

***Commonwealth of Massachusetts***  
***Town of West Stockbridge***  
***May 13, 2024***  
***Warrant for Annual Town Election***

**BERKSHIRE: ss:**

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Gymnasium of the Town Hall, 21 State Line Road in the Village of West Stockbridge, on Monday, May 13, 2024 at ten o'clock in the morning for the purpose of bringing in their votes to the Election Officer(s) for the election of candidates for the following offices:

- One Moderator for a term of one year.
- One Member, Select Board for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Assessors for a term of three years.
- Two Members, Finance Committee for terms of three years.
- One Member, Planning Board for a term of two years.
- One Member, Planning Board for a term of five years.
- One Member, Board of Health for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Library Trustees for a term of three years.
- One Member, Cemetery Commission for a term of three years.

and the following ballot questions:

1. Shall the town accept clause forty-first C $\frac{1}{2}$  of section 59 of chapter 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws granting real estate property tax reductions in an amount equal to 5 per cent of the average assessed value of all class one parcels within the town of the principal residence of a taxpayer a person who has reached his seventieth birthday?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the morning and will remain open continuously until seven o'clock in the evening of said day when they will then be closed.

All ballots shall be furnished by the Town Clerk and the election will be conducted in conformity with the Election Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**Annual Town Meeting Warrant**  
**Article Summary**  
**May 6, 2024**

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GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, *who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at six o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 6, 2024 in the gymnasium at Town Hall of West Stockbridge, located at 21 State Line Road, then and there to act on the following articles:*

Article 1: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers or any Committee of the Town.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to act as agents of the Town in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 2 for the purpose of bringing suit or suits in the name of the Town and on its behalf, and to adjust, litigate, defend, compromise, settle, and execute any and all documents pursuant to any settlement on behalf of the Town for such amounts as the Select Board shall determine in their decision to be proper and in the best interest of the Town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize any Board or Officer in charge of a department, with the approval of the Select Board, to sell any property of the Town which has become obsolete or is not required for further use by the respective department and which does not, in the opinion of the Selectmen, exceed \$500.00 in value, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Cemetery Perpetual Care funds received for the fiscal year 2024, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint any agents or committees of the Town and give them authority or instructions, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint all non-elected Town Officers necessary or required to be chosen by the Town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to sell at public auction all or any of its property acquired by virtue of sale of non-payment of taxes, which have been confirmed by the Land Court to the Tax Commissioner, and to give deeds therefor, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**[NOTE: This article requires a two-thirds vote for approval.]**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town, with the approval of the Select Board, to seek and accept any grants and to further authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section(s) 6, 6A, and 8C and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within two years, and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to require the Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to give bonds by some surety company and to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money to pay for same, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of various elected Town Officers, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 24</u>	<u>FY 25</u>
Select Board Member (Chair)	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
Select Board Member (current Member)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Select Board Member (newest Member)	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 200
Town Clerk	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Town Collector	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000
Assessors (each, 3 members)	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500

**General Government**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the general government operations of the Town for fiscal year 2025, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 24</u>	<u>FY 25</u>
Town Counsel	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 200
Town Administrator Salary	\$ 81,955	\$ 84,414
Town Administrator Expenses	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Town Administrator Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Town Administrator Longevity	\$ 0	\$ 500
Town Administrator Fitness	\$ 0	\$ 900

	<u>FY 24</u>	<u>FY 25</u>
Sick/Personal Day Payout	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Select Board's Salaries	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,200
Select Board's Expenses	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500
Finance Committee	\$ 200	\$ 200
Accountant's Salary	\$ 21,000	\$ 27,000
Accountant's State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Accountant's Expenses	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Treasurer/Accountant Software	\$ 7,100	\$ 7,100
Town Audit	\$ 17,500	\$ 17,500
Assessor's Salary	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Assessor's Cont Services/Expense	\$ 57,700	\$ 67,650
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 22,500	\$ 26,780
Treasurer State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 7,260	\$ 7,310
OPEB Fees	\$ 2,950	\$ 2,950
Town Collector's Salary	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000
Town Collector State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Town Collector's Expenses	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,200
Tax Title Expenses	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Assistant Town Clerk Salary	\$ 5,150	\$ 5,304
Town Clerk's Expenses	\$ 2,510	\$ 2,610
Elections and Registrations	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Preservation of Records	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Street List	\$ 500	\$ 250
Conservation Commission	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000
Planning Board	\$ 16,750	\$ 18,150
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Town Insurance	\$ 90,000	\$100,000
Officers' Bonds	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Town Reports	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800
Town Website Annual Maint.	\$ 4,500	\$ 8,500
Computer/IT Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 14,000
Town Community Outreach	\$ 0	\$ 2,500
Tri-Town Connector	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Town Bldg. & Grounds Sup. Salary	\$ 58,240	\$ 62,400
Town Seasonal Salary	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,250
Town Buildings Electricity	\$ 55,000	\$ 66,000
Town Buildings Fuel	\$ 31,900	\$ 38,280
Town Buildings Telephone	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
Town Buildings Repairs/Maint.	\$ 26,250	\$ 27,300
Town Buildings Plants & Gardening	\$ 12,650	\$ 14,170
Town Signage	\$ 7,000	\$ 0
Town Buildings Supplies	\$ 13,200	\$ 13,700

**Protection of Persons and Property**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the public safety departments of the Town for fiscal year 2025, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto*: [Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 24</u>	<u>FY 25</u>
Police Chief Salary	\$ 83,418	\$ 98,000
Full Time Officers Salary	\$314,122	\$323,585
Administrative Asst. Salary	\$ 20,066	\$ 20,067
Full Time Officers Holiday Pay	\$ 35,945	\$ 37,024
Training Time Pay	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Police Overtime Pay	\$ 10,698	\$ 17,171
Longevity	\$ 700	\$ 800
Sick/Personal Payout	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,084
Police Traffic Calming	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000
Fitness Stipend	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Uniforms	\$ 8,400	\$ 8,400
Police Training	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Police Fuel	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Police Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500
Police Vehicles Repairs & Maint.	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,000
Police Other Charges & Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Police Maint. Contracts	\$ 7,700	\$ 8,700
Police Supplies	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Police Equipment	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Police EMT Stipend	\$ 800	\$ 800
Police Education Stipend	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Fire Chief Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,450
Fire Department Training	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Fire Department Fuel	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Fire Dept. Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Fire Dept. Repairs & Maint.	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000
Fire Dept. Supplies	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250
Fire Dept. Office Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Fire Dept. Medical Supplies	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,800
Fire Dept. Turnout Gear	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Richmond Ambulance	\$ 62,500	\$ 90,500
EMT Incentive	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Fireperson's Incentive	\$ 12,500	\$ 15,500
Communication Services	\$ 13,884	\$ 14,500
Emergency Management	\$ 600	\$ 600
Building Inspector	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 2,735	\$ 5,375
Animal Control Officer	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Animal Control Officer Exp.	\$ 400	\$ 400
Tree Warden	\$ 17,600	\$ 17,600

**Education**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,585,144 more or less, for the purpose of paying the FY 2025 operating assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, or *take any other action in relation thereto.*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$68,538 for the purpose of paying the FY 2025 capital assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, or *take any other action in relation thereto.*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

**Public Works and Facilities**

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the public works and facilities departments of the Town for fiscal year 2025, or *take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 24</u>	<u>FY 25</u>
Director Salary	\$ 83,402	\$ 85,904
Highway Salaries	\$186,410	\$192,002
Sick/Personal Day Payout	\$ 18,926	\$ 19,478
Contracted Longevity Pay	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Highway Overtime	\$ 17,550	\$ 20,550
Fitness Stipend	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Uniform Allowance	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Highway Professional Training	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
Dues & Licenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Gas and Diesel Fuel	\$ 23,500	\$ 35,000
Highways and Bridges	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Culverts and Guardrails	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Machinery Maintenance	\$ 30,800	\$ 30,800
Highway Construction	\$ 58,000	\$ 60,000
Highway Line Painting	\$ 17,000	\$ 26,000
Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 80,000	\$ 85,000
Street Lights	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,500
Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
Transfer Station Attendant Salary	\$ 26,200	\$ 27,500
Transfer Station Expenses	\$ 12,000	\$ 15,000
Transfer Station Hauling	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Cemetery Department	\$ 33,000	\$ 36,300
Cemetery Tree Removal	\$ 15,000	\$ 21,000
Group Purchasing	\$ 900	\$ 900

**Human Services**

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the human services departments of the Town for fiscal year 2025, or *take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 24</u>	<u>FY 25</u>
Board of Health Salary	\$ 16,068	\$ 16,871
Board of Health	\$ 2,475	\$ 2,000
Community Health Alliance	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Council on Aging	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Veteran's Benefits	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
American Legion/Memorial Day	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000

**Culture and Recreation**

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for culture and recreation departments of the Town for fiscal year 2025, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 24</u>	<u>FY 25</u>
Library Salaries	\$ 43,933	\$ 45,760
Library Reading Materials	\$ 6,700	\$ 6,900
Library Expenses	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,700
Library Programming	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,000
Parks and Recreation	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,450
Historical Commission	\$ 200	\$ 200
Vision Committee	\$ 1,435	\$ 1,435

**Debt and Interest**

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for debt and interest obligations for fiscal year 2025, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 24</u>	<u>FY 25</u>
Interest & Fees Short/Long Term	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Sewer Capital Costs	\$ 36,503	\$ 36,064
Multi-Purpose Loan	\$239,917	\$175,976

**Intergovernmental Expenses**

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for intergovernmental expenses for fiscal year 2025, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 24</u>	<u>FY 25</u>
Veterans District	\$ 7,850	\$ 7,850



**Unclassified Expenses**

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for certain unclassified expenses for fiscal year 2025, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 24</u>	<u>FY 25</u>
Berkshire County Retirement	\$187,222	\$208,911
Health Insurance	\$200,000	\$200,000
Medicare & FICA Tax	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000
Reserve Fund	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Conservation Trust	\$ 300	\$ 300
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

**Special Financial Articles**

[The following articles have been approved by the Finance Committee.]

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$21,500 for the purpose of purchasing a software program for Police Department Policies and Procedures, which will keep the department up to date per state regulation, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$70,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new vehicle for the Police Department, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$19,100.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new mower for the Department of Public Works, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$23,000.00 for the purpose of resurfacing the parking lot at the Town Hall and Library, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$7,500.00 for the purpose of funding the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$39,400.00 for the purpose of resurfacing the parking lot at the Town Wastewater Treatment Facility, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$100,000.00 for the purpose of funding the repair and replacement of a culvert on Willson Road, including all other incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**NOTE: The intent of this appropriation is to add available Town funds to our Municipal Vulnerability grant funding for this repair.**

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the General Stabilization Account the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of repairing and making improvements to the Cone Hill Road Bridge, including all other incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**[NOTE: This article requires a two-thirds vote for approval.]**

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Capital Stabilization Account the sum of \$33,000 for the purpose of purchasing Jaws of Life equipment for the Fire Department and to be stored at the Fire Department/Highway Department building including all other incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**[NOTE: This article requires a two-thirds vote for approval.]**

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Capital Stabilization Account the sum of \$70,000 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new truck for the Department of Public Works, including all other incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**[NOTE: This article requires a two-thirds vote for approval.]**

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of \$478,250.00 for the purpose resurfacing Deer Hill Road and Lenox Road, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**[NOTE: The intent of this appropriation is to add available Town funds to our annual State Chapter 90 Highway funding to provide for the resurfacing of Deer Hill Road and Lenox Road paving project.**

**[NOTE: This article requires a two-thirds vote for approval.]**

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or reserve for future appropriation, from the Community Preservation Fund, the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for FY25 with each item considered a separate appropriation; *or take any other action in*

**Appropriations:**

**Administrative Expenses** **\$3,500**

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund for FY25 the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

<b><u>Project - Historical Resources</u></b>	<b><u>Total Appropriation</u></b>
<b><i>Historical Society- Update the safety infrastructure of the Old Town Hall</i></b>	<b><i>\$25,000</i></b>

<b><u>Project - Housing Resources</u></b>	<b><u>Total Appropriation</u></b>
<b><i>Consultant for Affordable Housing Trust Fund</i></b>	<b><i>\$35,000</i></b>

<b><u>Project - Open Spaces Resources</u></b>	<b><u>Total Appropriation</u></b>
<b><i>Parks &amp; Recreation Committee - purchase of two pavilions (Town Hall and Card Pond)</i></b>	<b><i>\$69,000</i></b>

<b><i>Dog Park Advisory Committee - 10% funding required for \$250,000 grant funding to build a dog park in Town</i></b>	<b><i>\$25,000</i></b>
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Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$25,024 to the Stabilization Fund, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$25,024 to the Capital Stabilization Fund, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

### **Special Articles:**

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause Seventeenth E, by adding an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for such year to the qualifying limits for whole estate for applicants under Clause Seventeenth C of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G, Section 3A, to increase the local excise upon the transfer of occupancy of a room in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house, short-term rental or motel to six percent of the total amount of rent for each such occupancy, *or take any action relative thereto.*

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G, Section 3D(a), to allow the Town to impose a Community Impact Fee of three percent (3%) of the total amount of rent upon each transfer of occupancy of a professionally managed short-term unit, which shall be assessed upon the transfer of short-term rental units that are located in the town, operated by the same operator and are not located within a single-family, two-family or three-family dwelling that includes the operator's primary residence, and which surcharge shall be in addition to other state and local excise taxes assessed upon the transfer of short-term rental units, with one-hundred percent of the Community Impact Fees collected to be dedicated to affordable housing projects; *or take any other action relating thereto.*

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64G, Section 3D(b) allowing the Town to impose a Community Impact Fee upon each transfer of occupancy of a short-term rental unit that is located within a two-family or three-family dwelling that includes the operator's primary residence, and which impact fee shall be at the same rate as the rate charged for professionally managed short-term rental units, and shall be in addition to other state and local excise taxes upon the transfer of short-term rental units, with one-hundred percent of the Community Impact Fees collected to be dedicated to affordable housing projects; *or take any other action thereto.*

### **Sewer and Water**

[The following articles have been approved by the Finance Committee]

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$146,250 for the purpose of funding the FY 2025 Sewer Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$102,500 for the purpose of funding the FY 2025 Water Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000 from certified Water Enterprise Funds for the purpose of cleaning and sealing the water storage tanks at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,000 from certified Water Enterprise Funds for the purpose of upgrading the chemical feed pumps for the water system at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 45: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from certified Water Enterprise Funds for the purpose of hiring an engineering firm to replace the water main on Swamp Road, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Revolving Funds**

Article 46: To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to:

- (1) Amend the General Bylaws by establishing the following revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to the funds, the departmental programs or purposes for which the funds may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend the funds, such bylaw to provide as follows:

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Authorized to Spend</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Use of Fund</b>
Cemetery	Cemetery Commissioners	Fees and charges received from the sale of burial plots	Perpetual Care
Emergency Alarm	Emergency Alarm Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Gas	Gas Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Plumbing	Plumbing Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Wiring	Wire Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Oil Burning	Oil Burner Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Title V	Title V Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	Inspector salary
Parks and Recreation Department	Parks and Recreation Department	User fees and charges received from Parks and Recreation Department programs.	Equipment and events

Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established annually by Town Meeting, or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½.

(2) And, also, pursuant to said MGL 44, Section 53E½ further, to vote to set the spending limits for fiscal year 2025, with such limits to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year unless Town Meeting votes, prior to July 1, in any fiscal year, to increase or decrease the same for the upcoming fiscal year:

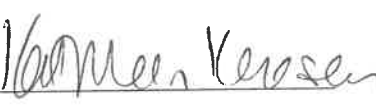


	<u>FY 24</u>	<u>FY 25</u>
Cemetery Commissioners	\$ 500	\$ 500
Emergency Alarm Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 500
Gas Inspector	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 500
Wire Inspector	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Oil Burner Inspector	\$ 200	\$ 200
Title V Inspector	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Parks and Recreation Fees	\$ 500	\$ 500

*or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 47: To do and transact any other business necessary to be done by the Town.

Given under our hands this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

*West Stockbridge Select Board*

		
Kathleen Kersey, <i>Chair</i>	Andrew Krouss	Andrew Potter

*I hereby certify that I have posted and attested copies of this warrant at the Post Office at West Stockbridge, and at the public notice boards at State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.*

Attested: , Constable

Date: 3-26-24