



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK

Bellingham Municipal Center
10 Mechanic Street
Bellingham, MA 02019

Interim Town Clerk
Amy Bartelloni

Tel: 508.657.2830
Fax: 508.657.2832

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.

A true copy.

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST:

MAY 29 2025

BELLINGHAM TOWN CLERK

ATTEST

Amy Bartelloni
Interim Town Clerk



**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**

Table of Contents	Page Number
Town Officials / Board and Committee Members	1
Town Meeting Glossary	2
Article Number and Description	
Article 1 – Operating Expenses and Salaries	3
Article 2 – Trash Enterprise	14
Article 3 – Water Enterprise	14
Article 4 – Sewer Enterprise	15
Article 5 – Stormwater Enterprise	15
Article 6 – Conveyances and Easements	16
Article 7 – Purchase of Surplus Equipment	16
Article 8 – Town Property Auction	16
Article 9 – Highway Construction	17
Article 10 – Amend FY2025 Annual Operating Budget	17
Article 11 – Amend FY2025 Trash Enterprise Budget	17
Article 12 – Amend FY2025 Water Enterprise Budget	18
Article 13 – Amend FY2025 Sewer Enterprise Budget	18
Article 14 – Amend FY2025 Stormwater Enterprise Budget	18
Article 15 – Capital Outlay (Expenditures \$50,000 & Over)	19
Article 16 – Non-Capital Outlay (Expenditures of Less Than \$50,000)	20
Article 17 – Street Acceptance: Candlelight Lane, Northern Lights Way, Celestial Circle, and Lover’s Lane	21
Article 18 – Establish Stabilization Account	21
Article 19 – General By-Law Amendment – Tobacco Control	22
Article 20 – Amend Zoning By-Laws Chapter 240, Article VI	22
Article 21 – Amend General By-Laws Chapter 71-6 Revolving Funds	23
Article 22 – Acquisition of Union Cemetery	23
Article 23 – Hartford Avenue Land Swap (334 & 342 Hartford Avenue)	24
Article 24 – Purchase of Land	24
Article 25 – Amend Zoning By-Laws Chapter 240, Article XVI	25
Article 26 – Amend Zoning By-Laws Chapter 240, Article XII	25
Article 27 – Transfer to Pension Retirement Reserve Trust Fund	25
Article 28 – Transfer to Group Insurance Trust Fund	26
Article 29 – Unpaid Bills	26

FINANCE COMMITTEE

John Allam, Chairman
Joseph E. Collamati, Jr., Vice Chairman
Kevin Keppler
Jennifer Kuzmeskas
Brian Boyd
Tina M. Griffin, Clerk

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
COMMITTEE**

Roland A. Lavalley, Chairman
Joseph E. Collamati, Jr.
Jennifer Kuzmeskas
Michael Hennessy
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	A financial statement from the State that itemizes State aid and assessments to the Town.
ENTERPRISE FUND	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 abatements 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 OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

WARRANT 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 EXPENSES AND SALARIES
STARTS ON NEXT PAGE**

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	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
114 TOWN MEETING MODERATOR							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %	\$0
Expenses	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$100</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$100</u>
Total 114	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	0.00 %	\$100
122 SELECTMEN							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$9,600	\$7,750	\$12,900	\$12,900	\$12,900	0.00 %	\$12,900
Salaries	\$58,362	\$72,000	\$74,460	\$100,350	\$100,350	34.77 %	\$100,350
Expenses	<u>\$78,803</u>	<u>\$44,364</u>	<u>\$80,301</u>	<u>\$55,400</u>	<u>\$55,400</u>	(31.01)%	<u>\$55,400</u>
Total 122	\$146,765	\$124,114	\$167,661	\$168,650	\$168,650	0.59 %	\$168,650
123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR							
Salaries/Clerical Support	\$209,169	\$200,114	\$234,728	\$256,220	\$256,220	9.16 %	\$256,220
Expenses	<u>\$2,785</u>	<u>\$25,411</u>	<u>\$13,974</u>	<u>\$13,974</u>	<u>\$13,974</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$13,974</u>
Total 123	\$211,954	\$225,525	\$248,702	\$270,194	\$270,194	8.64 %	\$270,194
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE							
Salaries	\$3,820	\$3,820	\$4,107	\$4,107	\$4,107	0.00 %	\$4,107
Expenses	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$1,280</u>	<u>\$1,575</u>	<u>\$1,575</u>	<u>\$1,575</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$1,575</u>
Total 131	\$4,070	\$5,100	\$5,682	\$5,682	\$5,682	0.00 %	\$5,682

Account Description	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
132 RESERVE FUND							
Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.00 %	\$50,000
Total 132	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.00 %	\$50,000
135 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER							
Salaries	\$267,608	\$248,271	\$305,580	\$323,756	\$323,756	5.95 %	\$323,756
Expenses	\$71,403	\$121,012	\$175,791	\$179,031	\$179,031	1.84 %	\$179,031
Total 135	\$339,011	\$369,283	\$481,371	\$502,787	\$502,787	4.45 %	\$502,787
137 ASSESSORS							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$3,600	\$3,300	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	0.00 %	\$3,600
Salaries	\$151,066	\$200,766	\$258,298	\$263,742	\$263,742	2.11 %	\$263,742
Expenses	\$46,206	\$36,030	\$76,200	\$96,097	\$96,097	26.11 %	\$96,097
Total 137	\$200,872	\$240,096	\$338,098	\$363,439	\$363,439	7.50 %	\$363,439
142 ASSESSORS REVALUATION							
Expenses	\$24,366	\$24,533	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	0.00 %	\$45,000
Total 142	\$24,366	\$24,533	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	0.00 %	\$45,000
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR							
Salaries	\$270,677	\$270,250	\$297,306	\$318,744	\$318,744	7.21 %	\$318,744
Expenses	\$114,571	\$106,534	\$146,157	\$135,522	\$135,522	(7.28)%	\$135,522
Total 145	\$385,248	\$376,784	\$443,463	\$454,266	\$454,266	2.44 %	\$454,266
151 TOWN COUNSEL							
Expenses	\$92,478	\$91,718	\$110,000	\$112,500	\$112,500	2.27 %	\$112,500
Total 151	\$92,478	\$91,718	\$110,000	\$112,500	\$112,500	2.27 %	\$112,500
152 HUMAN RESOURCES							
Salaries	\$121,729	\$144,354	\$169,789	\$195,907	\$195,907	15.38 %	\$195,907
Expenses	\$16,012	\$18,639	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.00 %	\$25,000
Total 152	\$137,741	\$162,993	\$194,789	\$220,907	\$220,907	13.41 %	\$220,907

Account Description	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
154 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS							
Salaries	\$198,949	\$211,329	\$215,432	\$212,488	\$212,488	(1.37)%	\$212,488
Expenses	<u>\$365,393</u>	<u>\$495,244</u>	<u>\$541,663</u>	<u>\$575,592</u>	<u>\$575,592</u>	6.26 %	<u>\$575,592</u>
Total 154	\$564,342	\$706,573	\$757,095	\$788,080	\$788,080	4.09 %	\$788,080
156 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE							
Expenses	<u>\$18,635</u>	<u>\$37,773</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>	50.00 %	<u>\$75,000</u>
Total 156	\$18,635	\$37,773	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	50.00 %	\$75,000
161 TOWN CLERK							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$76,220	\$92,000	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$94,000	0.00 %	\$94,000
Salaries	\$44,173	\$50,958	\$94,600	\$92,148	\$92,148	(2.59)%	\$92,148
Expenses	<u>\$7,228</u>	<u>\$9,394</u>	<u>\$19,300</u>	<u>\$22,300</u>	<u>\$22,300</u>	15.54 %	<u>\$22,300</u>
Total 161	\$127,621	\$152,352	\$207,900	\$208,448	\$208,448	0.26 %	\$208,448
162 ELECTIONS							
Salaries	\$66,296	\$56,469	\$90,600	\$28,100	\$28,100	(68.98)%	\$28,100
Expenses	<u>\$20,774</u>	<u>\$19,232</u>	<u>\$34,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	(26.47)%	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total 162	\$87,070	\$75,701	\$124,600	\$53,100	\$53,100	(57.38)%	\$53,100
171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$6,250	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	0.00 %	\$7,000
Salaries	\$70,300	\$91,572	\$75,900	\$93,800	\$93,800	23.58 %	\$93,800
Expenses	<u>\$6,147</u>	<u>\$8,469</u>	<u>\$12,078</u>	<u>\$11,965</u>	<u>\$11,965</u>	(0.94)%	<u>\$11,965</u>
Total 171	\$82,697	\$105,541	\$94,978	\$112,765	\$112,765	18.73 %	\$112,765

Account Description	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
172 PLANNING BOARD							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$5,000	\$5,163	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.00 %	\$5,000
Salaries	\$133,424	\$145,347	\$210,029	\$212,539	\$212,539	1.20 %	\$212,539
Expenses	\$2,085	\$1,436	\$21,500	\$21,550	\$21,550	0.23 %	\$21,550
Total 172	\$140,509	\$151,946	\$236,529	\$239,089	\$239,089	1.08 %	\$239,089
173 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS							
Salaries	\$7,200	\$6,900	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	0.00 %	\$7,500
Expenses	\$322	\$113	\$500	\$500	\$500	0.00 %	\$500
Total 173	\$7,522	\$7,013	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	0.00 %	\$8,000
183 DISABILITY COMMISSION							
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %	\$0
Expenses	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	0.00 %	\$20,000
Total 183	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	0.00 %	\$20,000
189 PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE			Does not include School Buildings				
Salaries	\$87,817	\$108,039	\$122,279	\$139,828	\$139,828	14.35 %	\$139,828
Expenses	\$235,933	\$273,079	\$310,312	\$309,767	\$309,767	(0.18)%	\$309,767
Total 189	\$323,750	\$381,118	\$432,591	\$449,595	\$449,595	3.93 %	\$449,595
190 OTJ INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE (On the job)							
Expenses	\$6,843	\$10,986	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.00 %	\$25,000
Total 190	\$6,843	\$10,986	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.00 %	\$25,000
193 PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE							
Expenses	\$691,046	\$753,537	\$1,123,500	\$1,025,000	\$1,025,000	(8.77)%	\$1,025,000
Total 193	\$691,046	\$753,537	\$1,123,500	\$1,025,000	\$1,025,000	(8.77)%	\$1,025,000
194 RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT							
Expenses	\$3,534,569	\$4,162,172	\$4,329,820	\$4,523,110	\$4,523,110	4.46 %	\$4,523,110
Total 194	\$3,534,569	\$4,162,172	\$4,329,820	\$4,523,110	\$4,523,110	4.46 %	\$4,523,110

Account Description	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
195 MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE							
Expenses	<u>\$546,728</u>	<u>\$576,878</u>	<u>\$617,400</u>	<u>\$650,000</u>	<u>\$650,000</u>	5.28 %	<u>\$650,000</u>
Total 195	\$546,728	\$576,878	\$617,400	\$650,000	\$650,000	5.28 %	\$650,000
196 TOWN REPORTS							
Expenses	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,041</u>	<u>\$1,115</u>	<u>\$750</u>	<u>\$750</u>	(32.74)%	<u>\$750</u>
Total 196	\$1,000	\$1,041	\$1,115	\$750	\$750	(32.74)%	\$750
197 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH							
Expenses	<u>\$53,690</u>	<u>\$45,095</u>	<u>\$42,808</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	(29.92)%	<u>\$30,000</u>
Total 197	\$53,690	\$45,095	\$42,808	\$30,000	\$30,000	(29.92)%	\$30,000
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT							
Salaries	\$3,586,932	\$3,972,343	\$4,646,811	\$5,065,400	\$5,065,400	9.01 %	\$5,065,400
Expenses	<u>\$331,414</u>	<u>\$316,855</u>	<u>\$310,948</u>	<u>\$291,245</u>	<u>\$291,245</u>	(6.34)%	<u>\$291,245</u>
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
Expenses	<u>\$377,076</u>	<u>\$492,067</u>	<u>\$675,404</u>	<u>\$705,218</u>	<u>\$705,218</u>	4.41 %	<u>\$705,218</u>
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	\$201,484	\$239,909	\$253,440	\$263,699	\$263,699	4.05 %	\$263,699
Expenses	<u>\$2,671</u>	<u>\$3,532</u>	<u>\$4,159</u>	<u>\$4,083</u>	<u>\$4,083</u>	(1.83)%	<u>\$4,083</u>
Total 251	\$204,155	\$243,441	\$257,599	\$267,782	\$267,782	3.95 %	\$267,782
253 INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS							
Salaries	\$29,825	\$31,446	\$32,406	\$33,494	\$33,494	3.36 %	\$33,494
Expenses	<u>\$97</u>	<u>\$75</u>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	(100.00)%	<u>\$0</u>
Total 253	\$29,922	\$31,521	\$32,806	\$33,494	\$33,494	2.10 %	\$33,494

Account Description	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
255 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR							
Salaries	\$27,541	\$28,257	\$29,105	\$29,105	\$29,105	0.00 %	\$29,105
Expenses	\$470	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	0.00 %	\$500
Total 255	\$28,011	\$28,757	\$29,605	\$29,605	\$29,605	0.00 %	\$29,605
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	<i>Note: Services are regionalized with the Town of Franklin and budget costs are shared.</i>						
Salaries	\$156,756	\$163,070	\$169,702	\$194,750	\$194,750	14.76 %	\$194,750
Expenses	\$6,471	\$7,152	\$7,900	\$8,400	\$8,400	6.33 %	\$8,400
Total 292	\$163,227	\$170,222	\$177,602	\$203,150	\$203,150	14.38 %	\$203,150
294 TREE WARDEN							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$5,958	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.00 %	\$10,000
Salaries	\$2,462	\$0	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$3,700	0.00 %	\$3,700
Expenses	\$20,000	\$70,000	\$35,000	\$35,915	\$35,915	2.61 %	\$35,915
Total 294	\$28,420	\$76,500	\$48,700	\$49,615	\$49,615	1.88 %	\$49,615
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT							
School Salaries and Expenses	\$28,765,338	\$33,491,791	\$34,974,856	\$36,576,804	\$36,576,804	4.58 %	\$36,576,804
Transportation	\$3,152,555	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %	\$0
Total 300	\$31,917,893	\$33,491,791	\$34,974,856	\$36,576,804	\$36,576,804	4.58 %	\$36,576,804
302 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL							
Expenses	\$1,080,034	\$1,186,947	\$1,237,733	\$1,331,542	\$1,331,542	7.58 %	\$1,331,542
Total 302	\$1,080,034	\$1,186,947	\$1,237,733	\$1,331,542	\$1,331,542	7.58 %	\$1,331,542
422 HIGHWAY							
Salaries	\$267,135	\$362,757	\$482,119	\$510,008	\$510,008	5.78 %	\$510,008
Expenses	\$808,378	\$534,567	\$825,528	\$1,276,697	\$1,176,697	42.54 %	\$1,176,697
Total 422	\$1,075,513	\$897,324	\$1,307,647	\$1,786,705	\$1,686,705	28.99 %	\$1,686,705

Account Description	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
423 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL							
Salaries	\$67,457	\$82,366	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	0.00 %	\$55,000
Expenses	<u>\$192,544</u>	<u>\$369,767</u>	<u>\$228,000</u>	<u>\$228,000</u>	<u>\$228,000</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$228,000</u>
Total 423	\$260,001	\$452,133	\$283,000	\$283,000	\$283,000	0.00 %	\$283,000
424 STREET LIGHTING							
Expenses	<u>\$118,469</u>	<u>\$103,171</u>	<u>\$135,000</u>	<u>\$135,000</u>	<u>\$135,000</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$135,000</u>
Total 424	\$118,469	\$103,171	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000	0.00 %	\$135,000
426 GAS AND OIL							
Expenses	<u>\$211,476</u>	<u>\$257,868</u>	<u>\$223,000</u>	<u>\$217,950</u>	<u>\$217,950</u>	(2.26)%	<u>\$217,950</u>
Total 426	\$211,476	\$257,868	\$223,000	\$217,950	\$217,950	(2.26)%	\$217,950
491 CEMETERY							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800	0.00 %	\$4,800
Expenses	<u>\$2,262</u>	<u>\$2,008</u>	<u>\$4,651</u>	<u>\$4,651</u>	<u>\$4,651</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$4,651</u>
Total 491	\$7,062	\$6,808	\$9,451	\$9,451	\$9,451	0.00 %	\$9,451
510 BOARD OF HEALTH							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$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	<u>\$12,697</u>	<u>\$26,925</u>	<u>\$17,503</u>	<u>\$13,298</u>	<u>\$13,298</u>	(24.02)%	<u>\$13,298</u>
Total 510	\$142,984	\$145,698	\$171,199	\$170,838	\$170,838	(0.21)%	\$170,838
541 COUNCIL ON AGING							
Salaries	\$199,147	\$207,418	\$263,844	\$292,751	\$292,751	10.96 %	\$292,751
Expenses	<u>\$40,378</u>	<u>\$36,501</u>	<u>\$79,700</u>	<u>\$42,100</u>	<u>\$42,100</u>	(47.18)%	<u>\$42,100</u>
Total 541	\$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	<u>\$75,226</u>	<u>\$71,881</u>	<u>\$105,000</u>	<u>\$105,000</u>	<u>\$105,000</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$105,000</u>
Total 543	\$117,331	\$124,560	\$164,787	\$170,341	\$170,341	3.37 %	\$170,341

Account Description	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
610 LIBRARY							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	0.00 %	\$600
Salaries	\$445,550	\$462,988	\$479,468	\$502,115	\$502,115	4.72 %	\$502,115
Expenses	<u>\$163,214</u>	<u>\$169,944</u>	<u>\$172,150</u>	<u>\$178,600</u>	<u>\$178,600</u>	3.75 %	<u>\$178,600</u>
Total 610	\$609,364	\$633,532	\$652,218	\$681,315	\$681,315	4.46 %	\$681,315
630 PARKS AND RECREATION							
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$2,050	\$1,300	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00 %	\$3,000
Salaries	\$93,922	\$84,305	\$129,435	\$131,664	\$131,664	1.72 %	\$131,664
Expenses	<u>\$67,980</u>	<u>\$56,998</u>	<u>\$122,055</u>	<u>\$72,135</u>	<u>\$72,135</u>	(40.90)%	<u>\$72,135</u>
Total 630	\$163,952	\$142,603	\$254,490	\$206,799	\$206,799	(18.74)%	\$206,799
632 TOWN COMMON							
Salaries	\$5,261	\$8,661	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	0.00 %	\$9,500
Expenses	<u>\$15,066</u>	<u>\$14,216</u>	<u>\$25,800</u>	<u>\$25,800</u>	<u>\$25,800</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$25,800</u>
Total 632	\$20,327	\$22,877	\$35,300	\$35,300	\$35,300	0.00 %	\$35,300
650 HISTORICAL COMMISSION							
Expenses	<u>\$6,739</u>	<u>\$6,837</u>	<u>\$7,000</u>	<u>\$9,000</u>	<u>\$9,000</u>	28.57 %	<u>\$9,000</u>
Total 650	\$6,739	\$6,837	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	28.57 %	\$9,000
651 CULTURAL COUNCIL							
Salaries	\$75,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	0.00 %	\$7,500
Expenses	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$0</u>
Total 651	\$75,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	0.00 %	\$7,500
660 MEMORIAL DAY/VETERANS DAY							
Expenses	<u>\$14,739</u>	<u>\$17,336</u>	<u>\$18,000</u>	<u>\$18,000</u>	<u>\$18,000</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$18,000</u>
Total 660	\$14,739	\$17,336	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	0.00 %	\$18,000
750 DEBT SERVICE							
Expenses- Principal	\$2,734,487	\$2,783,178	\$2,874,481	\$3,153,775	\$3,153,775	9.72 %	\$3,153,775
Expenses- Interest	<u>\$1,035,737</u>	<u>\$926,760</u>	<u>\$1,028,369</u>	<u>\$1,077,447</u>	<u>\$1,077,447</u>	4.77 %	<u>\$1,077,447</u>
Total 750	\$3,770,224	\$3,709,938	\$3,902,850	\$4,231,222	\$4,231,222	8.41 %	\$4,231,222

Account Description	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
989 OPEB TRUST							
Transfer	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$50,000</u>
Total 989	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.00 %	\$50,000
990 WORKERS COMPENSATION							
Transfer	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$0</u>
Total 990	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %	\$0
991 UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST							
Transfer	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$0</u>
Total 991	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %	\$0
992 GROUP INSURANCE TRUST FUND							
Transfer	<u>\$7,500,000</u>	<u>\$7,950,000</u>	<u>\$7,780,000</u>	<u>\$8,380,000</u>	<u>\$8,380,000</u>	7.71 %	<u>\$8,380,000</u>
Total 992	\$7,500,000	\$7,950,000	\$7,780,000	\$8,380,000	\$8,380,000	7.71 %	\$8,380,000
994 MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST							
Transfer	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	0.00 %	<u>\$50,000</u>
Total 994	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.00 %	\$50,000

Account Description	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
996 CAPITAL INVESTMENT TRUST							
Transfer	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(100.00)%</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total 996	\$100,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	(100.00)%	\$0
997 COMP ABSENCES FUND							
Transfer	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>0.00 %</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>
Total 997	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	0.00 %	\$75,000
Total General Fund	\$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	\$	74,691,733
Title 5 Betterments	\$	152,161
Article 15 ATM 5/22/24 - North Main St. Roadwork	\$	500,000
Trash Receipts	\$	48,425
Water Receipts	\$	536,934
Sewer Receipts	\$	151,015
Stormwater Receipts	\$	34,332
Total	\$	<u>76,114,600</u>

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

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	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$74,625	\$76,486	\$78,536	\$102,176	\$102,176	30.10 %	\$102,176
Expenses	<u>\$1,739,470</u>	<u>\$1,782,977</u>	<u>\$1,946,546</u>	<u>\$2,148,425</u>	<u>\$2,148,425</u>	10.37 %	<u>\$2,148,425</u>
Total 430 - Trash	\$1,814,095	\$1,859,463	\$2,025,082	\$2,250,601	\$2,250,601	11.14 %	\$2,250,601

(By Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee. Funding as follows:

Funding:	\$	1,958,192	Trash Enterprise Receipts
	\$	245,000	Retained Earnings
	\$	47,409	Appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Trash Receipts
	\$	<u>2,250,601</u>	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	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$1,055,183	\$1,147,426	\$1,304,730	\$1,333,649	\$1,353,995	3.78 %	\$1,353,995
Expenses	<u>\$2,331,899</u>	<u>\$2,029,942</u>	<u>\$2,772,810</u>	<u>\$2,596,436</u>	<u>\$2,596,436</u>	(6.36)%	<u>\$2,596,436</u>
Total 450 - Water	\$3,387,082	\$3,177,368	\$4,077,540	\$3,930,085	\$3,950,431	(3.12)%	\$3,950,431

(By Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee. Funding as follows:

Funding:	\$ 3,427,230	Water Enterprise Receipts
	<u>\$ 523,201</u>	Appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Water Receipts
	<u>\$ 3,950,431</u>	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	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$331,763	\$274,792	\$485,340	\$446,592	\$446,897	(7.92)%	\$446,897
Expenses	<u>\$1,130,652</u>	<u>\$1,220,504</u>	<u>\$1,439,536</u>	<u>\$1,338,540</u>	<u>\$1,338,540</u>	(7.02)%	<u>\$1,338,540</u>
Total 460 - Sewer	\$1,462,415	\$1,495,296	\$1,924,876	\$1,785,132	\$1,785,437	(7.24)%	\$1,785,437

(By Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee. Funding as follows:

Funding:	\$	1,637,745	Sewer Enterprise Receipts
	\$	147,692	Appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Sewer Receipts
	\$	<u>1,785,437</u>	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	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Department Head Requested FY2026	Board of Selectmen Recommended FY2026	% Change FinCom vs. FY2025 budget	Finance Committee Recommended FY2026
Elected/Appointed Salaries	\$453,170	\$459,104	\$540,384	\$554,724	\$554,724	2.65 %	\$554,724
Expenses	<u>\$222,825</u>	<u>\$151,389</u>	<u>\$597,480</u>	<u>\$363,155</u>	<u>\$363,155</u>	(39.22)%	<u>\$363,155</u>
Total 490 - Stormwater	\$675,995	\$610,493	\$1,137,864	\$917,879	\$917,879	(19.33)%	\$917,879

(By Board of Selectmen)

RECOMMENDED by the Finance Committee. Funding as follows:

Funding:	\$	884,473	Stormwater Enterprise Receipts
	\$	33,406	Appropriated in the General Fund for indirect costs funded from Stormwater Receipts
	\$	<u>917,879</u>	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 General 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 in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee under said Article 8.

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

Vote: 151 Yes/36 No

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 forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee under said Article 9.

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

Vote: 163 Yes/28 No

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	Finance Committee	Capital Improvements Committee
Fire	Replace Ambulance 1	\$503,000	Borrowing	5/0	3/0
Police	Replace Police Vehicles (Qty 3)	\$203,000	Free Cash	5/0	3/0
Police	Dispatch Console Radio Replacement	\$200,000	Available Funds	5/0	3/0
DPW - Stormwater	Green Acres Flood Study	\$77,000	Retained Earnings	5/0	3/0
DPW - Stormwater	Wrentham Road Culvert Replacement Study (Phase I of II)	\$137,105	Retained Earnings	5/0	3/0
DPW - Stormwater	Wrentham Road Culvert Replacement Study (Phase II of II)	\$500,000	Borrowing	5/0	3/0
DPW – Water	Lakeshore Drive Water Main Replacement Design	\$152,000	Retained Earnings	5/0	3/0
DPW – Water	Phase II of II for Replacement of Existing Wells at Site #11	\$1,191,000	Borrowing	5/0	3/0
DPW – Water	Well #3 Replacement Services (Phase I of II)	\$257,500	Retained Earnings	5/0	3/0
School	World Language Textbooks	\$91,535	Free Cash	5/0	3/0
School	Math Textbooks (Algebra I, II, and	\$55,602	Free Cash	5/0	3/0

Department	Description	Amount	Funding Source	Finance Committee	Capital Improvements Committee
	Geometry)				
School	BMS Gym Upgrades	\$75,000	Free Cash	5/0	3/0
School	Student Information Software	\$76,712	Free Cash	5/0	3/0
TOTAL: Capital Projects Over \$50K		\$3,519,454			

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, § 7 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	Description	Amount	Funding Source
DPW – Water	Chestnut Street Rehab Engineering	\$43,000	Retained Earnings
School	Math Textbooks – Grades 6 – 8	\$25,656	Free Cash
School	Duo-Mobile Authentication	\$24,750	Free Cash
School	Stall Brook Elementary School Playground	\$45,000	Free Cash
TOTAL: Capital Projects Under \$50K		\$138,406	

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 or more~~ poultry, ~~or of more than two~~ cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, goats, minks, rabbits, or other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes ~~similar farm animals six months old or older~~; 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 53E½, 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	Authority to Spend	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Fiscal Years
Senior Center Kitchen	Kitchen Sales Receipts	Senior Center Director	Expenses in support of salaries and expenses for the Senior Center kitchen operations	\$75,000	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 forth in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee under said Article 21.

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

Vote: 141 Yes/20 No

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 Reserve Trust Fund	\$350,000	Free Cash

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 Fund	\$800,000	Free Cash

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 Treatment	\$11,878.76	Sewer Retained Earnings

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

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE MAY 2025
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 e-cigarette 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 e-cigarette 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** - A mechanical or electrical device which dispenses tobacco or e-cigarette products by self-service, with or without assistance by a clerk or operator.
- e. Self-Service Display** – Any display from which customers may select a tobacco or e-cigarette 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.

j. 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.

l. 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.

o. 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.

p. 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.

r. 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 e-cigarette 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 e-cigarette 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 e-cigarette 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) No establishment in which smoking is permitted pursuant to this by-law may require any 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 1st, at a fee set forth in the Department's Schedule of Fees and Charges. Effective February 4th, 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 e-cigarette products at retail shall conspicuously post signage provided by the Town of Bellingham that discloses current referral information about smoking cessation.
2. The owner or other person in charge of an entity authorized to sell tobacco or e-cigarette 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

1. No Tobacco Product Sales Permit holder shall allow any employee to sell tobacco or e-cigarette 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 with the intent to sell or distribute outside the boundaries of Bellingham.

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.

f. 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.

§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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.

- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 6) 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.
- 7) A business use shall not be permitted in a Protected Use ADU in any zoning district.
- 8) An ADU is not permitted in areas of common ownership, such as, but not limited to, Condominiums, Townhouses, or Multifamily Dwellings.
- 9) 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, §6 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.

ARTICLE 25

Town of Bellingham, MA

§ 240-110

§ 240-111

**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, 25021C0302F, 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.
- B. 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.
 - (c) NFIP Program Specialist.

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

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, A1-30, 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 safety, extraordinary public expense, or fraud or victimization of the public
 - c) The variance is the minimum action necessary to afford relief

§ 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.