and disruption of the landscape and takes advantage of the attractive way that old lanes are often lined with trees and stone walls. (This is not appropriate where reuse of a road would require widening in a manner that destroys trees or stone walls or where an existing road is aligned in a way that disrupts drainage or accelerates erosion.)

(2) Preserve stone walls and hedgerows. These traditional landscape features define outdoor areas in a natural way and create corridors useful for wildlife. Using these features as property lines is often appropriate, as long as setback requirements do not result in constructing buildings in the middle of fields.

(3) Avoid placing buildings in the middle of open fields. Place them either at the edges of fields or in wooded areas. Septic systems, leach fields, and wells may be located in fields, provided the use of the field for agricultural purposes is not compromised.

(4) Use existing vegetation and topography to buffer and screen new buildings if possible, unless they are designed and located close to the road in the manner historically found in the Town. If vegetative buffers are used, a minimum depth of 50 feet of mixed ground-covers, shrubs, and trees should be provided. Group buildings in clusters or tuck them behind tree lines or knolls rather than spreading them out across the landscape in a "sprawl" pattern.

(5) Minimize clearing of vegetation at the edge of the road, clearing only as much as is necessary to create a driveway entrance with adequate sight distance. Use curves in the driveway to increase the screening of buildings.

(6) Site buildings so that they do not protrude above treetops and crest lines of hills as seen from public places and roads. Use vegetation as a backdrop to reduce the prominence of the structure. Wherever possible, open up views by selective cutting of small trees and pruning lower branches of large trees, rather than by clearing large areas or removing mature trees.

(7) Minimize crossing of steep slopes with roads and driveways. When building on slopes, take advantage of the topography by building multi-level structures with entrances on more than one level (e.g., walk-out basements, garages under buildings), rather than grading the

entire site flat. Use the flattest portions of the site for subsurface sewage disposal systems and parking areas.

(8) Lots shall be located and arranged in a manner that protects: views from roads and other publicly accessible points; farmland; wildlife habitat; large harvestable forest areas; hilltops; ponds; steep slopes; and other sensitive environmental resources, while facilitating pedestrian circulation. Generally, residential lots shall be located the minimum feasible distance from existing public roadways while allowing for adequate visual screening from such roadways. The applicant is to provide in preliminary plan for environmental and open space resources.

(9) Lot, roadway, and common driveway layouts, land alterations, and placement of structures shall follow applicable portions of the Rural Siting Principles in 140-34 of this zoning bylaw and any design guidelines for Open Space Protection Zoning which may be adopted by the Planning Board.

(10) Where feasible, site buildings and other areas to be developed in a manner that does not block trails or paths that have traditionally provided access to back land. This provision shall not be construed to create any public access rights that do not otherwise exist.

Description

The Article proposes to amend the Town's zoning bylaw by adding a section addressing rural siting principles.

Article Amount/Funds

N/A

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Recommendation at Town Meeting

Select Board: Recommendation at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 19

REPLACEMENT OF CHILLER AT MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Sponsor: Quabbin Regional School District
[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$387,344 to pay for the cost of replacing the chiller, a component of the HVAC system at the Quabbin Regional Middle/High School, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto and to meet this appropriation the School District is authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d) of the General Laws, and the District Agreement (Section VI, page 8) as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, such total amount authorized to be borrowed by this vote shall be reduced to the extent of any grants received by the District on account of this project; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town approve Article 19 as printed in the warrant.

Article Amount/Funds- \$387,344 to be borrowed by the Regional School District.

Description

The Article seeks funds necessary to replace the non-functioning chiller unit at the Middle/High School to provide for temperature control in the district's facility.

Article Amount/Funds

\$387,344 to be funded via District borrowing.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 20

RECODIFICATION OF TOWN CODE

Sponsor: Town Clerk

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available source of funds a sum of money to provide for recodification of the Town Code, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town transfer the sum of \$15,000 from Free Cash to provide for recodification on the Town Code.

Article Amount/Funds- \$15,000 from Free Cash.

Description

The Town Clerk is seeking funds to update the Town Code. The project will include recodification of Town Bylaws, legal and editorial analysis of code and code review, updating to gender-neutral language, incorporation of any items that were found during the analysis, printed code books and updated electronic code.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 21

OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) APPROPRIATION

Sponsor: Select Board

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available source of funds a sum of money for the purpose of adding to the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash to be added to the town's OPEB account in accordance with the recommendation of the auditor.

Article Amount/Funds- \$25,000 from Free Cash.

Description

The Town periodically adds funds to its OPEB account to pay for future benefits of retirees. The OPEB trust has a current balance of \$84,712.03

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 22

STABILIZATION FUND

Sponsor: Finance Committee

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote for raise and appropriate or transfer from any available source of funds a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash to be added to the Town's Stabilization Fund.

Article Amount/Funds- \$25,000 from Free Cash.

Description

The Town periodically adds funds to the Stabilization Fund, which is essentially a rainy day for account. The Stabilization Fund has a current balance of \$781,280.44.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 23

CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

Sponsor: Finance Committee

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote for raise and appropriate or transfer from any available source of funds a sum of money to be added to the Capital Plan Stabilization Fund established by Article 34 of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town transfer the sum of \$206,453.74 from Free Cash to be added to the Town's Capital Plan Stabilization Fund.

Article Amount/Funds- \$206,453.74 from Free Cash.

Description

It is important the town add to its Capital Plan Stabilization Fund to pay for capital purchases previously approved by town meeting. The Capital Plan Stabilization Fund has a current balance of \$46,422.02.

Recommendations
Finance Committee: Favorable
Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 24

AMEND COUNCIL ON AGING BYLAWS

Sponsor: Select Board

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Barre as follows:

Chapter 405, Council on Aging, Section 4(B), by deleting subsection in its entirety and inserting the following language in place thereof: “Council members shall be appointed by the Select Board”, or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town approve Article 24 as printed in the warrant.

Article Amount/Funds- N/A

Description

This article clarifies the Select Board role, as appointing authority, in making appointments to the Council on Aging.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 25

AMEND COUNCIL ON AGING BYLAWS

Sponsor: Council on Aging

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Barre by merging the Council on Aging Boards of Barre & Hardwick to one board comprised of four (4) members from Barre and three (3) members of Hardwick; and to accomplish such merger to delete Section 405-3 (Location of Offices) of the Town’s Council on Aging Bylaw, and to delete subsection (A) of Section 405-4 (Membership) of the Town’s Council on Aging Bylaw in its entirety and insert the following language in place thereof: “The Council shall consist of seven (7) members comprised of four (4) residents of the Town of Barre and three (3) residents of the Town of Hardwick; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town approve Article 25 as printed in the warrant.

Article Amount/Funds- N/A

Description

This article provides for a two-town Council on Aging between Barre and Hardwick..

Recommendations

Finance Committee: No Recommendation
Select Board: Not Recommended

ARTICLE 26

PRIVATE CEMETERY

Sponsor: Board of Health

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to approve the location of a private cemetery at 33 Harty Road as recommended and approved by the Board of Health on November 13, 2017, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town approve Article 26 as printed in the warrant.

Article Amount/Funds- N/A

Description

This article seeks the approval of town meeting for a small private cemetery on Harty Road. State law requires town meeting vote to approve the location of all cemeteries in a community.

Recommendations

Finance Committee: Favorable

Select Board: Favorable

ARTICLE 27

COMPENSATION FOR PART-TIME ASSESSOR

Sponsor: Board of Assessors

[Majority Vote Required]

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint one of its members to a paid part-time position under their supervision as allowed by G.L. Chapter 268A, Section 21A, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Motion(s)

I move the Town approve Article 27 as printed in the warrant.

Article Amount/Funds- N/A

Description

The Board of Assessors proposes one of its part-time elected members be allowed to conduct work on a part-time basis, thereby providing a cost saving compared to hiring an outside consultant.

Recommendations- Finance Committee: Favorable; Select Board: Favorable