

TOWN

OF BELLINGHAM
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Interim Town

Clerk

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May 29, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby certify that the text on the following pages, one through forty-five, is a true and accurate representation of the votes taken on all Articles presented at the May 28, 2025

Annual Town Meeting held at the Bellingham High School Auditorium beginning at 7:30

pm. The Meeting was attended by 199 voters of the town.

I further attest that no Articles were amended or brought up for reconsideration.

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ATTEST:

MAY 29 2005

BELLINGHAM TOWN CLERK

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Interim Town

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
COMMONWEALTH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

ANNUAL

TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, May 28, 2025
7:30 p.m.

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Town of Bellingham
Annual Town Meeting

May 28, 2025
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
COMMITTEE

John Allam, Chairman
Joseph E. Collamati, Jr., Vice Chairman
Kevin Keppler

Roland A. Lavallee, Chairman
Joseph E. Collamati, Jr.

Jennifer Kuzmeskas

Jennifer Kuzmeskas

Brian Boyd

Michael Hennessy

Tina M. Griffin, Clerk

Tina M. Griffin, Clerk

MODERATOR
Michael Carr

INTERIM TOWN

CLERK

Amy Bartelloni
SELECT BOARD
Sahan Sahin, Chairman
Michael Hennessey, Vice Chairman
Ann Odabashian
Jennifer Altomonte
Don Martinis
Hilarie Allie, Administrative Assistant

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Michael J. Reed, Jr., Chairman
Erik Ormberg, Vice Chairman
Jennifer L. Altomonte
Courtney Cartier
Bev Pierce
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Heidi Chuckran
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Denis C. Fraine

TOWN MEETING GLOSSARY
CHERRY

SHEET

ENTERPRISE FUND

A financial statement from the State that itemizes State aid and assessments to the Town.

A fund where expenditures are restricted for operating, capital, and debt costs of a particular service (such as water, sewer, trash, and

stormwater). It allows a community to recover the total costs of a service through user fees or the user fees may be supplemented by taxation. The budget for an enterprise fund is not autonomous, it must be voted annually at Town Meeting. An enterprise fund balance can be carried over from year to year.

FISCAL YEAR

The Town operates on a fiscal year that begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.

FREE CASH

Funds certified by the state as appropriated in previous years but not expended. It can result from higher than anticipated revenue and/or lower than anticipated expenditures.

OVERLAY

RESERVE A

Board of Assessors fund used to cover tax

abatelements and statutory exemptions.

RESERVE FUND

A Finance Committee fund used for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures during the year.

REVOLVING FUND

A fund created to allow specific programs to use fees collected to defray the expenses of the program. A revolving fund does not have to be appropriated each year.

COMMONWEALTH
TOWN
WARRANT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

OF BELLINGHAM

FOR ANNUAL TOWN

MEETING

Norfolk, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham, in the County of Norfolk;

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to
notify and
warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town
affairs to meet
at the:

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

At 60 Blackstone Street in said Bellingham, on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day
of May
2025, at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. OPERATING
STARTS ON NEXT PAGE

EXPENSES AND SALARIES

ARTICLE 1. FY2026 OPERATING BUDGET

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, and/or otherwise for the following purposes, to include determining the expenses and salaries of the various elected and appointed Town Officers for the period commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, or act to do anything in relation thereto.

1. All travel expenses are paid at the rate of 70.0 cents per mile. No travel expenses shall be paid except upon receipt of vouchers showing dates, expenses incurred and the number of miles traveled.

2. All dollar amounts listed have been rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

Account Description

114 TOWN MEETING MODERATOR

Elected/Appointed Salaries

Expenses

Total 114

122 SELECTMEN

Elected/Appointed Salaries

Salaries

Expenses

Total 122

Department

Board of
Selectmen

Head Requested]
FY2026

Recommended]
FY2026|

Finance Committee

% Change FinCom
vs. FY2025 budget

Recommended
FY2026

Actual FY2023}

Actual FY2024]

Budget FY2025

\$0

\$0

\$0

\$0

\$0

0.00 %

\$0

\$100

\$100

0.00 %

0.00 %

\$100

\$100

\$12,900

\$100,350

0.00 %

34.77 %

\$12,900

\$100,350

\$0

\$0

\$0

\$0

\$100

\$100

\$100

\$100

\$9,600

\$58,362

\$7,750

\$72,000

\$12,900

\$74,460

\$12,900

\$100,350

\$78,803

\$44,364

\$80,301

\$55,400

\$55,400

(31.01)%

\$55,400

\$146,765

\$124,114

\$167,661

\$168,650

\$168,650

0.59 %

\$168,650

\$209,169

\$200,114

\$234,728

\$256,220

\$256,220

9.16 %

\$256,220

\$2,785
\$211,954

\$25.41]
\$225,525

\$13,974
\$248,702

\$13,974
\$270,194

\$13,974
\$270,194

0.00 %|
8.64 %

\$13,974
\$270,194

\$3,820

\$3,820

\$4,107

\$4,107

\$4,107

0.00 %

\$4,107

123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
Salaries/Clerical Support

Expenses
Total 123
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE
Salaries

Expenses
Total 131

\$250

\$1,280

\$1,575

\$1,575

\$1,575

0.00 %

\$1,575

\$4,070

\$5,100

\$5,682

\$5,682

\$5,682

0.00 %

\$5,682

Department

Board of
Selectmen

Finance Committee

Recommended]
FY2026|

% Change FinCom
vs. FY2025 budget

Recommended
FY2026

Actual FY2023]

Actual FY2024]

Budget FY2025

Head Requested]
FY2026

\$0
\$0

\$0
\$0

\$50,000
\$50,000

\$50,000
\$50,000

\$50,000
\$50,000

0.00 %
0.00 %

\$50,000

135 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Salaries
Expenses
Total 135

\$267,608
\$71,403
\$339,011

\$248,271
\$121,012
\$369,283

\$305,580
\$175,791
\$481,371

\$323,756
\$179,031

\$502,787

\$323,756

\$179,031

\$502,787

5.95 %

1.84 %|

4.45 %

\$323,756

\$179,031

\$502,787

137 ASSESSORS

Elected/Appointed Salaries

Salaries

\$3,600

\$151,066

\$3,300

\$200,766

\$3,600

\$258,298

\$3,600

\$263,742

\$3,600

\$263,742

0.00 %

2.11 %

\$3,600

\$263,742

Account Description

132 RESERVE FUND

Expenses

Total 132

\$50,000

\$46,206

\$36,030

\$76,200

\$96,097

\$96,097

26.11 %

\$96,097

\$200,872

\$240,096

\$338,098

\$363,439

\$363,439

7.50 %

\$363,439

142 ASSESSORS REVALUATION

Expenses

Total 142

\$24,366

\$24,366

\$24,533

\$24,533

\$45,000

\$45,000

\$45,000

\$45,000

\$45,000

\$45,000

0.00 %

0.00 %

\$45,000

145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Salaries

Expenses

Total 145

\$270,677

\$114,571

\$385,248

\$270,250

\$106,534

\$376,784

\$297,306

\$146,157

\$443,463

\$318,744

\$135,522

\$454,266

\$318,744

\$135,522

\$454,266

7.21%

(7.28)%

2.44 %

\$318,744

\$135,522

\$92,478

\$91,718

\$110,000

\$112,500

\$112,500

2.27 %I

\$112,500

\$92,478

\$91,718

\$110,000

\$112,500

\$112,500

2.27 %

\$112,500

\$121,729

\$16,012

\$137,741

\$144,354

\$18,639

\$162,993

\$169,789

\$25,000

\$194,789

\$195,907

\$25,000

\$220,907

\$195,907

\$25,000

\$220,907

15.38 %

0.00 %

13.41 %

\$195,907

\$25,000

Expenses

Total 137

151 TOWN

\$45,000

\$454,266

COUNSEL

Expenses

Total 151
152 HUMAN RESOURCES
Salaries
Expenses
Total 152

\$220,907

Board of

Account Description

Actual FY2023}

Actual FY2024]

Budget FY2025

Department
Head Requested]
FY2026

154 MANAGEMENT
Salaries

INFORMATION SYSTEMS
\$198,949

\$211,329

\$215,432

\$212,488

\$212,488

(1.37)%

\$212,488

Expenses

Selectmen
Recommended]
FY2026|

% Change FinCom
vs. FY2025 budget

Finance Committee
Recommended
FY2026

\$365,393

\$495,244

\$541,663

\$575,592

\$575,592

6.26 %

\$575,592

\$564,342

\$706,573

\$757,095

\$788,080

\$788,080

4.09 %

\$788,080

156 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE
Expenses
Total 156

\$18.635

\$18,635

\$37.773

\$37,773

\$50,000

\$50,000

\$75,000

\$75,000

\$75,000

\$75,000

50.00 %

50.00 %

\$75,000

\$75,000

161 TOWN CLERK
Elected/Appointed Salaries
Salaries
Expenses
Total 161

\$76,220

\$44,173

\$7,228

\$127,621

\$92,000

\$50,958

\$9,394

\$152,352

\$94,000

\$94,600

\$19,300

\$207,900

\$94,000

\$92,148

\$22,300

\$208,448

\$94,000

\$92,148

\$22,300

\$208,448

0.00 %
(2.59)%
15.54 %
0.26 %

\$94,000
\$92,148
\$22,300
\$208,448

162 ELECTIONS
Salaries
Expenses
Total 162

\$66,296
\$20,774
\$87,070

\$56,469
\$19,232
\$75,701

\$90,600
\$34,000
\$124,600

\$28,100
\$25,000
\$53,100

\$28,100
\$25,000
\$53,100

(68.98)%
(26.47)%
(57.38)%

\$28,100
\$25,000
\$53,100

\$6,250

\$5,500

\$7,000

\$7,000

\$7,000

0.00 %

\$7,000

\$93,800

23.58 %

\$93,800

Total 154

171 CONSERVATION

COMMISSION

Elected/Appointed Salaries

Salaries

\$70,300

\$91,572

\$75,900

\$93,800

Expenses

\$6,147

\$8,469

\$12,078

\$11,965

\$11,965

(0.94)%

\$11,965

\$82,697

\$105,541

\$94,978

\$112,765

\$112,765

18.73 %

\$112,765

Total 171

Account Description

Department

Board of
Selectmen

Recommended]
FY2026|

% Change FinCom
vs. FY2025 budget

Recommended
FY2026

\$5,000
\$212,539

0.00 %
1.20 %

\$5,000
\$212,539

Actual FY2023]

Actual FY2024]

Budget FY2025

Head Requested]
FY2026

\$5,000
\$133,424

\$5,163
\$145,347

\$5,000
\$210,029

\$5,000
\$212,539

172 PLANNING BOARD
Elected/Appointed Salaries
Salaries

Expenses

Finance Committee

\$2,085

\$1,436

\$21,500

\$21,550

\$21,550

0.23 %

\$21,550

\$140,509

\$151,946

\$236,529

\$239,089

\$239,089

1.08 %

\$239,089

\$7,200

\$6,900

\$7,500

\$7,500

\$7,500

0.00 %

\$7,500

\$322

\$7,522

\$113

\$7,013

\$500

\$8,000

\$500

\$8,000

\$500

\$8,000

0.00 %

0.00 %

\$500

\$8,000

\$0

\$0)

\$0

\$20.000

\$0

\$20,000

\$0

\$20,000

\$0
\$20,000

0.00 %
0.00 %|

\$0
\$20,000

\$0
\$20,000

\$20,000

\$20,000

\$20,000

0.00 %

\$20,000

\$87,817
\$235,933
\$323,750

\$108,039
\$273,079
\$381,118

Does not include School Buildings

\$139,828
\$122,279
\$309,767
\$310,312
\$449,595
\$432,591

\$139,828
\$309,767
\$449,595

14.35 %
(0.18)%
3.93 %

\$139,828
\$309,767
\$449,595

190 OTJ INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE (On the job)

\$6,843
Expenses
\$6,843
Total 190

\$10,986
\$10,986

\$25,000
\$25,000

\$25,000
\$25,000

\$25,000
\$25,000

0.00 %
0.00 %

\$25,000
\$25,000

\$753,537
\$753,537

\$1,123,500
\$1,123,500

\$1,025,000
\$1,025,000

\$1,025,000
\$1,025,000

(8.77)%
(8.77)%

\$1,025,000

\$4,162,172

\$4,329,820

\$4,523,110

\$4,523,110

4.46 %

\$4,523,110

\$4,162,172

\$4,329,820

\$4,523,110

\$4,523,110

4.46 %

\$4,523,110

Total 172
173 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Salaries

Expenses

Total 173

183 DISABILITY COMMISSION

Salaries

Expenses
Total 183
189 PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE
Salaries
Expenses
Total 189

193 PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE
\$691,046
Expenses
Total 193
\$691,046
194 RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT
Expenses
\$3,534,569

Total 194

\$3,534,569

\$1,025,000

Account Description

Department

Board of
Selectmen

Finance Committee

Recommended
FY2026

Actual FY2023}

Actual FY2024]

Budget FY2025

Head Requested]
FY2026

Recommended]
FY2026|

% Change FinCom
vs. FY2025 budget

\$546,728

\$576,878

\$617,400

\$650,000

\$650,000

5.28 %

\$650,000

\$650,000

195 MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE

Expenses

Total 195

\$546,728

\$576,878

\$617,400

\$650,000

\$650,000

5.28 %

196 TOWN REPORTS

Expenses

Total 196

\$1,000

\$1,000

\$1,041

\$1,041

\$1,115

\$1,115

\$750

\$750

\$750

\$750

32.74)%

(32.74)%

\$750

\$750

197 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Expenses

Total 197

\$53,690

\$53,690

\$45,095

\$45,095

42.808

\$42,808

\$30,000

\$30,000

\$30,000

\$30,000

29.92)%

\$30,000

(29.92)%

\$30,000

\$3,586,932

\$331.414

\$3,972,343

\$316,855

\$4,646,811

\$310,948

\$5,065,400

\$291,245

\$5,065,400

\$291,245

9.01 %

6.34)%

\$5,065,400

\$291,245

Total 210

\$3,918,346

\$4,289,198

\$4,957,759

\$5,356,645

\$5,356,645

8.05 %

\$5,356,645

220 FIRE DEPARTMENT
Salaries

\$3,106,278

\$3,409,603

\$4,315,353

\$4,407,011

\$4,407,011

2.12 %

\$4,407,011

\$377,076

\$492,067

\$675,404

\$705,218

\$705,218

4.41%

\$705,218

Total 220

\$3,483,354

\$3,901,670

\$4,990,757

\$5,112,229

\$5,112,229

2.43 %

\$5,112,229

251 TOWN INSPECTOR
Salaries
Expenses
Total 251

\$201,484
\$2,671
\$204,155

\$239,909
\$3,532
\$243,441

\$253,440
\$4,159
\$257,599

\$263,699
\$4,083
\$267,782

\$263,699
\$4,083
\$267,782

4.05 %
(1.83)%
3.95 %

\$263,699
\$4,083)
\$267,782

253 INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS
Salaries
Expenses
Total 253

\$29,825
\$97
\$29,922

\$31,446
\$75.
\$31,521

\$32,406
\$400
\$32,806

\$33,494
\$0
\$33,494

\$33,494
\$0
\$33,494

3.36 %
100.00)%
2.10 %

\$33,494
\$0
\$33,494

210 POLICE DEPARTMENT
Salaries
Expenses

Expenses

Board of

Account Description

Actual FY2023]

Actual FY2024]

Budget FY2025

Department
Head Requested]
FY2026

\$27,541

\$28,257

\$29,105

\$29,105

255 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR
Salaries

Finance Committee
Recommended
FY2026

\$29,105

0.00 %

\$29,105

\$470

\$500

\$500

\$500

\$500

0.00 %

\$500

\$28,757

\$29,605

\$29,605

\$29,605

0.00 %

\$29,605

Note: Services are regionalized with the Town of Franklin and budget costs are shared.

\$194,750

\$194,750
\$169,702
\$163,070
\$156,756
\$8,400
\$8,400
\$7,900
\$7,152
\$6,471
\$203,150
\$203,150
\$177,602
\$170,222
\$163,227

14.76 %
6.33 %
14.38 %

\$194,750
\$8,400
\$203,150

Total 255

294 TREE WARDEN
Elected/Appointed Salaries
Salaries
Expenses
Total 294
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
School Salaries and Expenses
Transportation
Total 300

% Change FinCom
vs. FY2025 budget

\$28,011

Expenses
292 ANIMAL CONTROL
Salaries
Expenses
Total 292

Selectmen
Recommended!
FY2026 |

\$5,958
\$2,462
\$20,000
\$28,420

\$6,500
\$0
\$70,000
\$76,500

\$10,000
\$3,700
\$35,000
\$48,700

\$10,000
\$3,700
\$35,915
\$49,615

\$10,000
\$3,700
\$35,915
\$49,615

0.00 %
0.00 %
2.61 %
1.88 %

\$10,000
\$3,700
\$33,915
\$49,615

\$28,765,338
\$3,152,555
\$31,917,893

\$33,491,791
\$0
\$33,491,791

\$34,974,856
\$0
\$34,974,856

\$36,576,804
\$0
\$36,576,804

\$36,576,804
\$0
\$36,576,804

4.58 %

\$36,576,804

0.00 %
4.58 %

\$0
\$36,576,804

302 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL

Expenses
Total 302

\$1,080,034

\$1,186,947

\$1.237,733

\$1,331,542

\$1,331,542

7.58 %

\$1,331,542

\$1,080,034

\$1,186,947

\$1,237,733

\$1,331,542

\$1,331,542

7.58 %

\$1,331,542

\$267,135

\$808,378

\$1,075,513

\$362,757

\$534,567

\$897,324

\$482,119

\$825,528

\$1,307,647

\$510,008

\$1,276,697

\$1,786,705

\$510,008

\$1,176,697

\$1,686,705

5.78 %

42.54 %

28.99 %

\$510,008

\$1,176,697

422 HIGHWAY

Salaries

Expenses

Total 422

\$1,686,705

Board of

Account Description

423 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL
Salaries
Expenses

Total 423

Actual FY2023}

Actual FY2024]

Budget FY2025

Department
Head Requested]
FY2026

Selectmen
Recommended}
FY2026|

% Change FinCom
vs. FY2025 budget

Finance Committee
Recommended
FY2026

\$67,457

\$82,366

\$55,000

\$55,000

\$55,000

0.00 %

\$55,000

\$192,544

\$369,767

\$228,000

\$228,000

\$228.000

0.00 %!

\$452,133

\$283,000

\$283,000

\$283,000

0.00 %

\$228,000

\$260,001

\$118,469

\$103,171

\$135,000

\$135,000

\$135,000

0.00 %

\$135,000

\$118,469

\$103,171

\$135,000

\$135,000

\$135,000

0.00 %

\$135,000

\$211,476

\$211,476

\$257,868

\$257,868

\$223.000

\$223,000

\$217,950

\$217,950

\$217,950

\$217,950

(2.26)%

(2.26)%

\$217,950

\$217,950

\$4,800

\$4,800

\$4,800

\$4,800

\$4,800

0.00 %

\$4,800

0.00 %

\$4,651)

\$283,000

424 STREET LIGHTING
Expenses

Total 424

426 GAS AND OIL
Expenses

Total 426

491 CEMETERY
Elected/Appointed Salaries
Expenses

\$2,262

\$2,008

\$4,651

\$4,651

\$6,808

\$9,451

\$9,451

\$4,651

\$7,062

\$6,000

\$6,600

\$9,600

\$9,600

\$9,600

0.00 %

\$9,600

Salaries

\$124,287

\$112,173

\$144,096

\$147,940

\$147,940

2.67 %

\$147,940

Expenses

\$12.697

\$26,925

\$17,503

\$13,298

\$171,199

\$170,838

(24.02)%

\$145,698

\$170,838

\$13,298

\$142,984

(0.21)%

\$170,838

\$199,147

\$207,418

\$263,844

\$292,751

\$292,751

10.96 %

\$292,751

Total 491

\$9,451

0.00 %

\$9,451

510 BOARD OF HEALTH
Elected/Appointed Salaries

Total 510
541 COUNCIL ON AGING
Salaries
Expenses

\$13,298

\$40,378

\$36,501

\$79,700

\$42,100

\$42,100

(47.18)%

\$42,100

\$239,525

\$243,919

\$343,544

\$334,851

\$334,851

(2.53)%

\$334,851

543 VETERANS ASSISTANCE
Salaries

\$42,105

\$52,679

\$59,787

\$65,341

\$65,341

9.29 %

\$65,341

Expenses

\$75,226

\$71.881

\$105,000

\$105,000

\$105,000

0.00 %

\$105,000

\$117,331

\$124,560

\$164,787

\$170,341

\$170,341

3.37 %

\$170,341

Total 541

Total 543

Board of

Department
Head Requested]

Selectmen
Recommended}

% Change FinCom

Finance Committee
Recommended

Actual FY2023]

Actual FY2024]

Budget FY2025

FY2026

FY2026|

vs. FY2025 budget

FY2026

610 LIBRARY
Elected/Appointed Salaries
Salaries
Expenses
Total 610

\$600
\$445,550
\$163,214
\$609,364

\$600
\$462,988
\$169,944
\$633,532

\$600
\$479,468
\$172,150
\$652,218

\$600
\$502,115
\$178,600
\$681,315

\$600
\$502,115
\$178.600
\$681,315

0.00 %
4.72 %
3.75 %
4.46 %

\$600

\$502,115
\$178,600
\$681,315

630 PARKS AND RECREATION
Elected/Appointed Salaries
Salaries

\$2,050
\$93,922

\$1,300
\$84,305

\$3,000
\$129,435

\$3,000
\$131,664

\$3,000
\$131,664

0.00 %
1.72 %

\$3,000
\$131,664

Account Description

Expenses

\$67.980

\$56,998

\$122,055

\$72,135

\$72,135

(40.90)%|

\$72,135

Total 630

\$163,952

\$142,603

\$254,490

\$206,799

\$206,799

(18.74)%

\$206,799

632 TOWN COMMON

Salaries
Expenses
Total 632

\$5,261
\$15,066
\$20,327

\$8,661
\$14,216
\$22,877

\$9,500
\$25,800
\$35,300

\$9,500
\$25,800
\$35,300

\$9,500
\$25,800
\$35,300

0.00 %
0.00 %
0.00 %

\$9,500
\$25,800
\$35,300

\$6.739

\$6,837

\$7.000

\$9,000

\$9,000

28.57 %

\$9,000

\$6,739

\$6,837

\$7,000

\$9,000

\$9,000

28.57 %

\$9,000

651 CULTURAL COUNCIL
Salaries
Expenses
Total 651

\$75,000
\$0
\$75,000

\$7,500
\$0
\$7,500

\$7,500
\$0
\$7,500

\$7,500
\$0
\$7,500

\$7,500
\$0
\$7,500

0.00 %
0.00 %
0.00 %

\$7,500

660 MEMORIAL DAY/VETERANS DAY
Expenses
Total 660

\$14,739
\$14,739

\$17,336
\$17,336

\$18,000
\$18,000

\$18,000
\$18,000

\$18,000
\$18,000

0.00 %|
0.00 %

\$18,000
\$18,000

\$2,734,487
\$1,035,737
\$3,770,224

\$2,783,178
\$926.760
\$3,709,938

\$2,874,481
\$1,028,369
\$3,902,850

\$3,153,775
\$1,077,447
\$4,231,222

\$3,153,775
\$1,077,447
\$4,231,222

9.72 %
4.77 %
8.41 %

\$3,153,775
\$1,077,447]
\$4,231,222

650 HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Expenses
Total 650

750 DEBT SERVICE
Expenses- Principal
Expenses- Interest
Total 750

\$0
\$7,500

Department

Board of
Selectmen

Recommended)
FY2026]

% Change FinCom
vs. FY2025 budget

Recommended
FY2026

Finance Committee

Actual FY2023]

Actual FY2024]

Budget FY2025

Head Requested]
FY2026

\$100,000
\$100,000

\$100,000
\$100,000

\$50,000
\$50,000

\$50,000
\$50,000

\$50,000
\$50,000

0.00 %
0.00 %

\$50,000
\$50,000

990 WORKERS COMPENSATION
Transfer
Total 990

\$0
\$0

\$15,000
\$15,000

\$0)
\$0

\$0)
\$0

\$0
\$0

0.00 %
0.00 %

\$0
\$0

991 UNEMPLOYMENT
Transfer
Total 991

\$0
\$0

\$0
\$0

\$0
\$0

\$0
\$0

\$0
\$0

0.00 %
0.00 %

\$0)
\$0

\$7,500,000
\$7,500,000

\$7,950,000
\$7,950,000

\$7,780,000
\$7,780,000

\$8,380,000
\$8,380,000

\$8,380,000
\$8,380,000

7.71 %
7.71%

\$8,380,000
\$8,380,000

\$0
\$0

\$15,000
\$15,000

\$0
\$0

\$50,000
\$50,000

\$50,000
\$50,000

0.00 %
0.00 %

\$50,000
\$50,000

Account Description
989 OPEB TRUST
Transfer
Total 989

TRUST

992 GROUP INSURANCE TRUST FUND
Transfer
Total 992
994 MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST
Transfer
Total 994

Account Description
996 CAPITAL INVESTMENT TRUST
Transfer

Total 996
997 COMP ABSENCES FUND
Transfer
Total 997
Total General Fund

Department

Board of
Selectmen

Recommended]
FY2026]

% Change FinCom
vs. FY2025 budget

Recommended
FY2026

Finance Committee

Actual FY2023}

Actual FY2024]

Budget FY2025

Head Requested]
FY2026

\$100,000

\$0

\$50,000

\$0

\$0

(100.00)%

\$0

\$100,000

\$0

\$50,000

\$0

\$0

(100.00)%

\$0

\$150,000

\$150,000

\$100,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$75,000

\$75,000

\$75,000

\$75,000

\$75,000

0.00 %

0.00 %

\$75,000

\$75,000

\$63,264,595

\$67,180,023

\$72,333,605

\$76,214,600

\$76,114,600

5.23 %

\$76,114,600

(By Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.

Funding as follows:

Taxation & Other Available Sources

Title 5 Betterments

Article 15 ATM

\$

\$

74,691,733

152,161

5/22/24 - North Main St. Roadwork

Trash Receipts

\$

\$

500,000

48,425

Water Receipts

Sewer Receipts

Stormwater Receipts

Total

\$

\$
\$
\$

536,934
151,015
34,332
76,114,600

Motion made by D. Martinis and seconded to approve Article 1 as printed in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee with the funding sources specified, with the exception of two Accounts held: 122 and 300. Motion passed by required majority vote.
Vote: 146 Yes/31 No

Motion to approve Account 122 as presented in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee with the funding sources specified made by D. Martinis and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote.
Vote: 142 Yes/42 No

Motion to approve Account 300 as presented in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee with the funding sources specified made by D. Martinis and

seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote.
Vote: 113 Yes/71 No

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ARTICLE 2. TRASH ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Trash Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Account Description
Elected/Appointed Salaries

Actual FY2023]

Actual FY2024|

Budget FY2025

\$74,625

\$76,486

\$1,782,977

\$1,859,463

\$78,536

\$1,946,546

\$2,025,082

\$1,739,470

\$1,814,095

Expenses

Total 430 - Trash

PIA

Funding:

AH

(By Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.

Department Head

Requestedj

FY2026

Board of|

Selectmen|

Recommended

FY2026

% Change

FinCom vs.

FY2025]

budget

Finance

Committee

Recommended

FY2026

\$102,176

\$2,148,425

\$102,176

\$2,148,425

30.10 %
10.37 %

\$102,176
\$2,148,425

\$2,250,601

\$2,250,601

11.14%

\$2,250,601

Funding as follows:

1,958,192
245,000
47,409

Trash Enterprise Receipts
Retained Earnings

Appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Trash Receipts

2,250,601

Total

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,150,601 for the Trash Enterprise Fund for the period commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, \$1,905,601 to be raised from the Trash Receipts and \$245,000 to be raised from Trash Retained earnings to be expended in the following manner:

Salaries \$102,176

Expenses \$2,048,425 of which \$47,409 to be appropriated in the General Fund indirect costs funded from Trash Receipts

Total \$2,150,601

Motion made by D. Martinis and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote. Vote: 146 Yes/41 No

ARTICLE 3. WATER ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Water Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Account Description
Elected/Appointed Salaries
Expenses
Total 450 - Water

Actual FY2023]

Actual FY2024]

Budget FY2025

Department Head
Requested]
FY2026

\$1,055,183
\$2,331,899
\$3,387,082

\$1,147,426
\$2,029,942
\$3,177,368

\$1,304,730
\$2,772,810
\$4,077,540

\$1,333,649
\$2,596,436
\$3,930,085

(By Board of Selectmen)
RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.
Funding:

\$
\$
\$

3,427,230
523,201
3,950,431

Board of|
Selectmen|
Recommended
FY2026

% Change
FinCom vs.
FY2025|
budget

Finance
Committee
Recommended
FY2026

\$1,353,995

\$2,596,436
\$3,950,431

3.78 %
(6.36)%
(3.12)%

\$1,353,995
\$2,596,436
\$3,950,431

Funding as follows:

Water Enterprise Receipts
Appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Water Receipts
Total

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,950,431 for the Water Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; said sum to be raised from Water Enterprise Receipts and to be expended in the following manner:

Salaries \$1,353,995

Expenses \$2,596,436 of which \$523,201 to be appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs and funded from Water Receipts

Total \$3,950,431

Motion made by J. Altomonte and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote. Vote: 146 Yes/39 No

ARTICLE 4. SEWER ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Sewer Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Account Description
Elected/Appointed Salaries
Expenses
Total 460 - Sewer

Actual FY2023]

Actual FY2024]

Budget FY2025

Department Head
Requested]
FY2026

\$331,763
\$1,130,652
\$1,462,415

\$274,792
\$1,220,504
\$1,495,296

\$485,340
\$1,439,536
\$1,924,876

\$446,592
\$1,338,540
\$1,785,132

(By Board of Selectmen)
RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.
Funding:

\$
\$
\$

1,637,745
147,692
1,785,437

Board of}
Selectmen}
Recommended
FY2026

% Change
FinCom vs.
FY2025|
budget

Finance
Committee
Recommended
FY2026

\$446,897

\$1,338,540
\$1,785,437

(7.92)%
(7.02)%
(7.24)%

\$446,897
\$1,338,540
\$1,785,437

Funding as follows:

Sewer Enterprise Receipts
Appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Sewer Receipts
Total

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,785,437 for the Sewer Enterprise for the period commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; said sum to be raised from Sewer Enterprise Receipts and to be expended in the following manner:

Salaries \$446,897

Expenses \$1,338,540 of which \$147,692 to be appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs and funded from Sewer Receipts

Total \$1,785,437

Motion made by J. Altomonte and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote. Vote: 147Yes/37No

ARTICLE 5. STORMWATER ENTERPRISE

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Stormwater Enterprise for a period commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

Account Description

Elected/Appointed Salaries

Expenses

Total 490 - Stormwater

\$

% Change

FinCom vs.

FY2025]

budget

Finance

Committee

Recommended

FY2026

Actual FY2023]

Actual FY2024|

Budget FY2025

\$453,170

\$459,104

\$540,384

\$554,724

\$554,724

2.65 %

\$554,724

\$222,825

\$675,995

\$151,389

\$610,493

\$597,480

\$1,137,864

\$363,155

\$917,879

\$363,155

\$917,879

(39.22)%

(19.33)%

\$363,155

\$917,879

(By Board of Selectmen)
RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee.
Funding:

Board of|
Selectmen]
Recommended
FY2026

Department Head
Requested]
FY2026

Funding as follows:

884,473
33,406

Stormwater Enterprise Receipts
Appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Stormwater
Receipts

917,879

Total

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$917,879 for the
Stormwater Enterprise Fund for the period commencing July 1, 2025 through June
30, 2026; said

sum to be raised from the Stormwater Enterprise Receipts and expended in the
following manner:

Salaries \$544,724

Expenses \$363,155 of which \$33,406 to be appropriated in the Generald Fund for
indirect costs and funded from Stormwater receipts

Total \$917,879

Motion made by D. Martinis and seconded. Motion passed by required majority
vote. Vote: 152 Yes/34 No

ARTICLE

6. CONVEYANCES AND EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept by gift and/or purchase conveyances or easements for sewers, water lines, utilities, access, retaining walls and streets,

and to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money to carry out said purposes; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

RECOMMENDED

by the Finance Committee 4/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept by gift and/or purchase any conveyances or easements for sewers, water lines, retaining walls and streets.

Motion made by D. Martinis and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote.

Vote: 150 Yes/35 No

ARTICLE 7. PURCHASE

OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money and to authorize the DPW

Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

RECOMMENDED

by the Finance Committee 4/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 by taxation, and authorize the DPW Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town.

Motion made by D. Martinis and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote.

Vote: 153 Yes/37 No

ARTICLE 8. TOWN

PROPERTY

AUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell at public auction any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute quitclaim deeds and other instruments thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

RECOMMENDED

by the Finance Committee 4/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 8 as set forth
Recommendations of the Finance Committee under said Article 8.

in the Report

Motion made by D. Martinis and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote.

Vote: 151 Yes/36 No

and

ARTICLE

9. HIGHWAY

CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds allotted or to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, (as pertaining to Highway Funds) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, said funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State Revenue; and expended under the direction of the DPW Director; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW Director)

RECOMMENDED

by the Finance Committee 4/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 9 as set
Recommendations of the Finance Committee under said Article 9.

forth

in the

Report

Motion made by J. Altomonte and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote.

Vote: 163 Yes/28 No

and

ARTICLE

10. AMEND

FY2025 ANNUAL

OPERATING

BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending or transferring funds from various sources for items within said Article 1; or act or do anything in relation thereto.
(By: Select Board)
The Finance Committee took No Action on this Article.

The Finance Committee was

informed this Article would be passed over at Town Meeting

Motion: I move the Town vote to amend the FY2025 operating budget approved by the 2024

Annual Town Meeting by adding the sum of \$250,000 to Article 1 item 423 Snow and Ice

Budget; said sum to be transferred from Free Cash.

Motion made by J. Altomonte and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote.

Vote: 138 Yes/50 No

ARTICLE

11. AMEND

FY2025 TRASH ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, or otherwise amending appropriations or by transferring funds from various sources for items within said Article 2; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

The Finance Committee took No Action on this Article.

The Finance Committee was

informed this Article would be passed over at Town Meeting

Motion was made to pass over Article 11 and seconded. Motion was passed by majority

voice vote and Article 11 was passed over.

ARTICLE

12. AMEND

FY2025 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, or otherwise amending appropriations or by transferring funds from various sources for items within said Article 3; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

The Finance Committee took No Action on this Article.

The Finance Committee was

informed this Article would be passed over at Town Meeting

Motion was made to pass over Article 12 and seconded. Motion was passed by majority

voice vote and Article 12 was passed over.

ARTICLE

13. AMEND

FY2025 SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4 of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, or otherwise amending appropriations or by transferring funds from various sources for items within said Article 4; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

The Finance Committee took No Action on this Article.

The Finance Committee was

informed this Article would be passed over at Town Meeting

Motion was made to pass over Article 13 and seconded. Motion was passed by majority

voice vote and Article 13 was passed over.

ARTICLE

14. AMEND

FY2025 STORMWATER

ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, or otherwise amending appropriations or by transferring funds from various sources for items within said Article 5; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

The Finance Committee took No Action on this Article.

The Finance Committee was

informed this Article would be passed over at Town Meeting

Motion was made to pass over Article 14 and seconded. Motion was passed by majority

voice vote and Article 14 was passed over.

ARTICLE 15. CAPITAL OUTLAY -- (Expenditures \$50,000 & Over)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefor for the purpose of financing the purchase and equipping, construction, reconstruction and/or engineering costs associated with various capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees, and, as may be appropriate, to authorize the Select Board to enter into lease/purchase agreements of up to or exceeding three years; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee as listed below:

RECOMMENDED by the Capital Improvements Committee as listed below:
Department

Description

Amount

Funding
Source

Fire
Police

Replace Ambulance |
Replace Police Vehicles (Qty 3)

\$503,000 | Borrowing
\$203,000 | Free Cash

Police

Dispatch Console Radio

\$200,000 |

Replacement
Green Acres Flood Study

Funds
Retained
Earnings
\$137,105 | Retained
Earnings
\$500,000 | Borrowing
\$152,000 |

DPW Stormwater
DPW Stormwater
DPW Stormwater
DPW Water
DPW —
Water
DPW —Water
School

School

Wrentham Road Culvert
| Replacement Study (Phase I of ID)
Wrentham Road Culvert
| Replacement Study (Phase II of ID)
Lakeshore Drive Water Main
Replacement Design
Phase I of II for Replacement of
Existing Wells at Site #11
Well #3 Replacement Services
(Phase I of IT)
World Language Textbooks
Math Textbooks (Algebra I, II, and

Available

\$77,000 |

Retained
Earnings
\$1,191,000 | Borrowing
\$257,500 |
\$91,535 |
\$55,602 |

Retained
Earnings
Free Cash
Free Cash

Finance
Capital
Committee | Improvements
Committee

5/0

3/0

5/0

3/0

5/0

3/0

5/0

3/0

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5/0

3/0

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3/0

5/0

3/0

5/0

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3/0

3/0

Department

School

School

TOTAL:

Description

Geometry)

BMS Gym Upgrades

Student Information Software

Capital Projects Over \$50K

Amount

Funding

Source

\$75,000 |

\$76,712 |

\$3,519,454

Free Cash

Free Cash

Finance

Capital

Committee | Improvements

Committee

5/0

5/0

3/0

3/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate the total sum of \$3,319,454 for the various projects

described in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, with the exception of

the \$200,000 for the Dispatch Console Radio Replacement, including all incidental and related

expenses, for the purposes, in the amounts and from the funding sources specified, and further, to

authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow the sum of \$2,194,000

for the purchase and equipping of an ambulance, construction for the Wrentham Rd culvert

replacement and the replacement of existing wells at site \$11 pursuant to G.L. c.44, § 8 or 8 or

any other enabling authority and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Motion made by J. Altomonte and seconded. Motion passed by required 2/3 vote.

Vote: 147 Yes/39 No

ARTICLE 16. NON-CAPITAL OUTLAY - (Expenditures of Less Than \$50,000)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how

such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by

borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general

obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefor for the purpose of financing the purchase and

equipping of various non-capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees, and, as may be appropriate, to authorize the Select

Board to enter into lease/purchase agreements of up to or exceeding three years; or act or do

anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 4/0

Funding as listed below:

Department

DPW —

Water

School

School

School

TOTAL:

Description

Amount

Chestnut Street Rehab Engineering

\$43,000 |

Math Textbooks — Grades 6 — 8

Duo-Mobile Authentication

Stall Brook Elementary School Playground

Capital Projects Under \$50K

\$25,656 |

\$24,750 |

\$45,000 |

\$138,406

Funding

Source

Retained

Earnings

Free Cash

Free Cash

Free Cash

Motion: I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$138,406 for various projects and items

described in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee, including all incidental

and related expenses, for the purposes and in the amounts specified and from the funding sources

listed.

Motion was made by J. Altomonte and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote.

Vote: 150 Yes/34 No

ARTICLE 17. STREET ACCEPTANCE: CANDLELIGHT LANE, NORTHERN LIGHTS WAY,
CELESTIAL CIRCLE, AND LOVERS LANE

To see if the Town will vote to accept as public ways the roadways known as Candlelight Lane, Northern Lights Way, Celestial Circle, and Lovers Lane, associated easements, and Open Space Parcels A, B, and C as heretofore laid out by the Selectboard and shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan Candlelight Lane and Northern Lights Way Bellingham, Massachusetts" Scale: 40 Feet to an Inch Date: August 26, 2022 prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., Engineering & Land Surveying for Owner: South Center Realty, LLC, and on the plan of land entitled "Street Acceptance Plan Celestial Circle and Lovers

Lane Bellingham, Mass." Scale: 1" = 40' Date: September 29, 2023 prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., Engineering & Land Surveying for Owner: South Center Realty, LLC, copies of which are on file at the Office of the Town Clerk, and, further to authorize the Selectboard to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or appurtenant easements therein for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Bellingham, and such drainage, access, sewer, utility, and/or other easements incidental

or related thereto; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: South Center Realty, LLC
120 Quarry Drive
Milford, MA 01757)

The Finance Committee took No Action on this Article.

The Finance Committee was

informed this Article would be passed over at Town Meeting

Motion was made to pass over Article 17 and seconded. Motion was passed by majority voice vote and Article 17 was passed over.

ARTICLE

18. ESTABLISH STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to approve the creation of a stabilization account for Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District as previously voted by the member community of Hopedale on May 21, 2024, and as encouraged the [former] Milford Finance Committee Chair. This action is supported by the Regional District's Treasurer and its independent auditing firm, and favorable action will enable the Regional District additional flexibility in addressing future capital improvements.
(By: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District)
RECOMMENDED

by the Finance Committee 5/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve the creation of a stabilization account for Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District.
Motion made by Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote.
Vote: 145 Yes/32 No.

ARTICLE 19. GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT -- TOBACCO CONTROL

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Chapter 202

entitled "Tobacco Control", all as set forth in the similarly titled documents on file with the

Town Clerk, or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: Board of Health)

The Finance Committee took No Action on this Article

RECOMMENDED

by the Board of Health 3/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to amend its General Bylaw by adding a new Chapter 202 entitled

"Tobacco Control" as set forth in the Town Meeting handout.

Motion was made by Richard C. Gilberti and seconded. Motion failed required majority vote.

Vote: 70 Yes/110 No.

ARTICLE 20. AMEND

ZONING BYLAWS

CHAPTER 240, ARTICLE VI

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 240
Article VI

Definitions, Section 240-32 Term Defined, Livestock Raising, with deletions in
strikethrough

and additions underlined as follows: The raising or harboring of 10-0+mere
poultry, er-of
morethan-twe

cattle,

horses,

sheep,

hogs,

goats,

minks,

rabbits,

or other

domesticated

animals for food and other agricultural purposes similarfarm-animals_sixmonths-
old_or

elder; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

The Finance Committee took No Action on this Article

RECOMMENDED by the Planning Board 5/0

Motion: I move that the Town vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 240
Article

VI Definitions, Section 240-32 Term Defined, Livestock Raising, as set forth in
the Report and

Recommendations of the Finance Committee under Article 20.

Motion made by Dylan Labonte and seconded. Motion passed by required 2/3 vote.

Vote: 117 Yes/51 No

ARTICLE 21. AMEND

GENERAL BYLAWS

CHAPTER 71-6 REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E, of the General Laws, to

amend the Town's General Bylaws, Chapter 71-6, Revolving Funds, by inserting at the end of the chart set forth therein a new row, shown below, to establish a new revolving fund for the Senior Center Kitchen with an annual expenditure limit of \$75,000, with all monies in the fund to remain in such fund, available for expenditures by the Senior Center Director for the stated purpose of, and in a manner consistent with, the revised Bylaw and, further, that such expenditure limit shall apply from fiscal year to fiscal year unless amended by vote of Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any year; or act or do anything in relation thereto.
Fund

Revenue
Source
Senior Center | Kitchen
Kitchen
Sales
Receipts

Authority to | Use of Funds
Spend
Senior Center | Expenses in support of
Director
salaries and expenses
for the Senior Center
kitchen operations

Spending
Limit
| \$75,000

Fiscal Years
FY2025 and
subsequent
years

(By: Select Board)
RECOMMENDED

by the Finance Committee 4/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 21 as set
Recommendations of the Finance Committee under said Article 21.

forth

in the

Report

Motion made by A. Odabashian and seconded. Motion passed by required majority

vote.

Vote: 141 Yes/20 No

and

ARTICLE 22. ACQUISITION OF UNION CEMETERY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire, for cemetery purposes

and by gift, the parcel of land known as the Union Cemetery, located at 84 Mechanic Street

and described in a deed recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 27308, Page

360, from Union Cemetery Co. of Bellingham Inc. or the current owner thereof, and any and

all personal property, funds and accounts of said Union Cemetery Co. of Bellingham Inc.

associated therewith, and, further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements

on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, execute all instruments

and take any and all actions as may be necessary or expedient to effectuate said acquisition;

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

RECOMMENDED

by the Finance Committee 5/0

Motion: I move to approve Article 22 as it appears in the Report and Recommendations of the

Finance Committee under said Article 22.

Motion was made by A. Odabashian and seconded. Motion passed by required majority.

Vote: 147 Yes/11 No

ARTICLE 23. HARTFORD

AVE LAND SWAP (334 & 342 HARTFORD

AVE)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the School Committee for school purposes to the Select Board for the purpose of conveyance, the care, custody and control of a portion or portions of the Town-owned property located at 342 Hartford Avenue, shown on Assessors Map 13, as Parcel 10C and described in an instrument recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 4751, Page 458, and to authorize the Select Board to convey said portions in exchange for acquiring the fee to and/or access, roadway, driveway or other easements on portions of the land located at 334 Hartford Avenue and shown as Assessors Map 13, Parcel 9, which parcels to be acquired and conveyed are which approximately shown on a plan entitled "334-342 Hartford Ave Parcel Plan Bellingham MA, prepared for the Town of Bellingham", prepared by Land Planning, Inc., dated April 15, 2020, on file with the Town Clerk's

Office,

and,

further,

to authorize

the

Select Board

to acquire

said land

and/or

easements by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain on such terms as the Select Board deems appropriate, to enter into all agreements, execute all instruments and take any and all actions as may be necessary or expedient to effectuate said land exchange; or act or do anything related thereto.

(By: Select Board)

The Finance Committee took No Action on this Article.

The Finance Committee was

informed this Article would be passed over at Town Meeting

Motion was made to pass over Article 23 and seconded. Motion was passed by majority voice vote and Article 23 was passed over.

ARTICLE 24. PURCHASE OF LAND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or

borrow a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring a parcel of land located at 28 Wrentham

Street, containing 1.07 acres, more or less, approximately shown on a plan entitled "Land in

South Bellingham Mass.", recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Plan Book D2202,

Page 385 as Plan 505 of 1938, and described in a deed recorded in Book 23646, Page 533, and

authorize the Select Board to acquire said land by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain,

for general municipal purposes, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems

appropriate, and enter into all agreements, execute all instruments and take any and all

actions as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate said acquisition; or act or do anything

in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 4/0

Funding as listed below:

Description

Amount

Funding Source

Purchase of Land

\$216,000

Free Cash

Motion: I move the Town vote to approve Article 24 as set forth in the Report and

Recommendations of the Finance Committee under said Article 24, and, as funding therefor, to

transfer the sum of \$216,000 from Free Cash.

Motion made by A. Odabashian and seconded. Motion passed by required 2/3 vote.

Vote: 133 Yes/24 No

ARTICLE 25. AMEND

ZONING BYLAW

CHAPTER 240 ARTICLE XVI

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Map and Zoning Bylaws, Article XVI, entitled "Special Flood Hazard Area Requirements", by deleting the text and titles of Sections 240-110 and 240-111, and inserting in place thereof new Sections 240-110 through 240-111, all as set forth in the similarly titled documents on file with the Town Clerk, or act

or do anything related thereto.

(By: Planning Board)

The Finance Committee took No Action on this Article

RECOMMENDED by the Planning Board 4/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to amend its Zoning Map and Zoning Bylaws, article XVI, entitled "Special Flood Hazard Area Requirements", by deleting the text and titles of Sections 240-110 and 240-111, and inserting in place thereof new Sections 240-110 and 240-111, all as set forth in the similarly titled documents on file with the Town Clerk. Motion was made by Robert Lussier and seconded. Motion passed by required 2/3 vote.

Vote: 138 Yes/16 No

ARTICLE 26. AMEND

ZONING BYLAW

CHAPTER 240 ARTICLE XII

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws, Article XII, Accessory Uses, by deleting the text and title of Section 240-74, and inserting in its place a new Section 240-74 entitled "Accessory Dwelling Units", all set forth in the similarly titled documents on file with the Town Clerk, or act or do anything related thereto.
(By: Planning Board)
The Finance Committee took No Action on this Article

RECOMMENDED

by the Planning Board 4/0

Motion: I move the Town vote to amend its Zoning Bylaws, Article XII, accessory Uses, by deleting the text and title of Section 240-74, and inserting in its place a new Section 240-74 entitled "Accessory Dwelling Units", all set forth in the similarly titled documents on file with the Town Clerk, or act or do anything related hereto.
Motion made by Robert Lussier and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote.
Vote: 116 Yes/23 No

ARTICLE 27. TRANSFER TO PENSION RETIREMENT RESERVE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise for the purpose of funding the Pension Retirement

Reserve Trust Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Funding as listed below:

Description

Amount

Funding Source

Pension Retirement

\$350,000

Free Cash

Reserve Trust Fund

Motion: I move the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$350,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the Pension Retirement Reserve Trust Fund.

Motion was made by A. Odabashian and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote.

Vote: 109 Yes/22 No

ARTICLE 28. TRANSFER TO GROUP INSURANCE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise for the purpose of funding the Group Health Insurance

Trust Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Funding as listed below:

Description

Amount

Funding Source

Group Insurance Trust

\$800,000

Free Cash

Fund

Motion: I move the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$800,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the Group Health Insurance Trust Fund.

Motion made by A. Odabashian and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote.

Vote: 103 Yes/23 No

ARTICLE 29. UNPAID BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or otherwise for the payment of certain unpaid bills; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Select Board)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee 5/0

Funding as listed below:

Description

Amount

Funding Source

Sewer Waste Water

\$11,878.76

Sewer Retained Earnings

Treatment

Motion: I move the Town vote to transfer from sewer retained earnings the sum of \$11,878.76 for the payment of certain unpaid bills.

Motion made by A. Odabashian and seconded. Motion passed by required majority vote.

Vote: 112 Yes/16 No

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 19

SECTION 202-1 -- PURPOSE

In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, including but not limited to its younger population, by restricting the sale of and public exposure to tobacco and ecigarette products known

to be related to various and serious health conditions such as

cancer, this by-law shall limit and restrict the sale of and public exposure to tobacco and ecigarette products within the Town of Bellingham.

SECTION 202-2 – DEFINITIONS

a.

Tobacco - Any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted,

sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to:

cigarettes, cigars, little

cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco or snuff. "Tobacco" does not include any product that

has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration either as a tobacco

use cessation product or for other medical purposes and which is being marketed and sold

or prescribed solely for the approved purpose.

b.

E-Cigarette – Any electronic nicotine delivery product composed of a mouthpiece, heating element, battery, and/or electronic circuits that provides a vapor of liquid nicotine

to the user or relies on vaporization of solid nicotine or any liquid, with or without nicotine.

This term shall include such devices whether they are manufactured as e-cigarettes, e-cigars,

e-pipes, hookah pens, or under any other product name.

c.

Smoking - Lighting of, or having in one's possession any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe

or other tobacco product or non-tobacco product designed to be combusted and inhaled. The

activation of or inhalation of vapor from an e-cigarette shall be considered smoking under

this by-law.

d.

Tobacco

Vending Machine

tobacco or e-cigarette products
operator,

- A mechanical or electrical device which

dispenses

by self-service, with or without assistance by a clerk or

e.

Self-Service Display – Any display from which customers may select a tobacco or ecigarette products without assistance from an employee or store personnel.

f.

Minor - A person under twenty-one years of age.

g.

Employee - An individual who performs services for an employer.

h.

Employer - An individual, partnership, association, corporation, trust or other organized group of individuals that utilizes the services of one (1) or more employees.

i.

Workplace - An indoor area, structure or facility or a portion thereof, at which one or

more employees perform a service for compensation for the employer, other enclosed spaces

rented to or otherwise used by the public, where the employer has the right or authority to exercise control over the space.

3.

Food Service Establishment - An establishment having one or more seats at which food is served to the public.

k.

Health Care Institution - An individual, partnership, association, corporation or trust or any person or group of persons that provides health care services and employs health care providers licensed, or subject to licensing, by the Massachusetts Department of Health under M.G.L. c, 112. Health care institution includes hospitals, clinics, health centers, pharmacies,

drug stores and doctors' and dentists' offices,

1.

Entity - any single individual, group of individuals, corporation, partnership, institution, employer, association, firm or any other legal entity whether public or private.

m.

Educational Institution - any public or private college, normal school, professional

school, scientific or technical institution, university or other institution furnishing a program of higher education.

n.

Retail Establishment - any store that sells goods or articles of personal services to the public.

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Blunt Wrap

- Any tobacco product manufactured

or packaged

as a wrap

or as a

hollow tube made wholly or in part from tobacco that is designed or intended to be filled by the consumer with loose tobacco or other fillers.

Pp.

Characterizing flavor - A distinguishable taste or aroma, other than the taste or

aroma of tobacco, imparted or detectable either prior to or during consumption of a tobacco

or e-cigarette products or component part thereof, including, but not limited to, tastes or

aromas relating to any fruit, chocolate, vanilla, honey, candy, cocoa, dessert, alcoholic

beverage, herb or spice; provided, however, that no tobacco product shall be determined to

have a characterizing flavor solely because of the use of additives or flavorings that do not

contribute to the distinguishable taste or aroma of the product or the provision

of ingredient
information.

q.
Component part - Any element of a tobacco or e-cigarette products, including, but not limited to, the tobacco, filter and paper, but not including any constituent.

xr.
Constituent - Any ingredient, substance, chemical or compound, other than tobacco, water or reconstituted tobacco sheet, that is added by the manufacturer to a tobacco or ecigarette products during the processing, manufacturing or packaging of the tobacco or e-

cigarette products. Such term shall include a smoke constituent.
s.

Distinguishable - Perceivable by either the sense of smell or taste.

t.

Smoke Constituent - Any chemical or chemical compound in mainstream or secondhand tobacco smoke that either transfers from any component of the tobacco or ecigarette product to the smoke or that is formed by the combustion or heating of tobacco, additives or other component of the tobacco or e-cigarette product.

u.

Flavored

tobacco

or

e-cigarette

product

- Any

tobacco

product

or

e-cigarette

component part thereof that contains a constituent that has or produces a characterizing flavor. A public statement, claim or indicia made or disseminated by the manufacturer of a tobacco

or

e-cigarette

products,

or

by

any

person

authorized

or

permitted

by

the

manufacturer to make or disseminate public statements concerning such tobacco or ecigarette products, that such tobacco or e-cigarette products has or produces a characterizing flavor shall constitute presumptive evidence that the tobacco or e-cigarette

products is a flavored tobacco or e-cigarette products.

v.

Retail tobacco store - An establishment that is not required to possess a retail food

permit whose primary purpose is to sell or offer for sale but not for resale, tobacco and/or e-

cigarette products and tobacco paraphernalia, in which the sale of other products is merely incidental, and in which the entry of persons under the minimum legal sales age is prohibited at all times, and maintains a valid permit for the retail sale of tobacco products as required to be issued by the Bellingham Board of Health.

w.

Cigar - Any roll of tobacco that is wrapped in leaf tobacco or in any substance containing

tobacco with or without a tip or mouthpiece not otherwise defined as a cigarette under

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 64C, Section 1, Paragraph 1.

SECTION 202-3 - REGULATED CONDUCT

a. Public Places

(1) To the extent that the following are not covered by applicable State laws or regulations, no person shall smoke in any rooms or interior areas in which the public is permitted. This includes,

but is not limited

to, any

food

service

establishment,

health

care

institution,

classroom, lecture hall, museum, motion picture theater, school, day care facility, reception

area, waiting room, restroom or lavatory, retail store, bank (including ATMs), hair salons

or barber shops and meetings of government agencies open to the public.

(2) Licensed Inns, Hotels, Motels and Lodging Houses in the Town of Bellingham must

provide smoke-free common areas. Licensed Inns, Hotels and Motels in the Town of Bellingham must designate 100% of individual dwelling units or rooms as non-smoking.

(3) The use of tobacco or e-cigarette products by minors or school personnel is prohibited in or upon any public sidewalk or other public property located within four hundred (400) feet of

Bellingham School grounds.

(4). Such signage shall be erected to notify the public of the smoking prohibition and the areas affected thereby.

b. Workplaces

(1)

Smoking in workplaces is prohibited.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), smoking may be permitted in private residences; except during such time when the residence is utilized as part of a business as a group childcare center, school age child care center, school age day or overnight camp, or a facility licensed by the department of early education and care or as a health care related office or facility.

(3)

Every establishment in which smoking is permitted pursuant to this by-law shall designate

all positions

where

the employee's

presence

in an

area

in which

smoking

is

permitted to be "smoking positions." The establishment shall notify every applicant for employment in a smoking position, in writing, that the position may cause continuous exposure to secondhand smoke, which may be hazardous to the employee's health.

(4)

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No establishment in which smoking is permitted pursuant to this by-law may require employee to accept a designated smoking position as a condition of continued employment by the employer.

(5) No establishment in which smoking is permitted pursuant to this by-law may discharge, refuse to hire, or otherwise discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment by reason of such person's unwillingness to be subjected to secondhand smoke exposure unless the employee has been hired for a designated smoking position and has been so notified in writing at the time of hiring.

(6) It is the intent of this by-law that a designated smoking position shall not

be considered
suitable work for purposes of M.G.L. c. 151A, and that an employee who is
required to work in
a smoking position shall have good cause attributable to the employer for
leaving work.
(7) E-cigarette Usage – Locations Prohibited (1) In addition to the smoking
prohibitions set
forth in this bylaw, the use of e-cigarettes is further prohibited wherever
smoking is prohibited
under M.G.L. Chapter 270, Section 22 (the "Smoke-Free Workplace Law"), and in
all locations
listed in Section 202-3 of this by-law. The Health Agent and/or their
designee(s) shall enforce
this section in accordance with Section 202-6.

SECTION 202-4 - POSTING REQUIREMENTS

Every person having control of a premise where smoking is prohibited by this by-
law, shall
conspicuously display on the premises, including the primary entrance doorways,
signs
reading "Smoking Prohibited By Law." Posting of the international symbol for "No
Smoking"
shall be deemed as compliance.

SECTION 202-5 - SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

a. Permit—No Entity otherwise permitted to sell tobacco products shall sell such products within the Town of Bellingham without a valid tobacco sales permit issued by the Health Agent. Permits

'must be posted in a manner conspicuous to the public. Tobacco sales permits shall be renewed

annually by January 1", at a fee set forth in the Department's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

Effective February 4", 2025 or upon the approval of the Attorney General if later, the Health

Agent shall not issue any new tobacco sales permits to first-time permit applicants with new

businesses not currently licensed. Holders of tobacco sales permits on the effective date of this

section may continue to use such permits. All such holders must apply for renewal of their

permits according to the procedures of the Department. Those who fail to apply for renewal

in a timely manner will receive written notification from the Department and then those

permits may be revoked or fines imposed after such procedure as set forth in the procedures

of the Department. Any such action may be appealed to the Select Board within thirty (30)

days. However, applicants who acquire a business that is the holder of a tobacco sales permit

on the effective date of this section may apply, within sixty (60) days of such acquisition, for a

tobacco sales permit such as that held by the previous owner of the business, only if the buyer

intends to sell tobacco products and will be operating a substantially similar business, and

subject to rules and requirements of the Health Department.

b.

Prohibition of Tobacco Vending Machines – The sale of tobacco or e-cigarette products

by means of vending machines is prohibited.

c. Restrictions on the Distribution of Tobacco or e-cigarette Products - No person, firm,

corporation, establishment or agency shall distribute tobacco or e-cigarette products free of

charge or in connection with a commercial or promotional endeavor within the Town of

Bellingham. Such endeavors include, but are not limited to, product "giveaways", or

distribution of a tobacco or e-cigarette product as an incentive, prize, award or bonus in a

game, contest or tournament involving skill or chance.

d.

Prohibition of Sales - No person, firm, corporation, establishment, or agency shall sell

tobacco or e-cigarette products to anyone born on or after 1/1/2004.

e.

Self-Service Displays – All self-service displays as defined by 202-2 (e) are prohibited.

All commercial humidors including but not limited to walk-in humidors must be locked.

f.

Prohibition of the Sale of Tobacco Products and e-cigarettes by Health Care Institutions

- No health care institution located in the Town of Bellingham shall sell or cause to be sold tobacco or e-cigarette products. Additionally, no retail establishment that operates or has a health care institution within it, such as a pharmacy or drug store, shall sell or cause to be sold tobacco or e-cigarette products.

g.

Prohibition of the Sale of Tobacco and e-cigarette Products by Educational Institutions No educational institution located in the Town of Bellingham shall sell or cause to be sold

tobacco or e-cigarette products. This includes all educational institutions as well as any retail

establishments that operate on the property of an educational institution.
h.

Required Signage

1.

The owner or other person in charge of an entity authorized to sell tobacco or ecigarette products at retail shall conspicuously post signage provided by the Town of Bellingham that discloses current referral information about smoking cessation. The owner or other person in charge of an entity authorized to sell tobacco or ecigarette products at retail shall conspicuously post a sign stating that "The sale of tobacco or e-cigarette products to someone born on or after 1/1/2004 is prohibited."

The notice shall be no smaller than 8.5 inches by 11 inches and shall be posted conspicuously in the retail establishment in such a manner so that they may be readily seen by a person standing at or approaching the cash register. The notice shall directly face the purchaser and shall not be obstructed from view or placed at a height of less than four (4) feet or greater than eight (8) feet from the floor.

i. Tobacco Sales

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No Tobacco Product Sales Permit holder shall allow any employee to sell tobacco or ecigarette products until such employee has received a copy of this by-law and federal and state laws regarding the sale of tobacco and e-cigarette and signs a statement, a

copy of which will be placed on file in the office of the employer, that they have read the regulation and applicable state and federal laws.
Identification:

Each

person

selling or distributing tobacco

products,

as defined

herein, shall verify the age of the purchaser by means of a valid government-issued photographic identification containing the bearer's date of birth that the purchaser

was born prior to 1/1/2004.

All retail sales of tobacco or e-cigarette products within the Town of Bellingham must

be face-to-face between the seller and the buyer and occur at the permitted location.

Original Cigar Package Price - All single cigars shall be sold for no less than

two dollars

and fifty cents (\$2.50). No person shall sell or distribute or cause to be sold or distributed any original factory-wrapped package of two or more cigars, unless such package is priced for retail sale at \$5.00 or more. This section shall not apply to a person or entity engaged in the business of selling or distributing cigars for commercial purposes to another person or entity engaged in the business of selling or distributing

cigars for commercial purposes
boundaries of Bellingham.

with the intent to sell or distribute outside the

5.

No entity shall sell or distribute or cause to be sold or distributed any flavored tobacco or e-cigarette products, except in retail tobacco stores.

6.

No entity shall sell or distribute or cause to be sold or distributed blunt wraps.

SECTION 202-6 - VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

a. Any person who violates any provision of this by-law, or who smokes in any area in which

a "Smoking Prohibited By Law" sign, or its equivalent, is conspicuously displayed, shall be

punished by a fine of \$100 for each offense. For a first violation of this section, and for any

subsequent violation, the violator may be afforded the option of enrolling in a smoking

cessation/education program approved by the Health Agent or their designee(s). Proof of

completion of such approved program shall be in lieu of the fines set forth in this Section.

b.

Any person having control of any premises or place in which smoking is prohibited who

allows a person to smoke or otherwise violate this bylaw, shall be punished by a fine of \$100

for a first offense, \$250 for a second offense, and \$500 for a third or subsequent offense.

c. Employees who violate any provision of Section 202-3(b) shall be punished by a fine of

\$100 per day for each day of such violation.

d. Any entity violating any other section of this by-law shall receive a fine of \$500.00 for

each offense.

e.

Violations of this by-law may be dealt with in a noncriminal manner as provided in Part

1 Chapter 1 Article III Section 1-8 of the Town by-laws.

£, Each calendar day an entity operates in violation of any provision of this by-law shall

be deemed a separate violation.

g.

No provision, clause or sentence of this section of this by-law shall be interpreted as

prohibiting

the Bellingham

Health

Department

or a Town

department

or Board

from

suspending, or revoking any license or permit issued by and within the jurisdiction of such departments or Board for repeated violations of this by-law.

SECTION 202-7 - SEVERABILITY

Each provision of this by-law shall be construed as separate to the extent that if any section, sentence, clause or phrase is held to be invalid for any reason, the remainder of the by-law shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 26

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§240-74 Accessory Dwelling Units

A Protected Use Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be allowed in the Residential, Suburban, and Agricultural Zoning Districts if consistent with the following.

A. Definitions

1)

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). A self-contained housing unit consisting of one or more rooms with separate kitchen and bathroom facilities on the same Lot as a Principal Dwelling, subject to otherwise applicable dimensional and parking requirements, that (i) maintains a separate entrance, either directly from the outside or through an entry hall or corridor shared with the Principal Dwelling sufficient to meet the requirements of the state building code for egress; (ii) is not larger in Gross Floor Area than % the Gross Floor Area of the Principal Dwelling or 900 square feet, whichever is smaller; and (iii) is subject to such restrictions as noted in §240-74.B, Development Requirements.

2)

Gross Floor Area. The sum of the areas of all floors of the building, including basements, cellars, mezzanine and intermediate floored tiers and penthouses of headroom height, measured from the exterior faces of exterior walls or from the centerline of walls separating buildings, but excluding: (i) covered walkways, open roofed-over areas, porches and similar spaces; and (ii) pipe trenches, exterior terraces or steps, chimneys, roof overhangs and similar features.

Principal Dwelling. A structure, regardless of whether it conforms to Zoning, including use requirements and dimensional requirements, such as setbacks, bulk, and height, that contains exactly one Dwelling Unit and is located on the same Lot as a Protected Use ADU.

Protected Use ADU. An attached or detached Accessory Dwelling Unit that is located, or is proposed to be located, on a Lot in an applicable Zoning District and no other Accessory Dwelling Unit is located on said Lot and which is protected from Prohibited Regulations and Unreasonable Regulations pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, s. 3, para. 11 and 760 CMR 71.00.

5)

Short-term Rental. Short-term rental, as defined in M.G.L. c. 64G, s. 1.

B. Development Requirements

1)

A total of one (1) Protected Use ADU is allowed by right per lot in the Residential, Suburban, or Agricultural Zoning Districts in addition to a Principal Dwelling

located
on the same lot.

A Protected Use ADU cannot consist of a Temporary Structure or Trailer, as defined in Article VI: Definitions, including but not limited to, recreational trailers or tents. The Protected Use ADU shall meet the setback and building height requirements for "other uses" as set forth in Article VII Intensity of Use Regulations. The applicant must acquire Board of Health approval that the proposed Protected Use ADU will have adequate sewerage disposal in compliance with local regulations and 310 CMR 15.00.

5)

One off-street parking space shall be required per ADU in addition to the required parking spaces for the principal structure. Short-term rentals, as defined in M.G.L. c. 40A, s.3, para. 11 and 760 CMR 71.00, are prohibited for a Protected Use ADU and/or Principal Dwelling Structure. A business use shall not be permitted in a Protected Use ADU in any zoning district. An ADU is not permitted in areas of common ownership, such as, but not limited to, Condominiums, Townhouses, or Multifamily Dwellings. For properties with a Principal Dwelling and ADU, both structures' addresses shall be clearly marked and adequately illuminated. The proposed lighting shall not create glare or spillover that would cause harm to the good and welfare of the general public or cause detriment to an abutting property.

10) An ADU shall provide adequate access for emergency response as deemed adequate by the Bellingham Public Safety Officials and be in compliance with all applicable state and local fire codes.

11) Prior to the issuance of a building permit, where the Lot or Principal Dwelling is nonconforming, G.L. c. 40A, 86 and Section 240-30 of this Bylaw shall apply and a finding by the Zoning Board of Appeals, acting on a majority vote, that the Protected Use ADU will not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconformity to the neighborhood shall be required but shall not be subject to a special permit.

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ARTICLE XVI
Special Flood Hazard Area Requirements

§ 240-110 Purpose.

A. The purpose of the Special Flood Hazard Area is to:

- 1) Ensure public safety through reducing the threats to life and personal injury.
 - 2) Eliminate new hazards to emergency response officials.
 - 3) Prevent the occurrence of public emergencies resulting from water quality, contamination, and pollution due to flooding.
 - 4) Avoid the loss of utility services which if damaged by flooding would disrupt or shut down the utility network and impact regions of the community beyond the site of flooding.
 - 5) Eliminate costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions.
 - 6) Reduce damage to public and private property resulting from flooding waters.
- §240-111 Development Regulations

§240-111-1 Definitions

Development: any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to building or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.

Floodway: the channel of the river, creek or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas

that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing

the water surface elevation more than a designated height.

Functionally Dependent Use: a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is

located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities,

port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and

ship building and ship repair facilities, but does not include long-term storage or related

manufacturing facilities.

Highest Adjacent Grade: the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to

construction next to the proposed walls of a structure.

Historic Structure: any structure that is:

- 1) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained

by the Department of Interior) or preliminary determined by the Secretary of the

Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register

2)

Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the secretary to qualify as a registered historic district

3) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior

4) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified by an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or directly by the Secretary of the Interior in States without approved programs.

New Construction: Structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of the first floodplain management code, regulation, ordinance, or standard

adopted by the authority having jurisdiction, including any subsequent improvements to such structures. New construction includes work determined to be substantial improvement.

(Referenced Standard ASCE 24-14)

Recreational Vehicle: vehicle which is built on a single chassis, 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection, designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck, and designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as a temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

Special Flood Hazard Area: the land area subject to flood hazards and shown on a Flood

Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard map as Zone A, AE, A1-30, A99, AR, AO, or

AH.

Start of Construction: the date of issuance for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement or other improvements is within 180 days after the date of issuance. The actual start of construction means the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as pouring of a slab or footings, installation of pilings or construction of columns.

Permanent construction does not include land preparation (such as clearing, excavation, grading, or filling), the installation of streets or walkways, excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations, the erection of temporary forms or the installation

of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main building. For a substantial improvement, the actual "start of construction" means

the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

Structure: for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home.

Substantial Repair of a Foundation: When work to repair or replace a foundation results in the repair or replacement of a portion of the foundation with a perimeter along the base of the foundation that equals or exceeds 50% of the perimeter of the base of the foundation that equals or exceeds 50% of the perimeter of the base of the foundation measured in linear feet, or repair or replacement of 50% of the piles, columns or piers of a pile, column or pier supported foundation, the building official shall determine it to be substantial repair of a foundation. Applications determined by the building official to constitute substantial repair

of a foundation shall require all existing portions of the entire building or structure to meet the requirements of 780 CMR.

Variance: a grant of relief by a community from the terms of a flood plain management regulation.

Violation: the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's flood plain management regulations. A structure or other development without

the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in §60.3 is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

§ 240-111-2 Designation of Community Floodplain Administrator

A. The Town of Bellingham hereby designates the position of Building Commissioner/

Zoning Enforcement Officer to be the official floodplain administrator for the Town.

§ 240-111-3 District establishment.

A. The Floodplain District herein also called "Special Flood Hazard Area" (SFHA) is hereby

established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the SFHA

District, including structural and nonstructural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit, must be in compliance with M.G.L. ch. 131, § 40, and with the following:

(1)

Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses special flood hazard area and coastal high hazard areas, 780 CMR.

(2)

Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 310 CMR

10.00.

(3)

Inland Wetland Restriction, DEP, currently 310 CMR 13.00.

(4)

Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP, 310 CMR 15, Title 5.

B. The district also includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Bellingham

designated as Zone A and AE on the Norfolk County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)

issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of

the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The map panels of the Norfolk County FIRM

that are wholly or partially within the Town of Bellingham are panel numbers

25021C0138F,

25021C0139F,

25021C0299F,

25021C0301F,
2502C0302F,
25021C0303F,
25021C0304F, 25021C0311F, 25021C0312F, 25021C0313F and 25021C0314F, dated July 8, 2025. The exact boundaries of the district may be defined by the one-hundred-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Norfolk County Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 8, 2025. The FIRM and the FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk and Building Inspector. § 240-111-4 Development regulations.

The following requirements apply in Special Flood Hazard Area Districts:

A.

In A Zones, in the absence of FEMA BFE data and floodway data, the building department will obtain, review and reasonably utilize base flood elevation and floodway data available from Federal, State, or other source as criteria for requiring new construction, substantial

improvements, or other development in Zone A and as the basis for elevating residential structures to or above base flood level, and for prohibiting encroachments in floodways.

In the floodway designated on the Flood Insurance Rate Map, the following provisions shall apply:

(1) In Zones A1-30 and AE, along watercourses that have a regulatory floodway designated

on the Town's/City's FIRM or Flood Boundary & Floodway Maps (choose map which delineates floodways for your community) encroachments are prohibited, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development

within the adopted regulatory floodway unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice that the proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

(2) Any encroachment meeting the above standard shall comply with the floodplain (special flood hazard area) standards of the State Building Code as well as the performance standards in 310 CMR (Wetlands Protection Regulations).

(3) Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments

greater than 50 lots or five acres, whichever is the lesser, within the unnumbered A Zones,

(4) All subdivision proposals must be designed to assure that:

(a)

Such proposals minimize flood damage;

(b) All public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and

(c)

Adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards

(5) Notification of watercourse alteration. In a riverine situation, the Building Inspector

or

Board of Selectmen shall require the applicant to notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

(a)

Adjacent communities.

(b) NFIP State Coordinator.

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

(c) NFIP Program Specialist.

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I

(6) In Zones A and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available federal, state, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
C.

Recreational Vehicles: In A, Al-30, AH, AO, and AE Zones, all recreational vehicles to

be placed on a site must be elevated and anchored in accordance with the zone's regulations for foundation and elevation requirements or be on the site for less than 180 consecutive days or be fully licensed and highway ready.
§ 240-111-5 Required Permits for Proposed Development in the Special Flood Hazard Area

A. The Town of Bellingham requires a permit for all proposed construction or other developments in the floodplain overlay district, including new construction or changes to existing buildings, placement of manufactured homes, placement of agricultural facilities, fences, sheds, storage facilities or drilling, mining, paving and any other development that might increase flooding or adversely impact flood risks to other properties.

B. An applicant shall submit a narrative, development plans, and supporting material to document compliance with §240-113, to the Floodplain Administrator to receive a permit. The development plan shall include;

- 1) A stamp from a Massachusetts Licensed Surveyor or Professional Engineer
- 2) Existing and proposed contours in no greater than two (2) foot intervals
- 3) A base flood elevation or approximate location of the Zone A boundary, if applicable
- 4) Existing and proposed site features which may affect the Special Flood Hazard Area

5)

Proposed fill volumes and compensatory flood storage volumes labelled in stage storage increments at a maximum of one-foot intervals

C. The town's permit review process includes the requirement that the proponent obtain all local, state, and federal permits that will be necessary in order to carry out the proposed development in the floodplain overlay district. The proponent must acquire all necessary permits, and must demonstrate that all necessary permits have been acquired.
§ 240-111-6 Requirement to Submit New Technical Data

A. If the Town acquires data that changes the base flood elevation in the FEMA mapped Special Flood Hazard Areas, the Town will, within 6 months, notify FEMA of these changes by submitting the technical or scientific data that supports the change(s). Notification shall be

submitted to:

- 1) NFIP State Coordinator
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
- 2) NFIP Program Specialist
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I

§ 240-111-7 Variances

A. Variances to Building Code Floodplain Standards

- 1) The Town will request from the State Building Code Appeals Board a written and/or audible copy of the portion of the hearing related to the variance, and will maintain this record in the community's files.
- 2) The Town shall also issue a letter to the property owner regarding potential impacts to the annual premiums for the flood insurance policy covering that property, in writing over the signature of a community official that (i) the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance coverage and (ii) such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property.
- 3) Such notification shall be maintained with the record of all variance actions for the referenced development in the floodplain overlay district.

B. Variances to Local Zoning Bylaws related to Community Compliance with the NFIP

- 1) A variance from these flood plain bylaws must meet the requirements set out by State law, and may only be granted if:
 - a) Good and sufficient cause and exceptional non-financial hardship exists
 - b)

The

variance

will

not

result

in

additional

threats

to

public

c)

extraordinary public expense, or fraud or victimization of the public
The variance is the minimum action necessary to afford relief

safety,

§ 240-111-8 Abrogation and Greater Restriction Section

A. The floodplain management regulations found in this Floodplain Overlay District section shall

take precedence over any less restrictive conflicting local laws, ordinances, or codes.

§ 240-111-9 Disclaimer of Liability

A. The degree of flood protection required by this bylaw [ordinance] is considered reasonable but does not imply total flood protection.

