

TOWN OF TYRINGHAM
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 10, 2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Berkshire SS.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Tyringham in said County

GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Tyringham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Tyringham Town Hall, 116 Main Road in said Town on Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 7 pm, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Town Committees.
James Consolati reported for the Selectmen on the attached 12 slides.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to have its Selectmen act as its agents in any suit of law for or against the Town.
So Moved

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate \$50,000.00 for road improvements/paving or take any other action in respect there to.
R & A \$50,000.00 passed.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate or otherwise provide \$15,000.00 or any other amount for the purchase of a John Deere X738 Tractor with a 60" mower deck and a 47" snow blower or take any other action in respect there to.
R & A \$15,000.00 passed.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of \$55,000.00 for the purchase of a new Highway Department Pickup Truck with plow and light bar take any other action in respect there to.
R & A \$55,000.00 passed.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or, otherwise provide, the following sums of money or any other sums as listed under:

- 6.1 Town Administration;**
- 6.2 Roads, Buildings and Grounds;**
- 6.3 Education**
- 6.4 Fire and Safety**
- 6.5 Committees, Commissions and Reserves**

6.1 Town Administration

(a) Select Board

| | | |
|---|----------------------|-------|
| 1 | Selectman - Chairman | |
| 2 | Selectman - Clerk | 4,000 |
| 3 | Selectman - Member | 3,500 |
| 4 | Selectman expenses | 3,000 |
| | | 3,700 |

Sub-total Select Board: 14,200

(b) Town Hall Offices

| | | |
|----|--|--------|
| 1 | Town Administrator | 63,771 |
| 2 | Administrative Assistant | 44,031 |
| 3 | Cleaning Services | 7,200 |
| 4 | Town Clerk salary | 11,000 |
| 5 | Town Clerk expenses | 2,000 |
| 6 | Accounting, Payroll & Treasury software support | 7,700 |
| 7 | IT Specialist | 2,500 |
| 8 | Building Inspector | 5,400 |
| 9 | Town Report printing | 1,600 |
| 10 | Website management and e-mail | 4,400 |
| 11 | Blackboard Connect (Robocall system) | 1,100 |
| 12 | Moderator | 250 |
| 13 | Moderator expenses | 200 |
| 14 | Board of Registrars | 400 |
| 15 | Election of Officers | 2,500 |
| 16 | Town counsel | 5,500 |
| 17 | Professional Services (consulting, legal, other) | 10,000 |
| 18 | Office supplies | 1,800 |
| 19 | Town Administration expenses | 2,000 |
| 20 | Supply Purchase Agreement | 800 |

Sub-total Town Offices: 174,152

(c) Financial Management Expenses

| | | |
|----|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Assessor Chairman/Certified (Elected) | 2,000 |
| 2 | Assessor Clerk/Certified (Elected) | 1,800 |
| 3 | Assessor Member/Certified (Elected) | 1,800 |
| 4 | Assessor Consultant | 22,300 |
| 5 | Assessor expenses | 4,000 |
| 6 | Assessor on-line data/maintenance | 3,500 |
| 7 | Revaluation expenses | 5,300 |
| 8 | Tax Collector salary | 15,800 |
| 9 | Tax Collector certification | 1,000 |
| 10 | Asst. Tax Collector salary | 2,100 |
| 11 | Tax Collector expenses | 7,000 |
| 12 | Treasurer (Elected) | 15,800 |
| 13 | Treasurer expenses | 3,900 |
| 14 | Interest Account | 2,000 |
| 15 | Accounting Officer expenses | 1,200 |

Sub-total Financial Management: 89,500

(d) Employee/Retiree Benefits, Incentives & Other Expenses

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| 1 | Berkshire County Retirement | 78,737 |
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| 2 | Employee Family Health (4) | 69,762 |
| 3 | Employee Single Health (2) | 13,002 |
| 4 | Retiree Health (5) | 14,933 |
| 5 | Employee & Retiree Dental | 3,784 |
| 6 | Compensation for Health Waivers (1) | 3,546 |
| 7 | Employee Salary Increases & Incentives | 25,000 |
| 8 | Medicare | 8,500 |
| 9 | Animal Inspector/ Control Officer | 3,000 |
| 10 | Asst. Animal Inspector / Control Officer | 600 |
| 11 | Animal Inspector/ Control Officer Expenses | 1,000 |
| 12 | Berkshire Regional Planning | 355 |
| 13 | Veterans Services | 2,026 |
| 14 | Mental Health Services | 250 |
| 15 | Women's Service Center (Freeman Ctr) | 250 |
| 16 | Gift and Flowers | 325 |
| Sub-Total Other Expenses: | | 225,070 |
| Total Town Administration: | | 502,922 |

6.2 Roads, Buildings and Grounds

(a) Highway Team

| | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Road Superintendent | 68,064 |
| 2 | Laborer | 49,900 |
| 3 | Laborer | 46,260 |
| 4 | Uniforms | 1,000 |
| 5 | Division of Employment Security | 600 |

Sub-total Highway Team: 165,824

(b) Roads and Bridges

| | | |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Snow and sand (and overtime) | 53,000 |
| 2 | Summertime overtime | 2,500 |
| 3 | Bridges & Culverts | - |
| 4 | Road construction/maintenance | 75,000 |
| 5 | Highway Superintendent expenses | 2,000 |
| 6 | Road mower | 1,000 |
| 7 | Removal of dead trees | 18,000 |
| 8 | Tree planting | 1,000 |
| 9 | Street lights | 1,500 |
| 10 | Highway environmental | 5,000 |
| 11 | Highway debris disposal | 7,500 |
| 12 | Highway police detail | 2,000 |
| 13 | Highway Building Committee | 500 |

Sub-total Roads and Bridges: 169,000

(c) Equipment

| | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Machinery maintenance and fuel | 60,000 |
| 2 | Loan Payments (FYE 2022 Freightliner) | - |
| 3 | Equipment Committee | 500 |

Sub-Total Equipment: 60,500

(d) Town Grounds and Buildings

| | | |
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| 1 | Post Office Staff | |
| 2 | Grounds & Buildings (utilities, maintenance, improvements) | 29,150 |
| 3 | Insurance (property, auto, workman's comp.) | 54,000 |
| 4 | Alarm monitoring | 34,880 |
| 5 | Elevator maintenance | 2,000 |
| 6 | Librarian | 5,000 |
| 7 | Library Staff | 3,225 |
| | | 4,680 |
| 8 | Library Trustees (2) | 200 |
| 9 | Library expenses | 5,370 |
| 10 | Park and swimming | 2,000 |
| | | 17,500 |
| 11 | Cemetery mowing and maintenance | 11,500 |
| 12 | Transfer Station salary | 50,000 |
| 13 | Transfer & disposal of refuse | 785 |
| 14 | Hazardous waste collection | |
| | Sub-Total Town Grounds and Buildings: | 220,290 |
| | Total Roads, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance: | 615,614 |

6.3 Education

(a) Support and Transportation

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| 1 | Support of Public Schools | 171,728 |
| 2 | Transportation | 101,692 |

Sub-Total Support and Transportation: 273,420

(b) School Committee

| | | |
|---|---------------------------|-----|
| 1 | School Committee - Chair | 600 |
| 2 | School Committee - Clerk | 250 |
| 3 | School Committee - Member | 250 |

Sub-Total School Committee: 1,100

Total Education: 274,520

6.4 Fire and Safety

(a) Fire Department

| | | |
|----|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Fire Chief | 1,500 |
| 2 | Deputy Fire Chief | 500 |
| 3 | First Assistant to Fire Chief | 500 |
| | | 500 |
| 4 | Second Assistant to Fire Chief | 500 |
| 5 | Fire Warden | 1,500 |
| 6 | Deputy Fire Warden | 500 |
| | | 10,000 |
| 7 | Fire Fighter stipends | 6,211 |
| 8 | Workers comp for Fire Dept. | 9,330 |
| 9 | Fire Protection expenses | 14,000 |
| 10 | Fire Company Rent | 270 |
| 11 | Forest Fire | 200 |
| 12 | Hearing Officer/city of Pittsfield | 7,600 |
| 13 | Fire Company equipment | |

Sub-total Fire Dept: 52,611

(b) Police Department

| | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Full-time Officer/Chief | 66,310 |
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| 2 | Workers Comp Police | | |
| 3 | Part-time Officer | | 4,378 |
| 4 | Fuel and expenses | | 5,000 |
| 5 | Berkshire County Sheriff's Office | | 15,000 |
| | | | <u>1,428</u> |
| | Sub-total Police Dept: | 92,116 | |
| (c) Emergency Management | | | |
| 1 | Emergency Management Director | | 2,000 |
| 2 | Emergency Management expenses | | 500 |
| 3 | SBREPC | | 500 |
| 4 | Public Health Nurse | | 2,888 |
| 5 | Lee Ambulance Service | | <u>25,395</u> |
| | Sub-total Emergency Management: | 31,283 | |
| | Total Fire and Safety: | 176,010 | |

6.5 Committees, Commissions and Reserves

(a) Board of Health

| | | | |
|---|--------------------|--|--------------|
| 1 | Chairman/Certified | | 600 |
| 2 | Clerk/Uncertified | | 100 |
| 3 | Member/Uncertified | | 100 |
| 4 | Expenses | | <u>3,000</u> |

Sub-Total Board of Health: 3,800

(b) Planning Board

| | | | |
|---|-------------|--|------------|
| 1 | Chairman | | 1,000 |
| 2 | Members (4) | | 2,000 |
| 3 | Expenses | | <u>750</u> |

Sub-Total Planning Board: 3,750

(c) Conservation Commission

| | | | |
|---|-------------|--|------------|
| 1 | Chairman | | 1,000 |
| 2 | Members (4) | | 800 |
| 3 | Expenses | | <u>450</u> |

Sub-Total Conservation Commission: 2,250

(d) Cemetery, Park, Historical & Cultural

| | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| 1 | Cemetery Committee Members (3) | | 600 |
| 2 | Park Commission Members (3) | | 600 |
| 3 | Cultural Commission (Chair) | | 200 |
| 4 | Historical Commission expenses | | <u>1,500</u> |

Sub-Total Cemetery, Park, Cultural & Historical: 2,900

(e) Board of Appeals

| | | | |
|---|----------------|--|------------|
| 1 | Chairman | | 600 |
| 2 | Alternates (2) | | 200 |
| 3 | Members (4) | | 800 |
| 4 | Expenses | | <u>100</u> |

Sub-Total Board of Appeals: 1,700

(f) Finance Committee

| | | | |
|---|-------------|--|------------|
| 1 | Chairman | | 1,000 |
| 2 | Members (2) | | 1,000 |
| 3 | Expenses | | <u>100</u> |

4 Reserve Fund (Extraordinary/Unforeseen Exp.)

20,000

Sub-Total Finance Committee: 22,100
Total Committees, Commissions & Reserves: 36,500

Article 6 Grand Total: 1,605,566

R & A \$1,605,566 passed.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept any monies that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Mass Highway/Executive Office of Transportation appropriates to the town under the provisions of Chapter 90 or any other lawful provision of the General Laws, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Passed

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to allow: Police Detail rate of \$45.00 per hour; members of the Board of Health to witness Title V inspections or perc tests at \$45.00 per hour; a member of the Library Trustees to be employed as Librarian at \$3,225.00 per year; and a member of the Cemetery Committee to be employed as Cemetery Sexton at \$200.00 per year, pursuant to MGL c. 268A s 21 A and C. 41, s. 4A.

Passed

ARTICLE 9. The following Revolving Funds and expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitations established by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c44, 53E1/2.

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| Board of Appeals | \$1,000.00 | Fees & Charges for hearings |
| Board of Health | \$3,000.00 | Fees & Charges for inspections |
| Conservation Comm. | \$5,000.00 | Fees & Charges for hearings |
| Gas Inspector | \$1,000.00 | Fees & Charges for Gas Inspection |
| Park Commission | \$1,000.00 | Fees & Charges for Park equipment |
| Planning Board | \$1,000.00 | Fees & Charges for hearings |
| Plumbing Inspector | \$1,000.00 | Fees & Charges for inspections |
| Wiring Inspector | \$2,500.00 | Fees & Charges for inspections |
| Cemetery Committee | \$1,000.00 | Fees & Charges for burial expenses |
| Fire Co. False Alarm | \$500.00 | Fees & Charges for false alarms |
| Fire Company Fees | \$500.00 | Fees & Charges for inspections |
| Police Detail | \$5,000.00 | Fees & Charges for Police Details |

Passed

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to close portions of Webster, Fenn, Brace, and Breakneck Roads and or any other roads at certain times of the year as the Highway Superintendent and Selectmen deem necessary.

- 1.) Webster Road – From Janine Gauhtt's driveway to Becket town line.
- 2.) Fenn Road – Road to be closed after Yo Yo Ma's garage driveway.
- 3.) Brace Road – From Ruth Swart's driveway to Monterey town line.
- 4.) Breakneck Road – To be closed at bottom of the "big hill" to Jerusalem Road

Passed

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4A of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with other cities, town and political subdivisions for the group purchasing of supplies, commodities and services that the Town is authorized by law to purchase and to appropriate funds voted under Article 6.1(b)18 as the Town's share of the expenses for the administration of the program for Fiscal Year 2023.

Passed

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to change the Treasurer position from an elected position to an appointed Treasurer by the Board of Selectmen, with the following ballot question, or take any other action in respect thereto.

Shall the town vote to have its elected Treasurer become an appointed Treasurer of the town?
Yes ____ No ____

Passed

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to change the Town Clerk position from an elected position to an appointed Town Clerk by the Board of Selectmen, with the following ballot question, or take any other action in respect thereto.

Shall the town vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk of the town?
Yes ____ No ____

Passed

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to change the Tax Collector position from an elected position to an appointed Tax Collector by the Board of Selectmen, with the following ballot question, or take any other action in respect thereto.

Shall the town vote to have its elected Tax Collector become an appointed Tax Collector of the town? Yes ____ No ____

Passed

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept a transfer deed of land from Cynthia Donovan and Brian Hillary, Trustee of the P. N. Hillary Living Trust Agreement dated April 26, 2001, said land being a parcel off of Beach Road, Tyringham, and more particularly identified in a deed recorded in the Berkshire Middle Registry of Deeds at Book 1301, Page 1068, and identified by the Tyringham Assessors' Map 409, Parcel number 37 or take any other action in respect thereto.

Passed

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate or otherwise provide \$37,000.00 for the purchase of Rubber Mulch (80 – 1,000 LB sacks) and new boarder for the playground or take any other action in respect there to.

R & A \$37,000.00

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for

the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 & 7 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Passed

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote \$210,000.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of lowering the tax rate for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) or take any other action in respect there to.

\$210,000.00 From Free Cash

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$200.00 for the interest thereon to be used for the perpetual care of the Mary Ann Brown plot in the Tyringham Cemetery (plot number #41).

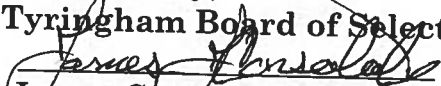
Move \$200.00 to Cemetery-- Passed.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate or otherwise provide \$32,000.00 to be put into the Stabilization Account, or take any other action in respect there to.

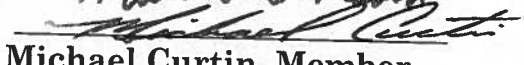
R & A \$32,000.00 to STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

AND YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO serve this Warrant by posting copies thereof at the Post Office, Union Church, Town Hall and Bulletin Board at Goose Pond, in said Town, not less than seven (7) days before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of this Warrant with your doings there on unto our Town Clerk on or before said day and hour.
Given under our hands at Tyringham, Massachusetts this 3rd day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

Respectfully,
Tyringham Board of Selectmen,

James Consolati, Chairman


Matthew Martin, Clerk


Michael Curtin, Member

TRUE COPY ATTEST:


Heather Ketchen Heather Ketchen, Town Clerk

Town Seal
5/12/2022
(date)

I have served this Warrant by posting attested copies at the Post Office, Union Church, Town Hall and Bulletin Board at Goose Pond, seven (7) days at least before holding said meeting.

Richard O. Loring, Richard O. Loring, Constable 5/12/02 date

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:49 PM. 38 REGISTERED VOTERS ATTENDED

In Memory of our Friends & Neighbors**Marie Clark**

(April 5, 1929 – July 30, 2021)

Allan Garner

(August 10, 1931 – October 27, 2021)

Helen Twing

(March 30, 1920 – November 23, 2021)

Bertram Ketchen

(February 12, 1931 – January 8, 2022)

Cecilia Jones

(January 2, 1948 – January 16, 2022)

Free Cash FYE 2022

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Remaining Balance FYE 2021 | \$100,101 |
| Certified Additions FYE 2022 | 220,208 |
| Special Meetings | 0 |
| Proposed 2022 ATM | <u>-210,000</u> |
| Remaining Balance FYE 2022 | \$110,309 |

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Look Back FYE 2022

- Main Road Paving & Repairs
- Monterey Bridge Replacement
- Schoolhouse Proposals
- Purchase of New Backhoe
- Town IT and Phone Upgrades
- MVP Planning Grant
- Fire Company Rent Agreement

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Stabilization Funds

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Balance for FYE 2022 | \$435,965 |
| Interest Earned | 1,158 |
| Special Meetings | 0 |
| Proposed 2022 ATM | <u>32,000</u> |
| Balance for FYE 2023 | \$ 469,123 |

Total Cash Estimate for FYE 2023 is \$650,000 to \$700,000.

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Look Ahead FYE 2023

- Main Road Paving & Repairs
- Playground Improvements
- New Pickup Truck
- New John Deere Tractor
- Schoolhouse Proposals
- More IT Upgrades
- MVP Action Grant

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FYE 2023 Debt Obligations

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Freightliner Truck | \$ 20,000 |
| 2022 ATM Proposals | 0 |
| FYE 2022 Payments | <u>-20,000</u> |
| Balance for FYE 2023 | \$ 0 |

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Funding Needed for FYE 2023

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| Annual Town Meeting | \$1,794,566 |
| Snow & Ice Deficits | 0 |
| Estimated State Charges | 79,318 |
| Overlay Reserve (Estimated) | <u>4,351</u> |
| Estimated Total Needed | \$1,878,235 |

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Quick Comparison

| | <u>FYE 2022</u> | <u>FYE 2023</u> | |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| ATM | 1,738,487 | 1,794,566 | +56,079 |
| Taxes* | 1,462,492 | 1,479,571 | +17,079 |
| Growth* | 28,815 | 16,800 | -10,015 |

*Numbers shown for FYE 2023 are Estimates.

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Estimated Funding Sources

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| State Aid (Cherry Sheet) | \$ 88,664 |
| Free Cash Allocation | 210,000 |
| Stabilization Fund | 0 |
| Local Receipts | 100,000 |
| Real Estate Taxes | <u>1,479,571</u> |
| Total Est. Funding | \$1,878,235 |

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Estimated FYE 2023 Tax Rate

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|---|---------------|
| Estimated Valuation | \$220,132,700 |
| Estimated Taxes Needed | \$1,479,571 |
| ➤ <u>FYE 2023 Estimated Rate</u> per \$1,000 of Valuation: | \$6.72 |
| ➤ <u>FYE 2022 Actual Rate</u> per \$1,000 of Valuation: | \$6.72 |

➤ Estimated increase for FYE 2023 = 0

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Estimated Real Estate Tax Limit

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Actual Limit for FYE 2022 | \$1,645,948 |
| 2.5% of 2022 Limit | 41,149 |
| New Construction Growth | <u>16,800</u> |
| Limit for FYE 2023 | \$1,703,897 |
| Projected Collections | \$1,479,571 |
| 87% of Limit. Excess Capacity | \$224,326 |

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Grants & Other State Aid

- Highway (Chapter 90)
- MVP Action Grant
- Jerusalem Road Bridge
- Winter Recovery Assistance Program\$85,442
- Chapter 90 Error \$113,670
- American Rescue Plan Act\$93,259

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