

**TOWN OF TYRINGHAM**  
**WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**June 13, 2020**

**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 Fireman's Pavilion, 100 Main Road in said Town on Saturday, June 13, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., 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 thanked the Town employees, board and committee members for their dedication and hard work thru the year. Mr. Consolati called for a moment of silence in memory of our Friends and Neighbors who passed. He also asked for a moment of silence for our brave soldiers who defended our freedom around the world and our country. Mr. Consolati thanked Everett Fennelly our Veteran's Grave Officer who places flags on the Veteran's graves and this year many new medallions were installed and they were all in perfect formation and looked great. (See the attached 10 slides that Mr. Consolati explained.)*

**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 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, 2020 in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 & 7 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.**

**SO MOVED**

**ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,191.00 or any other sum, out of Free Cash for the purpose of refunding the Tyringham Volunteer Fire Company for the FY20 Real Estate Taxes.**

**\$3,191.00 VOTED UNANIMOUS FROM FREE CASH**

**ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to take 160,021.00 from Free Cash or any other amount for the Stabilization Fund or take any other action in respect there to.**

**\$160,021.00 VOTED UNANIMOUS FROM FREE CASH**

**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	4,000
2	Selectman - Clerk	3,500
3	Selectman - Member	3,000
4	Selectman expenses	3,500

Sub-total Select Board: 14,000

**(b) Town Hall Offices**

1	Town Administrator	60,110
2	Administrative Assistant	38,277
3	Janitor (4 hrs/week)	5,000
4	Town Clerk salary	11,000
5	Town Clerk expenses	1,800
6	Accounting software support	5,200
7	Town Report printing	1,600
8	Website management and e-mail	4,300
9	Blackboard Connect (Robocall system)	1,100
10	Moderator	250
11	Moderator expenses	200
12	Board of Registrars	400
13	Election of Officers	4,500
14	Town Counsel	5,500
15	Professional Services (consulting, legal, other)	-
16	Office supplies	1,600
17	Town Administration expenses	2,000
18	Supply Purchase Agreement	800

Sub-total Town Offices: 143,637

**(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	20,700
5	Assessor expenses	4,000
6	Assessor on-line data/maintenance	3,250
7	Revaluation expenses	
8	Tax Collector salary (Elected)	15,000
9	Tax Collector certification	1,000
10	Tax Collector expenses	4,500
11	Treasurer salary (Elected)	13,000
12	Treasurer expenses	3,900

13	Interest Account (short-term loans)	2,000
14	Accounting Officer expenses	1,200

Sub-total Financial Management: 74,150

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

1	Berkshire County Retirement	80,032
2	Employee Family Health (3)	52,839
3	Employee Single Health (1)	-
4	Retiree Health (6)	16,290
5	Dental Employees & Retirees	3,228
6	Compensation for Health Waivers (2)	9,855
7	Employee Salary Increases & Incentives	21,000
8	Medicare	8,500
9	Animal Inspector	250
10	Animal Control Officer (formerly Dog Officer)	600
11	Share of Animal Control Officer Health Ins	-
12	Berkshire Regional Planning	268
13	Veterans Services	1,894
14	Mental Health Services	250
15	Women's Service Center (Freeman Ctr.)	250
16	Gift and Flowers	325

Sub-Total Other Expenses: 195,581

Total Town Administration: 427,368

**6.2 Roads, Buildings and Grounds**

**(a) Highway Team**

1	Road Superintendent	64,148
2	Laborer	46,135
3	Laborer	42,765
4	Uniforms	1,000
5	Division of Employment Security	600

Sub-total Highway Team: 154,648

**(b) Roads and Bridges**

1	Snow and sand (and overtime)	53,000
2	Summertime overtime	2,500
3	Bridges	-
4	Road construction	90,000
5	Highway Superintendent expenses	2,000
6	Road mower	1,000
7	Removal of dead trees	16,000
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	4,000
13	Highway Building Committee	500

Sub-total Roads and Bridges: 184,000

**(c) Equipment**

1 Machinery maintenance and fuel	55,000
2 Freightliner Truck loan payments	20,000
3 Equipment Committee	500

Sub-Total Equipment: 75,500

**(d) Town Grounds and Buildings**

1 Post Office Staff	23,268
2 Grounds & Buildings (utilities, maintenance, improvements)	54,000
3 Insurance (property, auto, workman's comp.)	31,000
4 Alarm monitoring	1,600
5 Elevator maintenance	5,000
6 Librarian	3,225
7 Library Staff	4,680
8 Library Trustees (2)	200
9 Library expenses	4,500
10 Park and swimming	2,000
11 Cemetery mowing and maintenance	17,500
12 Transfer Station salary	11,500
13 Transfer & disposal of refuse	40,000
14 Hazardous waste collection	740

Sub-Total Town Grounds and Buildings: 199,213

Total Roads, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance: 613,361

**6.3 Education****(a) Support and Transportation**

1 Support of Public Schools	180,307
2 Transportation	96,794

Sub-Total Support and Transportation: 277,101

**(b) School Committee**

1 School Committee - Chair	300
2 School Committee - Clerk	250
3 School Committee - Member	250

Sub-Total School Committee: 800

Total Education: 277,901

**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
4 Second Assistant to Fire Chief	500
5 Fire Warden	1,500
6 Deputy Fire Warden	500
7 Fire Fighter stipends	10,000
8 Workers comp for Fire Dept.	6,000
9 Fire Protection expenses	9,330

10	New Maintenance/Garaging Agreement	14,000
11	Forest Fire	270
12	Hearing Officer/city of Pittsfield	200
13	Fire Company equipment	<u>7,600</u>
	Sub-total Fire Dept:	52,400
<b>(b) Police Department</b>		
1	Full-time Officer/Chief	62,504
2	Workers Comp Police	2,007
3	Part-time Officer	<u>5,000</u>
4	Fuel and expenses	15,000
5	Berkshire County Sheriff's Office	<u>5,000</u>
	Sub-total Police Dept:	89,511
<b>(c) Emergency Management</b>		
1	Emergency Management Director	2,000
2	Emergency Management expenses	500
3	SBREPC	<u>500</u>
4	Visiting Nurses Association	2,000
5	Lee Ambulance Service	<u>23,016</u>
	Sub-total Emergency Management:	<u>28,016</u>
	Total Fire and Safety:	169,927

## **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>2,750</u>

Sub-Total Board of Health: 3,550

### **(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
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2 Alternates (2)	200
3 Members (4)	800
4 Expenses	100

Sub-Total Board of Appeals: 1,700

**(f) Finance Committee**

1 Chairman	1,000
2 Members (2)	1,000
3 Expenses	100
4 Reserve Fund (Extraordinary/Unforeseen Exp.)	20,000

Sub-Total Finance Committee: 22,100

Total Committees, Commissions & Reserves: 36,250

Article 6 Grand Total: 1,524,807

**\$1,524,807 VOTED UNANIMOUS – RAISE AND APPROPRIATE**

**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.**

**SO MOVED**

**ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to allow: Police Detail rate of \$40.00 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.**

**SO MOVED**

**ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to maintain separate Revolving Funds pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the following fees. Fees received by Town Officials shall be credited to the respective revolving fund and expended for payment only by the authorization of the Town Treasurer. Respective expenditures from said Revolving Funds shall not exceed the amounts shown below for fiscal year 2021 without prior approval from the Board of Selectmen:**

<b>Board of Appeals</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Board of Health</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
<b>Building Inspector</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Gas Inspector</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Park Commission</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Plumbing Inspector</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>

<b>Wiring Inspector</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Committee</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Fire Dept. False Alarm</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Fire Company Fees</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b><u>SO MOVED</u> Police Detail</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt a General Bylaw, pursuant to the provisions of Section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as most recently amended, by inserting a new bylaw establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows:

**Section I:** There are hereby established in the Town of Tyringham pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, 53E ½, the following Revolving Funds:

<b>Board of Appeals</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges for hearings</b>
<b>Board of Health</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges for inspections</b>
<b>Building Inspector</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges for inspections/permits</b>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges for hearings</b>
<b>Gas Inspector</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges for Gas Inspection</b>
<b>Park Commission</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges for Park equipment</b>
<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges for hearings</b>
<b>Plumbing Inspector</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges for inspections</b>
<b>Wiring Inspector</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges for inspections</b>
<b>Cemetery Committee</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges for burial expenses</b>
<b>Fire Dept. False Alarm</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges for false alarms</b>
<b>Fire Company Fees</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges for inspections</b>
<b>Police Detail</b>	<b>Fees &amp; Charges for Police Details</b>

**Section II:** 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.

<b>Board of Appeals</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Board of Health</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
<b>Building Inspector</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Gas Inspector</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Park Commission</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Plumbing Inspector</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Wiring Inspector</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Committee</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Fire Dept. False Alarm</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Fire Company Fees</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Police Detail</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>

**Or take any other action relative thereto.**

**NEW BY LAW VOTED UNANIMOUS**

**ARTICLE 11.** 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 Mrs. Stanton’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

SO MOVED

**ARTICLE 12.** 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 2021.

SO MOVED

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote for the Highway Department to plow/sand Ridge Street and Lakeside Drive.

CITIZENDS PETITION ARTICLE

A discussion ensued and there were statements made as to why people felt the road should be plowed and maintained by the Town. Also, statements were made as to why the private road should not be plowed. James Consolati stated under the opinion of the Supreme Court Justices Lakeside Drive does not meet public use. The Town plows and maintains Ridge Street because it is used by the public. He further stated this road could be brought up to code and the Town could take it over to plow and maintain the road. Vote carried but not unanimous.

**ARTICLE 14.** To conduct any other business that comes before this meeting.

42 Registered voters were in attendance  
The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

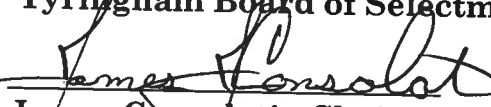


AND YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO serve this Warrant by posting copies thereof at the Post Office, Union Church, Town Hall and Bulletin Board at Goose Pond, in said Town, not less than seven (7) days before the time of holding said meeting.


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 15<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

Respectfully,  
Tyringham Board of Selectmen,

  
James Consolati, Chairman

  
Matthew Puntin, Clerk

  
Michael Curtin, Member



TRUE COPY ATTEST:

 April Curtin, Town Clerk 6/15/2020  
(date)

Town Seal

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, Constable 6/15/2020 date

**In Memory of our Friends & Neighbors**

**Donald Puntin**

February 15, 1944 – October 9, 2019

**Arnold Hale**

March 5, 1952 – October 23, 2019

**Stephen Lenett**

March 31, 1936 – November 4, 2019

**Lois Lenett**

June 8, 1942 – November 30, 2019

**Diana Potter**

February 18, 1933 – March 22, 2020

**In Memory of all our soldiers  
who gave their lives serving  
our country and defending  
freedom around the world**

We thank Everett Fennelly for his ongoing dedication to  
the maintenance of Veteran grave sites.

**Look Back FYE 2020**

- New Highway Truck
- New Police Cruiser
- Monterey Road Paving
- New Park Fence
- Spectrum Internet/TV Service  
with service to all poles in Tyringham

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**Look Ahead FYE 2021**

- Main Road Paving & Repairs
- Monterey Road Bridge
- Jerusalem Road Bridge
- New Fire Co. Agreement
- Schoolhouse Restoration
- Green Community Designation
- Phone and IT Upgrades

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**Warrant Highlights**

- No New Major Expenditures
- Strong Cash Position
- Large Allocation to  
Stabilization Fund

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**Free Cash FYE 2020**

<u>Certified as of 8/26/19</u>	<u>\$274,751</u>
Special Meeting 9/14/2019	-6,494
Proposed 2020 ATM	-163,212
Remaining Balance FYE 2020	\$105,045

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### Stabilization Funds

Balance for FYE 2020	\$327,892
Proposed 2021 ATM	<u>160,021</u>
Balance for FYE 2021	\$ 487,913

With Stabilization and Free Cash we estimate that available cash for FYE 2021 will be between \$640,000 and \$690,000.

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### FYE 2021 Debt Obligations

Freightliner Truck	\$ 40,000
2020 ATM Proposals	0
FYE 2021 Payments	<u>-20,000</u>
Balance for FYE 2022	\$ 20,000

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### Funding Needed for FYE 2021

Annual Town Meeting	\$1,688,019
Snow & Ice Deficits	0
Estimated State Charges	71,652
Overlay Reserve (Estimated)	<u>3,302</u>
Estimated Total Needed	\$1,762,973

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### Estimated Funding Sources

State Aid (Cherry Sheet)	\$ 81,477
Free Cash Allocation	163,212
Borrowing	0
Local Receipts	102,450
Real Estate Taxes	<u>1,415,834</u>
Total Est. Funding	\$ 1,762,973

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### Estimated FYE 2021 Tax Rate

Estimated Valuation	\$204,034,400
Estimated Taxes Needed	\$1,415,834
➤ <u>FYE 2021 Estimated Rate</u>	
per \$1,000 of Valuation:	\$6.94
➤ <u>FYE 2020 Actual Rate</u>	
per \$1,000 of Valuation:	\$6.99

➤ FYE 2020 actual increase .28, FYE 2021 est. decrease .05

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### Estimated Real Estate Tax Limit

Limit for FYE 2020	\$1,533,633
Allowable Increase	<u>43,143</u>
Limit for FYE 2021+	\$1,576,776
Projected Collections	\$1,415,834
90% of Limit, Excess Capacity	\$160,942

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