



**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MAY 17, 2021**

TOWN MEETING SUMMARY SHEET

ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	COST	SOURCE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING			
1	Committee Report	N/A	N/A
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING			
1	Committee Report		
2	Establish/Discharge Committees		
3	Authorize Revolving Funds	N/A	N/A
4	Senior Tax Work-Off Program	\$8,800	Raise and Appropriate
5	Community Action Committee Non-Profit Support	\$25,000	Raise and Appropriate
6	FY22 General Government Budget	\$16,185,796	Raise/Appropriate and/or Transfer
7	FY22 Water Dept. Enterprise Budget	\$1,113,978	User Fees
8	FY22 Wastewater Enterprise Budget	\$1,512,166	User Fees/ Betterment Rev.
9	FY22 Transfer Station Enterprise Budget	\$214,825	User Fees
10	FY22 School Budget	\$14,242,642	Raise/Appropriate and/or Transfer
11	FY22 Monty Tech's Assessment	\$784,000	Raise and Appropriate
12	Capital - DPW Lease/Purchase of Ten Wheel Dump Truck	\$236,360	Raise and Appropriate and/or Transfer
13	Capital - Police Cruisers	\$95,000	Raise/Appropriate and/or Transfer
14	Capital - Beals Memorial Library Electrical Upgrades and Fire Suppression System	\$597,247	\$300,000 Free Cash; Balance Raise/Appropriate and/or Transfer and/or borrow
15	Capital - Critical Repairs to Senior Center	\$1,560,000	Raise/Appropriate and/or Transfer and/or borrow (Term 10 Years)
16	Capital - Emergency Generator for Toy Town Elementary School	\$100,000	Free Cash
17	Capital - Water Fund – Replace Water Meters	\$800,000	Raise/Appropriate and/or Transfer and/or borrow (Term ten years.)
18	Design Costs Required for Local Grants	\$40,000	Raise/Appropriate and/or Transfer and/or borrow
19	Mellen Rd. Acceptance		
20	Authorization to allow Selectmen to Acquire Temporary and Permanent Easements for Mellen Rd.	N/A	N/A
21	Town Charter Amendment	N/A	N/A
22	General Bylaw Amendment	N/A	N/A
23	Accept Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure – Hall St. and Lincoln Avenue	N/A	N/A
24	Citizens Petition for the Town to accept certain portions of Mellen Rd.		

FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Conducted through Remote Zoom Meeting

See Town Website for Zoom Meeting Details

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 17, 2021**

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Winchendon, in the County of Worcester,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Winchendon qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the MURDOCK MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 3 Memorial Drive, off Elmwood Road in said Winchendon on

**MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021
AT 7:00 P.M.**

then and there to act on the following articles:

**REPORTS AND COMMITTEES
(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the reports of the Finance Committee, or act in relation thereto.
(usual and customary article)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


FINANCE COMMITTEE:

No Action Taken

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places designated by the bylaws of the Town of Winchendon fourteen days at least before the time of holding such meeting and by mailing a copy of this warrant to each household in Winchendon in which a registered voter resides or by publication of the same in a newspaper of local distribution as required by said bylaws.

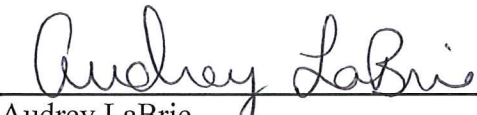
Hereof, fail not and make due return of said warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seal this 26th day of April 2021.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


Michael Barbaro, Chairman


Rick Ward, Vice-Chairman


Barbara Anderson


Audrey LaBrie

Amy Salter

I have this day posted the within warrant as therein directed:


PRINT CONSTABLE NAME


SIGN CONSTABLE NAME

4/29/2021
DATE:

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We met at Murdock Middle/High School at 7:00pm. The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Moderator Dr. Coral Grout with a quorum present. Brian Riley was present representing Town Counsel KP Law.

REPORTS AND COMMITTEES
(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee, the annual report of the Selectmen and of any other officers or committees required to report to the Town, or act in relation thereto.

(usual and customary article)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Michael Barbaro, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen acting as a Trustee of the Boston Post Cane, made the following presentation:

“The Winchendon Board of Selectmen, as Trustees of the Boston Post Cane, proudly congratulates Mr. Earl W. McQueston and acknowledge that he has the distinguished honor as the oldest resident in the Town of Winchendon and is the recipient of the Boston Post Cane. Mr. McQueston turned 99 in January this year. We hope to present Mr. McQueston with this honor in the near future” This is a New England tradition established in 1909 following Mr. Edwin A. Grozier, Publisher of the Boston Post Newspaper who presented this cane to the oldest resident in Winchendon.

Tom Kane gave a presentation for the Finance Committee, no vote taken

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to choose all other Town officers or committees that may be required or deemed necessary to the Town for the ensuing year and give any instructions to same, or to any other town officer or officers, and to discharge any committees which have completed their duties, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Voted by majority to pass over article. 7:14pm.

REVOLVING FUNDS AUTHORIZATION ARTICLE

ARTICLE 3

To see if the town will vote to fix the maximum amount to be spent during fiscal year 2022 beginning on July 1, 2021 for the revolving funds established in town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E1/2, or take any other action relative thereto.

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	Department, Board, Committee <u>Agency or Officer</u>	FY 2022 <u>Spending Limit</u>
Agriculture	Agriculture Commission	\$ 1,000
Large Copy Fees	Planning & Development	\$ 1,000
Restitution Fees	Land Use	\$ 1,000
Extended Day	School	\$10,000
Damaged books	School	\$ 5,000
Summer School	School	\$ 1,000
Recycling	Board of Health	\$ 1,000
Composting	Board of Health	\$ 1,000
Arts Lottery	Arts Lottery Commission	\$ 7,500
Wetland Fees	Conservation	\$20,000
Library copy Fees	Librarian/Library Trustees	\$ 8,000
Library Material	Librarian/Library Trustees	\$ 8,000
Student parking	School	\$ 5,000
Community Development	Town Manager	\$25,000
Block Program Income		

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 4-0-1

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by majority to establish the annual spending limits of the revolving accounts as set forth in the warrant. 7:15pm.

USUAL AND CUSTOMARY FINANCIAL ARTICLES

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 4 Senior Tax Work-Off

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from other available funds the sum of eight thousand eight hundred dollars (\$8,800) for the Senior Tax Work-off Program, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by majority to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,800 for the FY2022 Senior Work Off Program. 7:17pm

ARTICLE 5 Non Profit Assistance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from other available funds the sum of \$25,000 as a grant to the non-profit, Community Action Committee, Inc., 273 Central Street, Winchendon, in consideration of the numerous services provided to the Town, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by majority to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 as a grant to the Community Action Committee, 273 Central Street, Winchendon, in consideration of the numerous services provided to the Town, and in connection therewith authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the Committee setting forth the terms and conditions thereof. 7:19pm

USUAL AND CUSTOMARY GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ARTICLE

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6 General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from other available funds the sum of \$16,185,796 for the operating budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, or act in relation thereto. (usual and customary article)

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

**Town of Winchendon
Summary of Other Available Funds**

Cemetery Trust	\$3,444
Title V Liens Redemption	\$16,747
Infrastructure Investment Fund	\$20,000
Use of Free Cash	\$453,763
CvRF for SPED Transporation	\$495,000
Water Indirect Costs	\$146,063
Wastewater Indirect Costs	\$138,739
Transfer Station Indirect Costs	\$22,797
TOTAL OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 1,296,553.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

	2021	2021	2022		
	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>(DECREASE)</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
		<u>12/31/21</u>			
SCHOOL					
TRANSPORTATION	\$1,377,829	\$150,012	\$1,847,050	\$469,221	34.06%
TOTAL SCHOOL					
TRANSPORTATION	\$1,377,829	\$150,012	\$1,847,050	\$469,221	34.06%
YMCA	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL YMCA	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	0.00%
SELECTMEN					
EXPENSES	\$15,240	\$2,423	\$15,240	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL SELECTMEN	\$15,240	\$2,423	\$15,240	\$0	0.00%
TOWN MANAGER					
PERSONNEL	\$253,058	\$132,908	\$244,629	-\$8,429	-3.33%
EXPENSES	\$21,250	\$7,231	\$17,440	-\$3,810	-17.93%
TOTAL TOWN MANAGER	\$274,308	\$140,138	\$262,069	-\$12,239	-4.46%
FINANCE COMMITTEE					
PERSONNEL	\$1,500	\$500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$498,636	\$287	\$174,860	-\$323,776	-64.93%
TOTAL FINANCE					
COMMITTEE	\$500,136	\$787	\$176,360	-\$323,776	-64.74%
ACCOUNTING					
PERSONNEL	\$132,973	\$60,432	\$131,583	-\$1,390	-1.05%
EXPENSES	\$500	\$80	\$8,500	\$8,000	1600.00%
TOTAL ACCOUNTING	\$133,473	\$60,512	\$140,083	\$6,610	4.95%
ASSESSOR EXTENSES	\$98,693	\$54,804	\$100,900	\$2,207	2.24%
TOTAL ASSESSOR	\$98,693	\$54,804	\$100,900	\$2,207	2.24%
COLLECTOR/TREASURER					
PERSONNEL	\$159,123	\$77,891	\$147,209	-\$11,914	-7.49%
EXPENSES	\$70,560	\$30,098	\$70,560	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL COLL./TREAS.	\$229,683	\$107,989	\$217,769	-\$11,914	-5.19%
LEGAL EXPENSE					
EXPENSES	\$45,000	\$16,105	\$45,000	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL LEGAL	\$45,000	\$16,105	\$45,000	\$0	0.00%
DATA PROCESSING					
EXPENSES	\$52,400	\$42,884	\$52,900	\$500	0.95%
TOTAL DATA PROCESS.	\$52,400	\$42,884	\$52,900	\$500	0.95%

TECHNOLOGY					
PERSONNEL	\$75,656	\$36,713	\$77,555	\$1,899	2.51%
EXPENSES	\$27,020	\$10,008	\$31,000	\$3,980	14.73%
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	\$102,676	\$46,721	\$108,555	\$5,879	5.73%
COMMUNICATIONS COM					
PERSONNEL	\$15,000	\$6,364	\$15,000	\$0	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$27,000	\$7,624	\$27,000	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL COMMUNICAITONS	\$42,000	\$13,988	\$42,000	\$0	0.00%
TOWN CLERK					
PERSONNEL	\$101,517	\$49,898	\$108,784	\$7,267	7.16%
EXPENSES	\$12,200	\$3,253	\$5,905	-\$6,295	-51.60%
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	\$113,717	\$53,151	\$114,689	\$972	0.85%
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS					
PERSONNEL	\$1,690	\$720	\$1,690	\$0	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$69,712	\$29,833	\$26,200	-\$43,512	-62.42%
TOTAL REG. OF VOTERS	\$71,402	\$30,553	\$27,890	-\$43,512	-60.94%
CONSERVATION					
PERSONNEL	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$250	\$250	\$550	\$300	120.00%
TOTAL CONSERVATION	\$1,450	\$250	\$1,750	\$300	20.69%
PLANNING BOARD					
PERSONNEL	\$2,250	\$0	\$2,250	\$0	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$5,100	\$1,798	\$5,100	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL PLANNING BD.	\$7,350	\$1,798	\$7,350	\$0	0.00%
ZONING BOARD					
PERSONNEL	\$1,400	\$0	\$1,400	\$0	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL ZONING BOARD	\$2,150	\$0	\$2,150	\$0	0.00%
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMNT					
PERSONNEL	\$156,266	\$77,831	\$154,886	-\$1,381	-0.88%
EXPENSES	\$9,550	\$49	\$9,550	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL COMMUNITY DEV.	\$165,816	\$77,880	\$164,436	-\$1,381	-0.83%
TOWN HALL					
PERSONNEL	\$34,319	\$15,510	\$35,106	\$787	2.29%
EXPENSES	\$81,278	\$27,638	\$77,381	-\$3,897	-4.79%
TOTAL TOWN HALL	\$115,597	\$43,147	\$112,487	-\$3,110	-2.69%

POLICE					
PERSONNEL	\$1,354,091	\$697,960	\$1,394,517	\$40,426	2.99%
EXPENSES	\$155,119	\$67,091	\$153,870	-\$1,249	-0.81%
TOTAL POLICE	\$1,509,210	\$765,051	\$1,548,387	\$39,177	2.60%
DISPATCH					
PERSONNEL	\$273,200	\$132,852	\$282,049	\$8,849	3.24%
EXPENSES	\$2,200	\$511	\$2,200	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL DISPATCH	\$275,400	\$133,364	\$284,249	\$8,849	3.21%
FIRE					
PERSONNEL	\$1,013,564	\$592,763	\$1,204,719	\$191,155	18.86%
EXPENSES	\$155,628	\$32,312	\$131,680	-\$23,948	-15.39%
TOTAL FIRE	\$1,169,192	\$625,074	\$1,336,399	\$167,207	14.30%
AMBULANCE					
PERSONNEL	\$13,000	\$975	\$15,000	\$2,000	15.38%
EXPENSES	\$123,750	\$47,794	\$122,200	-\$1,550	-1.25%
TOTAL AMBULANCE	\$136,750	\$48,769	\$137,200	\$450	0.33%
LAND USE					
PERSONNEL	\$112,987	\$53,203	\$113,015	\$29	0.03%
EXPENSES	\$9,009	\$2,144	\$8,986	-\$23	-0.26%
TOTAL LAND USE	\$121,996	\$55,347	\$122,001	\$6	0.00%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
PERSONNEL	\$2,548	\$1,174	\$2,548	\$0	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL EMERG. MGMT.	\$3,948	\$2,174	\$3,948	\$0	0.00%
ANIMAL CONTROL					
PERSONNEL	\$3,200	\$0	\$3,200	\$0	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$52,322	\$24,327	\$53,117	\$795	1.52%
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	\$55,522	\$24,327	\$56,317	\$795	1.43%
DPW ADMIN					
PERSONNEL	\$213,438	\$88,348	\$156,784	-\$56,654	-26.54%
EXPENSES	\$15,400	\$12,171	\$15,600	\$200	1.30%
TOTAL DPW ADMIN	\$228,838	\$100,519	\$172,384	-\$56,454	-24.67%
DPW HIGHWAY					
PERSONNEL	\$236,605	\$113,787	\$349,560	\$112,955	47.74%
EXPENSES	\$229,075	\$114,742	\$217,100	-\$11,975	-5.23%
TOTAL DPW HIGHWAY	\$465,680	\$228,528	\$566,660	\$100,980	21.68%

DPW FLEET MAINT					
PERSONNEL	\$105,453	\$42,352	\$110,477	\$5,024	4.76%
EXPENSES	\$109,356	\$40,919	\$112,550	\$3,194	2.92%
TOTAL DPW FLEET MAINT	\$214,809	\$83,272	\$223,027	\$8,218	3.83%
DPW SNOW & ICE					
PERSONNEL	\$60,000	\$14,542	\$60,000	\$0	0.00%
EXPENSES	\$150,000	\$83,403	\$150,000	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL DPW SNOW/ ICE	\$210,000	\$97,945	\$210,000	\$0	0.00%
DPW STREET LIGHTING					
EXPENSES	\$32,000	\$12,100	\$35,000	\$3,000	9.38%
TOTAL DPW ST. LIGHTING	\$32,000	\$12,100	\$35,000	\$3,000	9.38%
LANDFILL					
EXPENSES	\$27,267	\$5,548	\$22,500	-\$4,767	-17.48%
TOTAL LANDFILL	\$27,267	\$5,548	\$22,500	-\$4,767	-17.48%
DPW CEMETERY					
PERSONNEL	\$106,175	\$46,764	\$106,616	\$441	0.42%
EXPENSES	\$11,000	\$4,585	\$10,000	-\$1,000	-9.09%
TOTAL CEMETERY	\$117,175	\$51,349	\$116,616	-\$559	-0.48%
DPW TREE TRIMMING					
EXPENSES	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$7,500	\$5,500	275%
TOTAL TREE TRIMMING	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$7,500	\$5,500	275%
HEALTH DEPARTMENT					
PERSONNEL	\$51,549	\$24,625	\$52,217	\$668	1.29%
EXPENSES	\$4,805	\$1,493	\$7,305	\$2,500	52.03%
TOTAL HEALTH DEPT.	\$56,354	\$26,118	\$59,522	\$3,168	5.62%
BOARD OF HEALTH OUTSIDE SERVICE					
EXPENSES	\$2,150	\$0	\$2,150	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL HEALTH OUTSIDE SERVICE	\$2,150	\$0	\$2,150	\$0	0.00%
BOARD OF HEALTH VISITING NURSE					
EXPENSES	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL HEALTH VISITING N	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500	\$0	0.00%
COUNCIL ON AGING					
PERSONNEL	\$180,020	\$80,682	\$182,407	\$2,387	1.33%
EXPENSES	\$42,088	\$7,772	\$37,500	-\$4,588	-10.90%
TOTAL COA	\$222,108	\$88,454	\$219,907	-\$2,201	-0.99%

VETERANS SERVICES					
PERSONNEL	\$17,257	\$8,314	\$17,680	\$423	2.45%
EXPENSES	\$398,292	\$146,217	\$377,590	-\$20,702	-5.20%
TOTAL VETERANS SERV.	\$415,549	\$154,531	\$395,270	-\$20,279	-4.88%
BEALS LIBRARY					
PERSONNEL	\$170,332	\$84,727	\$180,377	\$10,044	5.90%
EXPENSES	\$52,735	\$25,954	\$53,800	\$1,065	2.02%
TOTAL BEALS LIBRARY	\$223,067	\$110,680	\$234,177	\$11,109	4.98%
RECREATION COMMITTEE					
EXPENSES	\$4,036	\$0	\$4,036	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL RECREATION COMM	\$4,036	\$0	\$4,036	\$0	0.00%
HISTORIC COMMISSION					
EXPENSES	\$1,000	\$150	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL HISTORIC COMM.	\$1,000	\$150	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
DEBT SERVICE PRINCIPAL					
EXPENSES	\$788,863	\$451,973	\$703,772	-\$85,091	-10.79%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE PRINCIPAL	\$788,863	\$451,973	\$703,772	-\$85,091	-10.79%
DEBT SERVICE INTEREST					
EXPENSES	\$154,920	\$44,871	\$111,697	-\$43,223	-27.90%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE INTEREST	\$154,920	\$44,871	\$111,697	-\$43,223	-27.90%
STATE ASSESSMENT EXPENSE					
EXPENSES	\$1,315,861	\$626,839	\$1,225,225	-\$90,636	-6.89%
TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT	\$1,315,861	\$626,839	\$1,225,225	-\$90,636	-6.89%
OTHER STATE ASSESSMENT EXPENSES					
EXPENSES	\$20,248	\$10,212	\$20,317	\$69	0.34%
TOTAL OTHER STATE ASSESSMENTS	\$20,248	\$10,212	\$20,317	\$69	0.34%
OTHER REGIONAL ASSESSMENT					
EXPENSES	\$38,822	\$18,819	\$40,700	\$1,878	4.84%
TOTAL REGIONAL ASSESSMENT	\$38,822	\$18,819	\$40,700	\$1,878	4.84%
PENSION					
EXPENSES	\$1,706,683	\$1,706,683	\$1,933,573	\$226,890	13.29%

TOTAL PENSION	\$1,706,683	\$1,706,683	\$1,933,573	\$226,890	13.29%
WORKERS COMPENSATION EXPENSES	\$146,431	\$147,564	\$158,000	\$11,569	7.90%
TOTAL WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$146,431	\$147,564	\$158,000	\$11,569	7.90%
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE EXPENSES	\$275,774	\$3,772	\$45,000	-\$230,774	-83.68%
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$275,774	\$3,772	\$45,000	-\$230,774	-83.68%
HEALTH INSURANCE - EMPLOYER EXPENSES	\$1,854,345	\$887,502	\$1,962,000	\$107,655	5.81%
TOTAL HEALTH INSURANCE-EMPLOYER	\$1,854,345	\$887,502	\$1,962,000	\$107,655	5.81%
LIFE INSURANCE - EMPLOYER EXPENSES	\$13,000	\$6,810	\$13,000	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL LIFE INSURANCE EMPLOYER	\$13,000	\$6,810	\$13,000	\$0	0.00%
MEDICARE TAX EXPENSES	\$225,251	\$98,376	\$234,000	\$8,749	3.88%
TOTAL MEDICARE TAX	\$225,251	\$98,376	\$234,000	\$8,749	3.88%
PROPERTY / LIABILITY INSURANCE EXPENSES	\$277,301	\$250,091	\$288,500	\$11,199	4.04%
TOTAL PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$277,301	\$250,091	\$288,500	\$11,199	4.04%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$421,157	\$421,157	\$234,584	-\$186,573	-44.30%
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$421,157	\$421,157	\$234,584	-\$186,573	-44.30%
GRAND TOTAL	\$16,100,128	\$8,132,611	\$16,185,796	\$85,668	0.53%

Vote: Approved by majority that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from other available funds the total sum of \$16,185,796 for the operating budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, all as set forth in the warrant under Article 6, with each line item in the budget as appearing in the warrant to be approved as a separate appropriation. 7:29pm

USUAL AND CUSTOMARY WATER ENTERPRISE ARTICLE

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7 Water Enterprise

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$967,915 for direct costs of the Water Department Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and that indirect costs of \$146,063 appropriated in the general government budget be funded by Water Receipts, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 4-1

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by majority that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$967,915 (Water Receipts) for direct costs of the Water Department Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and that indirect costs of \$146,063 appropriated on the general government budget be funded by water receipts. 7:30pm

USUAL AND CUSTOMARY WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE ARTICLE

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 8 Wastewater Enterprise

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,373,427 (Wastewater Receipts of \$1,202,166 and Betterment Revenues of \$310,000) for the direct costs of the Wastewater Treatment Department Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and that indirect costs of \$138,739 appropriated in the general government budget be funded by Wastewater Receipts, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 4-1

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by majority that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,373,427 (Wastewater Receipts of \$1,202,166 and Betterment Revenues of \$310,000) for the direct costs of the Wastewater Treatment Department Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and that indirect costs of \$138,379 appropriated on the general government budget be funded by wastewater receipts. 7:33pm

USUAL AND CUSTOMARY TRANSFER STATION ENTERPRISE ARTICLES

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 9 Transfer Station Enterprise

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$192,028 from Transfer Station Receipts for direct costs of the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021; and that indirect costs of \$22,797 appropriated in the general government budget be funded by Transfer Station Receipts, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by majority that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$192,028 from Transfer Station Receipts for the direct costs of the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and that indirect costs of \$22,797 appropriated on the general government budget be funded by Transfer Station receipts. 7:35pm

USUAL AND CUSTOMARY EDUCATION BUDGET ARTICLE

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 10 School Department Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,242,642 (Required Net School Spending of \$17,036,655 plus \$356,606.29 prior year override that includes a 2.5% escalator in increased funding plus \$63,000 which represents a portion of the solar PILOT revenues for FY22 less \$3,213,619.65 for net school spending and eligible indirect costs budgeted in the general government budget for School Expenses) for the operating budget of the Winchendon Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, or act in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the School Department)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by majority that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,242,642 (Required Net School Spending of \$17,036,655 plus \$356,606.29 prior year override including a 2.5% escalator plus \$63,000 from Solar PILOT revenues for FY22 less \$3,213,619.65 for net school spending eligible indirect costs budgeted in the general government budget for School Expenses) for the operating budget of the Winchendon Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021. 7:37pm

ANNUAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT ARTICLE

(majority vote required)

ARTICLE 11 Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$784,000 to fund the Town's assessment for its share of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, or act in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Interim Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by majority that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$784,000 to fund the Town's assessment for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021. 7:38pm

CAPITAL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 12 DPW Truck, Lease/Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager, in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C to enter into a lease purchase agreement for a term of four years for the acquisition and equipping of a Ten Wheel Dump Truck, with plow with sander insert for use by the Department of Public Works, or act in relation thereto. (Total cost of the lease over 4 years estimated at \$236,360)

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager) (2/3 vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by 2/3rds vote to authorize the Town Manager, in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, s21C to enter into a lease purchase agreement for a term of four years for the acquisition and equipping of a ten wheel dump truck, with plow and with sander insert for use by the Department of Public Works. 7:40pm

ARTICLE 13 Police Cruisers

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow the sum of \$95,000 for the acquisition and equipping of two Police Department Cruisers, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager) (majority vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: On an amended motion, the Town voted by majority to appropriate from Article 6 the sum of \$95,000 for the acquisition and equipping of two Police Department Cruisers. 7:48pm

ARTICLE 14 Beals Memorial Library Repairs/Upgrades

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow the sum of \$597,247 for Beals Memorial Library for upgrades to the electrical system and the installation of a fire suppression system, with \$300,000 transferred from Free Cash and the balance to be a borrowed for a term of five years, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager) (2/3 vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: On an amended motion, it was voted by 2/3rds vote that the borrowed amount was reduced to \$100,000 due to an award received by the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation in the amount of \$200,000. 7:52pm

Vote: Approved by 2/3rds vote the Town appropriate the sum of \$597,247 for the purpose of funding upgrades to the electrical system and the installation of a fire suppression system at the Beals Memorial Library, and as funding, therefore that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow up to \$100,000, and issue bonds and notes therefore pursuant to G. L. c. 44, s7 or any other enabling authority; and further that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, and further that the sum of \$300,000 be appropriated from Free Cash to fund the balance of the request. 7:52pm

ARTICLE 15 Senior Center Repairs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow the sum of \$1,560,000 for critical repairs to the Senior Center building, or act in relation thereto. Proposed Repairs include ventilation and operating chimney repairs, selective roof repairs, clock tower window replacement and hazardous material survey and abatement. An amount of \$608,000 has been requested from the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation for masonry repairs to the clock tower. If any funds are received from the Foundation for these repairs, the amount to be borrowed would be reduced by that amount. (It is proposed that the sum be borrowed for a term of 6 to 10 years.)

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager) (2/3 vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 4-1

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: On an amended motion, it was voted by 2/3rds vote that the appropriated amount be reduced by \$604,000 over the next 2 years due to an award received by the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation.

Vote: Approved by 2/3rds vote to appropriate the sum of \$956,000 for the purpose of making repairs for Phase 1 of three phases for the Old Murdock Senior Center, including the payment of all costs coincidental and related thereto; and as funding therefore that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum and issue bonds and notes therefor pursuant to G. L. c44, s7 or any other enabling authority; and further that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, further that any grant funds received for the project will reduce the amount that is actually borrowed for the project. 8:00pm

ARTICLE 16 Toy Town Elementary School, Emergency Generator

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to purchase and install an emergency generator at Toy Town Elementary School, or act in relation thereto.

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager)
(majority vote required)
(correction from warrant printing which lists majority vote)
(2/3 vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by 2/3rds vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to purchase and install an emergency generator at Toy Town Elementary School. 8:05pm

ARTICLE 17 Replacement of Water Meters

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or authorize the borrowing of \$800,000 to replace water meters throughout the system, and that the payments for such meter replacement be made through the Water Fund Enterprise budget. (Borrowing term: 10 years)

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager) (2/3 vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 4-1

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Motion was defeated by required 2/3rds vote not received. 8:13pm

OTHER ARTICLES

ARTICLE 18 Design Costs for Grants

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 for design costs required for grant programs, or act in relation thereto.

(Explanation: Design costs are often required as part of a transportation/roadway application program. Without a readily available source of funds, the design costs are often charged to the only available/eligible source of funds, the Chapter 90 roads fund, which if utilized for design, would not be available for necessary road maintenance.)

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager)

(majority vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 4-1

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by majority that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for design costs required as part of various grant submissions. 8:16pm

ARTICLE 19 Mellen Rd. Acceptance

To see if the Town will vote to accept Mellen Road as a public town way, for all purposes customary as a public way including maintenance and repair, in the location laid out by the Board of Selectmen, on plan noted as Mellen Road Roadway Acceptance Plan, dated April 23, 2021, and drawn by McCarty Engineering Inc., with reference points noted at southerly border at 565 Mellen Road, extending northerly to 215 Mellen Road, said layout having been placed on file with the Town Clerk as required by law no less than seven (7) days prior to a vote hereon, or take any other action relative thereto.

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager)

(2/3 vote required)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 3-1-1

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 4-0-1

Vote: Motion was defeated by required 2/3rds vote which was not received. 8:22pm

ARTICLE 20 Mellen Road - Act Authorizing the Conveyance of an Easement

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, for public way purposes, easements or other interests in land in the location more or less depicted as "Mellen Road" on the plan entitled: "Mellen Road Roadway Acceptance Plan, dated April 23, 2021", as said plan may be amended, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Town Clerk, to enable the Town to lay out and accept said Mellen Road as a public way in the Town, and further to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation in the form set forth below, provided that the General Court shall make changes of form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments, or take any other action relative thereto.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT IN LAND IN THE TOWN OF WINCHENDON

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding sections 32 to 37 of chapter 7C of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the division of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the department

of conservation and recreation, may convey to the town of Winchendon an permanent easement for public way purposes in an existing way identified as Mellen Road on a layout plan prepared by the town, as it abuts land known as the Winchendon State Forest located in the town, which land is under the care and control of the department and held for conservation and recreation purposes, and is identified on the town of Winchendon's assessors' maps as parcel 12-0-37, subject to such additional terms and conditions consistent with this act as the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of conservation and recreation, may prescribe. The deed or other instrument conveying the easement to the town of Winchendon shall provide that the easement shall be used solely for public way purposes.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Winchendon shall be responsible for all costs and expenses of the conveyance of the easement to the town pursuant to section 1 of this act as determined by the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, which shall include, but not limited to, the costs of any engineering, surveys, recording fees and deed preparation related to the conveyance of said parcel to the town of Winchendon.

or take any other action relative thereto.

(submitted by the Interim Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 3-1-1

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 4-0-1

Vote: Motion was defeated by majority vote. 8:45pm

ARTICLE 21 Town Charter

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.43B, §10(a) to amend the Town Charter as recommended by the Charter Bylaw Review Committee in a document entitled, "2021 Proposed Charter Revisions", on file in the office of the Town Clerk and available on the Town's website at <http://www.townofwinchendon.com/>, with text to be inserted underlined and text to be deleted shown in the margins; revisions include but are not limited to: ministerial and clerical amendments such as grammar, capitalization, gender neutrality, internal consistency, and references to and updates based upon state law and other matters; or act in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Charter Bylaw Review Committee) **(2/3 vote required)**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by 2/3rds vote that the Town vote pursuant to G.L. c.43B, s10(a) to amend the Town Charter as recommended by the Charter Bylaw Review Committee in a document entitled, "2021 Proposed Charter Revisions), on file in the office of the Town Clerk and available on the Town's website at <http://www.townofwinchendon.com>, with text to be inserted underlined and text to be deleted shown in the margins. 8:47pm

ARTICLE 22 General Bylaws

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Winchendon as recommended by the Charter Bylaw Review Committee in a document entitled "2021 Proposed Bylaw Revisions" on file in the office of the Town Clerk and available on the Town's website at <http://www.townofwinchendon.com> with text to be inserted underlined and text to be deleted shown in the margins; revisions include but are not limited to: ministerial and clerical amendments such as grammar, capitalization, gender neutrality, internal consistency, and references to and

updates based upon state law; as well as certain substantive revisions, such as an update and/or replacement of Articles 12 and 31 per M. G. L. or to clarify language and other matters; or act in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Charter Bylaw Review Committee) **(majority vote)**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by majority vote that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Winchendon as recommended by the Charter Bylaw Review Committee in a document entitled “2021 Proposed Bylaw Revisions” on file in the office of the Town Clerk and available on the Town’s website at <http://www.townofwinchendon.com> with text to be inserted underlined and text to be deleted shown in the margins. 8:53pm

**ACCEPT DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE – HALL STREET AND LINCOLN AVENUE
(majority vote required)**

ARTICLE 23 Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure

To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure from John D. Walker, or from the then current owner(s), pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C, to three (3) parcels of land identified as (i) Assessor’s Map 4D4-0-11, being 0.14 acres, more or less, located on Hall Street; (ii) Assessor’s Map 2-0-72, being 0.15 acres, more or less, located on Lincoln Avenue; and (iii) Assessor’s Map 2-0-73, being 0.30 acres, more or less, located on Lincoln Avenue, said property described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 4810, Page 40, which parcels are subject to tax takings held by the Treasurer/Collector for unpaid real estate taxes, said parcels to be under the care, custody, control and management of the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and record the deed, provided the Board of Selectmen determines that the deed and the acceptance shall comply with the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C, or act in relation thereto.

Or act in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Interim Town Manager)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: RECOMMEND 5-0 FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOMMEND 5-0

Vote: Approved by majority that the Town will vote to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure from John D. Walker, or from the then current owner(s), pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C, to three (3) parcels of land identified as (i) Assessor’s Map 4D4-0-11, being 0.14 acres, more or less, located on Hall Street; (ii) Assessor’s Map 2-0-72, being 0.15 acres, more or less, located on Lincoln Avenue; and (iii) Assessor’s Map 2-0-73, being 0.30 acres, more or less, located on Lincoln Avenue, said property described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 4810, Page 40, which parcels are subject to tax takings held by the Treasurer/Collector for unpaid real estate taxes, said parcels to be under the care, custody, control and management of the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and record the deed, provided the Board of Selectmen determines that the deed and the acceptance shall comply with the provisions of G.L. Chapter 60, Section 77C. 8:56pm

CITIZEN PETITION

(majority vote required)

Vote: 2/3 required

(correction from warrant printing which lists majority vote)

ARTICLE 24

The residents of Mellen Road are not waiving: earlier public designations/recognitions, ANR, public nature by prescription, and/or other actions/omissions and/or statements that the road is a public way, and the residents of Mellen Road reserve all remedies for the Town of Winchendon attempting to change positions, including, but not limited to, damages and attorneys' fees.

Subject to the foregoing reservations and notice of non-waiver, in order to stop the Town of Winchendon from continuing to avoid its obligations, the residents of Mellon Road hereby present this Petition.

Petition subject to notice of nonwaiver: To see if the Town will vote to accept Mellon Road from the Southern border of Winchendon town line adjacent to the property #565 extending northernmost border of property #215 to the end of new pavement as shown on the existing conditions plan 204-405 Mellen Road, Winchendon MA prepared for McCarty Companies by Tauper Land Survey, Inc. File: 20-383 215-405 Mellen Rd., Winchendon, Ma McCarty, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Winchendon and for the purpose of maintenance and repair.

(Submitted by Citizen's Petition)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: NOT RECOMMEND 3-1-1

FINANCE COMMITTEE: NOT RECOMMEND 4-0-1

Vote: Motion was defeated by required 2/3rds vote which was not received. 9:13pm

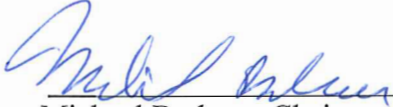
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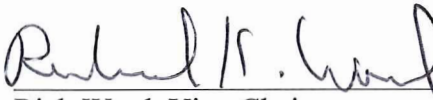
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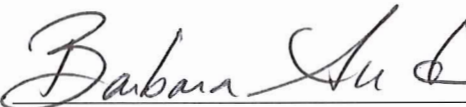
You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places designated by the bylaws of the Town of Winchendon seven days at least before the time of holding such meeting and by mailing a copy of this warrant to each household in Winchendon in which a registered voter resides or by publication of the same in a newspaper of local distribution as required by said bylaws.

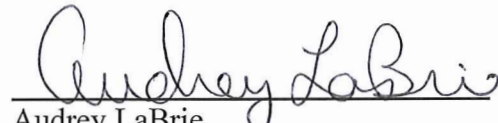
Hereof, fail not and make due return of said warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seal this 26th day of April 2021.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


Michael Barbaro, Chairman


Rick Ward, Vice-Chairman


Barbara Anderson


Audrey LaBrie

Amy Salter

I have this day posted the within warrant as therein directed:


PRINT CONSTABLE NAME


SIGN CONSTABLE NAME


DATE: 4/29/2021

FINANCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Conducted by Remote Zoom Meeting
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