



## TOWN OF BERNARDSTON

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – June 30, 2020

Moderator: Geoffrey Wilson

Check in Poll Workers: Christina Slocum-Wysk, Camilla Thacher

Constable: Peter Shedd

Registrar: Linda Raymond

#### Town Officials Present:

Select Board: Stanley Garland, Chair; Robert Raymond, Brian Keir

Finance Committee: Jane Dutcher, Chair; Brian Hervieux, Stephen Nestanpower, Jody Coleman

Town Coordinator: Louis Bordeaux

Town Counsel: Donna MacNicol; Town Clerk: Paul Luther

Assistant Town Clerk: Christina Slocum-Wysk

7 Non-Resident / Unregistered Voters Signed in and Known to be Present.

28 voters checked in at 6:30pm. 28 maximum number of voters checked in by close of meeting.

1656 registered voters

- *The Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:30pm by reading the notice of the warrant and confirming the proper posting thereof and then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

Article 1: The Town accepted all the reports of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Select Board, School Committees, all other Town Officers and Committees as contained in the Annual Town Report for 2019, and heard and accepted an oral report from the Select Board on the status of the Charity Lot Trust Fund; heard and accepted a report from Finance Committee Chair regarding the FY21 Town budget; and heard and accepted a report from the Select Board.

*The reports as contained in the ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR 2019 were distributed to all present and the oral reports of the Select Board including the status of the Charity Lot Trust Fund and the report of the Finance Committee Chair were heard. A motion to accept all of the reports was moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak to the motion, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

#### ARTICLES 2, 3, AND 4.

*Robert Raymond moved and it was seconded to accept Articles 2, 3 and 4 by consensus. After a very brief explanation of the appropriateness of such a motion given the administrative nature of the articles and long established public understanding of the articles, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

Article 2: The Town of Bernardston voted to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept state and/or federal monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate application and/or document.

*Approved by consensus as explained above: ARTICLES 2, 3, AND 4.*

Article 3: The Town voted to authorize the Select Board to accept and expend without further appropriation any monies, which may be made available from the Commonwealth through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for improvements to Town roads.

*Approved by consensus as explained above: ARTICLES 2, 3, AND 4.*

Article 4: The Town voted to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements for Fiscal 2021, commencing on July 1, 2020 pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, section 53F.

*Approved by consensus as explained above: ARTICLES 2, 3, AND 4.*

Article 5: The Town voted, under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 41, §108, or any amendments thereto, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2021, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefore, and further:

<b>Raise and Appropriate</b>	<b>\$473,481.28</b>
<b>Transfer from Free Cash</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>Transfer from Newsletter Revolving Fund</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>
<b>For A Total of</b>	<b>\$504,281.28</b>

for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, in accordance with the amounts **as shown in the column labeled "FY 2021, Recommended by Finance Committee" of the following table (Table I).**

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

<b>TABLE I</b>	*	<b>FY 2021</b>	<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>FY 2020</i>
<b>* Column designates transfers: F = Free Cash, T = Another Account</b>		<b>Recommended by Finance Committee</b>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Appropriated</i>
<b>Moderator</b>				
Annual Meeting		50.00	50.00	50.00
Special Town Meeting (3@\$60)		180.00	180.00	180.00
Total Moderator		230.00	230.00	230.00
<b>Select Board Department</b>				
Select Board Stipends - - - - Chairman		2,050.00	2,050.00	2,050.00
2nd Member		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
3rd Member		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Town Coordinator Salary		53,893.72	53,045.00	53,045.00
Select Board Expenses		3,000.00	3,200.00	3,000.00
Town Reports, Printing of		1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Newsletter Stipend	T	800.00	800.00	800.00
Newsletter Expense		2,600.00	2,600.00	1,500.00
<i>Sub-Total Newsletter</i>		<i>3,400.00</i>	<i>3,400.00</i>	<i>2,300.00</i>
Town Hall Payroll		6,222.06	5,713.00	6,002.63
IT Services		4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Operating & Other Expenses		21,950.00	23,450.00	23,950.00
<i>Sub-Total Town Hall Expense</i>		<i>32,172.06</i>	<i>33,163.00</i>	<i>31,952.63</i>
<b>Total Select Board Department</b>		<b>99,715.78</b>	<i>100,058.00</i>	<i>97,547.63</i>
<b>Assessor's Office</b>				
Assessors' Stipends - - - - - Chairman		1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
2nd Member		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
3rd Member		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Assessors' Assistant Payroll		35,544.58	34,984.83	34,984.83
Assessors' Expenses		9,345.00	9,445.00	9,345.00
<b>Total Assessors Office</b>		<b>47,939.58</b>	<i>47,479.83</i>	<i>47,379.83</i>

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<b>Treasurer's Department</b>				
Salary		22,587.70	22,231.99	22,231.99
Treasurer Certification		1,000.00	1,000.00	833.33
Expense		6,025.00	6,025.00	5,925.00
<b>Total Treasurer's Office</b>		<b>29,612.70</b>	29,256.99	28,990.32
Town Officers' Bonds		800.00	800.00	576.00
Tax Title Expenses		5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Total Treasurer's Dept</b>		<b>35,412.70</b>	35,056.99	34,566.32
<b>Debt Service</b>				
Interest on Short Term Borrowing		100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Debt Service</b>		<b>100.00</b>	100.00	100.00
<b>Tax Collector's Department</b>				
Salary		19,795.30	19,483.55	19,483.56
Expenses		7,777.91	7,777.91	7,777.91
<b>Total Tax Collector's Dept</b>		<b>27,573.21</b>	27,261.46	27,261.47
<b>Town Clerk's Dept.</b>				
Salary – 16 hours/week		14,976.00	15,808.00	16,179.24
Assistant Town Clerk – 8 hours/week		5,824.00	6,240.00	1,155.66
Expenses		1,700.00	1,700.00	1,800.00
Elections/Registration		9,440.00	9,440.00	9,060.00
Registrars' Stipends		480.00	480.00	480.00
<b>Total Town Clerk's Office</b>		<b>32,420.00</b>	33,668.00	28,674.90
<b>Planning Board</b>				
Payroll		4,331.30	4,263.09	4,263.09
Operating & Other Expenses		1,000.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Planning Board</b>		<b>5,331.30</b>	5,463.09	5,263.09
<b>Board of Health</b>				
Board of Health Stipends - - Chairman		1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
2nd Member		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
3rd Member		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Board of Health Clerk**				14,041.24
Health Agent**				5,000.00
** See below Table III Franklin Regional Council Of Governments: Fees for Service / Public Health \$16,906.00				
Wetlands		3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Board of Health Expenses		1,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
<b>Total Board of Health</b>		<b>7,700.00</b>	8,700.00	30,241.24

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<b>Human Services</b>				
Powers Institute Payroll		9,678.76	10,017.00	8,364.03
Powers Institute Operating Expenses		28,790.00	29,690.00	32,057.00
Council on Aging Payroll		59,105.20	58,604.00	58,072.25
Council on Aging Operating Expenses		3,314.00	3,314.00	3,094.00
<i>Sub-Total Senior Center</i>		<i>100,887.96</i>	<i>101,625.00</i>	<i>101,587.28</i>
Veterans' Benefits		7,344.00	7,344.00	6,120.00
Veterans' Services		4,190.97	4,190.97	3,837.65
Veteran's Memorial Committee		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<i>Sub-Total Veterans Service</i>		<i>12,534.97</i>	<i>12,534.97</i>	<i>10,957.65</i>
<b>Total Human Services</b>		<b>113,422.93</b>	<i>114,159.97</i>	<i>112,544.93</i>
<b>Cushman Library</b>				
Payroll		54,020.92	53,170.00	53,170.20
Operating Expenses		16,266.03	18,821.00	18,101.00
<b>Total Cushman Library</b>		<b>70,286.95</b>	<i>71,991.00</i>	<i>71,271.20</i>
<b>Appeals Board (ZBA)</b>				
Payroll		313.94	309.00	309.00
Operating & Other Expenses		300.00	300.00	300.00
<b>Total Appeals Board (ZBA)</b>		<b>613.94</b>	<i>609.00</i>	<i>609.00</i>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>				
Payroll		627.89	600.00	618.00
Operating & Other Expenses		882.00	1,300.00	882.00
<b>Total Conservation Commission</b>		<b>1,509.89</b>	<i>1,900.00</i>	<i>1,500.00</i>
<b>Other Boards &amp; Committees</b>				
Agricultural Commission		1,125.00	1,400.00	1,125.00
Historical Commission		400.00	400.00	400.00
MPIC (Master Plan Implementation Committee)		500.00	500.00	500.00
<b>Reserve Fund (Raise &amp; Appropriate 30,000; Transfer from Free Cash 30,000)</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<i>30,000.00</i>	<i>30,000.00</i>
<b>Total Other</b>		<b>62,025.00</b>	<i>32,300.00</i>	<i>32,025.00</i>
<b>TOTAL of ARTICLE</b>		<b>\$504,281.28</b>	<i>478,977.34</i>	<i>489,214.60</i>

Article 6: The Town voted to accept the FY21 budget adopted by the PVRSD School Committee on June 22, 2020, in the amount of \$14,356,936 of which \$ 8,873,920 will be assessed to the member towns and:

<b>Raise and Appropriate</b>	<b>\$3,193,554.04</b>
<b>Transfer from Free Cash</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>for a Total of</b>	<b>\$3,198,554.04</b>

for Bernardston's share of the education expense in accordance with the amounts **as shown in the column labeled "FY 2021, Recommended by Finance Committee" of the following table (Table II).**

*The Article was read as printed in the Warrant, moved and seconded.*

*An amendment/correction by Jane Dutcher was then moved and seconded to change the Article as printed in the Warrant from: "To see if the Town will vote to approve the PVRSD Budget of \$14,356,936 presented for adoption at the School Committee Meeting on May 27, 2020" to: "To see if the Town will vote to accept the FY21 budget adopted by the PVRSD School Committee on June 22, 2020, in the amount of \$14,356,936.00 of which \$ 8,873,920.00 will be assessed to the member towns." In addition as part of the same motion she moved that the: **Recommended, Pioneer Valley Regional School Dist., Operating Budget line in Table II be corrected from \$ 2,814,044.00 to \$ 2,819,044.00. The totals in Table II are unchanged as they were based on the figure of \$ 2,819,044.00 not the one printed in the warrant. After no one asked to speak, the amendment/correction was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.***

*The article as amended, after no one asked to speak, was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared the article as amended approved Unanimously.*

<b>TABLE II</b>	*	<b>FY 2021</b>	<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>FY 2020</i>
<b>* Column designates transfers: F = Free Cash, T = Another Account</b>		<b>Recommended by Finance Committee</b>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Appropriated</i>
<b>Schools</b>				
<b>School Committee Stipends</b>				
PVRS-1 <sup>st</sup> Representative		200.00	200.00	200.00
PVRS-2 <sup>nd</sup> Representative		200.00	200.00	200.00
PVRS-3 <sup>rd</sup> Representative		200.00	200.00	200.00
FCTS Representative		200.00	200.00	200.00
<b>Total Stipends</b>		<b>800.00</b>	800.00	800.00
<b>Franklin County Technical School</b>				
Operating Budget		372,388.00	372,388.00	394,796.00
Capital Budget (2 <sup>nd</sup> payment)		6,322.04	6,322.04	7,444.59
<b>Total FCTS</b>		<b>378,710.04</b>	378,710.04	402,240.59
<b>Pioneer Valley Regional School Dist.</b>				
Operating Budget (as amended)		2,814,044.00	2,971,382.00	2,969,574.00
<b>PVRS Capital Projects</b>				
FY20 Carpet Rooms 111, 206 & 207				2,552.26
FY20 – WIFI Project				7,656.78
<i>Sub-Total High School Capital Project Projects</i>		<i>0.00 (Zero)</i>	<i>0.00 (Zero)</i>	<i>10,209.04</i>

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<b>* Column designates transfers: F = Free Cash, T = Another Account</b>		<b>Recommended by Finance Committee</b>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Appropriated</i>
<b>BES Capital Projects</b>				
Capital Improvements	F	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
FY20 Sidewalk replacement				19,000.00
<i>Sub-Total BES Capital Projects</i>		5,000.00	5,000.00	24,000.00
<i>Total PVRS</i>		2,819,044.00	2,971,382.00	3,003,783.04
<b>Total Schools</b>		<b>3,197,754.04</b>	3,355,092.04	3,406,023.63
<b>TOTAL of ARTICLE</b>		<b>3,198,554.04</b>	3,355,892.04	3,406,823.63

Article 7: The Town voted to

<b>Raise and Appropriate</b>	<b>\$443,896.52</b>
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for Contracted Services, Pension and Insurance Expense in accordance with the amounts **as shown in the column labeled “FY 2021, Recommended by Finance Committee” of the following table (Table III).**

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

<b>TABLE III</b>	*	<b>FY 2021</b>	<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>FY 2020</i>
<b>* Column designates transfers: F = Free Cash, T = Another Account</b>		<b>Recommended by Finance Committee</b>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Appropriated</i>
<b>Contracted Services</b>				
Franklin Regional Council Of Governments				
Statutory/Core Services		13,832.00	13,832.00	13,685.00
Fees for Service:				
Accounting Program		29,543.00	29,543.00	25,454.00
Procurement		2,348.00	2,348.00	2,348.00
Public Health		16,906.00	16,906.00	
Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC)				150.00
Building Inspection		7,600.00	7,600.00	7,500.00
Emergency Communications		8,945.62	8,945.62	8,337.30
<i>Sub-Total FRCOG</i>		79,174.62	79,174.62	57,474.30
Franklin County Solid Waste Management District		9,715.00	9,715.00	7,807.00
Town Counsel		5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Street Lights		4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Cell phones (COA, Fire, Highway)		3,420.00	3,420.00	3,420.00
<b>Total Contracted Services</b>		<b>101,809.62</b>	101,809.62	78,201.30

<b>TABLE III</b>	*	<b>FY 2021</b>	<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>FY 2020</i>
<b>* Column designates transfers: F = Free Cash, T = Another Account</b>		<b>Recommended by Finance Committee</b>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Appropriated</i>
<b>Pensions &amp; Insurance</b>				
Franklin Regional Retirement System		116,882.00	116,882.00	108,485.00
Social Security		100.00	100.00	100.00
Medicare		14,000.00	14,000.00	12,000.00
Unemployment Insurance		8,750.00	8,750.00	6,000.00
Insurance: buildings, vehicles, equipment, liability town officers		67,205.22	67,205.22	64,616.83
Employee health insurance		126,700.00	126,700.00	151,117.02
Employee dental insurance		7,662.00	7,662.00	9,100.86
Employee life insurance		787.68	787.68	787.68
<i>Sub-Total Employee Insurance Benefits</i>		<i>135,149.68</i>	<i>135,149.68</i>	<i>161,005.56</i>
<b>Total Pensions &amp; Insurance</b>		<b>342,086.90</b>	<i>342,086.90</i>	<i>352,207.39</i>
<b>TOTAL of ARTICLE</b>		<b>443,896.52</b>	<i>443,896.52</i>	<i>430,408.69</i>

Article 8: The Town voted to

<b>Raise and Appropriate</b>	<b>\$849,935.80</b>
<b>Transfer from Landfill Receipts</b>	<b>\$57,825.00</b>
<b>Transfer from Transfer Station Recycling Account</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>
<b>For a Total of</b>	<b>\$909,360.80</b>

for Public Services in accordance with the amounts as shown in the column labeled “FY 2021, Recommended by Finance Committee” of the following table (Table IV).

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

<b>TABLE IV</b>	*	<b>FY 2021</b>	<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>FY 2020</i>
<b>* Column designates transfers: F = Free Cash, T = Another Account</b>		<b>Recommended by Finance Committee</b>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Appropriated</i>
<b>Public Services</b>				
<b>Fire Department</b>				
Stipends		12,800.00	12,800.00	12,800.00
Payroll		53,377.59	52,537.00	52,537.00
Operating Expenses		57,350.00	58,100.00	57,930.00
Ambulance Service		10,000.00	10,000.00	
<b>Total Fire Department</b>		<b>133,527.59</b>	<i>133,437.00</i>	<i>123,267.00</i>

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<b>* Column designates transfers: F = Free Cash, T = Another Account</b>		<b>Recommended by Finance Committee</b>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Appropriated</i>
<b>Emergency Management</b>				
Stipend		5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Supplies		6,390.00	6,390.00	5,850.00
<b>Total Emergency Management</b>		<b>11,390.00</b>	<i>11,390.00</i>	<i>10,850.00</i>
<b>Police Department</b>				
Payroll		243,962.55	242,704.00	240,120.62
Operating Expenses		38,645.00	39,270.00	39,130.00
Police Cruiser (Vehicle Stabilization.)	T			47,000.00
<b>Total Police Department</b>		<b>282,607.55</b>	<i>281,974.00</i>	<i>326,250.62</i>
<b>Highway Department</b>				
Payroll		191,285.65	193,258.42	176,991.97
Snow & Ice		55,435.00	55,435.00	
Operating Expenses		101,600.00	101,600.00	146,380.00
<b>Total Highway Department</b>		<b>348,320.65</b>	<i>350,293.42</i>	<i>323,371.97</i>
<b>Transfer Station</b>				
Payroll		30,028.52	30,699.00	28,257.46
Operating Expenses (incl \$1600 Annual Recycling Rolloff replacement transfer from the Transfer Station Recycling Account) and FY21- transfer \$50,000 from the Landfill Receipts Account; (FY20-trans \$66,450 from Landfill Receipts Account)	T	83,950.00	83,950.00	71,750.00
Landfill Testing (transfer from Landfill Receipts Account)	T	7,825.00	7,825.00	7,825.00
<b>Total Transfer Station (FY21-\$1,600 from Transfer Station Recycling account, \$57,825 from Landfill Receipts account, and Raise &amp; Appropriate \$63,049) (FY20-74,275 fm Landfill receipts + 1,600 fm Transfer Station Recycling &amp; R&amp;A 31,957.46)</b>	T	<b>121,803.52</b>	<i>122,474.00</i>	<i>107,832.46</i>
<b>Other Public Works</b>				
Municipal Animal Inspector (including Barn Inspections & Animal Control-see State description)		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Memorial Day		500.00	500.00	500.00



<b>TABLE IV</b>	*	<b>FY 2021</b>	<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>FY 2020</i>
<b>* Column designates transfers: F = Free Cash, T = Another Account</b>		<b>Recommended by Finance Committee</b>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Appropriated</i>
<b>Tree Warden</b>				
Tree Warden Payroll		4,761.48	4,950.00	4,686.50
Tree Warden Operating Expenses		5,450.00	5,450.00	5,350.00
<i>Sub-total Tree Warden including Pest Control</i>		<i>10,211.48</i>	<i>10,400.00</i>	<i>10,036.50</i>
<b>Total Other Public Works</b>		<b>11,711.48</b>	<i>11,900.00</i>	<i>11,536.50</i>
<b>TOTAL of ARTICLE</b>		<b>909,360.80</b>	<i>911,468.42</i>	<i>903,108.54</i>

Article 9: The Town voted by more than the required two thirds majority to

<b>Transfer from Free Cash</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>
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for the Stabilization accounts in accordance with the amounts as shown in the column labeled “FY 2021, Recommended by Finance Committee” of the following table (Table V).

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously and that a unanimous vote satisfied the two thirds majority requirement for this kind of action.*

<b>TABLE V</b>	*	<b>FY 2021</b>	<i>FY 2021</i>	<i>FY 2020</i>
<b>Column designates transfers: F = Free Cash, T = Another Account</b>		<b>Recommended by Finance Committee</b>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Appropriated</i>
<b>Stabilization Accounts</b>				
Special Purpose Stabilization Fund – Vehicle replacement	F	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Transfer to stabilization	F	100,000.00	100,000.00	50,000.00
Total Stabilization Accounts		150,000.00	150,000.00	100,000.00
<b>TOTAL of ARTICLE</b>		<b>150,000.00</b>	<i>150,000.00</i>	<i>100,000.00</i>

Article 10: The Town voted to **Raise and appropriate the amount of \$4,332.22 for payroll and transfer from the Barber Fund the amount of \$4,000.00 for operating expense for a total of \$8,332.22 for the Recreation Commission Expense Account and transfer from the Kiwanis Expendable Interest Account the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Kiwanis Recreation Equipment Fund to be expended by the Recreation Commission for Recreation Programs and Field Maintenance.**

*The Article was read as printed in the Warrant, moved and seconded.*

*An amendment/correction by Jane Dutcher was then moved and seconded to change the Article as printed in the Warrant by adding the words “for payroll” after the number \$4,332.22 and adding the words “for operating expense” after the number \$4,000.00.*

*After no one asked to speak, the amendment/correction was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

*The article as amended, after no one asked to speak, was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared the article as amended approved Unanimously.*

Article 11: The Town voted to **raise and appropriate the amount of \$1,200.00** for the Bernardston Cemetery Commission for maintenance at the Old Cemetery.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

Article 12: The Town voted to **raise and appropriate the amount of \$300.00** for the Flag Replacement Account.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

Article 13: The Town voted to **raise and appropriate the amount of \$5,000.00** for the second of three installments, for the FY22 Town Audit.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

Article 14: The Town voted to **raise and appropriate the amount of \$2,400.00** for the second of five installments, for the Board of Assessors FY24 revaluation.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

Article 15: The Town voted to **raise and appropriate the amount of \$4,000.00** for the second of five installments for the Board of Assessors Ten-Year Reinspection Program.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

Article 16: The Town voted to **raise and appropriate the amount of \$3,000.00** to the Mosquito Control Account.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

Article 17: The Town voted to **transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000.00** to be added to the Employee Retirement/Separation Account.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

Article 18: The Town voted to **transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$5,000.00** to be added to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

Article 19: The Town voted to **transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$15,000.00** for the Renovate/Construct Town Buildings Account.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.*

Article 20: The Town voted by more than the required four fifths majority to **transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$887.00** to pay a prior year bill relative to the Eden Trail Crossing Culvert project.

*The Article was read as printed in the Warrant, moved and seconded.*

*An amendment/correction by Jane Dutcher was then moved and seconded to change the Article as printed in the Warrant by changing “ \$ 877.00 ” to “ \$ 887.00.” After no one asked to speak, the amendment/correction was put to a Voice Vote following which the **Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.***

*After no one else asked to speak, the article as amended, was put to a Voice Vote following which the **Moderator declared the article as amended approved Unanimously and that a unanimous vote satisfied the four fifths majority requirement for this kind of action.***

Article 21: The Town voted to **transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$4,500.00** for Bernardston’s share of the cost of a negotiator for the Bernardston Northfield Cable TV Contract (BNCTV) negotiations.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the **Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.***

Article 22: The Town voted to **raise and appropriate the amount of \$10,000.00** to outfit an F350 Squad Truck for the Fire Department.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the **Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.***

Article 23: The Town voted to **raise and appropriate the amount of \$65,112.00** to equip and install the new Radio System for the Fire Department at a cost of \$55,000 and for the Police Department at a cost of \$10,112.00.

*The Article was read as printed in the Warrant, moved and seconded.*

*An amendment by Jane Dutcher was then moved and seconded to change the Article as printed in the Warrant from: “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$55,000.00 to install the new Radio System for the Fire Department . . .” to: “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$65,112.00 to equip and install the new Radio System for the Fire Department at a cost of \$55,000 and for the Police Department at a cost of \$10,112.00. . . .”*

*After no one asked to speak, the amendment was put to a Voice Vote following which the **Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.***

*After no one else asked to speak, the article as amended, was put to a Voice Vote following which the **Moderator declared the article as amended approved Unanimously.***

Article 24: The Town voted by more than the required two thirds majority to **authorize the Select Board to borrow up to \$190,000.00** for the purchase of a Freightliner Truck for the Highway Department.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the **Moderator declared it approved Unanimously and that a unanimous vote satisfied the two thirds majority requirement for this kind of action.***

Article 25: The Town voted to **transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$850.00** for the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District to provide Bernardston’s share of the cost of an extraordinary legal fee.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded and after no one asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the **Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.***

Article 26: The Town voted to **transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$7,000.00** to provide for sidewalk repair on Depot Street to be undertaken by our Highway Department.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded. Stan Garland stated the town was hoping to get a grant through the federal CARES Act in which case this sum would not be spent. After no one else asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the **Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.***

Article 27: The Town voted to **transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$10,275.00** for the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to provide Bernardston's share of anticipated costs of Care[s] Act funding.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded. The Town Clerk asked whether this needed an explanation and when the Moderator asked if anyone needed an explanation, no one expressed a desire to have it explained. After no one else asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the **Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.***

Article 28: The Town voted to **authorize the following spending limits** for Revolving Funds in accordance to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 53E½ and the Town of Bernardston Bylaw for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

*The Article was read, moved and seconded. A question was asked if any of the amounts in the table had changed from the previous year and a town official replied that the amounts were the same as last year. After no one else asked to speak, it was put to a Voice Vote following which the **Moderator declared it approved Unanimously.***

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Spending Limit</b>
Council on Aging Donations	\$10,000.00
Board of Health	\$15,000.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$1,000.00
Planning Board	\$2,000.00
Fire Department	\$2,000.00
Dog Licenses	\$3,000.00
Public Safety	\$15,000.00
Transfer Station Recycling	\$37,000.00
Cushman Library	\$5,000.00
Agricultural Commission	\$5,000.00
Newsletter	\$2,000.00
Street Flag Replacement Fund	\$5,000.00

*Before adjourning, Jane Dutcher stated that she appreciated the confidence in the Select Board and the Finance Committee the town's people have shown by their votes and participation in this meeting.*

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting Adjourned at 7:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted, July 3, 2020



Paul W. Luther, Bernardston Town Clerk