



**MOTIONS FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**May 13, 2019**

- Article 1** I nominate Paul Anziano and Linda Tsoumas as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Mary Olberding for a three year term as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund.
- Article 2** I move the Town accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.
- Article 3** I move the Town authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at the following hourly rates:
- Assessors \$17.50
  - Board of Health Members \$7.25
- Article 4** I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving tax cases.
- Article 5** I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee.
- Article 6** I move the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program or any other state grant program for use on approved town ways.
- Article 7** I move the Town appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account.
- Article 8** I move the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.
- Article 9** I move the Town fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,121,348.00 and appropriate from Wetlands Hearings Fees Account the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of \$2,126,348.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,606,057.00 and appropriate the sum of \$900,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of \$4,506,057.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,945,376.00 and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$68,000.00, for a total appropriation of \$30,013,376.00 for the Town School Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,346,880.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,923,704.00, and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$155,078.00 for a total appropriation of \$2,078,782.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

I move the Town appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of \$300,096.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$10,561.00 for a total appropriation of \$310,657.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

I move the Town appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$165,694.00, and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of \$1,624,305.00 for a total appropriation of \$1,789,999.00, to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$952,676.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$854,750.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$817,341.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,129,753.00, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$898,502.00, for a total appropriation of \$5,028,255.00 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,298.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,351,520.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

**Article 10** I move the Town amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 94, Revolving Funds, in the manner printed in Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**Article 11** I move the Town approve Article 11, as printed in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, amending, however, the hourly rate of Grade 8, Step 8 in 91 Attachment 2, Appendix B, Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees (compensation chart - effective July 1, 2019 to end in June 30, 2020), from \$22.93 to \$34.15, due to a typographical error.

**Article 12** I move the Town vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) and to meet this appropriation, authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum under provisions to G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, 8, 8C, G.L. Chapter 44B and/or any enabling authority, for the purpose of planning, designing, improving, renovating and/or equipping what is known as the Chestnut Hill Recreation Area, and to approve Article 12 as printed in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes shall be applied to the costs of the project being financed by the bonds or notes and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by a like amount.

**Article 13** I move the Town appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$100,278.00 to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund.

**Article 14** I move the Town appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund the sum of \$50,000.00 to be used for operations, and the sum of \$60,000.00 to be used for the purchase and installation of equipment and capital projects of the Belchertown Community Channel, and anything incidental or related thereto, for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019.

**Article 15** I move the Town appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$74,922.00 to fund the capital and one-time expenses as set forth below, including all costs incidental or related thereto:

LMH Auditorium acoustics	\$25,000
Voter Booths	\$13,222
Time/Accrual Scheduling Software & Equipment	\$11,700
Cold Spring School – ADA Access to Playground	\$25,000

**Article 16** I move the Town appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$4,000 to the Belchertown Cultural Council expense account.

**Article 17** I move lease/purchase and equip a Department of Public Works one ton dump truck pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §.21C for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in paragraph 6 of Article 9 of the Town Budget as voted pursuant to Article 9 at this May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 18** I move the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to lease/purchase and equip a Department of Public Works Maintenance Division tractor pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §.21C for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in paragraph 11 of Article 9 of the Town Budget as voted pursuant to Article 9 at this May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 19** I move the Town authorize the School Department to enter into an agreement to lease/purchase and equip a School Department maintenance truck pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §.21C for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in paragraph 4 of Article 9 of the Town Budget as voted pursuant to Article 9 at this May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 20** I move the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to lease/purchase and equip a Senior Center van pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §.21C for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in paragraph 9 of Article 9 of the Town Budget as voted pursuant to Article 9 at this May 13, 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 21** I move the Town modify its acceptance of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 and establish the minimum value of personal property subject to taxation at \$6,000 in value.

- Article 22** I move the Town, pursuant to MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, increase the real property tax exemption for individuals who have reached the age of 70 or older who meet certain ownership, occupancy, income and other requirements, to \$1,000.
- Article 23** I move the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ten (10) year contract, commencing on July 1, 2020, with the qualified vendor selected by MassDEP through a competitive bid process for recycling services for the Town, subject to the Board of Selectmen's determination that the contract is in the best interests of the Town and subject to Town Meeting approval in the Spring of 2020 for funding for these services.
- Article 24** I move the Town vote to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Chapter 72-2, Posting of Warrants in the manner printed in Article 24 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
- Article 25** I move the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c. 59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 7.2 +/- acres of land located on Bardwell Street as shown on Assessor's Map 272 as Parcel 5 on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.
- Article 26** I move the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c. 59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 19.1 +/- acres of land located on Franklin Street as shown on Assessor's Map 272 as Parcel 68 on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.
- Article 27** I move the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c. 59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 7 acres +/- of land located on Railroad Street as shown on Assessor's Map 278 as Parcel 48 and Assessor's Map 281, Parcel 35 on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.
- Article 28** I move the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c. 59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 21 acres +/- on Ware Road as shown on Assessor's Map 245 as Parcel 62 on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.

- Article 29** I move the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c. 59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 5 acres +/- on North Washington Street as shown on Assessor's Map 256 as Parcel 27 on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.
- Article 30** I move the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c. 59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 10.7 acres +/- on Daniel Shays Highway as shown on Assessor's Map 226 as Parcel 45.01 on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.
- Article 31** I move the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to G.L. c. 59, §38H or any other enabling legislation for a solar energy project(s) located or to be located on 48 acres +/- on Gulf Road as shown on Assessor's Map 215, Parcels 5, 4, 21, 22, and 29 on such terms and conditions and for such term of years as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement and administer such agreement.
- Article 32** I move the Town vote to delete §145-28 of the Zoning By-Law relative to Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installations in its entirety and to replace it with a new §145-28 Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installations in the manner printed in Article 32 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
- Article 33** Citizen Petition: I move...
- Article 34** I move the Town adopt General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F1/2, and create a Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2020.
- Article 35** I move the Town amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 112, Stormwater Management, by adding a new Stormwater Utility Bylaw in the manner printed in Article 35 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
- Article 36** Citizen Petition: I move...

**Article 37** I move the Town appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of \$2,500 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY 2020; and that the Town reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve:

- \$29,422 from FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space
- \$29,422 from FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources
- \$29,422 from FY 2020 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing,

And, further, appropriate and transfer \$65,500 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 23 of the May 9, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 38** I move the Town appropriate and transfer \$9,975 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve for the grave stone preservation and restoration project at the historic Mt. Hope Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer.

**Article 39** I move the Town appropriate and transfer \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve for the rehabilitation of the South Cemetery and Lake Vale Cemeteries, including a field survey, installing bounds and pins, and ascertaining the exact location of burial spaces, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works.

**Article 40** I move the Town appropriate and transfer \$37,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve for the purpose of acquiring, creating and/or supporting community housing by granting such funds to Wayfinders to provide first-time homebuyers earning no more than one hundred percent (100%) of the area median income with assistance with down-payments and/or closing costs to enable such buyers to purchase homes, pursuant to a grant agreement with Wayfinders, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said grant agreement to set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended, which may include granting an affordable housing restriction to the Town, and if applicable, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an affordable housing restriction on said homes.

**Article 41** I move that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$4,700 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve for the preservation of open space and the rehabilitation of recreational resources by installing 2 flow devices within a roadway culvert to maintain the water level between Lake Arcadia, Lake Metacomet, and Holland Pond, which will improve and protect wildlife habitat, biodiversity, water supply and water quality and replenish and stabilize drinking water aquifers, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Belchertown Lake Committee.

**Article 42** I move to amend the vote taken under Article 39 of the May 8, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to which a sum of money was appropriated under the Community Preservation Program for the Belchertown Housing Authority Project, to change the funding source for said project from the Community Preservation Act Fund Balance to the Community Preservation Act Community Housing Reserve, and to authorize the Town's financial staff to make appropriate accounting entries in connection therewith.

**Article 43** I move that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$30,000 from the Community Preservation Fund General Reserve Account for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic resources by removing two elevators and installing a new elevator at the historic parish house of the Belchertown United Church of Christ, thereby complying with the Americans for Disability Act and providing access to areas used by community groups, the food pantry and related improvements pursuant to a grant agreement with the Belchertown United Church of Christ, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into said grant agreement to set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended, which *may include granting a historic preservation restriction to the* Town.

**Article 44** I move the Town adopt G.L. c. 58 § 8C, Affordable housing sites; abatement of real estate tax obligations, to permit the Town to enter into agreements for abatement of real estate taxes.

**Article 45** I move the Town amend the Code of Belchertown, by inserting a new chapter, Affordable Housing Tax Abatement, in the manner printed in Article 45 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, and to authorize the Town Clerk to assign appropriate chapter and section numbers to bring the form of the bylaw into accord with the numbering system of the Town Code.

I move we dissolve this meeting.