

TOWN OF BILLERICA

FINAL 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 One Member to the Bowers Fund Committee			Select Board	Recommends
2	To Hear Reports of Town Departments, Committees & Officers			Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
3	To Amend the Start Date of Town Meeting			Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends

Financial Articles

4	Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment	\$387,761	Raise & Appropriate	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
5	To Vote a Sum of Money from Free Cash and Retained Earnings to the Debt Stabilization Fund	\$1,300,000 \$500,000	Transfer & Appropriate from Free Cash and WWRE	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
6	To Transfer and Appropriate a Sum of Money from the Town Debt Stabilization Fund to Fund the Debt Service Budget	\$2,444,669	Transfer & Appropriate from the Town Debt Stabilization Fund	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
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 and to rescind MGL Chapter 19, Section 37		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	\$100,000	Raise & Appropriate	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends

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11	To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement – IAFF Civilian Fire Alarm Operators	\$90,000	Raise, & Appropriate	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
12	To Fund Fiscal Year 2024 Town Capital Budgets	\$500,000 \$685,000	Transfer & Appropriate from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
13	To Fund Fiscal Year 2024 School Capital Budget	\$1,000,000	Transfer & Appropriate from General Fund Free Cash	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	\$15,000,000	Borrow	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation
15	To Fund the Construction for the New Town Center Plan	\$3,000,000	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	Recommends
17	To Fund the Replacement of Additional Water Mains Due to the Extension of the Boston Road and Glad Valley Project	\$700,000	Borrow	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
18	To Fund Hydrant and Valve Replacements	\$100,000	Transfer & Appropriate from WRE	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
19	To Fund a SCADA System Upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant	\$425,000	Transfer & Appropriate from WRE	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
20	To Fund Fournier Press Restoration at the Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$500,000	Borrow	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
21	To Fund the Purchase of a New Boiler at the Billerica Fire Station Headquarters	\$140,000	Transfer & Appropriate from General Fund Free Cash	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
22	To Fund a Spot Repair on a Sewer Line near Burnham Road and the MBTA Tracks	\$150,000	Transfer & Appropriate from WWRE	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation

Article Number	Purpose	Value	Funding Source	Submitted by:	Finance Committee Recommendation
23	To Approve a Certified Project Application Submitted by Factorial Inc.	This Article has been Withdrawn			
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 Allen Road to the Burlington Town Line			Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Reserves Recommendation

FINAL 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 ONE MEMBER TO THE BOWERS FUND COMMITTEE

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

Submitted by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

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 \$15,028.41 and the principal balance is \$146,645.07. The 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 recommends approval.

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 TOWN MEETING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General By-Laws, Article I, Town Meetings, which currently reads as follows:

I. TOWN MEETINGS

1.1 SCHEDULE: The Representative Town Meeting shall meet in the Spring and Fall of each calendar year.

- A. The Annual Spring Town Meeting shall begin on the first Tuesday in May.
- B. The Annual Fall Town Meeting shall begin on the first Tuesday in October.
- C. Town Meetings are to commence at 7:00 p.m. and shall continue by adjourned sessions on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings until all of the business in the warrant has been acted upon.
- D. Town Meeting may waive consecutive session provisions as to any particular Tuesday or Thursday by a two-thirds vote.

to read as follows so as to allow for alteration of the start date of the Annual Spring or Fall Town Meeting:

I. TOWN MEETINGS

1.1 SCHEDULE: The Representative Town Meeting shall meet in the Spring and Fall of each calendar year.

- A. The Annual Spring Town Meeting shall begin on the first Tuesday in May.
- B. The Annual Fall Town Meeting shall begin on the first Tuesday in October.
- C. The start date for the Annual Spring Town Meeting or the Annual Fall Town Meeting may be otherwise determined by a vote taken at the immediately prior Annual Town Meeting pursuant to a warrant article included on the warrant for such Meeting therefor; provided, however, that any such action shall be subject to the authority of the Select Board to delay Annual Town Meeting pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 39, §9, as may be amended.
- D. Town Meetings are to commence at 7:00 p.m. and shall continue by adjourned sessions on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings until all of the business in the warrant has been acted upon.
- E. Town Meeting may waive consecutive session provisions as to any particular Tuesday or Thursday by a two-thirds vote.

Or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

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 the Annual Town Meeting if needed. Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 39, sec. 9, notwithstanding the provisions of the Bylaws or Charter to the contrary, the Select Board may on its own vote to delay an Annual Town Meeting. Such delay by the Select Board is not subject to action by Town Meeting

ARTICLE 4 - FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$387,761 to amend various budgets for Fiscal Year 2024 as follows:

Account Name	Account Number	Beginning Balance	Change	Ending Balance
Debt Interest - Town	71070-7550	407,700	107,761	515,461
Billerica Public Schools	30020-5400	2,494,279	280,000	2,774,279
Total Change			387,761	

Or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 4 Explanation: This article is to increase the Debt Budget for the Town and increase the Billerica Public Schools Budget. The Town has recently gone out to bond and has concrete numbers for interest payments. This Debt Interest increase pays for an increase in general obligation debt of \$8.7 Million and CPC funded Debt of \$10.3 Million for a total of \$19 Million for the BMHS, Howe and Peggy Hannon Rizza Projects for 6 months. The increase in the School budget is to pay for re-occurring technology needs.

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 transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,300,000 from General Fund Free Cash to the Debt Stabilization Fund and to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 from the Wastewater Retained Earnings Enterprise Fund to the Debt Stabilization Fund; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

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 addresses the first part of this policy – adding \$1.8 Million to the Debt Stabilization Fund.

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 \$2,444,669 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 recommends approval.

Article 6 Explanation: This article is intended to address paragraph 3 and 4 of the Debt Stabilization Policy.

Paragraph 3 states that if an annual appropriation exceeds \$9.066 million, the Town will appropriate the difference from the Debt Stabilization Fund to keep the levy impact at \$9.066 million. This fiscal year the annual debt service has exceeded the policy limit in the amount of \$1,094,669.

Paragraph 4 refers to the Town's goal of ensuring the impact of the two debt exclusions does not exceed \$200 of impact on the average single-family home. The amount needed to meet that goal for this year is a transfer of \$1,350,000 to the Debt Service Account. These two transfers add up to a total transfer of \$2,444,669 from the Debt Stabilization Fund to the Debt Service Account.

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 as voted under Article 25 of the May 2, 2023 Annual Spring Town Meeting for Community Preservation Committee administrative expenses, debt service and special purpose fund balances as follows:

		Original:	Amended:
Appropriations:	Administrative Budget	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
	Debt Service Budget	\$	\$ 235,967
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	\$ 699,033

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 AND TO RESCIND MGL CHAPTER 19, SECTION 37

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; and to see if the Town will vote to rescind its affirmative vote pursuant to Article 12 of the March 12, 1902 Town Meeting by which the Town accepted Chapter 19, Section 37 of the General Laws and amendments thereof (Civil Service) for its regular and permanent members of the Billerica Police Department; 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 the sum of \$100,000 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) for a term of July 2023 to June 2026; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 10 Explanation: This collective bargaining contract included a 3% cost of living increase in each of the first three years with an additional 1% on January 1, of 2026. It allows the ability for the Town to hire new employees at a higher step if they have prior municipal experience and a longevity increase for current employees. It also includes an additional 1% on the step schedule effective July 1, 2023 for up to fifteen hours of mandatory training.

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

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$90,000 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) for a term of July 2023 to June 2026; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 11 Explanation: This collective bargaining agreement adjusts the salary schedule to match Police Dispatch, with the understanding, that no further remuneration will be required when Police and Fire Dispatch are combined in the future.

ARTICLE 12 - TO FUND FISCAL YEAR 2024 TOWN CAPITAL BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from various funds the sum of \$1,185,000 to fund the Town Capital Budget as follows:

To transfer and appropriate from Water Retained Earnings the sum of \$500,000 for the purchase and equipping of the following department vehicles:

W-02	Ford F-150 pickup with plow	\$55,000
W-03	Ford F250 utility body with plow	\$90,000
W-15	Ford F-250 pickup with plow	\$60,000
W-41	John Deere 410G backhoe	\$215,000
W-43	Bobcat EW60 mini excavator	\$80,000

To transfer and appropriate from General Fund Free Cash the sum of \$502,000.00 for the purchase and equipping of the following department vehicles:

H-01	Chevrolet 2500 pickup with plow	\$60,000
H-02	Chevrolet 2500 pickup with plow	\$60,000
H-12	Ford 350 1-ton dump with plow	\$92,000
H-49	Elgin street sweeper	\$290,000

To transfer and appropriate from General Fund Free Cash the sum of \$183,000.00 for the purchase and equipping of the following Fire department vehicles and paving the East Billerica Fire Station:

Ford Explorer – Fire Prevention	\$60,000
Ford Explorer – Training Officer	\$60,000
Paving East Billerica Fire Station	\$63,000

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 to replace vehicles throughout the Water Department, the Highway Department and the Fire Department. It also includes paving work for the East Billerica Fire Station.

ARTICLE 13 - TO FUND FISCAL YEAR 2024 SCHOOL CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from General Fund Free Cash the sum of \$1,000,000 for the design and construction, including payments of all cost incidental and related, for the following School projects:

Hallenborg Rink – Chiller Replacement	\$720,000
Marshall Middle – Retubing Boiler #3	\$ 30,000
Ditson – Sprinkler Repairs & Fire Pump Controller	\$ 55,000
Dutile & Kennedy – Abatement	\$120,000
Dutile, Kennedy, & Marshall – Classroom Lighting	\$ 75,000

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: The School Department seeks to utilize \$1,000,000 from Free Cash to fund Capital Projects for the Billerica Public Schools. In particular, this article is designed to address the projects listed above.

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 \$15,000,000 to pay for the design, engineering and 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 \$15,000,000 under and pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, and or any other enabling authority; and to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain upon such terms and conditions as the Select Board determine, interests in land including any necessary temporary and permanent easements and to grant necessary utility easements associated with the project; and 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; and further, to discontinue a portion of the Concord Road right of way for public way purposes and to transfer that portion from the board or officer currently having care, custody and control of that portion for its current purpose to the Select Board for General Municipal Purposes, including but not limited to Council on Aging purposes, said portion as shown on a map entitled "Map Showing Portion of Concord Road, More or Less, to be Discontinued Pursuant to Article 14 of the 2023 Annual Fall Town Meeting" on file in the Office of the Town Clerk; 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 the sum of \$3,000,000 from General Fund Free Cash and other available funds for the design, engineering and construction of the New Town Center Plan, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; 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 design, engineering and construction of 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 recommends approval.

Article 16 Explanation: This article proposes to approve bond authorization for 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 appropriate the sum of \$700,000 to pay the design, engineering and construction 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, 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 \$700,000 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 recommends approval.

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 installation of replacement hydrants and valves in the Water Distribution System, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

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 transfer and appropriate from Water Retained Earnings Enterprise Fund, the sum of \$425,000 for design and implementation of SCADA system upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant for the development of remote operation, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

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 the need for the third shift.

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

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to pay for the design, engineering and construction of the new Fournier Press, 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 \$500,000 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 recommends approval.

Article 20 Explanation: This article proposes to approve bond authorization 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 transfer and appropriate from General Fund Free Cash the sum of \$140,000 to fund the design, purchase and installation of a New Boiler at the Billerica Fire Station Headquarters, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 21 Explanation: The boiler at the Billerica Fire Station headquarters has failed. This appropriation would fund the purchase, removal and installation 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 transfer and appropriate from Wastewater Retained Earnings Enterprise Fund, the sum of \$150,000 for a spot repair of the sewer line near Burnham Road and the MBTA Tracks, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; 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 - THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN

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 shown on a map entitled “Map Showing Parcels Proposed for Transfer of Custody Pursuant to Article 28 of the 2023 Annual Fall Town Meeting” on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, 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 officer or board having custody of the same for such purposes to the Select Board for general municipal purposes, including by not limited to 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 ALLEN ROAD TO THE BURLINGTON TOWN LINE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift, purchase or eminent domain, upon such terms and conditions as the Select Board determine, interests in land to provide for the completion of the Road Improvement Project on Route 3A from Allen Road to the Burlington Town Line for such purposes to the Select Board for sidewalks, 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

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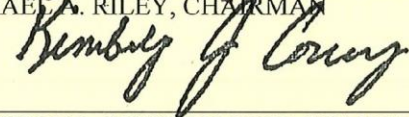
Article 29 Explanation: The State is doing road work along this stretch. The Town would like to have them expand the sidewalk program during construction. This article would allow the Town to mitigate any easement issues prior to construction if necessary.

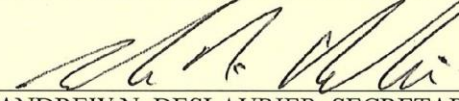
And you are hereby directed to serve this Final Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof, one copy at Augusta Market, 599 Boston Road, one copy at Belly Buster Restaurant, 306 Boston Road, one copy at the Billerica Center Police Station, 6 Good Street, one copy at the Billerica Center Post 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 26th day of September 2023.

SELECT BOARD OF BILLERICA


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Constable, Town of Billerica