

**EXPLANATIONS
2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

Introduction

As is the custom, we are providing a brief explanation of each article and line item in the warrant.

Budget Summary

The proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget, including the operation of the sewer system, the ambulance, and several proposed capital improvements, is \$8,342,251, or an increase of \$604,904 (7.8%). The Selectmen and the Finance Committee continue to present to you a balanced budget that does not rely on the use of reserves to fund operational costs while providing the services residents expect from town government. This year's budget includes a 3% salary increase for all non-school employees as well as increases in our pension assessment, and health insurance costs. However, once again you will see that many of our non-salary related line items have been level funded (or even reduced in some cases) from their Fiscal Year 2022 levels. The School Committee's Fiscal Year 2022 request from the town budget is \$4,022,871, an increase of \$52,604, or 1.3% over total school appropriations in 2022.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Sewer Budget is \$225,571 This budget funds the costs of operating the system as well as debt payment associated with the system's design and construction. All these costs are borne by the users of the system.

The breakdown of the revenues that will be required to meet the proposed expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 are as follows:

	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Revenue</u>
Real and Personal Property Taxes (Tax Levy)	\$5,861,904	70%
Non-Property Tax (State Aid, Local Receipts, Other)	\$2,480,347	30%
Total	\$8,342,251	100%

Again this year, Town Meeting consideration of the warrant articles will be done using the "consent calendar" approach. The Moderator will ask the town meeting attendees for permission to consider Articles 1-3 together, which will allow discussion of any of the articles under a single motion and will ask for a vote on all three articles on the same motion. In addition, in order to save time at the town meeting, the Moderator will not read all of the line items, but will read the heading of each section of line items and ask for any "holds" for each section. He will reserve any held line items for further discussion after seeking approval of any "non-held" line items and

then proceed to discuss and vote on any held line items individually. For more information about the town budget process, please contact the Selectmen's Office.

Consent Calendar- Articles 1-3

Article 1- Repair highways and care for cemeteries

This is a standard article from year to year authorizing the Selectmen to supervise the highways and cemeteries.

Article 2- Revolving Funds

This article establishes revolving funds that receive certain revenues and it authorizes expenditure of these funds without further appropriation. This article also establishes the limits of each revolving fund.

Article 3- Transportation Bond

This is a standard article allowing the Town to spend a state grant for road construction and repair. The Town's share for fiscal year 2022 was \$164,389.00.

Article 4- Line Items

This article raises and appropriates the funds for the general operational expenses of the town. Only items that are raised and appropriated from taxes appear in this article. Items that call for other methods of funding, such as transfers between accounts, require separate articles. Also, pursuant to Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, we have shown each elected officer's salary below each applicable line item on the warrant.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. Assessors Salaries: \$3,600 - These are the annual salaries of the Assessors with \$1200 per Assessor. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.
2. Assessors Expenses: \$18,700- This account pays for the Assessors' office supplies, map updating, software licenses, and other expenses. No change from Fiscal Year 2023.
3. Assessor Contracted Services: \$38,200- This account pays for the contract between the Town and Regional Resource Group (a private contractor), for the Assessing services it provides to the Town. This is year three of a three-year contract.
4. Audit: \$15,000- To be used to fund the annual audit of the town's books using the town's outside auditor, Thomas P. Scanlon, CPA. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.
5. Longevity/Vacation Buyout: \$7,500 - We provide longevity stipends to employees after a certain number of years of service. Four employees are eligible for longevity. All non-school employees are eligible for one week of vacation buy back.
6. Moderator Salary: \$500- The Moderator is entitled to a \$500 salary in FY23.

7. Selectmen Salaries: \$5,250- These are the annual salaries of the Selectmen at \$1,750 per Selectman. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.
8. Selectmen Expenses: \$4,500- This account pays for meetings, mileage, trainings, dues, and other expenses of the Selectmen. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.
9. Town Clerk Salaries: \$21,855- This is the salary line for the Town Clerk, who is the town's official record keeper and license issuer. This includes the assistant salary and a 3% increase.
10. Town Clerk Expenses \$10,000- This pays for software licensing, maintenance of voting machines and poll pads, mileage, dues, and other Town Clerk expenses. No Changes from Fiscal Year 2022
11. Treasurer/Collector Salary: \$74,919- This is the annual salary of the Treasurer/Collector, who manages the town's financial transactions, provides benefits management for all employees, including payroll, and oversees properties placed in Tax Title, and collects all personal and property, motor vehicle excise taxes and sewer fees. This represents a 3% increase from FY22.
12. Treasurer/Collector Expenses: \$24,000- This account pays for meetings, conferences, mileage and other expenses of the Treasurer/Collector. Tax Collection services was added to this budget line rather than keep it separate for more accurate accounting.
13. Tax Collector Assistant Salary: \$6,500- This is the base salary for the Assistant to the Tax Collector, who assists the Tax Collector with some of the basic functions of the collector's office including database management, and the collection of taxes. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.
14. Town Accountant Salary: \$59,485- This is the annual salary of the Town Accountant, who maintains the town's accounts, prepares the weekly warrant that the Selectmen sign to approve payment of the town's bills, and who files regular reports with the Department of Revenue. This amount includes a 3% increase.
15. Town Accountant Expenses: \$2,000- This account pays for training, meetings, mileage, and other expenses of the Town Accountant.
16. Administrative Assistant: \$20,000- This is the annual salary of the Administrative Assistant, who answers the phones at Town Hall, assists residents, and serves as general clerical staff for all offices and now includes the Board of Health, and Conservation. This is the additional raise agreed to prior to Covid when the Town agreed to split the raise incrementally over two years.
17. Town Counsel: \$35,000- This amount is used for Town Counsel and Special Town Counsel services, who advise and defend the town in legal matters. \$5,000 increase from Fiscal Year 2022 due to the increased number of lawsuits against the town.
18. Town Report: \$4,000- This is the cost of printing the annual town report.

19. Town Hall: \$31,000- This account pays for utilities, routine maintenance, cleaning, septic pumping, and other goods and services at the Town Hall. \$3,500 increase from Fiscal Year 2022 To more accurately reflect town spending.
20. Elections and Board of Registrars: \$8,000- This account pays for the expenses involved in conducting elections, registering voters, and maintaining the street list. This is an increase of \$1,400 based on the number of elections held in the fiscal year.
21. Town Administrator: \$84,872- This is the annual base salary of the Town Administrator, who oversees the day-to-day operations at Town Hall, supervises Town Staff and Sewer personnel, serves as the Harbormaster, and the Sewer Administrative Officer. Work related to the oversight of sewer operations is compensated from the sewer enterprise budget. This is a contracted position.
22. Town Administrator Expenses: \$3,000- This account pays for meetings, conferences, mileage and other expenses of the Town Administrator. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.
23. Conservation Commission: \$4,600- This account pays for meetings, conferences, mileage, supplies and other expenses of the Conservation Commission. No change from Fiscal Year 2022
24. Conservation Agent: \$21,218- This line item is to fund the services of the Conservation Agent. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.
25. Historical Commission: \$500- This account pays for copying, membership, meetings and other expenses of the Historical Commission. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.
26. Planning Board: \$285- This account pays for annual subscriptions, meetings, and other expenses of the Planning Board. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.
27. IT Services: \$25,000- This account is for our contracted IT services. It covers the expenses related to server maintenance and support, workstation maintenance and support, and overall IT support for all town owned buildings.
28. Technology Hardware: \$10,000- This account is used to pay for the replacement and/or repair of workstations, copiers, printers, etc., in all town owned buildings excluding the school. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.
29. COA Director/Administrative Assistant-\$28,929- This is the annual salary for the Council on Aging Director/Administrative Assistant position. The Administrative Assistant provides office support to the Town Administrator, Treasurer, Board of Health, as well as others as needed.
30. Council on Aging: \$4,800- This account pays for the various programs offered by the COA, including senior lunches, health programs and the van program. No change from Fiscal Year 2022. The council also receives funding from a state grant and has access to a revolving fund.

31. Veterans' Agent Salary: \$500. This is the annual salary for the Town's Veterans' Agent, now contracted through the City of Pittsfield.

32. Stationery and Office Supply: \$9,000- This account pays for paper, pens, pencils, postage, toner, and similar expenses at Town Hall. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

33. Banking Services: \$200- This account pays for banking fees and charges. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

34. Town Facility Maintenance: \$25,000- This account helps to pay for routine maintenance for all town facilities. This includes an increase for required maintenance to landfill per Department of Environmental Protection.

35. Legal Advertising: \$5,000- This account pays for the many legal ads that the town runs each year, ranging from invitations for bids to notices of public hearings. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

36. Training: \$6,000- This pays for most training/continuing education opportunities for town officers and employees. Reduction of \$4,000 from Fiscal Year 2022

37. Office Equipment and Software Support: \$20,700- This pays for regular software purchases, service contracts, office equipment and furniture, and related expenses. No change from Fiscal Year 2022

38. Website Hosting: \$1,900. This is the annual cost of hosting our Town's website and includes technical support. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

39. Police Chief Salary: \$2,000- This is the annual salary of the Police Chief, who issues firearms permits, arranges traffic details, and other matters. This includes a 3% increase

40. Deputy Police Chief Salary: \$1,339 This is the annual salary of the Deputy Police Chief, who issues firearms permits, arranges traffic details, and other matters under the supervision of the Police Chief. No change from Fiscal Year 2022

41. Police Department Expenses: \$1,000- This account pays for the equipment and supplies used by the department, such as badges and firearm licensing supplies. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

42. County Communications: \$13,767- This account pays Richmond's share of the Berkshire County Sheriff's Department to operate the 911 emergency dispatch system. This is a 3% increase from Fiscal Year 2022.

43. Constable Salaries: \$1,300- This is the salary account from which we pay the Constables if they are needed to direct traffic or for performing similar duties on Town owned roads.

44. Constable Expenses: \$1,250- This account pays for Constable mileage, shirts, radios, and other expenses.

45. Animal Control Officer Salary: \$5,000- This is the annual salary for the Animal Control Officer.

46. Animal Control Officer Expenses: \$1,000- This pays for snares, gloves, rabies shots, boarding of animals and other expenses of the Animal Control Officer. No change from Fiscal Year 2023.

47. Fire Department: \$68,000- This account pays for fuel, truck and equipment maintenance, training, stipends and other expenses of the Fire Department. This is a \$2,500 increase to cover the increase in costs of hose testing, and increase in per call stipends.

48. Fire House Rent: \$14,400- This account pays the rent to the Trustees of the Volunteer Fire Department for use of the building. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

49. Emergency Management: \$5,000- This account pays for equipment and supplies for this department, which provides assistance and direction during natural disasters, storms and other emergencies. No change from Fiscal Year 2022

50. Fire Chief/EMD Salary- \$16,883. This is the annual salary of the Fire Chief/EMD which is a part-time, non-benefit eligible position. 3% increase from Fiscal Year 2022.

51. Tree Warden: \$7,500- These funds are used for contracting with a tree service to remove problem trees. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

52. Building Inspector Salary: \$7,903- This is the Building Inspector's annual salary. This is a 3% increase from Fiscal Year 2022.

53. Building Inspector Expenses: \$4,500- This account pays for training, expenses and mileage of the Building Inspector and Assistant. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

54. Assistant Building Inspector: \$300- This is the annual salary of the Assistant Building Inspector, who fills in if the Building Inspector is not available or has a conflict of interest. No change from Fiscal Year 2022

55. Zoning Enforcement Officer Salary: \$4,232- This is the annual salary of the ZEO, who ensures that building projects and proposed uses conform to the Zoning Bylaw. 3% increase over Fiscal Year 2022.

56. Zoning Enforcement Officer Expenses: \$1,000- This account pays for meetings, mileage and

other expenses of the ZEO. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

57. Inspection Services: \$100- This is for inspections by the plumbing, wiring, gas and oil burner inspectors and their alternates on projects, such as town projects, where there is no fee tendered. They receive \$30 per inspection. All other compensation for the inspectors comes from the revolving inspection account, where fees for services are paid to the town and are turned around and paid to the inspectors. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

58. Board of Health Salaries: \$850- This is the annual salary account to be divided among five board members. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

59. Board of Health Expenses: \$6,685- This account pays for meetings and other expenses of the Board of Health. \$2,500 increase for private well testing & \$500 increase for more accurately reflecting the Town needs.

60. Board of Health Agent Salary: Has been deleted- Services previously done by the agent will now be done by Public Health Alliance.

61. Board of Health Agent Expenses: \$1,200- This pays for the mileage, supplies and other expenses of the agent.

62. Board of Health Contracted Services: \$22,150- This account covers the cost of additional inspectional services provided to the Board of Health by the Berkshire Public Health Alliance contractual increase. As well as increase in duties due to the discontinuance of Community Health.

63. Animal Inspector: \$200- This pays for the salary of the Animal Inspector, who performs the annual farm animal census and, also is responsible for the quarantine of animals suspected of having rabies.

64. Stray Animals: \$100- This account will help pay any costs associated with retrieving stray animals, usually farm animals. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

65. Rubbish Disposal: \$235,000- This account pays for the collection and disposal of the town's garbage and recyclables, as well as participation in any regional Household Hazardous Waste collection days. This is a \$20,000 increase from Fiscal Year 2022 due to a re-negotiated contract extension for trash collection and HHW fees.

66. Community Health: Community Health Association is no longer in service as of July 1, 2022

67. Veterans' Aid: \$9,000- This account pays for financial assistance to veterans as required by state law. The State reimburses the Town for 75% of the assistance costs.

68. Nuisance Abatement: \$500- This account provides funds to address public health matters that

are an immediate threat to public health and safety. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

HIGHWAYS

69. Machinery Maintenance: \$60,000- This account pays for the upkeep and repair of equipment and trucks. \$2,500 increase to accurately reflect town needs.

70. Road Construction: \$125,000- This account, combined with state transportation bond funds, pays for road construction and re-construction. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

71. Road Maintenance: \$30,000- This account pays for routine road maintenance. No change.

72. Town Garage: \$11,250- This account pays for heating fuel, and other expenses at the Town Garage. No change

73. Winter Roads: \$140,000- This account pays for the plowing and sanding of the roads, including the costs of salt and sand. No Change

74. Gravel Roads: \$55,000- This account pays for the maintenance of the gravel roads. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

75. Salaries \$250,755- This account is used to pay the road crew salaries and includes summer help, sick and vacation pay. This includes 3% salary increase.

76. Overtime: \$24,750 – This account covers costs of overtime in the department. No change

77. Fuel: \$30,000 This account covers the costs of fuel. Reduced by \$3,500 to more accurately reflect the town needs.

78. Utilities: \$10,080– This covers the costs of utilities such as electric, cable, phone, and internet.

79. Private Roads: \$3,500- These funds are used to help Richmond Shores and the Whitewood Association maintain their private roads, pursuant to Chapter X of the Town Bylaws. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

80. Beaver Control-\$3,500- This is the account to handle the beaver related problems that the town has had for many years. Much of this funding pays for an agreement with a contractor to maintain several water control devices in water bodies where beavers have set up housekeeping. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

81. Town Beach: \$18,000- This account pays for the lifeguards and equipment costs involved in running the Town Beach.

CULTURE & RECREATION

82. Recreation Committee: \$3,750- This account pays for the various recreation programs offered by the town, except for the Town Beach, which is operated by the DPW and funded under a separate line item. The committee also has access to a type of revolving fund that allows it to receive and expend program fees. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

83. Memorial Day: \$200- This account pays for flowers, markers and flags for Memorial Day. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

84. Library: \$68,365- This account pays the salaries and operating costs of the Library. This account has been increased by \$2,882 over Fiscal Year 2022.

85. Library Rent: \$12,000- This is for the annual rent for the library building. The Town is entering year 3 of a 3-year lease in July. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

86. Berkshire County Retirement: \$233,713- This account is Richmond's share paid to the Berkshire County Retirement System to cover the town's municipal employees. Teachers are covered under a separate retirement system administered by the state. This is a \$11,375 increase from Fiscal Year 2022 due to an increase in the annual assessment.

87. Group Insurance: \$129,503- This account pays for the town's share of the health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance for non-school employees. The cost for school personnel is included in the school budget. This line is estimated based on the number of anticipated policies for the coming year Rates went down and Town received a premium holiday in Fiscal Year 2022.

TOWN INSURANCE

88. Insurance and Bonding: \$120,000- This account pays for the Town's insurance policies, including motor vehicle, property, public liability, worker's compensation, and officers' bonds. .

UNCLASSIFIED

89. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission: \$1,169- This is the county's regional planning agency that reviews projects and assists cities and towns on planning and zoning matters. This account was decreased by \$6 over Fiscal Year 2022.

90. Cemetery Superintendent Salary: \$9,318- This is the annual salary of the Cemetery Superintendent who maintains the town's cemeteries. This is an increase of 3% from Fiscal Year 2022.

91. Cemetery Expenses: \$2,000- This account pays for the equipment and supplies in maintaining the cemeteries. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

92. Unemployment Reserve: \$2,500- This amount will help to cover the town's liability if a non-school employee files an unemployment claim. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

93. Medicare: \$42,000- This account pays the town's matching share of Medicare costs.

94. Group Purchasing: \$600- This pays for the town's membership in the regional group purchasing program. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

95. Richmond Pond Ramp Monitors: \$10,000- This pays the wages for the summer boat ramp monitors who under state regulation are required to certify that all water vessels launched from the state boat ramp are free from weeds and zebra mussels. The State of Massachusetts provides funding to offset some of the costs associated with the administration of this program.

96. Miscellaneous Expenses: \$700: This pays for miscellaneous expenses that cannot be justified by any other funding source. No change from Fiscal Year 2022.

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$422,238** to pay for debt service for the new Town Hall, Library Community Center.
(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)

Article 6- School Budget: \$4,022,871

This represents a 1.3% increase over the Town's Fiscal Year 2022 school appropriation. While the total school budget exceeds the amount to be voted, the difference will be made up through the use of School choice monies, grants, and other school revenues. Below is a comparison of the accounts between the Fiscal Year 2022 budget and the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023. Each account group has several sub-accounts which are not shown for space reasons. A full breakdown of the budget can be viewed on the school's web-site: www.richmondconsolidatedschool.org

	FY 2022	FY 2023
School Committee Accounts	\$14,330	\$16,830
Superintendent Accounts	\$109,985	\$113,414
Special Education Accounts	\$548,262	\$527,391
Principal Accounts	\$146,451	\$158,775
Supply Accounts	\$37,275	\$38,000
Teaching Accounts	\$1,620,049	\$1,675,415
Library Services	\$10,910	\$10,925
Professional Development Accounts	\$31,300	\$28,800
Technology Accounts	\$20,000	\$24,000
Health Accounts	\$59,881	\$63,481
Transportation Accounts	\$279,696	\$254,448
Activity Advisor	\$20,000	\$20,000
Tuition Accounts	\$644,007	\$523,464
Food Service Supervisor	\$61,972	\$58,382
Operations & Maintenance Accounts	\$263,590	\$283,425
Employee Benefits and Insurance Accounts	\$581,569	\$581,569
Unemployment Accounts	\$5,000	\$5,000
Contingency Accounts	\$10,992	\$116,201
Total	\$4,465,267	\$4,499,520

Amount raised and appropriated by the town	\$3,970,267	\$4,022,871
School choice, grants and pre-school revenue	\$495,000	\$476,649

(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)

Article 7 – To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by adding a new Section 14, Recreational, Educational and Research Use of Open Space and Conservation Land, and revising Section 4.8 A and Section 4.8 B. The Purpose of the Amendment is to provide for the recreational, educational and research use of open space and conservation land. This article is presented by the planning Board. Full Text can be viewed on line or in the Town Clerks Office.

Article 8 - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by adding a new Section 14, Recreational, Educational and Research Use of Open Space and Conservation Land, and revising Section 4.8 A and Section 4.8 B. The Purpose of the Amendment is to provide for the recreational, educational and research use of open space and conservation land. This article is presented by the residents of Perry’s Peak Road. Full Text can be viewed on line or in the Town Clerks Office.

Article 9- Highway Dept. Backhoe \$170,000

This article will fund the purchase of a new backhoe to replace the existing backhoe which is getting harder to repair and get parts for as well as to better meet the needs of our department.

(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)

Article 10- To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$50,000** for the installation of monitoring wells at the Landfill per DEP requirement *(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 **\$45,000** to cover a portion of the cost to fund two fulltime employees for the ambulance. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

Richmond and West Stockbridge will collaborate and fund two town funded ambulance service Mondays thru Fridays during the regular workday. Volunteers will continue to provide service at all other times.

Article 12- Ambulance Account: \$80,000

The Ambulance Account is composed of the fees received from operating the Ambulance Service and pays for vehicle replacement, maintenance, training, stipends, and payments to County Ambulance when it sends an ambulance in lieu of or to supplement our service and for other Ambulance Service expenses. This \$30,000 increase will cover additional costs of the new program. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

Article 13- Sewer Enterprise Fund: \$225,571

This will fund all expenses, salaries and debt service associated with the operation of the sewer

system. A detailed breakdown of the budget is included in the Warrant. The revenues to fund the sewer come from fees and betterments from the users (department receipts). Any funds not expended in upcoming fiscal year will revert to the sewer enterprise and become retained earnings available for spending in future years. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

Article 14- Reserve Fund: \$20,000

This funds unexpected expenses after the approval of the Finance Committee. No change of from Fiscal Year 2022. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

Article 15- OPEB: \$35,000 This will continue to fund the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, established under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 32B, Section 20. No change from Fiscal Year 2022*(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

Article 16- Conservation Land Trust Fund: \$10,000

This appropriation goes into a fund that can purchase land for conservation purposes. This is an increase of \$9,500 from Fiscal Year 2022
(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)

Article 17- Fuel Emergency Assistance Program: \$5,000

This is a fund to help low income Richmond residents in times of emergency. We are able each winter to supplement the amount given to low income residents who receive federal fuel assistance funds through Berkshire County Community Action.
(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)

Article 18- Treatment of Weeds in Richmond Pond: \$15,000

Systemic and spot treatment of Richmond Pond to control invasive species. No change from Fiscal Year 2022. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

Article 19- All Pond Goose Management Plan: \$600

This article will fund a portion of the Richmond Pond Association's Goose Management Plan to be implemented in the summer of 2023. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

Article 20 – To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$130,500.00** to use to help offset the costs of the new Town Hall Library project not covered in the bonding *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

Article 21 – To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$100,000** to the General Stabilization fund.

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TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED

(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)

Article 22 – To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$30,000** to Town Hall Stabilization fund.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY REQUIRED
(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)

Article 23- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$300** which will be applied to cover prior fiscal years invoices. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

Article 24 To authorize the Selectmen to carry out the terms of (1) a Boundary Line Agreement and Deed between the Town of Richmond and the Richmond Congregational Church confirming the boundary line between the existing Town Hall property at 1529 State Road, Richmond MA and the existing Richmond Congregational Church property; and 2) in relation to the same property, to enter into an agreement regarding easements for Water, Parking and Access between the Town of Richmond and the Richmond Congregational Church. These agreements were approved by the Board of Selectmen subject to approval by vote of the Town Meeting. True copies of these agreements are on file with the Richmond Town Clerk and available for viewing at the Town Clerk’s office or copies can be requested through the Town Clerk’s office. If approved, at a later date, the Selectmen will request that Town Meeting approve the layout of Church Lane as a public way in accordance with all applicable law, or take any other action in relation hereto.

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to transfer form certified free cash the sum of up to \$25,000 for a survey to be completed for the layout of Church Lane. *(Recommended for Approval by the Finance Committee)*

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to transfer form certified free cash the sum of **\$40,000** to cover the 25% match for a town-wide stormwater assessment grant.

Article 27 - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws Chapter X Miscellaneous Provisions SECTION 7.To read as follows: “Areas designated as the Richmond Tennis Court shall be for the sole use of Richmond and West Stockbridge residents and the Selectmen may charge a fee or establish a no-fee system for stickers for use of the Town Tennis Court” to read as follows:

Article 28 - To see if the Town will vote to amend the portion of the Town Bylaws Chapter III, Town Officers Section 1 which reads “The elected officers of the Town shall be three (3) Selectmen, three (3) School Committee members,” to read as follows;

“The elected officers of the Town shall be three (3) Selectmen, five (5) School Committee members,.....”

This was at the request of the School Committee to add 2 new members

Articles 29 and 30 are at the request of the planning board to remove articles that are no longer valid

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by deleting Section 4.9 Temporary Moratorium on Medical Treatment Centers in its entirety.

Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by deleting Section 4.10 Temporary Moratorium on Marijuana Establishments in its entirety.