

**TOWN OF MOUNT WASHINGTON**  
**Mt. Washington, MA**  
**WARRANT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, May 1, 2018**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Berkshire, ss.

To: David Whitbeck, Constable of the Town of Mount Washington, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on **Tuesday, the first day of May 2018**, it being the first Tuesday in said month, at **7:30 p.m.**, then and there to act upon the following articles:

**Article 1:** To hear the report of the Selectboard or any other officers or committees and act thereon.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the following sums of money, or any other sums, as may be required to defray the expenses of the town for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

	Appropriations FY2018	Proposed Appropriations FY2019
Loan(s)	0	0
Accounting Officer	3,400	3,400
Accounting Expenses (audit 15k/sftwr 2)	19,250	19,250
Animal Control Officer	500	500
Assessors Consulting Service (rev/map)	4,500	10,000
Bank Services	1	1
Berkshire County Retirement System	27,597	30,847
Cemeteries	2,700	3,550
Communication fee	1,250	1,350
Council on Aging	599	599
Egremont Fire Companies	12,723	13,033
Emergency Preparedness	1	1
Employee Medicare matching funds	2,800	2,800
Fuel	18,000	16,000
Full Time Highway Employees	104,313	94,640
Insect Pest Control	1	1
Insurance - Group	78,080	74,730
Insurance - Town	18,000	18,000
Library	1,405	1,417
Machinery Maintenance	30,000	35,000
MA Division of Employment Security	1,800	1,800
Police	1	1
Printing & Supplies	8,000	8,000
Schools	146,952	48,089
So. Berk. Volunteer Ambulance Squad	1,500	1,500
Town Buildings- Maintenance & Repair	5,000	5,000
Town Counsel	5,000	5,000
Town Highway	35,000	45,000
Town Officers' Expense	7,000	5,075

Constable pay, election year	0	925
Mileage reimbursement	200	200
BOH Admin	3,714	3,790
Town Secretary	25,332	25,846
Tree Warden	18,000	18,000
Utilities	10,000	10,000
Veterans' Services	950	953
Winter Maintenance	65,000	65,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$658,569</b>	<b>\$569,298</b>

**Article 3:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to fix salaries of the Elected Town Officers:

	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
Treasurer	16,139	16,462
Tax Collector	3,672	3,745
SB Chair	1,789	1,825
SB Member	1,341	1,368
SB Member	1,341	1,368
Assessor	1,472	1,501
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Town Clerk	2,550	2,500
Constable	385	393
Moderator	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,633</b>	<b>\$32,164</b>

This article requires a two thirds majority vote.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$23,500 in Waste Management fees, to cover all costs associated with waste disposal and recycling.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint any committee or committees and give them or any Town Officer an authority or indemnity and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,000.00 for inspection services. (This is a fund to cover expenses for inspections until payment is received for those services by third parties.)

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for a Reserve fund, as provided in Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$92,160.00 in Broadband fees, to cover all costs associated with the Mount Washington Broadband Network.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$98,000 from the Equipment Replacement Stabilization Fund to purchase a new backhoe to be chosen by the Highway Department and Selectboard. This article requires a two-thirds majority vote.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000.00 to also fund the purchase of the new Backhoe per the preceding Article.  
This article requires a two thirds majority vote.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,000.00 to fund the Equipment Replacement Stabilization Fund.  
This article requires a two thirds majority vote.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,016.00 to fund the Highway Construction Stabilization Fund.  
This article requires a two thirds majority vote.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$98,675.00 from free cash to the Highway Construction Stabilization Fund.  
This article requires a two thirds majority vote.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$150,692.00 from free cash to the Highway Dept. Facilities Stabilization Fund.  
This article requires a two thirds majority vote.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to declare that the Town of Mount Washington believes that health insurance costs for Towns, its employees and others have become untenable; that the Town supports a properly and efficiently designed state single payer system; and the Town calls upon the state legislature to adopt a proper and efficient state single payer healthcare system in Massachusetts at its earliest possible convenience, a system which will hopefully use the state administration already in place for MassHealth and a system into which all residents and entities contribute fairly.

**Article 16:** Shall the Town of Mount Washington approve the adoption of an Amendment to the Zoning By-laws prohibiting the operation of all Marijuana Establishments as defined in G.L.c. 94G, §1, including without limitation, Retailers, Cultivation, Testing Facilities, Product Manufacturing and all other types of marijuana-related businesses within the Town. This article requires a two thirds majority vote.

(The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board propose this Article believing that in voting for the Ballot measure in 2016 relative to marijuana the Town would not be giving up its local zoning authority to prohibit such activity; that the vote in Town reflected simply a desire to de-criminalize use and possession of marijuana; and that marijuana can be available where people want it and at appropriate locations, but that Mount Washington is not an appropriate location for such activity.)

**Article 17:** Until new zoning by-laws are adopted or prohibition allowed, but no later than December 31, 2018, shall the Town adopt a moratorium on all Marijuana Establishments defined by G.L. c. 94G, §1 to allow the Planning Board to properly analyze said law and adopt appropriate regulations therefor.  
This article requires a two thirds majority vote.

Articles 1 through 14 were approved by the Finance Committee.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy on the Town Hall and Town Transfer Station of Mount Washington at least seven days before the time of holding of said meeting. Hereof, fail not and of this warrant with your doings thereon, make return to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2018.

Select Board Town of Mount Washington

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Brian Tobin

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James Lovejoy

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Gail Garrett

I have served this warrant by posting an attested copy on the Town Hall and transfer station seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Whitbeck  
Constable Town of Mt Washington