

TOWN OF MOUNT WASHINGTON
Mt. Washington, MA
WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, May 7, 2019

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 seventh 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, 2019 to June 30, 2020, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

	Appropriations FY2019	Proposed Appropriations FY2020
Loan(s)	0	0
Accounting Officer	3,400	3,400
Accounting Expenses (audit)	19,250	20,000
Animal Control Officer	500	500
Assessors Consulting Service (rev/map)	10,000	10,000
Bank Services	1	1
Berkshire County Retirement System	30,847	32,319
Cemeteries	3,550	3,550
Communication fee	1,350	1,307
Council on Aging	599	400
Egremont Fire Companies	13,033	15,930
Emergency Preparedness	1	1
Employee Medicare matching funds	2,800	2,975
Fuel	16,000	18,000
Full Time Highway Employees	94,640	97,490
Insect Pest Control	1	1
Insurance - Group	74,730	74,730
Insurance - Town	18,000	18,000
Library	1,417	1,500
Machinery Maintenance	35,000	35,000
MA Division of Employment Security	1,800	206
Police	1	1
Printing & Supplies	8,000	8,000
Schools incl bus	48,089	36,000
So. Berk. Volunteer Ambulance Squad	1,500	2,000
Town Buildings- Maintenance & Repair	5,000	5,000
Town Counsel	5,000	5,000
Town Highway w/ extra stone	45,000	45,000
Town Officers' Expense	5,075	5,000

Constable pay, election year	925	925
Mileage reimbursement	200	200
BOH Admin	3,790	3,864
Town Secretary	25,846	20,000
Tree Warden	18,000	18,000
Utilities	10,000	10,000
Veterans' Services	953	971
Winter Maintenance	65,000	65,000
Total	\$569,298	\$560,271

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 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>
Treasurer	16,462	16,791
Tax Collector	3,745	3,870
SB Chair	1,825	1,862
SB Member	1,368	1,395
SB Member	1,368	1,395
Assessor	1,501	1,531
Assessor	1,501	1,531
Assessor	1,501	1,531
Town Clerk	2,500	2,500
Constable	393	401
Moderator	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	32,164	\$32,807

This article requires a two thirds majority vote.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$27,500.00 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 revolving 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 \$96,000.00 to cover all costs associated with the Mount Washington Broadband Network. (to be reimbursed in fees collected)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to create a Broadband Stabilization Fund and transfer to that fund \$42,186.00 from free cash (income, less expenses for fiscal 2018 Broadband). This article requires a two-thirds majority vote.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$12,864.00 from free cash to the Stabilization Fund. (repayment of sum used for Broadband loan)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$90,000.00 from free cash to purchase a new 5500 Truck.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$45,000.00 from Equipment Replacement Stabilization Fund to also be used to purchase the 5500 Truck referenced in the preceding Article. This article requires a two thirds majority vote.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$51,278.00 from free cash to the Highway Dept. Facilities Stabilization Fund.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$92,175.00 to fund the Highway Dept. Facilities Stabilization Fund.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$143,454.00 to fund the Highway Construction Stabilization Fund.

Article 16: 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.

Articles 1 through 15 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, 2019.

Select Board Town of Mount Washington

Brian Tobin

James Lovejoy

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.

David Whitbeck
Constable Town of Mt Washington

Date: _____