

***Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of West Stockbridge  
Annual Election Warrant***

**BERKSHIRE: ss:**

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Gymnasium of the town Offices at the Village School, 21 State Line Road in the Village of West Stockbridge, on Monday June 29, 2020 at eleven o'clock in the morning for the purpose of bringing in their votes to the Election Officer(s) for the election of candidates for the following offices:

- One Moderator for a term of one year.
- One Member, Select Board for a term of one year.
- One Member, Select Board for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Assessors for a term of three years.
- Two Members, Finance Committee for terms of three years each.
- One Member, Planning Board for a term of five years.
- One Member, Planning Board for a term of two years.
- One Member, Board of Health for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Library Trustees for a term of three years.
- One Member, Board of Library Trustees for a term of one year.
- One Member, Cemetery Commission for a term of three years.
- One Member, Tree Warden for a term of three years.
- Five Members, constables for a term of three years.

The polls will be opened at eleven o'clock in the morning and will remain open continuously until six o'clock in the evening of said day when they will then be closed.  
All ballots shall be furnished by the Town and the election will be conducted according to the General Court and in conformity with the Election Laws of the Commonwealth.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of April 2020.

*West Stockbridge Select Board*

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Bernard Fallon, *Chair*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Shimelonis

*I hereby certify that I have posted and attested copies of this warrant at the Post Office at West Stockbridge, at State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.*

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_, Constable

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of West Stockbridge  
Annual Town Meeting Warrant  
June 22, 2020***

**BERKSHIRE: ss:**

To any constable(s) of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

*You are required in the name of the Commonwealth, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at seven o'clock in the evening on Monday, June 22, 2020 in the Village School gymnasium in the Village of West Stockbridge, then and there to act on the following articles:*

**Meeting called to order at 7pm. Quorum present, 53 voters.**

Article 1: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers or any Committee of the Town.

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to act as agents of the town in accordance with Section 2 Chapter 40 of MGL for the purpose of bringing suit or suits in the name of the Town and on its behalf, and to adjust, litigate, defend, compromise, settle, and execute any and all documents pursuant to any settlement on behalf of the Town for such amounts as the Select Board shall determine in their decision to be proper and in the best interest of the Town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize any Board or Officer in charge of a department, with the approval of the Select Board, to sell any property of the Town which has become obsolete or is not required for further use by the respective department and which does not, in the opinion of the Select Board, exceed \$500.00 in value, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Cemetery Perpetual Care funds received for the fiscal year 2020, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint any agents or committees of the Town and give them authority or instructions, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint all non-elected Town Officers necessary or required to be chosen by the Town, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to sell at public auction all or any of its property acquired by virtue of sale of non-

payment of taxes, which have been confirmed by the land court to the Tax Commissioner, and to give deeds therefor, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto. (Requires 2/3rds vote)*

**Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town, with the approval of the Select Board, to seek and accept any grants and to further authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section(s) 6, 6A, and 8C and to issue notes therefor, payable within two years, and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, *or take any other action in relation thereto. (Requires 2/3rds vote)*

**Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to require the Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Treasurer to give bonds by some surety company and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for same, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 57, and adopt the following bylaw to implement the same:

(a) The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually, and may periodically, furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

(b) The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the tax collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or

permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate.

(c) Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.

(d) The Select Board may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in G.L. c.268A, §1, in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

(e) This section shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning, G.L. c.48, §13; bicycle permits, G.L. c.85, §11A; sales of articles for charitable purposes, G.L. c.101, §33; children work permits, G.L. c.149, §69; clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses, G.L. c.140, §21E; dog licenses, G.L. c.140, §137; fishing, hunting, trapping license, G.L. c.131, §12; marriage licenses, G.L. c.207, §28; theatrical events, public exhibition permits, G.L. c.140, §81.

*or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Sponsored by the Town Collector

**Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout, as a public way, of Silver Mine Lane, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and further, to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain land or rights in land within said way as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town and to execute instruments and take all actions as may be needed to effectuate the vote taken hereunder, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town, by approving the renumbering and revision of the various bylaws of the Town from their original numbering, as amended through September 2019, to the numbering or codification, arrangement, sequence and captions and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the General Bylaws, all as set forth in the Final Draft of the Code of the Town of West Stockbridge, dated January 2020, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk's Office and at the Town's website at [www.weststockbridge-ma.org](http://www.weststockbridge-ma.org), said codification having been done under the direction of the Select Board, and said Code being a compilation and comprehensive revision of the present bylaws of the Town, provided that all bylaws of a general and permanent nature, as amended, heretofore in force and not included in the Code shall be repealed, except that such repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result of an existing law, and such repeal shall not apply to or affect any bylaw, order or article heretofore adopted accepting

or adopting the provisions of any statute of the Commonwealth, and further provided that these bylaws shall be referred to as the “Code of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town, by approving the renumbering and revision of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town from its original numbering, as amended through September 2019, to the numbering or codification, arrangement, sequence and captions, and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the Zoning Bylaw, all as set forth in the Final Draft of the Code of the Town of West Stockbridge, dated January 2020, as on file and available for viewing in the Town Clerk’s Office and at the Town’s website at [www.weststockbridge-ma.org](http://www.weststockbridge-ma.org), said codification of the Zoning Bylaw having been done under the direction of the Planning Board, and being a compilation and comprehensive revision of the present Zoning Bylaw, including amendments thereto, provided that all Zoning Bylaws, as amended, heretofore in force and not included in the Code shall be repealed, except that such repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result of an existing law, and further provided that the Zoning Bylaw shall be codified as Chapter 275 of the “Code of the Town of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts”, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*  
**(Requires 2/3rds vote)**

**Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Select Board, having care, custody, management, and control of the parcel of land described below for general municipal purposes, to the Select Board for such purposes and for the purpose of leasing such land to telecommunications companies for the location of telecommunications facilities, and further to authorize the Select Board to enter into such lease or leases for said purposes, for a portion of the land, located at 72 Albany Road and shown as Assessors Map 401 as lot number 4A, upon such terms and conditions, and for a period in excess of three years, and to grant such easements upon said land as are necessary for utility services in support of such use, as the Select Board shall determine to be in the best interest of the Town; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents and instruments as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article; *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to enact Chapter 96 of the Town of West Stockbridge General Bylaws, entitled “Stretch Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, with an effective date of July 1, 2020, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Stretch Code is enforceable by the Building Inspector.

*or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of various elected Town Officers,  
*or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY21</u>
Selectmen (Chairman)	\$ 2,200	\$ 0	\$ 2,200
Selectmen (each, 2 members)	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Town Clerk	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Town Collector	\$ 17,500	\$ 1000	\$ 18,500
Assessors (each, 3 members)	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 1,500

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

**General Government**

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the general government operations of the Town for fiscal year 2021, as follows, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 21</u>
Town Counsel	\$ 18,000	\$ 0	\$ 18,000
Town Moderator	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Town Administrator Salary	\$ 70,000	\$ 5000	\$ 75,000
Town Administrator Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 4000	\$ 4,000
Selectmen's Expenses	\$ 9,000	\$ (4000)	\$ 5,000
Selectmen's Salaries	\$ 6,200	\$ 0	\$ 6,200
Finance Committee	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Accountant's Salary	\$ 17,500	\$ 0	\$ 17,500
Accountant's State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Accountant's Expenses	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Treas/Accountant Software	\$ 4,800	\$ 300	\$ 5,100
Assessor's Salary	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Assessor's Cont Services/Expense	\$ 50,350	\$ 1,573	\$ 51,923
Treasurer's Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 17,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 20,000
Treasurer State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Town Collector's Expenses	\$ 12,250	\$ 100	\$ 12,350
Town Collector's Salary	\$ 17,500	\$ 1000	\$ 18,500
Town Collector State Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Tax Title Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Town Clerk's Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ (800)	\$ 1,700
Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Elections and Registrations	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 12,000
Preservation of Records	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Street List	\$ 2,000	\$ (1,500)	\$ 500
Conservation Commission	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Planning Board	\$ 3,125	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,125

Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
Town Insurance	\$ 73,000	\$17,000	\$ 90,000
Officers' Bonds	\$ 1,300	\$ 0	\$ 1,300
Town Reports	\$ 3,800	\$ 0	\$ 3,800
Town Audit	\$ 11,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 13,500
Town Website Annual Maint.	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
Computer/IT Services	\$ 8,500	\$ (500)	\$ 8,000
Town Buildings Operations	\$117,550	\$ 4,000	\$121,550
Town Buildings Salaries	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
OPEB Fees	\$ 0	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,050

<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>\$505,675</b>	<b>\$42,223</b>	<b>\$547,898</b>
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**Motion made, seconded, approved**

**Protection of Persons and Property**

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the public safety departments of the Town for fiscal year 2021, as follow, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 21</u>
Police Department Expenses	\$ 54,500	\$10,500	\$ 65,000
Police Department Salaries	\$287,334	\$ 14,616	\$301,950
Fire/EMT Services	\$ 36,500	\$ 16,670	\$ 53,170
Richmond Ambulance	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
EMT Incentive	\$ 2,400	\$ 0	\$ 2,400
Fireperson's Incentive	\$ 7,000	\$ 500	\$ 7,500
Communication Services	\$ 12,336	\$ 374	\$ 12,710
Building Inspector	\$ 9,242	\$ 558	\$ 9,800
Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 2,400	\$ 100	\$ 2,500
Emergency Management	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 600
Animal Control Officer	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000
Animal Control Officer Exp.	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 400
Tree Warden	\$ 16,000	\$ 0	\$ 16,000

<b>Tot. Protection Persons &amp; Property</b>	<b>\$435,212</b>	<b>\$45,318</b>	<b>\$480,530</b>
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**Motion made, seconded, approved**

**Education**

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,170,825 for the purpose of paying the FY 2021 operating assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action in relation thereto.* (\$183,975)

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,796 for the purpose of paying the FY 2021 capital assessment for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action in relation thereto.* (-\$19,817)

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

**Motion made, seconded, approved**  
**Public Works and Facilities**

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the public works and facilities departments of the Town for fiscal year 2021, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

	<u>FY20</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY21</u>
Highway Office Expenses	\$ 700	\$ 100	\$ 800
Highway Professional Training	\$ 750	\$ 150	\$ 900
Uniform Allowance	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,000
Highways and Bridges	\$ 14,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000
Highway Salaries	\$232,650	\$(57,000)	\$175,650
Director Salary and Benefits	\$ 0	\$ 85,772	\$ 85,772
Contracted Longevity Pay	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Highway Overtime	\$ 21,500	\$ (3,900)	\$ 17,600
Gas and Diesel Fuel	\$ 30,000	\$ (4,000)	\$ 26,000
Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 83,000	\$ 0	\$ 83,000
Highway Construction	\$ 55,000	\$ 0	\$ 55,000
Culverts and Guardrails	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Machinery Maintenance	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 26,000
Highway Line Painting	\$ 15,000	\$ 600	\$ 15,600
Group Purchasing	\$ 600	\$ 300	\$ 900
Street Lights	\$ 16,536	\$ 0	\$ 16,536
Solid Waste Transfer Station	\$ 98,920	\$13,000	\$111,920
Hazardous Waste Disposal	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Cemetery Department	\$ 25,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 33,000
Cemetery Tree Removal	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 14,000
Mill & Card Pond Weed Removal	\$ 12,500	\$ 200	\$ 12,700
<b><i>Total Public Works &amp; Facilities</i></b>	<b><u>\$655,156</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 52,722</u></b>	<b><u>\$707,878</u></b>

**Motion made, seconded, approved**  
**Human Services**

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the human services departments of the Town for fiscal 2021, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY20</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY21</u>
Board of Health	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 4,500
Board of Health Salary	\$ 12,870	\$ 0	\$ 12,870
Community Health	\$ 25,750	\$ 300	\$ 26,050
Council on Aging	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Veteran's Benefits	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
American Legion/Memorial Day	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000



<b><i>Total Human Services</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 70,120</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 300</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 70,420</i></b>
<b>Motion made, seconded, approved</b>			
<b><u>Culture and Recreation</u></b>			

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for culture and recreation departments of the Town for fiscal year 2021, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY 21</u>
Library	\$ 42,544	\$ 7,591	\$ 50,135
Parks and Recreation	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 14,000
Historical Commission	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Vision Committee	\$ 0	\$ 1,435	\$ 1,435
<b><i>Total Culture and Recreation</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 52,744</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 13,026</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 65,770</i></b>
<b>Motion made, seconded, approved</b>			
<b><u>Debt and Interest</u></b>			

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for debt and interest obligations for fiscal year 2021, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY20</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY21</u>
Interest & Fees Short/Long Term	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Sewer Capital Costs	\$ 38,255	\$ (438)	\$ 37,817
Town Hall Bldg Loan	\$153,600	\$ (2,900)	\$150,700
Multi-Purpose Loan	\$109,331	\$ 25,225	\$134,556
Parking Lot Purchase	\$ 0	\$ 29,423	\$ 29,423
<b><i>Total Debt &amp; Interest</i></b>	<b><i>\$306,186</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 51,310</i></b>	<b><i>\$357,496</i></b>
<b>Motion made, seconded, approved</b>			
<b><u>Intergovernmental Expenses</u></b>			

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for intergovernmental expenses for fiscal year 2021, *or take any other action in relation thereto:*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY20</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY21</u>
Veterans District	\$ 5,900	\$ 100	\$ 6,000
<b><i>Total Intergovernmental Expenses</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 5,900</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 100</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 6,000</i></b>
<b>Motion made, seconded, approved</b>			

## **Unclassified Expenses**

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the following sums of money for certain unclassified expenses for fiscal year 2020, *or take any other action in relation thereto*:

[Approved by the Finance Committee]

	<u>FY20</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY21</u>
Berkshire County Retirement	\$125,236	\$ 11,034	\$136,270
Health Insurance	\$181,674	\$ 0	\$181,674
Medicare & FICA Tax	\$ 17,000	\$ 0	\$ 17,000
Reserve Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 20,000
Conservation Trust	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 300
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
<b><i>Total Unclassified Expenses</i></b>	<b><u>\$345,210</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 11,034</u></b>	<b><u>\$356,244</u></b>

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

## **Special Articles**

[The following articles have been approved by the Finance Committee.]

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash for the purchase of new voting equipment, the sum of \$5,400.00, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto*.

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash to purchase and install a new server and computer system, including all software and hardware required for updating all computer programs and computers for Town Hall, the sum of \$18,500.00, and including all other incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto*.

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash to purchase security cameras for Town Hall, the sum of \$18,000.00, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto*.

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$6,000.00 to purchase gear racks for the Fire Department per the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto*.

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$58,494.00 to purchase and equip a new vehicle for the Police Department, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto*.

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

**Article 33:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of \$426,273 for the purpose of completing the West Center Road reconstruction and resurfacing project, and for the payment of all other incidental and related costs; *or take any other action in relation thereto*.

**[NOTE:** The intent of this appropriation is to add available Town funds to our annual State highway funding to provide for the reconstruction and resurfacing of the West Center Rd.

**paving project. (Requires 2/3rds vote)**

**Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously**

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate certified free cash the sum of \$18,000.00 to purchase a new boiler for the Fire Department/Department of Public Works Building, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of \$15,000.00 to pay for painting of the tanks and sewer plant, including all incidental related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate certified free cash to the sum of \$6,250.00 to pay for the Town's share of a Hazardous Mitigation Plan, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate certified free cash to the sum of \$6,000.00 to pay for the Town's share of a new shared paver with the Town of Richmond, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate certified free cash to the sum of \$25,000.00 to pay for the repaving at the Transfer Station, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate certified free cash to the sum of \$11,500.00 to pay for the plantings near the solar array next to the Turnpike, including all costs related, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$96,300.00 for the purpose of funding the FY 2021 Sewer Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$58,300.00 for the purpose of funding the FY 2021 Water Department Operation and Maintenance Budget to be offset, in full, by user receipts, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the sum of \$12,600.00 for the purpose repairing the transfer station roof, including all incidental and related costs, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

### **Revolving Funds**

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to:

- (1) Amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw, establishing the following revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to the funds, the departmental programs or purposes for which the funds may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend the funds, such bylaw to provide as follows:

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Authorized to Spend</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	
Cemetery	Cemetery Commissioners	Fees and charges received from ...	
Emergency Alarm	Emergency Alarm Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	
Gas	Gas Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	
Plumbing	Plumbing Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	
Wiring	Wire Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	
Oil Burning	Oil Burner Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	
Title V	Title V Inspector	Fees and charges received from inspections	
Parks and Recreation Department	Parks and Recreation Department	User fees and charges received from Parks and Recreation Department programs.	

Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established annually by Town Meeting, or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½.

- (2) And, also, pursuant to said G.L. c.54, §53E½ further, to vote to set the spending limits for fiscal year 2020, with such limits to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year unless Town Meeting votes, prior to July 1, in any fiscal year, to increase or decrease the same for the upcoming fiscal year:

	<u>FY '20</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>FY '21</u>
Cemetery Commissioners	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Emergency Alarm Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Gas Inspector	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
Wire Inspector	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Oil Burner Inspector	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Title V Inspector	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Parks and Recreation Fees	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$ 8,200</b>

*Or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[Approved by the Finance Committee]  
**Motion made, seconded, approved**

Article 44: To do and transact any other business necessary to be done by the Town.

**Motion made, seconded, approved**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.**

Given under our hands this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

*West Stockbridge Select Board*

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Bernard Fallon, *Chair*

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Eric Shimelonis

*I hereby certify that I have posted and attested copies of this warrant at the Post Office at West Stockbridge, at State Line, West Center, Williamsville, and High Street as directed by vote of the Town of West Stockbridge.*

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_, Constable

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Town Clerk**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**True attest copy.**