

EXPLANATIONS **2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

Introduction

As is the custom, we are providing a brief explanation of each article and line item in the warrant.

Budget Summary

The proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budget, including the operation of the sewer system, the ambulance, and several proposed capital improvements, is \$7,285,173, or a decrease of 1.2% (\$91,983). The Selectmen and the Finance Committee continue to present to you a balanced budget that does not rely on the use of reserves to fund operational costs while providing the services residents expect from town government. The Town has postponed most capital expenses that were able to wait another year to preserve our reserves in-case they are needed. The budget being presented is based on a 10-15% reduction in State Aid this year due to the economic impact from COVID-19. This year's budget includes a 3% salary increase for all non-school employees as well as increases in our pension assessment. However, once again you will see that many of our non-salary related line items have been level funded (or even reduced in some cases) from their Fiscal Year 2020 levels. The School Committee's Fiscal Year 2021 request from the town budget is \$3,638,224, an increase of \$138,690, or 4% over total school appropriations in Fiscal Year 2020.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Sewer Budget is \$225,000, which is level-funded from Fiscal Year 2020. This budget funds the costs of operating the system as well as debt payment associated with the system's design and construction. 100% of these costs are borne by the users of the system.

The breakdown of the revenues that will be required to meet the proposed expenditures for Fiscal Year 2021 are as follows:

| | <u>Source of Revenue</u> | <u>Percentage of Total Revenue</u> |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Real and Personal Property Taxes (Tax Levy) | \$5,404,968 | 74% |
| Non-Property Tax (State Aid, Local Receipts, Other) | \$1,880,205 | 26% |
| Total | \$7,285,173 | 100% |

Again this year, Town Meeting consideration of the warrant articles will be done using the "consent calendar" approach. The Moderator will ask the town meeting attendees for permission to consider Articles 1-3 together, which will allow discussion of any of the articles under a single

motion and will ask for a vote on all three articles on the same motion. In addition, in order to save time at the town meeting, the Moderator will not read all of the line items, but will read the heading of each section of line items and ask for any “holds” for each section. He will reserve any held line items for further discussion after seeking approval of any “non-held” line items and then proceed to discuss and vote on any held line items individually. For more information about the town budget process, please contact the Selectmen's Office.

Consent Calendar- Articles 1-3

Article 1- Repair highways and care for cemeteries

This is a standard article from year to year authorizing the Selectmen to supervise the highways and cemeteries.

Article 2- Revolving Funds

This article establishes revolving funds that receive certain revenues and it authorizes expenditure of these funds without further appropriation. This article also establishes the limits of each revolving fund.

Article 3- Transportation Bond

This is a standard article allowing the Town to spend a state grant for road construction and repair. The Town's share for fiscal year 2020 was \$165,460.

Article 4- Line Items

This article raises and appropriates the funds for the general operational expenses of the town. Only items that are raised and appropriated from taxes appear in this article. Items that call for other methods of funding, such as transfers between accounts, require separate articles. Also, pursuant to Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, we have shown each elected officer's salary below each applicable line item on the warrant.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. Assessors Salaries: \$3,600 - These are the annual salaries of the Assessors with \$1200 per Assessor. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
2. Assessors Expenses: \$18,700- This account pays for the Assessors' office supplies, map updating, contracted services, software licenses, and other expenses. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
3. Assessor Contracted Services: \$38,200- This account pays for the contract between the Town and Regional Resource Group (a private contractor), for the Assessing services it provides to the Town. This is year three of a three-year contract.
4. Audit: \$15,000- To be used to fund the annual audit of the town's books using the town's outside auditor, Thomas P. Scanlon, CPA. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

5. Moderator Salary: \$500- The Moderator is entitled to a \$500 salary in FY20.
6. Selectmen Salaries: \$5,250- These are the annual salaries of the Selectmen at \$1,750 per Selectman. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
7. Selectmen Expenses: \$4,500- This account pays for meetings, mileage, trainings, dues, and other expenses of the Selectmen. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
8. Town Clerk Salary: \$20,600- This is the salary line for the Town Clerk, who is the town's official record keeper and license issuer. This includes the assistant salary and a 3% increase.
9. Town Clerk Expenses \$8,670- This pays for software licensing, maintenance of voting machines and poll pads, mileage, dues, and other Town Clerk expenses. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
10. Treasurer Salary: \$56,823- This is the annual salary of the contracted Treasurer, who manages the town's financial transactions, provides benefits management for all employees including payroll, and oversees properties placed in Tax Title. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
11. Treasurer's Expenses: \$5,300- This account pays for meetings, conferences, mileage and other expenses of the Treasurer. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
12. Town Accountant Salary: \$56,070- This is the annual salary of the Town Accountant, who maintains the town's accounts, prepares the weekly warrant that the Selectmen sign to approve payment of the town's bills, and who files regular reports with the Department of Revenue. This figure includes a 3% increase.
13. Town Accountant Expenses: \$1,500- This account pays for training, meetings, mileage, and other expenses of the Town Accountant. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
14. Tax Collector Salary: \$15,997- This is the annual salary of the contracted Tax Collector, who collects all real and personal property, motor vehicle excise taxes and sewer fees.
15. Tax Collector Assistant Salary: \$6,500- This is the base salary for the Assistant to the Tax Collector, who assists the Tax Collector with some of the basic functions of the collector's office including database management, and the collection of taxes. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
16. Tax Collector Expenses: \$15,500- This is for postage, stationery, training, mileage, and other costs of the Tax Collector. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
17. Administrative Assistant: \$17,539- This is the annual salary of the Administrative Assistant, who answers the phones at Town Hall, assists residents, and serves as general clerical staff for all offices and now includes the Board of Health. This figure includes a 3% increase.

18. Town Counsel: \$30,000- This amount is used for Town Counsel and Special Town Counsel services, who advise and defend the town in legal matters. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
19. Town Report: \$5,000- This is the cost of printing the annual town report. This line was reduced by \$1,000 from Fiscal Year 2020.
20. Town Hall: \$27,500- This account pays for utilities, routine maintenance, cleaning, septic pumping, and other goods and services at the Town Hall. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
21. Elections and Board of Registrars: \$10,000- This account pays for the expenses involved in conducting elections, registering voters, and maintaining the street list. This is an increase of \$3,400.00 which is based on the number of elections to be held in the upcoming fiscal year.
22. Town Administrator: \$80,000- This is the annual base salary of the Town Administrator, who oversees the day-to-day operations at Town Hall, supervises Town Staff and Sewer personnel, serves as the Harbormaster, and the Sewer Administrative Officer. Work related to the oversight of sewer operations is compensated from the sewer enterprise budget. This is a contracted position.
23. Town Administrator Expenses: \$3,000- This account pays for meetings, conferences, mileage and other expenses of the Town Administrator. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
24. Conservation Commission: \$4,100- This account pays for meetings, conferences, mileage, supplies and other expenses of the Conservation Commission. This account has been increased by \$22 to accurately reflect town needs.
25. Conservation Agent: \$21,218- This line item is to fund the services of the Conservation Agent. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
26. Historical Commission: \$500- This account pays for copying, membership, meetings and other expenses of the Historical Commission. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
27. Planning Board: \$285- This account pays for annual subscriptions, meetings, and other expenses of the Planning Board. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.
28. IT Services: \$23,000- This account is for our contracted IT services. It covers the expenses related to server maintenance and support, workstation maintenance and support, and overall IT support for all town owned buildings. No change from Fiscal Year 2020
29. Technology Hardware: \$10,000- This account is used to pay for the replacement and/or repair of workstations, copiers, printers, etc., in all town owned buildings. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

30. COA Director/Administrative Assistant-\$27,268- This is the annual salary for the Council on Aging Director/Administrative Assistant position. The Administrative Assistant provides office support to the Town Administrator, Treasurer, Board of Health, as well as others as needed.

31. Council on Aging: \$4,800- This account pays for the various programs offered by the COA, including senior lunches, health programs and the van program. No change from Fiscal Year 2020. The council also receives funding from a state grant and has access to a revolving fund.

32. Tax Collection Services: \$1,500- This account pays for the cost of an outside service to perform the duties of the deputy tax collector, legal fees, and other costs associated with the collection of overdue taxes that have yet to go into Tax Title.

33. Veterans' Agent Salary: \$500. This is the annual salary for the Town's Veterans' Agent, now contracted through the City of Pittsfield.

34. Stationery and Office Supply: \$9,200- This account pays for paper, pens, pencils, postage, toner, and similar expenses at Town Hall. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

35. Banking Services: \$200- This account pays for banking fees and charges. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

36. Town Building Maintenance: \$20,000- This account helps to pay for routine maintenance for all town buildings. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

37. Legal Advertising: \$5,000- This account pays for the many legal ads that the town runs each year, ranging from invitations for bids to notices of public hearings. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

38. Training: \$10,000- This pays for most training/continuing education opportunities for town officers and employees. No change from Fiscal Year 2020

39. Office Equipment and Software Support: \$20,700- This pays for regular software purchases, service contracts, office equipment and furniture, and related expenses. No change from Fiscal Year 2020

40. Website Hosting: \$1,900. This is the annual cost of hosting our Town's website and includes technical support. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

41. Police Chief Salary: \$1,885- This is the annual salary of the Police Chief, who issues firearms permits, arranges traffic details, and other matters. This includes a 3% increase

42. Deputy Police Chief Salary: \$1,300 This is the annual salary of the Deputy Police Chief, who issues firearms permits, arranges traffic details, and other matters under the supervision of the

Police Chief. No change from Fiscal Year 2020

43. Police Department Expenses: \$1,000- This account pays for the equipment and supplies used by the department, such as badges and firearm licensing supplies. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

44. County Communications: \$13,111- This account pays Richmond's share of the Berkshire County Sheriff's Department to operate the 911 emergency dispatch system. This is a 3% increase from Fiscal Year 2020.

45. Constable Salaries: \$1,367- This is the salary account from which we pay the Constables if they are needed to direct traffic or for performing similar duties on Town owned Roads. This is a \$40 increase over Fiscal Year 2020.

46. Constable Expenses: \$1,250- This account pays for Constable mileage, shirts, radios, and other expenses. This account was decreased by \$250 to accurately reflect town needs.

47. Animal Control Officer Salary: \$5,000- This is the annual salary for the Animal Control Officer. \$1,799 increase from Fiscal Year 2020 to attract a new Animal Control Officer to hopefully be shared with West Stockbridge.

48. Animal Control Officer Expenses: \$1,000- This pays for snares, gloves, rabies shots, boarding of animals and other expenses of the Animal Control Officer. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

49. Fire Department: \$63,514- This account pays for fuel, truck and equipment maintenance, training, stipends and other expenses of the Fire Department. This is a \$2,000 increase to cover costs of the maintenance for the new fire truck.

50. Fire House Rent: \$14,400- This account pays the rent to the Trustees of the Volunteer Fire Department for use of the building. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

51. Emergency Management: \$5,900- This account pays for equipment and supplies for this department, which provides assistance and direction during natural disasters, storms and other emergencies. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

52. Fire Chief/EMD Salary- \$15,914. This is the annual salary of the Fire Chief/EMD which is a part-time, non-benefit eligible position. 3% increase from Fiscal Year 2020.

53. Tree Warden: \$7,500- These funds are used for contracting with a tree service to remove problem trees. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

54. Building Inspector Salary: \$7,499- This is the Building Inspector's annual salary. He has office hours the first, second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 9:30AM-11AM and is available on call. This is a 3% increase from Fiscal Year 2020.

55. Building Inspector Expenses: \$4,500- This account pays for training, expenses and mileage of the Building Inspector and Assistant. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

56. Assistant Building Inspector: \$300- This is the annual salary of the Assistant Building Inspector, who fills in if the Building Inspector is not available or has a conflict of interest. No change from Fiscal Year 2020

57. Zoning Enforcement Officer Salary: \$3,989- This is the annual salary of the ZEO, who ensures that building projects and proposed uses conform to the Zoning Bylaw. He holds office hours on the first, second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 9:30AM -11AM and is available on call. 3% increase over Fiscal Year 2020.

58. Zoning Enforcement Officer Expenses: \$1,000- This account pays for meetings, mileage and other expenses of the ZEO. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

59. Inspection Services: \$100- This is for inspections by the plumbing, wiring, gas and oil burner inspectors and their alternates on projects, such as town projects, where there is no fee tendered. They receive \$30 per inspection. All other compensation for the inspectors comes from the revolving inspection account, where fees for services are paid to the town and are turned around and paid to the inspectors. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

60. Board of Health Salaries: \$850- This is the annual salary account to be divided among five board members. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

61. Board of Health Expenses: \$2,400- This account pays for meetings and other expenses of the Board of Health. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

62. Board of Health Agent Salary: \$4,800- The Board of Health Agent witness' perc tests, tracks the solid waste collection program, and serves as the principal staff person for the Board of Health. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

63. Board of Health Agent Expenses: \$1,140- This pays for the mileage, supplies and other expenses of the agent. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

64. Board of Health Contracted Services: \$11,500- This account covers the cost of additional inspectional services provided to the Board of Health by the Berkshire Public Health Alliance. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

65. Animal Inspector: \$217- This pays for the salary of the Animal Inspector, who performs the annual farm animal census and also is responsible for the quarantine of animals suspected of having rabies. 3% increase over Fiscal Year 2020.

66. Stray Animals: \$100- This account will help pay any costs associated with retrieving stray

animals, usually farm animals. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

67. Rubbish Disposal: \$202,733- This account pays for the collection and disposal of the town's garbage and recyclables, as well as participation in the regional Household Hazardous Waste collection days. This is a \$18,393 increase from Fiscal Year 2020 due to a re-negotiated contract extension for trash collection and HHW fees mid-year of FY20.

68. Community Health: \$26,050- This account funds the contract between the Community Health Association and the Town for Public Health Nurse Services. This is a \$300 increase over Fiscal Year 2020.

69. Veterans' Aid: \$9,000- This account pays for financial assistance to veterans as required by state law. The State reimburses the Town for 75% of the assistance costs incurred assisting veterans. Increase of \$1,500 to cover the anticipated costs.

70. Nuisance Abatement: \$500- This account provides funds to address public health matters that are an immediate threat to public health and safety. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

HIGHWAYS

There has been some re-arranging of accounts and creation of new accounts to more accurately track the operating costs of the Highway Department. The total increase for all Highway expenses is \$6,128 or 0.8%

71. Machinery Maintenance: \$57,500- This account pays for the upkeep and repair of equipment and trucks. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

72. Road Construction: \$125,000- This account, combined with state transportation bond funds, pays for road construction and re-construction. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

73. Road Maintenance: \$30,000- This account pays for routine road maintenance. This account was reduced by \$136,424 as this amount was moved into a new account called salaries.

74. Town Garage: \$11,250- This account pays for heating fuel, and other expenses at the Town Garage. This account has been decreased by \$8,228 and added to a new account called utilities.

75. Winter Roads: \$140,000- This account pays for the plowing and sanding of the roads, including the costs of salt and sand. This represents a decrease of \$127,058 which includes the costs of salaries being moved into the new salaries line and diesel fuel being moved into the new Fuel account.

76. Gravel Roads: \$55,000- This account pays for the maintenance of the gravel roads. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

77. Salaries (previously called Vacation and Sick Pay): \$245,950- This account is used to pay the

road crew salaries and includes summer help and sick and vacation pay. This increase is due to moving salaries all into one account rather than split between three.

78. Overtime: \$18,500 – This account was created to more accurately track the costs of overtime in the department. These monies were previously spread out between other accounts.

79. Fuel: \$33,500 This account was created to more accurately track the costs of fuel in one location rather than multiple accounts. These monies were previously spread out between other accounts.

80. Utilities: \$10,000 – This account was created to more accurately track the costs of utilities such as electric, cable, phone, and internet. These monies were previously spread out between other accounts.

81. Private Roads: \$3,500- These funds are used to help Richmond Shores and the Whitewood Association maintain their private roads, pursuant to Chapter X of the Town Bylaws. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

82. Beaver Control-\$3,500- This is the account to handle the beaver related problems that the town has had in recent years. Much of this funding pays for an agreement with a contractor to maintain several water control devices in water bodies where beavers have set up housekeeping. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

83. Town Beach: \$15,600- This account pays for the lifeguards and equipment costs involved in running the Town Beach. No change from Fiscal Year 2020

CULTURE & RECREATION

84. Recreation Committee: \$3,750- This account pays for the various recreation programs offered by the town, except for the Town Beach, which is operated by the DPW and funded under a separate line item. The committee also has access to a type of revolving fund that allows it to receive and expend program fees. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

85. Memorial Day: \$200- This account pays for flowers, markers and flags for Memorial Day. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

86. Library: \$63,576- This account pays the salaries and operating costs of the Library. This account has been increased by \$4,336 over Fiscal Year 2020.

87. Library Rent: \$12,000- This is for the annual rent for the library building. The Town is entering year 2 of a 3-year lease in July. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

88. Berkshire County Retirement: \$221,710- This account is Richmond's share paid to the

Berkshire County Retirement System to cover the town's municipal employees. Teachers are covered under a separate retirement system administered by the state. This is a \$15,676 increase from Fiscal Year 2020 due to an increase in the annual assessment.

89. Group Insurance: \$120,000- This account pays for the town's share of the health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance for non-school employees. The cost for school personnel is included in the school budget. This account was decreased by \$21,679 from Fiscal Year 2020. This line is estimated based on the number of anticipated policies for the coming year.

TOWN INSURANCE

90. Insurance and Bonding: \$100,000- This account pays for the Town's insurance policies, including motor vehicle, property, public liability, worker's compensation, and officers' bonds. This account was decreased by \$3,000 this year to cover the costs of our policy for the coming year.

UNCLASSIFIED

91. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission: \$1,205- This is the county's regional planning agency that reviews projects and assists cities and towns on planning and zoning matters. This account was increased by \$29 over Fiscal Year 2020.

92. Unemployment Reserve: \$2,500- This amount will help to cover the town's liability if a non-school employee files an unemployment claim. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

93. Medicare: \$35,000- This account pays the town's share of Medicare employee withholding. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

94. Group Purchasing: \$600- This pays for the town's membership in the regional group purchasing program. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

95. Cemetery Superintendent Salary: \$8,783- This is the annual salary of the Cemetery Superintendent who maintains the town's cemeteries. This is an increase of \$256 from Fiscal Year 2020.

96. Cemetery Expenses: \$2,000- This account pays for the equipment and supplies in maintaining the cemeteries. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

97. Richmond Pond Ramp Monitors: \$7,500- This pays the wages for the summer boat ramp monitors who under state regulation are required to certify that all water vessels launched from the state boat ramp are free from weeds and zebra mussels. The State of Massachusetts provides funding to offset some of the costs associated with the administration of this program.. The Richmond Pond Association is helping to fund this account with \$8,000

98. Miscellaneous Expenses: \$700: This pays for miscellaneous expenses that cannot be justified by any other funding source. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

Article 5- Reserve Fund: \$40,000

This funds unexpected expenses with the approval of the Finance Committee. Increase of \$20,000 from Fiscal Year 2020.

Article 6- School Budget: \$3,638,244

This represents a 4% increase over the Town's Fiscal Year 2020 school appropriation. While the total school budget exceeds the amount to be voted, the difference will be made up through the use of School choice monies, grants, and other school revenues. Below is a comparison of the accounts between the Fiscal Year 2020 budget and the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Each account group has several sub-accounts which are not shown for space reasons. A full breakdown of the budget can be viewed on the school's web-site: www.richmondconsolidatedschool.org

| | FY 2020 | FY 2021 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| School Committee Accounts | \$10,770 | \$14,330 |
| Union Accounts | \$10,193 | \$10,180 |
| Superintendent Accounts | \$75,407 | \$89,086 |
| Special Education Accounts | \$387,316 | \$513,575 |
| Principal Accounts | \$138,326 | \$148,552 |
| Supply Accounts | \$37,275 | \$35,275 |
| Teaching Accounts | \$1,498,881 | \$1,483,249 |
| Library Services | \$6,400 | \$10,900 |
| Professional Development Accounts | \$21,300 | \$23,300 |
| Technology Accounts | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| Health Accounts | \$56,820 | \$58,487 |
| Transportation Accounts | \$222,999 | \$243,763 |
| Activity Advisor | \$12,855 | \$16,850 |
| Tuition Accounts | \$374,853 | \$374,616 |
| Food Service Supervisor | \$59,492 | \$60,828 |
| Operations & Maintenance Accounts | \$252,871 | \$256,920 |
| Employee Benefits and Insurance Accounts | \$630,221 | \$635,833 |
| Unemployment Accounts | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Contingency Accounts | \$56,575 | \$35,000 |
| Total | \$3,899,554 | \$4,063,244 |
| Amount raised and appropriated by the town | \$3,499,554 | \$3,638,244 |
| School choice, grants and pre-school revenue | \$400,000 | \$425,000 |

Article 7- Conservation Land Trust Fund: \$500

This appropriation goes into a fund that can purchase land for conservation purposes.

Article 8- Fuel Emergency Assistance Program: \$5,000

This is a fund to help low income Richmond residents in times of emergency. We were able each winter to supplement the amount given to low income residents who receive federal fuel assistance funds through Berkshire County Community Action.

Article 9- School Bond Payment: \$150,800

The article for the school bond payment (\$150,800) continues to reflect the reduced payment resulting from the refinancing of the school debt. This year's payment represents the final payment in the ten-year repayment schedule for the \$1.2 million borrowed to retire older bonds.

Article 10- Sewer Enterprise Fund: \$225,000

This will fund all expenses, salaries and debt service associated with the operation of the sewer system. A detailed breakdown of the budget is included in the Warrant. The revenues to fund the sewer come from fees and betterments from the users (department receipts). Any funds not expended in upcoming fiscal year will revert to the sewer enterprise and become the retained earnings in future fiscal years.

Article 11- Ambulance Account: \$50,000

The Ambulance Account is composed of the fees received from operating the Ambulance Service and pays for vehicle replacement, maintenance, training, stipends, and payments to County Ambulance when it sends an ambulance in lieu of or to supplement our service and for other Ambulance Service expenses.

Article 12- Treatment of Weeds in Richmond Pond: \$15,000

Systemic and spot treatment of Richmond Pond to control invasive species. No change from Fiscal Year 2020.

Article 13- All Pond Goose Management Plan: \$600

This article will fund a portion of the Richmond Pond Association's Goose Management Plan to be implemented in the summer of 2020.

Article 14- Highway Dept. Grader: \$150,000

This article will fund the purchase of a new grader replacing the existing Grader which is over 30 years old.

Article 15- Free cash to offset the tax rate:

This article would allow the use of free cash to lower the overall anticipated tax rate.

Article 16- Transfer Free Cash:

This article would transfer the remaining free cash into stabilization so that the town can access funds through out the year by town meeting vote if needed.

Article 17- Reallocation of Funds

This article would re-allocate the monies voted for the HVAC system at the school to be used for upgrades and maintenance and not just a control unit as state at the last meeting.

Article 18- Prior Fiscal Year Bills: \$800

This article would fund the payment of two prior fiscal year bills for the Berkshire Regional Planning and Water testing. A 9/10 vote is required on this article.

Article 19- Financial Affairs General Bylaw:

This article would have the Treasurer/Collector position report to the Town Administrator rather than the Board of Selectmen to be consistent with contract wording.

Article 20- Financial Affairs General Bylaw:

This article would amend the General Bylaws to be in uniform with the M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 57

Article 21- Penalties Bylaw:

This article would allow the town to impose non-criminal fines for those who violate the Town Bylaws both General and Zoning.

Town Election Notice

Town Hall on Saturday, June 20, 2020, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM, to bring in votes for the following Town Officers:

One Member of the Board of Selectmen- 3-year term

One Members of the Board of Health- 3-year term

One Member of the Finance Committee- 3-year term

Two Member of the School Committee- 3-year term

One Member of the Board of Library Trustees- 3-year term

One Member of the Board of Library Trustees- 1-year term

One Member of the Planning Board- 5-year term

Town Moderator- 1-year term