

TOWN OF FLORIDA
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

To either of the constables of the Town of Florida in the County of Berkshire:

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 Town Affairs to meet at the Florida Senior/Community Center, 367 Mohawk Trail, Drury, MA 01343, on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes, therefore payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 2:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,685,995.00** from taxation or any other amount for the following or take any other action in relation thereto.

	FY23 Appropriated	FY24 Requested	FY24 Recommended
2.01 AJ Poirot War Memorial	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,224.00	\$ 1,224.00
2.02 Berkshire Regional Planning Com	\$ 577.00	\$ 591.00	\$ 591.00
2.03 Cemetery	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 15,300.00
2.04 Cemetery Repair & Expansion	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,575.00
2.05 Cemetery Stone Repair	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
2.06 Deductible on Town Insurance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2.07 Demo of Condemned Property	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2.08 Dental Insurance	\$ 31,506.00	\$ 31,506.00	\$ 31,506.00
2.09 Employment Security & FICA	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
2.10 Emergency Management Coord Supp	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
2.11 Fire Dept Supplies & Expenses	\$ 34,400.00	\$ 35,400.00	\$ 35,400.00
2.12 Fire Dept New Equipment	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,650.00	\$ 8,650.00
2.13 Historical Committee Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
2.14 Interest on Town Notes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
2.15 Health & Life Insurance	\$ 456,000.00	\$ 491,568.00	\$ 491,568.00
2.16 Library	\$ 38,400.00	\$ 39,360.00	\$ 39,360.00
2.17 Library CW Mars	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
2.18 Legal Fees	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
2.19 Maintenance on Bldgs & Grounds	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 55,080.00	\$ 55,080.00
2.20 No Berkshire Solid Waste	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2.21 Printing	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.00
2.22 Rental Equipment for Highway	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,500.00
2.23 Reserve Account	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
2.24 Road Maintenance	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 265,200.00	\$ 265,200.00
2.25 Snow Roads & Bridges	\$ 244,800.00	\$ 245,896.00	\$ 245,896.00
2.26 Sick Pay for Highway	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 18,925.00	\$ 18,925.00
2.27 Telephone/Electric/Fuel Oil/Maintenance	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 63,240.00	\$ 63,240.00
2.28 Town Insurance	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,180.00	\$ 60,180.00
2.29 Tractor & Machinery	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 108,150.00	\$ 108,150.00
2.30 Tree Work	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
2.31 Vacation Pay for Highway	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
2.32 Veteran's Services	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
2.33 Waste Management	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 92,700.00	\$ 92,700.00
Total Article 2	\$ 1,628,808.00	\$ 1,685,995.00	\$ 1,685,995.00

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$251,170 from taxation, or any other amount, for the following or take any other action in relation thereto.

	FY23 Appropriated	FY24 Requested	FY24 Recommended
3.01 Accounting Officer Salary	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
3.02 Accounting Officer Supp & Exp	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
3.03 Animal Inspector Salary	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
3.04 Animal Inspector - Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
3.05 Assessors' Salaries	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
3.06 Assessors' Chair Salary	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
3.07 Assessors' Clerk Salary	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
3.08 Assessors' Supplies & Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
3.09 Assessors' School/Workshops	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
3.10 Assessors' Map Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
3.11 Assessors' Value Maint & Tax Billing	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
3.12 Assessors' Hydro Re-eval	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
3.13 Auditor Salary	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
3.14 Board of Health Salaries	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
3.15 Board of Health Chair Salary	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
3.16 Board of Health Supplies & Exp	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
3.17 Board of Health Dump Stickers	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
3.18 COA Operating Account	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
3.19 Dog Control Officer Salary	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
3.20 Dog Control Officer Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
3.21 Inspector of Buildings Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
3.22 McCann Rep Expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
3.23 Planning Board Salaries	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
3.24 Planning Board Chair Salary	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
3.25 Planning Board Clerk Salary	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
3.26 Planning Board Expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
3.27 Police Work & Expenses	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
3.28 School Committee Salary	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,950.00
3.29 Selectmens' Salaries	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
3.30 Selectmens' Chair Salary	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
3.31 Selectmens' Clerk Salary	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
3.32 Selectmens' Supplies & Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
3.33 Town Administrator Salary	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
3.34 Town Administrator Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
3.35 Town Clerk Salary	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
3.36 Town Clerk Supplies & Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
3.37 Town Clerk Election Officers	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
3.38 Town Clerk Listing	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
3.39 Town Clerk Voter Registration	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
3.40 Town Officer/Employee Misc. Supp	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,320.00	\$ 16,320.00
3.41 Treasurer Salary	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
3.42 Tax Collector Salary	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
3.43 Treasurer/Collector Expenses	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
3.45 Treasurer/Collector Education	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
3.46 Treasurer/Collector Software Support	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
3.47 Treasurer/Collector Payroll Processing	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
3.48 Treasurer/Collector Print MVE Bills	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
3.49 Veterans Services Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Total Article 3	\$ 238,500.00	\$ 251,170.00	\$ 251,170.00

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,450,930.73 from taxation, or any other amount, for SCHOOLS, or take any other action in relation thereto. (FY23 was \$1,425,333.68)

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$343,543.81 from taxation, or any other amount, for Northern Berkshire Vocational Tech School (McCann), or take any other action in relation thereto. (FY23 was \$271,692.00)

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,330.00 from taxation, or any other amount, for the Berkshire County Sheriffs Communications Center, or take any other action in relation thereto. (FY23 was \$11,000.00)

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$168,500.00, from taxation, or any other amount, for Berkshire County Retirement Systems for the annual assessment, or take any other action in relation thereto. (FY23 was \$154,978.00)

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,900.00 from taxation, or any other amount, to contract with the State Police to patrol town roads, or take any other action in relation thereto. (FY23 was \$2,900.00)

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to direct, in accordance with MGL, chapter 44, Section 53 1/2, that the fees collected for plumbing permits be credited to the departmental revolving fund of the Plumbing Inspector with expenditures from said fund for fiscal year 2024 to be used to defray the cost of the Plumbing Inspector Salary and Code Enforcement, such expenditures are not to exceed \$8,000.00 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to direct, in accordance with MGL, chapter 44, Section 53 1/2, that the fees collected for wiring permits be credited to the departmental revolving fund of the Wiring Inspector with expenditures from said fund for fiscal year 2024 to be used to defray the cost of the Wiring Inspector Salary and Code Enforcement, such expenditures are not to exceed \$8,000.00 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to direct, in accordance with MGL, chapter 44, Section 53 1/2, that the fees collected for building permits be credited to the departmental revolving fund of the Building Inspector with expenditures from said fund for fiscal year 2024 to be used to defray the cost of the Building Inspector Salary and Code Enforcement, such expenditures are not to exceed \$8,000.00 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article#12

To see if the Town will vote to direct, in accordance with MGL, chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, that the fees collected for board of health permits be credited to the departmental revolving fund of the Board of Health, with expenditures from said fund for fiscal year 2024 to be used to defray the cost of the Board of Health Salary and Code Enforcement, such expenditures not to exceed \$8,000.00, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to accept funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 90 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.

Article 14:

To see if the town will vote to transfer \$350,000.00, or any other amount, from Free Cash to Stabilization, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 from taxation, or any other amount for a Town Audit, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 16:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 from taxation, or any other amount, for IT Support, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000.00, from taxation, or any other amount to purchase a new truck for the highway department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00, from taxation, or any other amount for improvements to the Gabriel Memorial School playground, including equipment and grounds, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Office Holders in Town to receive the same compensation as others for work in any capacity as required by Chapter 41, Section 41 of the General Laws

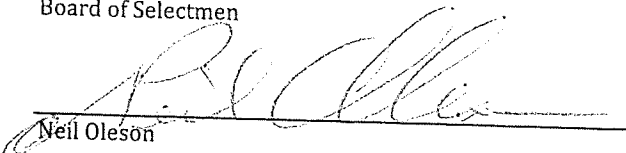
Berkshire SS

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof at Town Hall, Town Website, and Mailed to each Town Household, seven days, at least, before date of said meeting.

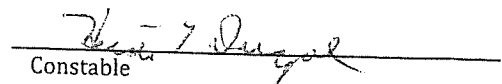
Hereof fail not, and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before June 16, 2023 at 10:00 O'clock AM

Given under our hands this 7th day of June, Two Thousand Twenty Three

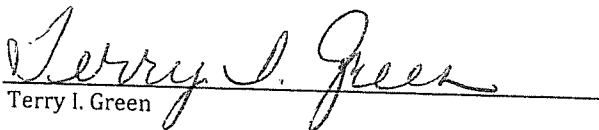
Board of Selectmen


Neil Oleson

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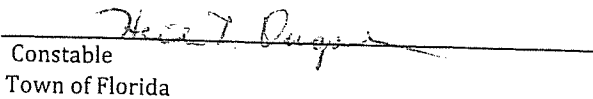

Constable


Michael Bedini


Terry I. Green

Berkshire SS

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Florida by posting up attested copies of same in three public places at least seven days before said meeting as within directed.


Constable
Town of Florida

Dated: June 9, 2023