

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of West Stockbridge
Annual Town Meeting Warrant
May 3, 2021
And
Annual Election Warrant
May 10, 2021*

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 at 21 State Line Road, Town Hall in the Village of West Stockbridge, on Monday, May 10, 2021 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 each.
- One Member, Planning Board for a term of five years.
- One Member, Board of Health for a term of one year.
- One Member, Board of Health for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Library Trustees for a term of one year.
- One Member, Board of Library Trustees for a term of three years.
- One Member, Cemetery Commission for a term of three years.

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 and the election will be conducted according to the General Court and in conformity with the Election Laws of the Commonwealth.

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Quorum present. Called to order at 6pm.

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

Motion made, seconded, approved

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.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

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 Select Board, exceed \$500.00 in value, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Cemetery Perpetual Care funds received for the fiscal year 2021, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

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.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

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.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

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.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

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.*

(Requires 2/3rds vote)

Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously

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. (Requires 2/3rds vote)*

Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to require the Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and 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.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and at the Town's website at www.weststockbridge-ma.gov, by inserting a Community Preservation Bylaw, as follows, and to assign it as Chapter 110, and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive, ministerial changes, particularly as to numbering and formatting, so as to ensure consistency with the rest of the Town Bylaws as necessary, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BYLAW PURSUANT TO MGL 44B

Chapter 1: Establishment

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of nine (9) voting members pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B. The composition of the Committee, the appointment authority, and the term of office for the Committee members shall be as follows:

- a. One member of the Planning Board (created by Section 81A of Chapter 41) as designated by the Board for a term of three years.
- b. One member of the Conservation Commission (created by Section 8C of Chapter 40) as designated by the Commission for a term of three years.
- c. One member of the Historical Commission (created by Section 8D of Chapter 40) as designated by the Commission for a term of three years.

- d. One member of the Park Commissioners (created by Section 2 of Chapter 45) as designated by the Board for an initial term of one year, and thereafter, for a term of three years.
- e. One member of the Housing Authority Board (created by Section 3 of Chapter 121B) as designated by its Board of Directors for an initial term of two years, and thereafter, for a term of three years.
- f. Four members of the general public, who are not Town employees or currently holding elected or appointed positions, as designated by the Select Board. Two members will be appointed for an initial term of one year, and thereafter, for a term of three years. The other two members will be appointed for an initial term of two years, and thereafter, for a term of three years.

Any vacancy on the Community Preservation Committee shall be filled by the commission, authority, or board that designated the member who creates the vacancy by designating another member in accordance with the above for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Should any of the Commissions, Boards, Councils, or Committees who have appointment authority under this Chapter be no longer in existence for whatever reason, the appointment authority for the designee or member of that Commission, Board, Council, or Committee shall become the responsibility of the Select Board.

Chapter 2: Duties

1. The Community Preservation Committee shall study the needs, possibilities, and resources of the Town regarding community preservation. The committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the Select Board, the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Planning Board, the Parks Commissioners and the Housing Authority, or persons acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the Committee shall hold one or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town. The Committee may, after proper appropriation, incur expenses as permitted by state law using funds from the Community Preservation Fund to pay such expenses.
2. The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space and community housing that is acquired or created with Community Preservation Funds. With respect to community housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.
3. The Community Preservation Committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Meeting that the Town set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient revenues are not then

available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose or recommended action to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation, provided, however, that Town Meeting spend or set aside for later spending at least 10 percent of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for each of the following: open space; historic resources; and community housing.

Chapter 3: Requirement for a Quorum and Cost Estimates

The Community Preservation Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum and shall keep a written record of its proceedings. A majority of the members of the Community Preservation Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Community Preservation Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote of the quorum. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs.

Chapter 4: Amendments

The Community Preservation Committee shall, from time to time, review the administration of this Bylaw, making recommendations, as needed, for changes in the Bylaw and in administrative practice to improve the operations of the Community Preservation Committee. This Bylaw may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting, provided that the amendments would not be in conflict with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Chapter 5: Severability

In the event that any section, paragraph, or part of this chapter be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph, or part shall continue in full force and effect.

Chapter 6: Effective Date

Following Town Meeting approval of this Bylaw, this Chapter shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth. Each appointing authority shall have thirty days after approval by the Attorney General to make their initial appointments.

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and at the Town's website at www.weststockbridge-ma.gov, by adding paragraphs 240-7 through 240-10 below to Chapter 240 Vehicles and Traffic to the Town Bylaws; and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive, ministerial changes, particularly as to numbering and formatting, so as to ensure consistency with the rest of the Town Bylaws as necessary, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

Chapter 240

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

ARTICLE III

Class I, II, and III Vehicle Licenses

§ 240-7. Overview.

§ 240-8. Qualification.

§ 240-9. Application Process.

§ 240-10. Compliance and Enforcement.

§ 240-7. Overview.

West Stockbridge regulates all Class I, II, and III license establishments. These license types are defined as follows:

Class I: The principal business is the sale of new motor vehicles, as well as the purchase and sale of second-hand motor vehicles.

Class II: Allows for the purchase and sale of second-hand motor vehicles.

Class III: Allows for the purchase of second-hand motor vehicles for the purpose of remodeling, taking apart, or rebuilding, or for selling the parts of second-hand motor vehicles.

The Select Board is the license issuing and enforcement authority.

§ 240-8 Qualification.

Only registered Town businesses (or businesses in the process of seeking registration), whose principal activity is defined by the Class I, II, or III definitions, may apply for the appropriate permit. Such a business must be open to the public, operating in a proper zone for this kind of business, and must fulfill all the requirements of the Select Board's application process.

§ 240-9 Application Process.

Applicants will be required to document a properly licensed (or in-process) Class I, II, or III vehicle business, identify the specific location of the operation of the business, and file a detailed and orderly vehicle site plan. The Select Board has the authority to set the maximum number of vehicles allowable on the premises at one time. Before issuing a license or a license renewal, the Select Board or its designee shall inspect the site for compliance to the site plan, to local zoning, and to state and federal statutes or regulations. Once the application process is complete, the Select Board will put the permit application on the next possible agenda, and will make a motion to either approve or deny the application.

§ 240-10 Compliance and Enforcement.

The license holder is required to remain in perpetual compliance with the terms of the license, to the vehicle site plan, and to state and federal statutes or regulations. The Select Board or its designee may inspect the business site at any time, and may revoke the license for any non-compliance.

Motion made, seconded.

Eric Shimelonis made a motion to Amend 240-10 as follows:

The license holder is required to remain in perpetual compliance with the terms of the license, to the vehicle site plan, and to state and federal regulations. The Select Board or its designee may inspect the business site at any time, and will present the permit holder with written notice specifying any noted non-compliance. Failure of the licensee to resolve any specified non-compliance within two weeks of receipt of the written notice will result in revocation of the license.

**Motion made to accept amendment, seconded, approved 16 yes, 10 opposed.
Amendment passed.**

Motion made on Article as amended, seconded, discussion followed.

Billy Kie: Town reports not mailed so meeting is illegal since it was voted 12 years ago. Marie explained warrant on web site and legal posting. Moderator explains meeting will proceed. Billy Kie: Article 12 targets two businesses in town, Troy's and Kie's, wanted motion to table vote and questioned why this was presented. Eric explained it is to make process transparent, there was no set process before. Both Paula Farrell and Phil Lockenwitz complained about Article 12, as well as Wayne Cooper, Mike DiGrigoli, and Dominic Lydon. Vote was called: 13 yes, opposed 39.

Motion on Article 12 as amended failed.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of West Stockbridge, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and at the Town's website at www.weststockbridge-ma.gov, by deleting Chapter 135 (Fire Protection Systems) thereof in its entirety, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the Legislature to enact special legislation which provides that, notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Steven Traver may be employed as Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of West Stockbridge, subject to approval by the Select Board, until June 30, 2023 or until the date of his retirement, or until the Select Board vote not to reappoint him to this position in accordance with all applicable laws; provided, however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of such position and provided that, if requested, Steven Traver shall be examined by an impartial physician designated by the Select Board to determine such capability, and provided that, deductions shall continue to be made from the regular compensation of Steven Traver under Chapter 32 of the General Laws, while he is employed as Chief of the Fire Department in accordance with all applicable laws, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 15: 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 21</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY22</u>
Select Board Member (Chair)	\$ 2,200	\$ 0	\$ 2,200
Select Board Member (each, 2 members)	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Town Clerk	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Town Collector	\$ 18,500	\$ 0	\$ 18,500
Assessors (each, 3 members)	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500

Motion made, seconded, approved

General Government

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 general government operations of the Town for fiscal year 2022, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 201</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 22</u>
Town Counsel	\$ 18,000	\$ 7000	\$ 25,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Town Administrator Salary	\$ 75,000	\$ 2250	\$ 77,250
Town Administrator Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ 5000	\$ 9,000
Sick/Personal Day Payout	\$ 0	\$ 6000	\$ 6,000
Select Board's Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 9000	\$ 14,000
Select Board's Salaries	\$ 6,200	\$ 0	\$ 6,200
Finance Committee	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Accountant's Salary	\$ 17,500	\$ 2500	\$ 20,000
Accountant's State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Accountant's Expenses	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400

Treas/Accountant Software	\$ 5,100	\$ 0	\$ 5,100
Assessor's Salary	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Assessor's Cont Services/Expense	\$ 51,923	\$ 1,375	\$ 53,298
Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 20,000
Treasurer State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Town Collector's Expenses	\$ 12,350	\$ (300)	\$ 12,050
Town Collector's Salary	\$ 18,500	\$ 0	\$ 18,500
Town Collector State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Tax Title Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Town Clerk's Expenses	\$ 1,700	\$ 0	\$ 1,700
Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Elections and Registrations	\$ 12,000	\$ (8,000)	\$ 4,000
Preservation of Records	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Street List	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Conservation Commission	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Planning Board	\$ 5,125	\$ (2,025)	\$ 3,100
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Town Insurance	\$ 90,000	\$ 0	\$ 90,000
Officers' Bonds	\$ 1,300	\$ 200	\$ 1,500
Town Reports	\$ 3,800	\$ 0	\$ 3,800
Town Audit	\$ 13,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 15,500
Town Website Annual Maint.	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,500
Computer/IT Services	\$ 8,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000
Town Buildings Operations	\$121,550	\$ 3,500	\$125,050
Town Buildings Salaries	\$ 10,000	\$39,300	\$ 49,300
OPEB Fees	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,575	\$ 2,625

Total General Government	\$547,898	\$70,375	\$618,273
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Motion made, seconded, approved

Protection of Persons and Property

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 public safety departments of the Town for fiscal year 2022, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 22</u>
Police Department Expenses	\$ 65,000	\$ 200	\$ 65,200
Police Department Salaries	\$301,950	\$ 19,709	\$321,659
Fire/EMT Services	\$ 53,170	\$ 3,280	\$ 56,450
Richmond Ambulance	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
EMT Incentive	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Fireperson's Incentive	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 10,000
Communication Services	\$ 12,710	\$ 0	\$ 12,710
Building Inspector	\$ 9,800	\$ 250	\$ 10,050

Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 0	\$ 2,500
Emergency Management	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 600
Animal Control Officer	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Animal Control Officer Exp.	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 400
Tree Warden	\$ 16,000	\$ 0	\$ 16,000

<i>Tot. Protection Persons & Property</i>	<i>\$480,530</i>	<i>\$25,939</i>	<i>\$506,469</i>
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Motion made, seconded, approved

Education

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate [or transfer from available funds] the sum of \$3,072,350 for the purpose of paying the FY 2022 operating assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action in relation thereto.* (-\$98,475)

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate [or transfer from available funds] the sum of \$85,865 for the purpose of paying the FY 2022 capital assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action in relation thereto.* (-\$4,931)

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Motion made, seconded, approved

Public Works and Facilities

Article 20: 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 2022, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

	<u>FY21</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY22</u>
Director Salary	\$ 77,223	\$ 2,290	\$ 79,513
Highway Salaries	\$166,896	\$ 3,320	\$170,216
Sick/Personal Day Payout	\$ 15,503	\$ 317	\$ 15,820
Contracted Longevity Pay	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Highway Overtime	\$ 17,600	\$ (3,000)	\$ 14,600
Uniform Allowance	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Highway Professional Training	\$ 900	\$ 0	\$ 900
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 800	\$ 0	\$ 800
Gas and Diesel Fuel	\$ 26,000	\$ (1,000)	\$ 25,000
Highways and Bridges	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Culverts and Guardrails	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Machinery Maintenance	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 26,000
Highway Construction	\$ 55,000	\$ 0	\$ 55,000
Highway Line Painting	\$ 15,600	\$ 0	\$ 15,600
Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 83,000	\$ (3,000)	\$ 80,000
Street Lights	\$ 16,536	\$ 464	\$ 17,000
Solid Waste Transfer Station	\$111,920	\$ 5,596	\$117,516
Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Cemetery Department	\$ 33,000	\$ 0	\$ 33,000

Cemetery Tree Removal	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Mill & Card Pond Weed Removal	\$ 12,700	\$ 300	\$ 13,000
Group Purchasing	\$ 900	\$ 0	\$ 900

<i>Total Public Works & Facilities</i>	<i>\$706,078</i>	<i>\$ 5,287</i>	<i>\$711,365</i>
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Motion made, seconded, approved

Human Services

Article 21: 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 2022, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY21</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY22</u>
Board of Health	\$ 4,500	\$ (1,500)	\$ 3,000
Board of Health Salary	\$ 12,870	\$ 2,130	\$ 15,000
Community Health	\$ 26,050	\$ 1,050	\$ 27,100
Council on Aging	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Veteran's Benefits	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000
American Legion/Memorial Day	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000

<i>Total Human Services</i>	<i>\$ 70,420</i>	<i>\$ 6,680</i>	<i>\$ 77,100</i>
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Motion made, seconded, approved

Culture and Recreation

Article 22: 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 2022, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 201</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 22</u>
Library	\$ 50,135	\$ 0	\$ 50,135
Parks and Recreation	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Historical Commission	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Vision Committee	\$ 1,435	\$ 0	\$ 1,435

<i>Total Culture and Recreation</i>	<i>\$ 65,770</i>	<i>\$ 0</i>	<i>\$ 65,770</i>
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Motion made, seconded, approved

Debt and Interest

Article 23: 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 2022, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY21</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY22</u>
Interest & Fees Short/Long Term	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Sewer Capital Costs	\$ 37,817	\$ (438)	\$ 37,379
Town Hall Bldg Loan	\$150,700	\$ (7,900)	\$142,800
Multi-Purpose Loan	\$134,556	\$ 3,240	\$137,796
Parking Lot Purchase	\$ 29,423	\$ (29,423)	\$ 0
West Center Road Paving Project	\$ 0	\$ 39,338	\$ 39,338

Total Debt & Interest	<u>\$357,496</u>	<u>\$ 4,817</u>	<u>\$362,313</u>
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Motion made, seconded, approved

Intergovernmental Expenses

Article 24: 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 2022, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY21</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY22</u>
Veterans District	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Total Intergovernmental Expenses	<u>\$ 6,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 6,000</u>

Motion made, seconded, approved

Unclassified Expenses

Article 25: 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 2022, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY21</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY22</u>
Berkshire County Retirement	\$136,270	\$17,745	\$154,015
Health Insurance	\$181,674	\$26,000	\$207,674
Medicare & FICA Tax	\$ 17,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 18,000
Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 20,000
Conservation Trust	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 300
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000

Total Unclassified Expenses	<u>\$356,244</u>	<u>\$ 44,745</u>	<u>\$400,989</u>
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Special Articles

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

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash for the

purchase of a new copier for Town Hall, the sum of \$7,000.00, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash for the purchase and installation of a new telephone system at Town Hall, including all software, the sum of \$4,300.00, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$26,000.00 to pay for the Town's portion of a new shared Fire Chief vehicle with the Town of Richmond, provided, however, that the Town of Richmond also appropriates its share of the costs, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the purpose of supporting the work of the Regional School District Planning Board in its study of the financial and educational advisability of options for consolidating the Southern Berkshire Regional School District and the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action relative thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$294,032.00 for the purpose of funding the resurfacing of East Alford Road and Cobb Road, and for the payment of 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 annual State highway funding to provide for the resurfacing of the East Alford Road and Cobb Road paving project. (Requires 2/3rds vote)]

Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$240,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new Department of Public Works Plow Truck, and for the payment of all other incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

(Requires 2/3rds vote)

Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$104,300.00 for the purpose of funding the FY 2022 Sewer Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$61,800.00 for the purpose of funding the FY 2022 Water Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made, seconded, approved

Revolving Funds

Article 34: 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 inserting a new bylaw, 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:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	
Cemetery	Cemetery Commissioners	Fees and charges received from Perpetual Care	
Emergency Alarm	Emergency Alarm Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	
Gas	Gas Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	
Plumbing	Plumbing Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	
Wiring	Wire Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	
Oil Burning	Oil Burner Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	
Title V	Title V Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	
Parks and Recreation Department	Parks and Recreation Department	User fees and charges received from Parks and Recreation Department programs.	

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 2022, 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 '21</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '22</u>
Cemetery Commissioners	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Emergency Alarm Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Gas Inspector	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Wire Inspector	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Oil Burner Inspector	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Title V Inspector	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Parks and Recreation Fees	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Total	\$ 8,200	\$0	\$ 8,200

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

Motion made, seconded, approved

Article 35: To do and transact any other business necessary to be done by the Town.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, approved

Given under our hands this 12th day of April in the year 2021.

West Stockbridge Select Board

Roger Kavanagh, *Chair*

Eric Shimelonis

Kathleen Keresey

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 in State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.

Attested: _____, Constable

Date: _____

Town Clerk _____

Date: _____

Veronica Barrett

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