



## WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Berkshire, ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Richmond in said County, Greetings:

In the name of said Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Richmond qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Consolidated School of said Richmond on **May 21, 2025, at 7:30 PM**, and then and there to act upon the following:

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### **[Consent Calendar- Articles 1-3]**

**Article 1-** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to determine the manner of repairing the highways and caring for the cemeteries for the year.

**Article 2- REVOLVING FUND LIMITS.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Section 53E 1/2 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, to authorize the spending limits of the revolving funds outlined below. Expenditures from said funds shall not exceed the amount of funds received in the respective accounts or authorized below, shall come from any funds received by the respective boards and officers for performing services, shall be used solely for the purpose of coordinating and carrying out the programs delineated and shall be approved by a majority vote of the respective boards or officers.

**Inspection Services - \$20,000**

**Council on Aging - \$5,000**

**Board of Health - \$2,500**

**Wetland Protection - \$5,000**

**Municipal Building or Property Rental - \$10,000**

**Article 3-** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and accept any monies appropriated for use by the Massachusetts Highway Department for Chapter 90 highway aid and to fund the appropriation by transferring said amounts from available funds. Said funds shall carry over from year to year until spent by the Town and shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

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**Article 4-** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for the upkeep and repair of the buildings, equipment, highways and cemeteries and for all other charges and expenses of the Town for the year and to set the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws. [Fiscal Year 2025 amounts are shown for comparative purposes. Please see the Explanations section following this warrant for more information] *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

[LINE ITEMS]

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**Article 5 -** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$390,501** for the debt service payment for the New Town Hall Library Building *Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

**Article 6 -** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **\$39,699** for the debt service payment for the New Town Hall Library Building *Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

**Article 7-** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$100,000** to cover the cost of Ambulance Salaries. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

**Article 8-** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** from the ambulance receipts account to the ambulance expense account for the operation of the Richmond Ambulance service, the maintenance of the town ambulance, and for payments to County Ambulance and to other ambulance services providing backup and advanced life support to the Richmond Ambulance service, with any unexpended balance to be returned to the ambulance reserve account. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

**Article 9-** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **\$236,000** needed to operate the sewer enterprise fund.*(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

**Article 10-** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,592,996** for the support of the school. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

**Article 11-** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$5,000** to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, established under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 32B, Section 20. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

**Article 12-** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$20,000** to the reserve fund. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

**Article 13 -** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$6,000** for a fuel emergency assistance program administered under a contract with Berkshire



Community Action Council for the benefit of low-income Richmond residents. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

**Article 14-** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$5,000 for the treatment of weeds in Richmond Pond. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

**Article 15 –** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$9,000 to preserve deteriorating vital records books. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

**Article 16 –** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$75,000 into the Highway and Public Safety Stabilization account. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

**Article 17 –** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$400,000 to partially fund a new Fire Truck. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

**Article 18 -** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 to make temporary repairs on private ways including roads which are part of Richmond Shores Association and Whitewood Association. *Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

#### **Article 19 – Petition Article**

To see if the Town will vote to Modify Chapter X, Section 10.6 of the Town By-laws by eliminating the following: “and shall be expended only upon the expenditure of an equal amount for care and maintenance of roadways by the petitioning abutters or their association. No cash deposit shall be required of the abutters and funds shall be kept in separate accounts: one to be maintained by the Town Treasurer and one to be maintained by the abutters. The Selectmen may accept contributions of volunteer labor in lieu of part or all of the required match, with the value of the contributions to be determined by the Selectmen.”

You are also directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Richmond qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 11:00 AM, to bring in votes for the following Town Officers:

Board of Health	3 years
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Finance Committee	3 years
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Library Trustee	3 years
Moderator	1 year

Planning Board	5 years
Select Board	3 years
School Committee	3 Years
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Question 1.

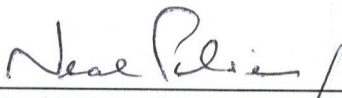
Shall the Town of Richmond be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the notes issued in order to pay costs associated with the purchase of a new Fire Truck, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?


And the polls may close at 7:00 PM.

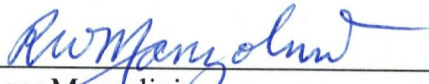
And you will serve the warrant by posting up true and attested copies hereof, one at the Richmond Town Hall, one at the Richmond Post Office, one at the Bartlett's Orchard bulletin board and one at the Richmond Shores Civic Association bulletin board, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

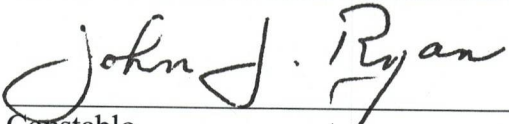
Board of Selectmen

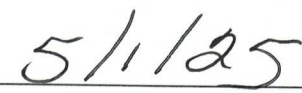
  
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Constable

  
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