

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

TOWN OF GILL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MAY 23, 2022

To any of the Constables of the Town of Gill in the County of Franklin,

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 elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Gill Town Hall, 325 Main Road in said Town on Monday, the Twenty Third day of May, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Two (05/23/2022) at 6:30 PM then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1: To elect the following officers: Two or more Field Drivers; Fence Viewers; Measurers of Wood, Bark and Surveyors of Lumber - all for one year; AND

To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any sum of money that might be made available from State or Federal funds for roadwork or other purposes for the Fiscal Year 2023 and for the Chapter 90 type funds, authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation; AND

To see if the Town will vote to accept any sum of money that might be made available from the Quintus Allen Trust during Fiscal Year 2023, and authorize the Selectboard to expend such funds in support of the Gill Elementary School, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes related to the provision of property tax exemptions to senior citizens of Gill, or take any action relative thereto:

- A. Change the income eligibility to receive a \$500 Senior Exemption under Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C from \$15,000 single/\$20,000 married to \$20,000 single/\$30,000 married; AND
- B. Change the asset limit eligibility to receive a \$500 Senior Exemption under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C from \$28,000 single/\$30,000 married to \$40,000 single/\$55,000 married; AND
- C. Change the age eligibility to receive a \$500 Senior Exemption under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C from age 70 to age 65; AND
- D. Change the amount of a Senior Exemption under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C from \$500 to \$1,000; AND
- E. Accept MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D to provide an annual increase in the income and asset limits used to determine the eligibility for the exemption provided to senior citizens under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 Clause 41C, with the annual increase based upon the percentage increase in the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Massachusetts Commissioner of Revenue, and to be effective on July 1, 2022; AND
- F. Accept MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E to provide an annual increase in the asset limit used to determine the eligibility for the \$175 exemption provided to senior citizens under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D, with the annual increase based upon the percentage increase in the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Massachusetts Commissioner of Revenue, and to be effective on July 1, 2022.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to take a position on the following resolution in support of the Fair Share Amendment that will appear on the November 2022 statewide ballot, or take any action relative thereto.

WHEREAS, Massachusetts needed new investments in our transportation and public education systems even before the COVID-19 pandemic, and those investments are needed more than ever to lift our economy into an equitable and long-lasting recovery; and

WHEREAS, the best way to help working families and rebuild a strong economy for us all is to make sure we have quality public schools for our children, affordable public higher education, and a reliable transportation system; and

WHEREAS, for Massachusetts to compete against other regions around the nation and the globe, we need modern, reliable transportation: safer roads and bridges, public transportation that works, and safe ways to walk and bike around town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gill has three structurally deficient bridges and major culverts and miles of overdue road repairs and replacements; and

WHEREAS, students need a well-rounded education, founded on a rich and varied curriculum that includes science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), music, art, and athletics; and

WHEREAS, major investments in public education are needed to help students recover academically, socially, and emotionally from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, tuitions and fees at our public colleges are among the highest in the country, causing many students to take on enormous debt just to receive a degree; and

WHEREAS, new state revenue is necessary to rebuild crumbling roads and bridges, improve our public schools from Pre-K through college, expand access to vocational and technical training, invest in fast and reliable public transportation, make public higher education affordable again, and expand opportunities for healthy walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, wealthy Massachusetts residents saw their investments grow during the pandemic while working families struggled, and Massachusetts' wealthiest residents should pay their fair share to support our communities and grow our economy.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved the Town of Gill supports the proposed Fair Share Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution that would create an additional tax of four percentage points on annual income above one million dollars and dedicate the funds raised by this tax to quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way Cove View Lane as currently laid out from its intersection with French King Highway (Route 2) and running more or less easterly a length of 425 feet to its termination, and to authorize the Selectboard to acquire on behalf of the Town by purchase, gift, or taking by eminent domain an easement for public street purposes in said way and to acquire any other necessary easements, including drainage easements as shown on the plan, sufficient to use said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Gill, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to delete in its entirety the Dog Control section of the Bylaws of the Town of Gill and further vote to accept the following Animal Control Bylaws as Bylaws of the Town of Gill, or take any action relative thereto.

Administration

1. Severability: If any provision of this bylaw should be found invalid, the remainder of this bylaw shall remain in force.
2. Definitions for this bylaw shall be adopted and defined by Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 140, Section 136A.

Dog Licensing

1. In accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 137, the owner or keeper of a dog over the age of (6) six months shall annually obtain a license for the dog from the licensing authority, who shall issue dog licenses and tags.
2. Annual dog licenses must be obtained by March 31st for a licensing period of April 1st through March 31st of the following calendar year. The open licensing period shall be from February 1st through March 31st of each year.
3. In accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 138, any person who during any licensing period becomes the owner or keeper of a dog which is duly licensed in the town or city where it is to be kept shall forthwith

give notice, in writing, to the Town Clerk that they have become such owner or keeper. The Town Clerk shall change the record of such license to show the name and address of the new owner or keeper.

4. In accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 138, any person bringing or causing to be brought from another state or country any dog licensed under the laws thereof which is (6) six months old or over or will be (6) six months old before the expiration of (30) thirty days shall, on or before the expiration of (30) thirty days following the arrival of such dog within the Commonwealth license the dog with the Town Clerk.
5. The fee for licensure shall be set by the Selectboard and may be adjusted at their discretion during an open meeting. Any adjustments shall not become effective until the start of the next licensing period.
6. No license fee shall be charged for a license issued under MGL Chapter 140, Section 139 for a service dog as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act and MGL Chapter 272, Section 98A.
 - a. Application shall be made for a dog license as provided in this bylaw, and license tags issued must be worn by any such service dog.
7. No license fee or portion thereof shall be refunded because of subsequent death, loss, spaying, neutering, removal from town or other disposal of the dog for which the license has been issued, nor shall any fee for a license issued to a new resident be prorated.
8. Any person (70) seventy years of age or older, upon proof of age, shall be exempt from the annual license fee for one dog, per household, per licensing year.
 - a. The owner of a kennel license, (70) seventy years of age or older, shall be excluded from this exemption.
9. All license fees collected shall deposited as defined in MGL Chapter 140, Section 147.

Kennel Licensing

1. Annual kennel licenses must be obtained by March 31st for a licensing period of April 1st through March 31st of the following calendar year. The open licensing period shall be from February 1st through March 31st of each year.
2. A kennel license shall be in lieu of individually licensing the dogs kept on the subject premises.
3. The fee for kennel licensure shall be set by the Selectboard and may be adjusted at their discretion during an open meeting. Any adjustments shall not become effective until the start of the next licensing period.
4. Kennels may be established where allowed and permitted by the Town of Gill Zoning Bylaws.
5. Issuance: Upon receipt of the completed application packet and appropriate fee, the Town Clerk shall issue the kennel license valid through March 31st of the following calendar year.
6. Renewals: A kennel license shall be renewed by March 31st annually upon completion of an annual inspection and payment of the appropriate fee, provided that the renewal and licensure is not in contradiction any bylaw or Massachusetts General Laws that would prohibit the renewal or issuance of the license.
7. Inspection or complaints of kennels or revocation, suspension and reinstatement of kennel licenses shall be handled in accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 137C.
8. In accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 137A, an owner or keeper of less than 4 (four) dogs, 3 (three) months old or older, who does not maintain a kennel may elect to secure a kennel license in lieu of licensing the dogs under Section 137 and shall be subject to this Section, Sections 137B and 137C and so much of Section 141 as it relates to violations of this Section to the same extent as though the owner or keeper were maintaining a kennel.
9. All license fees collected shall deposited as defined in MGL Chapter 140, Section 147.

Dogs Running-At-Large; Unrestrained

1. No owner or keeper of any dog within the town limits shall allow any dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to wander on private property without permission of the owner thereof, or on any public property within the town, including but not limited to public ways, school grounds, recreation areas and cemeteries, unless the dog is properly restrained with a chain or leash.
 - a. Exception: This section shall in no way preclude the use of certain specially trained dogs as set forth in MGL Chapter 140, Section 139.
2. The owner or keeper of any dog which is not on the premises of the owner or keeper or upon the premises of another with the permission of said person shall restrain said dog with a chain or leash of sufficient

material and strength as necessary to restrain the dog and shall be held by a person capable of controlling the movements of the dog. The chain or leash shall be a length which prohibits the dog from being a nuisance to persons nearby or causing damage to public or personal property.

3. Any dog being used for lawful hunting, training, sporting, working purposes, or accompanied by its master, who must accept full responsibility for the dog's behavior, shall not be considered running unrestrained.
4. Any dog found to be in violation of this bylaw, and not under the immediate control of the owner or keeper, may be picked up by any law enforcement officer and either returned to the owner or keeper or deposited in a dog pound or similar facility. The owner or keeper shall be responsible for paying all costs of maintaining and keeping the animal at the dog pound or similar facility. Except as otherwise permitted by this bylaw, unrestrained or unlicensed dogs may be sought out, caught and confined by the Animal Control Officer or any police officer of the Town and impounded pursuant to MGL Chapter 140, Sections 151A and 167.
5. This bylaw shall remain in force year-round.
6. Violations of this section are subject to the fine schedule as set forth in MGL Chapter 140, Section 173A.

Removal of Waste

1. No person owning or keeping a dog shall suffer, permit, or allow such a dog to leave feces in any public or private property of someone other than that of the dog's owner or keeper within the Town of Gill, without the approval of said property owner. Any person having custody and control of a dog in any such area shall carry proper equipment for the removal of feces. For purposes of this section, the means of removal shall be any tool, implement, or other device carried for the purpose of picking up and containing such feces. No person shall leave or dispose of said feces in any catch basin, drainage structure, waterway, or on any public property or street except in an approved trash receptacle.
 - a. This section shall not apply to a dog licensed under MGL Chapter 140, Section 139 and/or accompanying a person whom is handicapped as defined in MGL Chapter 272, Section 98A if by reason of their handicap they are physically unable to comply with the requirements of this section.

Complaint of Nuisance and Dangerous Dogs

1. Any person may make a written complaint to the Animal Control Officer that any dog owned or kept within the Town is a nuisance dog or a dangerous dog, as those terms are defined in MGL Chapter 140, Section 136A.
2. The provisions of MGL Chapter 140, Sections 161 and 161A shall apply to whoever suffers the loss of livestock or fowl in a manner described in said Section 161.
3. The Animal Control Officer shall investigate or cause to be investigated such complaint, which may include an examination under oath of the complainant at a public hearing in Town to determine whether the dog is a nuisance dog or a dangerous dog, and shall submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the Selectboard concerning the restraint or disposal of such dog as provided in MGL Chapter 140, Section 157.
4. The Animal Control Officer, after investigation, may issue an interim order that such dog be restrained or muzzled for a period not to exceed 14 (fourteen) days to enable the Selectboard to issue their order following receipt of the report of the Animal Control Officer. If the Selectboard fails to act during the period of the interim order, upon expiration of the interim period, the order shall automatically be vacated.
5. The Selectboard, after credible evidence and testimony is presented at the public hearing, shall (A) dismiss the complaint; (B) deem the dog a nuisance dog and order that the owner or keeper of the dog take remedial action to ameliorate the cause of the nuisance behavior; or (C) deem the dog a dangerous dog and make such order concerning the restraint, muzzling, or euthanization of such dog, or such other action as may be deemed necessary; provided, however, that the Selectboard shall not order the banishment and/or tethering of the dog.
6. Violations of such orders shall be subject to the enforcement provisions of MGL Chapter 140, Sections 157 and 157A.

Impoundment and Kenneling

1. Impoundment:
 - a. The Animal Control Officer or police officer shall immediately notify the owner or keeper of any animal impounded by the officer under the provisions of this bylaw, if such owner is known by the officer.

- b. If the animal is not licensed or the owner or keeper is not known by the Animal Control Officer or Police Officer, no notice shall be necessary.
 - c. The animal shall be secured in the town kennel or other such approved holding facility.
2. Kenneling:
- a. The kenneling period shall start at the time of impoundment and shall accrue until the owner presents the required documentation, signs a release form and removes the animal from the facility.
 - i. Required Documentation shall be considered to be proof of ownership, a valid rabies certificate, and a valid town license.
 - b. The Town may contract with the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter or any other licensed suitable public or privately owned facility approved by the Animal Control Officer and the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture to provide care and kenneling services to dogs impounded by the Animal Control Officer or police officer, or turned in by a citizen.
 - i. All associated fees and costs related to the kenneling of a dog shall be set and collected by the owner or operator of the kennel.
 - c. In the event that the kennel facility is not adequate for the animals, is overpopulated, or is not adequate for the conditions, animals may be boarded at a boarding facility approved by the Animal Control Officer.
 - i. If an animal is required to be boarded at another facility, payment to the facility shall be made by the Town upon receipt of bill or invoice. The Town may then seek restitution for the costs from the owner of the animal.
3. Disposition of Animals:
- a. Animal Surrenders shall be done at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer.
 - b. Unclaimed Animals: In accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 151A, any dog unclaimed after (7) seven days from pickup/confinement shall be come property of the Town and shall be handled at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer.
 - i. This bylaw shall be extended to cover all animals taken into custody by the Animal Control Officer, with the exception of livestock which shall be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Humane Treatment

- 1. Any person owning, possessing or controlling a domesticated animal shall provide the animal with sufficient potable water and wholesome food, proper shelter and protection from the weather, including extremes of heat and cold, veterinary care sufficient to prevent suffering and the spread of disease and shall provide humane care and treatment for the animal.
- 2. Any person owning, possessing or controlling a dog in the town shall not allow or permit said dog to be harbored, confined, chained or tethered in violation of MGL Chapter 140, Section 174E.
 - a. Violations of this section are subject to the fine schedule as set forth in MGL Chapter 140, Section 174E.
 - b. Clarification Note: MGL Chapter 140, Section 174E defines rules and requirements related to dogs. This includes but is not limited to shelters, cable runs, tethering, kenneling, and dogs being outside during weather advisories, warnings, and watches.
- 3. In accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 174F it shall be a violation of this bylaw to confine an animal in a motor vehicle in a manner that could reasonably be expected to threaten the health of the animal due to exposure to extreme heat or cold.
 - a. Violations of this section are subject to the fine schedule as set forth in MGL Chapter 140, Section 174F.

Rabies Control

- 1. All dogs, cats and ferrets owned by a resident of the town shall be properly vaccinated against rabies in accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 145B.
- 2. The Town shall annually nominate a minimum of (1) one Animal Inspector as defined in MGL Chapter 129, Section 15.
- 3. All bites by dogs, cats or other domestic animals or wild or exotic animals shall be reported to the Animal Inspector and the Animal Control Officer as soon as possible by the person bitten or by the owner or keeper of the animal, or both.

Cats

1. Stray Cats: Any rescue group, humane society or other person or organization picking up stray cats shall notify the Animal Control Officer with all relevant information of each cat and the location found.
2. Feral Cats: Any person or organization that traps and releases feral cats shall report such activity to the Animal Control Officer including information of description and numbers of cats trapped and the name and contact information of the caretaker. The caretaker is expected to take responsibility for the duration of the cat's life. All feral cats shall be spayed or neutered and ideally be ear tipped to signify their alterations at the expense of the organization trapping the cats.

Fees; Enforcement, Violations and Penalties

1. In addition to police officers, who shall in all cases be considered enforcement personnel for the purposes of non-criminal enforcement, a duly appointed Animal Control Officer shall be the enforcement officer with respect to the provision set forth in this bylaw.
2. A violation of any provision of this article may be dealt with as a non-criminal offense in accordance with the provision of MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D, and shall be subject to the specific fine or penalty listed in each provision.
3. Violation of dog control laws shall utilize the following schedule of fines as defined in MGL Chapter 140, Section 173A.
 - a. First Offense: \$50 (fifty dollars)
 - b. Second Offense: \$100 (one hundred dollars)
 - c. Third Offense: \$300 (three hundred dollars)
 - d. Fourth/Subsequent Offense: \$500 (five hundred dollars)
 - e. The town may require a dog to be spayed/neutered if applicable.
4. Other violations: If no specific fine is listed for a specific provision, the following fine schedule shall apply.
 - a. First Offense: Verbal Warning
 - b. Second Offense: \$25 (twenty-five dollars)
 - c. Third Offense: \$50 (fifty dollars)
 - d. Fourth Offense/Subsequent: \$100 (one hundred dollars)
5. Each day or portion thereof shall constitute a separate offense. If more than one, each condition violated may constitute a separate offense.
6. Unless specified within a specific provision, a separate offense is not limited to an offense within a calendar year from the first offense.
7. Except where otherwise required by law, all fines collected pursuant to the enforcement of this bylaw shall be deposited into the Animal Control/Dog Fund revolving account.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the May 7, 1977 Town Meeting vote by changing the number of members and membership of the Recreation Committee from the current 5 (five) members, all of whom must be Gill residents, to a range of 3 (three) to 7 (seven) members, with non-residents allowed as members so long as residents comprise the majority of the Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following revolving funds per the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, for which revenues will be deposited into the funds and expended to pay related costs under the authorization of the Selectboard, and total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1 next will be limited to the amounts listed below, with all unspent money remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto:

Dept. Spend	Authorized to	Types of Receipts Credited	Program/Purpose for which Funds may be Expended	Maximum Annual Expenditures
Fire Dept.		Oil Burner Inspection Fees	Inspector & Etc.	\$2,000.00
Town Clerk, Selectboard		Dog Fees & Fines	Licenses, Regional Animal Control Services, Dog Care & Control, & Etc.	8,000.00
Cemetery Commission		Opening Fees	Cemeteries & Caretaking	2,000.00
Conservation Commission		Consultant Fees	Project Review	10,000.00
Agricultural Commission		Farmers' Market & Ag Event Fees	Ag Programs	500.00
Energy Commission		Workshop and Program Fees	Energy Programs	1,000.00

Zoning Board of Appeals	ZBA Fees	Hearings & Expenses	3,000.00
Board of Health, Town Administrator	Recycling Program Revenue	Solid waste & recycling programs, Solid Waste District membership, recycled-content office products	5,000.00
Selectboard	User Fees from Electric Vehicle Charger	Operating & maintenance costs for Electric Vehicle Charger	4,000.00

~~~~~

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries or compensation of the several officers of the Town as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

|                                                |             |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Constable(s) – Each Posting                    | \$22.00     |
| Moderator – Annual Town Meeting                | \$152.00    |
| Special Town Meeting, Each                     | \$28.00     |
| Selectboard Chair                              | \$2,778.00  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Member, Each | \$2,525.00  |
| Board of Assessors Chair                       | \$3,374.00  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Member, Each | \$3,067.00  |
| Board of Health Chair                          | \$1,522.00  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Member, Each | \$1,393.00  |
| Town Clerk                                     | \$22,820.00 |
| Tax Collector                                  | \$25,699.00 |
| Additional As Sewer Fee Collector              | \$724.00    |
| Treasurer                                      | \$23,173.00 |
| Registrars – Three members, Each               | \$65.00     |
| Town Clerk, as Chair                           | \$105.00    |

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available funds any sum or sums of money to provide a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for Town employees and certain elected officials, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town (the “Omnibus budget”), and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Selectboard, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for its Fiscal Year 2023 operating assessment and its Fiscal Year 2023 debt service costs for the Gill-Montague Regional School District, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide \$10,000.00 (TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to purchase and install a replacement to the building management system at the Gill Elementary School, including a computer, software, and ancillary expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Released Overlay \$8,000.00 (EIGHT THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to be used to purchase and install an upgrade to the property valuation software used by the Board of Assessors and for related expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Released Overlay \$27,500.00 (TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to add to the account to be used toward the costs associated with an appraisal of the real and personal property in the Town of Gill owned by FirstLight Power and an appraisal of the personal property in the Town of Gill owned by National Grid, New England Power Company, and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy; AND

Transfer from Released Overlay \$2,000.00 (TWO THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to add to the Board of Assessors Revaluation Account; AND

Transfer from Released Overlay \$7,500 (SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to add to the legal litigation account for legal and other expenses related to the defense, appeal, or settlement of cases at the Appellate Tax Board and other courts, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purchase of a new electronic vote tabulator to be used by the Town Clerk in the conduct of certain elections of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide \$7,000.00 (SEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) to add to the account (001-159-5846) previously established to provide for Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Access operations and other municipal cable-related expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase a Pierce “Responder” 4-wheel drive fire vehicle and related accessories for the Fire Department, including borrowing costs that may be associated with said purchase and authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7; all or some of which may be contingent upon a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion vote override, or take any other action relative thereto. (A 2/3 vote is required for authorization to borrow.)

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to purchase an International Model CV515 dump truck with a plow, wing plow, stainless steel all-season body and related accessories for the Highway Department, including borrowing costs that may be associated with said purchase and authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7; all or some of which may be contingent upon a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion vote override, or take any other action relative thereto. (A 2/3 vote is required for authorization to borrow.)

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to conduct an assessment of the condition of the Town’s roads and road-related infrastructure, and to identify funding strategies for the adequate long-term upkeep of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to add to the account to install a new roof at the Riverside Municipal Building, including any and all incidental and related costs, and including a feasibility study for the roof replacement and installation of a solar photovoltaic system on the building roof, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to add to the account previously established for the purpose of remediating water, humidity and mold from the basement of the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money for one or more of the Stabilization Funds of the Town (Capital, Education, Energy, Fire Department SCBA/Air Packs, or General), or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money from unappropriated funds (Free Cash) or other available funds to be used to reduce the tax rate and stabilize the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2023, or take any action relative thereto.

And, you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Main Road; Post Office, Mt. Hermon; The Gill Store & Tavern, Main Road; and Riverside Municipal Building, Route 2, in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.



