

TOWN OF BILLERICA

PRELIMINARY WARRANT



**ANNUAL FALL
TOWN MEETING**

**Annual Fall Town Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

Billerica Town Hall Auditorium

Article Number	Purpose	Value	Funding Source	Submitted by:	Finance Committee Recommendation
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Committee Articles

1	To Appoint Two Members to the Bowers Fund Committee			Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
2	To Hear Reports of Town Departments, Committees & Officers			Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
3	To Amend the Start Date of Spring Town Meeting			Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation

Financial Articles

4	Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Amendment	\$6,000,000	Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
5	To Vote a Sum of Money from Free Cash and Retained Earnings to the Debt Stabilization Fund	\$6,000,000	Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
6	To Transfer and Appropriate a Sum of Money from the Town Debt Stabilization Fund to Fund the Debt Service Budget	\$6,000,000	Transfer & Appropriate from the Town Debt Stabilization Fund	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
7	Community Preservation Committee Appropriation Recommendations	\$35,000	Transfer & Appropriate from CPA Funds	Community Preservation Committee	Reserves Recommendation
8	To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement for NEPBA Police Officers – Group (A) Patrolmen		Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
9	To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement for NEPBA Police Officers – Group (B) Superior Officers		Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
10	To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement – IUPE Clerical Unit		Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation

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11	To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement – IAFF Civilian Fire Alarm Operators		Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
12	To Fund Fiscal Year 2024 Town and School Capital Budgets	\$6,000,000	Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
13	To Fund Fiscal Year 2024 School Capital Budget	\$6,000,000	Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Superintendent; authorized by School Committee	Reserves Recommendation
14	To Fund the Construction for the New Town Center Plan and to Repurpose a Portion of the ROW and Transfer it to the SB for COA General Municipal Purposes	\$20,000,000	Borrow	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
15	To Fund the Construction for the New Town Center Plan	6,000,000	Transfer and Appropriate from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
16	To Fund the Construction of the New DPW Headquarters	\$50,000,000	Borrow	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
17	To Fund the Replacement of Additional Water Mains Due to the Extension of the Boston Road and Glad Valley Project	\$700,000	Raise, Transfer, & Appropriate from Available Funds, Borrow	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
18	To Fund Hydrant and Valve Replacements	\$100,000	Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
19	To Fund a SCADA System Upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant	\$425,000	Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds, Borrow	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
20	To Fund Fournier Press Restoration at the Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$500,000	Raise, Transfer, & Appropriate from Available Funds, Borrow	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
21	To Fund the Purchase of a New Boiler at the Billerica Fire Station Headquarters	\$140,000	Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
22	To Fund a Spot Repair on a Sewer Line near Burnham Road and the MBTA Tracks	\$150,000	Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation

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23	To Approve a Certified Project Application Submitted by Factorial Inc.			Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
24	To Vote from Free Cash to the Debt Stabilization Fund	\$6,000,000	Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Finance Committee	Reserves Recommendation
25	To Vote from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund	\$6,000,000	Raise, Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Finance Committee	Reserves Recommendation
26	To Vote from Free Cash to the Land Bank Account	\$6,000,000	Raise & Appropriate or Transfer from General Fund Free Cash	Finance Committee	Reserves Recommendation
27	To Vote from Free Cash a Sum of Money to be Applied or Expended for the Purpose of Reducing the Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Levy		Raise & Appropriate or Transfer from General Fund Free Cash	Finance Committee	Reserves Recommendation

Land Use & Easements

28	To Transfer the Care, Custody, Management, and Control of Two Parcels from the Tax Title Custodian to the Select Board for Future Use of the Bike Path			Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
29	To Accept and/or Amend Existing Easements Related to the Road work on Route 3A from the Shawsheen River to the Burlington Town Line			Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation

PRELIMINARY WARRANT
OCTOBER 3, 2023
ANNUAL FALL TOWN MEETING

Middlesex, ss.

To Any Constable in the Town of Billerica

Greetings,

You are hereby authorized and requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Maurice A. Buck Memorial Auditorium, Town Hall, 365 Boston Road, Billerica, MA on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM and subsequent Thursdays and Tuesdays until all of the business in the Warrant shall have been acted upon, then and there to vote on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1 - TO APPOINT TWO MEMBERS TO THE BOWERS FUND COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to appoint two (2) members to the Bowers Fund Committee. One appointment is for a term of five (5) years and one appointment is for a term of one (1) year; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not made final recommendation.

Article 1 Explanation: The Bowers Fund Committee was established in the late 1800's when the Bower sisters left their entire estate to the Town of Billerica, approximately \$11,000, with the express intent of assisting the poor of Billerica. The current expendable balance in the fund is \$15,120.06 and the principal balance is \$132,053.91. Town Meeting appoints members to the Bowers Fund Committee. Committee member Rino Moriconi's term is expiring in October of 2023 and he is requesting that he be reappointed for another 5-year term.

ARTICLE 2 - TO HEAR REPORTS OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the reports of Town Departments, Committees and Officers; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not made final recommendation.

Article 2 Explanation: This article provides an opportunity to hear and act upon reports of Town Meeting Committees.

ARTICLE 3 - TO AMEND THE START DATE OF SPRING TOWN MEETING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the start date of Spring Town Meeting; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 3 Explanation: The Select Board made a policy decision in May of 2023 that they would allow Town Meeting to vote on amending the start date of Town Meeting if it conflicted with a religious holiday.

ARTICLE 4 - FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,000,000 to amend various budgets for Fiscal Year 2024; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 4 Explanation: This article is a placeholder for any anticipated budget changes this year.

ARTICLE 5 - TO VOTE A SUM OF MONEY FROM FREE CASH AND RETAINED EARNINGS TO THE DEBT STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,000,000 to the Debt Stabilization Fund and to transfer and appropriate \$6,000,000 from the Wastewater Retained Earnings Enterprise Fund; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 5 Explanation: The Town, through the Select Board, has established a Debt Stabilization Policy that maintains the same level of appropriation from the tax levy year to year - \$9.066 million. This is accomplished in the following ways:

- Transferring a minimum amount of free cash and or retained earnings annually in the amount of \$1.8 million to the Debt Stabilization Fund.
- To appropriate the difference of any year that is lower than \$9.066 million to Debt Stabilization.
- If the annual appropriation exceeds \$9.066 Million to transfer the amount that it exceeds the desired level of appropriation (\$9.066) from the Debt Stabilization Fund into the Debt Service Appropriation.
- *To ensure that the tax impact of the debt service on the new high school and the Parker Elementary does not exceed \$200 on the median Household.*

This article is intended to address an annual appropriation that exceeds \$9.066 million. This article is a placeholder. The final amounts will be known when the debt issuance and schedules are finalized prior to the Final Warrant.

ARTICLE 6 - TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE A SUM OF MONEY FROM THE TOWN DEBT STABILIZATION FUND TO FUND THE DEBT SERVICE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$6,000,000 from the Town Debt Stabilization Fund to fund the Debt Service Budget; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 6 Explanation: The Town, through the Select Board, has established a Debt Stabilization Policy that maintains the same level of appropriation from the tax levy year to year - \$9.066 million. This is accomplished in the following ways:

- Transferring a minimum amount of free cash and or retained earnings annually in the amount of \$1.8 million to the Debt Stabilization Fund.
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ARTICLE 7 - COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the previously approved Fiscal Year 2024 appropriated or reserved sum of \$1,100,000 from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues for committee administrative expenses, debt service and special purpose fund balances as follows:

		Original:	Amended:
Appropriations:	Administrative Budget	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
	Debt Service Budget	\$	\$ 400,000
Reserves:	Community Housing Special Fund Balance	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000
	Historic Preservation Special Fund Balance	\$ 110,000	\$ 0
	Open Space and Recreation Special Fund Balance	\$ 110,000	\$ 0
	Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 715,000	\$ 535,000

And further, to determine whether the Town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund or otherwise fund for community preservation purposes the sum of \$35,000 shown below for the referenced projects; and, in connection therewith, to authorize the Select Board to acquire any interests in land that may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote, or to grant any interests in land as may be necessary to comply with M.G.L. Chapter 44B; and further, to authorize the Select Board to execute any documents or instruments necessary to effectuate the purpose of this article; all in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B or other applicable law; with sums appropriated hereunder to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager:

Historic Preservation		
Project	Funding Source	Amount
Manning Manse Roof Replacement	Historic Preservation	\$35,0000

Or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 7 Explanation: The Community Preservation Committee received one application for a project to use funds within the Community Preservation Fund, and the projects described will be recommended to Town Meeting for approval.

ARTICLE 8 - TO FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT - NEPBA POLICE OFFICERS - GROUP (A) PATROLMEN

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the first year and second year cost items contained in the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the NEPBA (New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc.) Group (A) Patrolmen; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 8 Explanation: At the time of printing, there was no Collective Bargaining Agreement.

ARTICLE 9 - TO FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT - NEPBA POLICE OFFICERS - GROUP (B) SUPERIOR OFFICERS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the first year and second year cost items contained in the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and NEPBA (New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc.) Group (B) Superior Officers; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 9 Explanation: At the time of printing, there was no Collective Bargaining Agreement.

ARTICLE 10 - TO FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – IUPE CLERICAL UNIT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the first year cost items contained in the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and IUPE Clerical Unit (Independent Union of Public Employees); or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 10 Explanation: At the time of printing, there was no Collective Bargaining Agreement.

ARTICLE 11 - TO FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – IAFF CIVILIAN FIRE ALARM OPERATORS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the first year cost items contained in the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and IAFF Civilian Fire Alarm Operators (International Association of Firefighters); or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 11 Explanation: At the time of printing, there was no Collective Bargaining Agreement.

ARTICLE 12 - TO FUND FISCAL YEAR 2024 TOWN AND SCHOOL CAPITAL BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,000,000 to fund the Fiscal Year 2024 Town and School Capital Budgets; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 12 Explanation: This article is a placeholder. These decisions will be made when the free cash numbers become available prior to Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 13 - TO FUND FISCAL YEAR 2024 SCHOOL CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,000,000 to fund the Fiscal Year 2024 School Capital Budget; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Superintendent; authorized by the School Committee

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 13 Explanation: This article is a placeholder. These decisions will be made when the free cash numbers become available prior to Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 14 - TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE NEW TOWN CENTER PLAN AND TO REPURPOSE A PORTION OF THE ROW AND TRANSFER IT TO THE SB FOR COA GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000,000 to pay for the construction cost for the New Town Center Plan, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow the sum of \$20,000,000 under and pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, and or any other enabling authority; and further, to authorize the Select Board to execute such documents and enter into such agreements as it deems in the best interest of the Town in the furtherance of the objectives of this article including to repurpose a portion of the Concord Road right of way and transfer it to the Select Board for General Municipal Purposes including the Council on Aging; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 14 Explanation: The Town Center Project aims to improve economic opportunity, traffic flow and pedestrian access by transforming Boston Road from one-way to two-way traffic, connecting the Common to the municipal complex, incorporating a shared-use path and implementing controlled signals to protect pedestrians. The project would create a more accessible and welcoming environment for both drivers and pedestrians while supporting Economic Development. This article will also transfer a portion of the right of way to the Select Board for General Municipal Purposes.

ARTICLE 15 - TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE NEW TOWN CENTER PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$6,000,000 for construction associated with the New Town Center Plan, or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 15 Explanation: The Town Center project aims to improve economic opportunity, traffic flow and pedestrian access by transforming Boston Road from one-way to two-way traffic, connecting the Common to the municipal complex, incorporating a shared use path, and implementing controlled signals to protect pedestrians. The project would create a more accessible and welcoming environment for both drivers and pedestrians while supporting economic development.

ARTICLE 16 - TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW DPW HEADQUARTERS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000,000 to pay for the construction cost for the New Public Works Facility, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow the sum of \$50,000,000 under and pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, and or any other enabling authority; and further, to authorize the Select Board to execute such documents and enter into such agreements as it deems in the best interest of the Town in the furtherance of the objectives of this article; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 16 Explanation: This article proposes to appropriate money from this source to fund the construction of the New Public Works Facility on Treble Cove Road. A new public works facility would consolidate operations at a central location with efficient and safe facilities for employees. It would also protect the multi-million dollar investment of all equipment and vehicles purchased by the DPW.

ARTICLE 17 - TO FUND THE REPLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL WATER MAINS DUE TO THE EXTENSION OF THE BOSTON ROAD AND GLAD VALLEY PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$700,000 to pay the cost of water main replacement of the 12-inch main in Boston Road from the Crosby Hill standpipe to Locke Road with a new 12-inch main and the replacement of the service lines on Town property and associated work; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 17 Explanation: This work will be done before or in conjunction with the Boston Road Lexington Road TIP project. The work limits have been extended to coincide with the extension of the TIP Project. The existing pipe was installed in 1913.

ARTICLE 18 - TO FUND HYDRANT AND VALVE REPLACEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the Water Retained Earnings Enterprise Fund for the purchase and replacement of hydrants and valves in the Water Distribution System, including any costs incidental; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 18 Explanation: Under this article existing fire hydrants and water main valves will be replaced throughout the Water Distribution System as required.

ARTICLE 19 - TO FUND A NEW SCADA SYSTEM AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, the sum of \$425,000 for SCADA system upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant for the development of remote operation; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 19 Explanation: This article proposes to appropriate money from this source to fund the SCADA system upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant to allow for remote operation and to eliminate need for the third shift.

ARTICLE 20 - TO FUND A NEW FOURNIER PRESS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, the sum of \$500,000 for the design and construction associated with the restoration of two Fournier Press Systems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, including all costs incidental; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 20 Explanation: This article proposes to appropriate money from this source to fund restoration of the existing Fournier Press Systems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

ARTICLE 21 - TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF A NEW BOILER AT THE BILLERICA FIRE STATION HEADQUARTERS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$140,000 to fund the purchase of a New Boiler at the Billerica Fire Station Headquarters including any costs incidental; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 21 Explanation: The boiler at the Billerica Fire Station headquarters has failed. This appropriation would fund the purchase, removal and install of a new two-boiler system.

ARTICLE 22 - TO FUND A SPOT REPAIR ON A SEWER LINE NEAR BURNHAM ROAD AND THE MBTA TRACKS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds the sum of \$150,000 for a spot repair of the sewer line near Burnham Road and the MBTA Tracks, including all costs incidental; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 22 Explanation: This article would fund an emergency spot repair for a sewer line near the MBTA tracks.

ARTICLE 23 - TO APPROVE A CERTIFIED PROJECT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY FACTORIAL INC.

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Certified Project Application submitted by Factorial Inc., 805 Middlesex Turnpike and 161 Lexington Road for facilities more specifically described on Assessors Map 97, Parcel 4-1, and Assessor Map 97, Parcel 4-2. Said approval will provide local tax relief to promote economic development in accordance with G.L. c.23A, ss 3A-3H; or act in relation thereto.

In addition, the Project Certification confirms:

- A) The project, as proposed, is consistent with and can reasonably be expected to benefit significantly from inclusion as a Certified Project.
- B) The project, as described in the Project Certification Application, will increase employment opportunities for the residents of Billerica by allowing for continued growth and expansion of facilities in Billerica.
- C) The Town requests that this project be designated as a certified project for a term of not less than five (5) years or more than twenty (20) years duration.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 23 Explanation: Factorial, Inc. is involved in the development and manufacturing of solid-state batteries for use in electric vehicles and other products. Factorial is looking to relocate and expand its Advanced Research and Development operations for their next generation solid-state batteries. This expansion would entail a capital investment of \$20,000,000 or more, the creation of 60 new jobs, and the relocation of 67 existing jobs, over a three-year period.

ARTICLE 24 - TO VOTE FROM FREE CASH TO THE DEBT STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from General Fund Free Cash the sum of \$6,000,000 to the Debt Stabilization Fund; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 24 Explanation: The purpose of this fund is to set aside money to be used to fund the Town's Debt Policies. The balance as of June 30, 2023 of the Debt Stabilization Fund is \$22,336,319. At the time this warrant was printed, the Department of Revenue had not yet certified Free Cash as of July 1, 2023.

ARTICLE 25 - TO VOTE FROM FREE CASH TO THE STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from General Fund Free Cash the sum of \$6,000,000 to the Stabilization Fund; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 25 Explanation: The purpose of this fund is to set money aside to be used at a later time for unforeseen or unanticipated circumstances. The balance as of June 30, 2023 of the Stabilization Fund is \$5,387,087 for the Town and \$834,676 for the School Department. At the time this warrant was printed, the Department of Revenue had not yet certified Free Cash as of July 1, 2023.

ARTICLE 26 - TO VOTE FROM FREE CASH TO THE LAND BANK ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from General Fund Free Cash the sum of \$6,000,000 to the Land Bank Account; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 26 Explanation: The Land Bank Account was established by special legislation. The balance as of June 30, 2023 of the Town Land Fund is \$404,360. At the time this warrant was printed, the Department of Revenue had not yet certified Free Cash as of July 1, 2023.

ARTICLE 27 - TO VOTE FROM FREE CASH A SUM OF MONEY TO BE APPLIED OR EXPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 TAX LEVY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from General Fund Free Cash a sum of money to be applied or expended for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Levy; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 27 Explanation: To be presented at Town Meeting. At the time this warrant was printed, the Department of Revenue had not yet certified Free Cash as of July 1, 2023.

ARTICLE 28 - TO TRANSFER THE CARE, CUSTODY, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF TWO PARCELS FROM THE TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN TO THE SELECT BOARD FOR FUTURE USE OF THE BIKE PATH

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management, and control of Parcels 87-240-0 and 87-256-0 as being required for construction and use of the Yankee Doodle Bike Path Project, and presently held for other purposes, from the Tax Title Custodian or such other person or board having custody of the same for such purposes to the Select Board for public way, bike path and recreational trail use; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee has not yet made final recommendation.

Article 28 Explanation: This Article will change use and transfer custody of tax lien property from care, custody, and control of the Collector to the Select Board (for 2 town owned properties in tax lien). This is necessary as part of the Right of Way process for the Yankee Doodle Bike Path Project.

ARTICLE 29 - TO ACCEPT AND/OR AMEND EXISTING EASEMENTS RELATED TO THE ROAD WORK ON ROUTE 3A FROM THE SHAWSHEEN RIVER TO THE BURLINGTON TOWN LINE

To see if the Town will vote to accept and or amend existing easements related to the Road on Route 3A from the Shawsheen River to the Burlington Town Line for such purposes to the Select Board for sidewalks; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

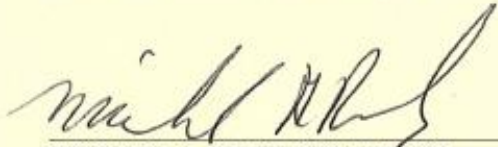
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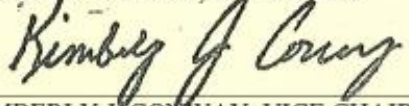
Article 29 Explanation: The State is doing road work along this stretch. The Town would like to have them expand the sidewalk program during construction. This article would allow the Town to deal with any easement issues prior to construction if necessary.


And you are hereby directed to serve this Preliminary Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof, one copy at Augusta Market, 599 Boston Road, one copy at Belly Buster Restaurant, 306 Boston Road, one copy at the Billerica Center Police Station, 6 Good Street, one copy at the Billerica Center Post Office, 460 Boston Road, one copy at the Billerica Public Library, 15 Concord Road, one copy at the Billerica Town Hall, 365 Boston Road, one copy at the East Billerica Fire Station, 295 Salem Road, one copy at Market Basket, Towne Plaza, 700 Boston Road, one copy at the Ninety-Nine Restaurant, 160 Lexington Road, one copy at the North Billerica Fire Station, 21 Lowell Street, one copy at the North Billerica Post Office, 95 Boston Road, one copy at the Nutting Lake Post Office, 612 Middlesex Turnpike, one copy at the Pinehurst Fire Station, 832 Boston Road, one copy at the Pinehurst Post Office, 880 Boston Road, one copy at Sal's Pizza, 328 Boston Road, one copy at Stelio's Family Restaurant, 293 Boston Road and one copy at the West Billerica Fire Station, 359 Treble Cove Road.

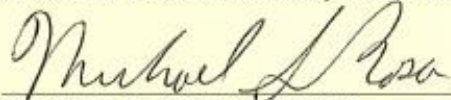
Given under our hands this 24th day of August 2023.

SELECT BOARD OF BILLERICA


MICHAEL A. RILEY, CHAIRMAN


KIMBERLY J. CONWAY, VICE CHAIRMAN


ANDREW N. DESLAURIER, SECRETARY


MICHAEL S. ROSA, MEMBER


JOHN J. BURROWS, MEMBER

A true copy attest



Constable, Town of Billerica