

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE COUNTY

To one of the constables of the Town of Stockbridge in said county.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the

**Stockbridge Town Offices
50 Main Street
Stockbridge, MA 01262**

in Stockbridge on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:30 o'clock in the evening Eastern Daylight Time, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all Town Officers necessary to be chosen at the Annual Town Meeting, other than those to be chosen by ballot, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

ARTICLE 2. To hear the report of any Town Officer or Committee, and to see if the Town will vote to accept all printed reports, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by Chapter 41, Section 108 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended: Moderator, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, and Tree Warden, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the following purposes, *or take any other action in relation thereto: (See Exhibit 1)*

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| Section 1. | MODERATOR |
| 2. | SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT |
| 3. | TOWN ADMINISTRATOR |
| 4. | FINANCE DEPARTMENT |
| 5. | RESERVE FUND |
| 6. | ACCOUNTANT |
| 7. | ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT |
| 8. | TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT |
| 9. | TOWN COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT |
| 10. | LEGAL DEPARTMENT |
| 11. | TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT |
| 12. | ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS |
| 13. | CONSERVATION COMMISSION |
| 14. | PLANNING BOARD |
| 15. | BOARD OF APPEALS |
| 16. | TOWN OFFICES |
| 17. | TOWN REPORT |
| 18. | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR |
| 19. | POLICE DEPARTMENT |

20. FIRE DEPARTMENT
21. AMBULANCE SERVICE
22. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
23. BUILDING INSPECTOR
24. GAS INSPECTOR
25. PLUMBING INSPECTOR
26. WIRE INSPECTOR
27. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
28. TREE WARDEN DEPARTMENT
29. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
30. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
31. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
 - a.) MACHINERY
 - b.) COMPACTOR
 - c.) CEMETERY
32. STREETLIGHTS
33. TRASH REMOVAL
34. SEWER DEPARTMENT
35. WATER DEPARTMENT
36. HYDRANT RENTAL
37. HEALTH DEPARTMENT
HEALTH OFFICER
38. MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES
39. COUNCIL ON AGING
40. VETERAN'S SERVICES
41. STOCKBRIDGE LIBRARY
42. CHIME TOWER
43. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
44. HISTORICAL COMMISSION
45. MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE
46. HISTORIC DISTRICT
47. HISTORIC PRESERVATION
48. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
49. LONG-TERM DEBT & SHORT-TERM DEBT
50. BERKSHIRE REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)
BERKSHIRE COUNTY INSURANCE GROUP
51. INSURANCE
52. UNDESIGNATED COMPENSATION

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money as the Town's assessed share of the FY'25 budget for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action in relation thereto. (expected request \$3,797,541)*

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money as the Town's assessed share toward the Berkshire Hills Regional School District's capital cost of constructing the new school buildings, *or take any other action in relation thereto. (expected request \$69,145)*

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will amend the General and Zoning Bylaws, in every instance in which the following words and phrases are found, by replacing:

- a. "Selectman" with "Select Board member,"
- b. "Selectmen" with "Select Board members,"
- c. "Board of Selectmen" with "Select Board" and
- d. "Chairman" with "Chair"; and further

To authorize the Town Clerk to make non-substantive, ministerial revisions to the bylaws to effectuate these revisions. Regardless of such nomenclature, the Select Board shall have all the powers and duties of a Board of Selectmen under the General Laws, any special acts applicable to the Town of Stockbridge, and as provided in the Town's Bylaws or regulations; *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 17C of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, which would authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway in thickly settled or business districts within the Town that is not a state highway in the interests of public safety; *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from available certified free cash for the following specified projects, *or take any action in relation thereto.*

1. **transfer and appropriate \$13,000 for the purpose of funding replacement SCBA (Self-contained breathing apparatus) for the Stockbridge Fire Department**
2. **transfer and appropriate \$42,500 for the purpose of funding the Mental Health Co-Responder program for the Stockbridge Police Department**
3. **transfer and appropriate \$100,000 for the purpose of paying the remaining balance of the Bond Anticipation Note for the Highway Trucks.**
4. **transfer and appropriate \$500,000 for the purpose of funding bridge reconstruction and repairs**
5. **transfer and appropriate \$50,000 for the purpose of funding engineering for town projects**
6. **transfer and appropriate \$65,000 for the purpose of funding a John Deere 3046 tractor for the highway department**
7. **transfer and appropriate \$270,000 for the purpose of funding a large plow truck for the highway department**
8. **transfer and appropriate \$175,000 for the purpose of funding a roadside mower for the highway department**
9. **transfer and appropriate \$70,000 for the purpose of funding a one-ton pickup truck for the highway department**
10. **transfer and appropriate \$25,000 for the purpose of funding the structural painting of the transfer station**
11. **transfer and appropriate \$80,000 for the purpose of tuition and transportation to Taconic High School for its Career Exploratory Program**
12. **transfer and appropriate \$13,500 for the purpose of funding repeaters for the Stockbridge Police Department**

- 13. transfer and appropriate \$75,000 for the purposes of plan development and permitting for the Stockbridge Bowl Dredging Project.**
- 14. to transfer and appropriate \$ 25,122 for final costs associated with 5-20-2019 Annual Town Meeting Article #18 for the construction of the Highway Garage.**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from available Sewer Available Surplus for the following specified projects, *or take any action in relation thereto.*

- 1. transfer and appropriate \$138,000 for the purpose of funding various sewer main replacements.**
- 2. transfer and appropriate \$12,000 for the purpose of funding sludge pump demolition and reinstallation of new pump.**
- 3. transfer and appropriate \$41,105 for the purpose of reducing the amount to be raised through sewer rates for the fiscal year 2025.**

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from available Water Available Surplus for the following specified projects, *or take any action in relation thereto.*

- 1. transfer and appropriate \$25,000 for the purpose of funding the purchase of five (5) fire hydrants.**
- 2. transfer and appropriate \$15,000 for the purpose of funding the replacement of the water plant loading dock exterior stairway.**
- 3. transfer and appropriate \$24,500 for the purpose of epoxying the water plant floor.**
- 4. transfer and appropriate \$50,000 for the purpose of funding the geological survey of Lake Averic water supply.**
- 5. transfer and appropriate \$25,000 for the purpose of funding the water main replacement engineering.**
- 6. transfer and appropriate \$450,000 for the purpose of funding various water main replacements.**
- 7. transfer and appropriate \$64,278 for the purpose of reducing the amount to be raised through water rates for the fiscal year 2025.**

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will act on the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Preservation Budget and specified other projects and appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from community preservation fund annual revenues, specific reserves or other available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of community preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, *or take any action in relation thereto*

- 1. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$32,500 for affordable housing purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for the funding of the Stockbridge Housing Trust.**

- 2. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$73,450 for affordable housing purposes to be used by Pine Woods for reconstruction of decks and gutters.**
- 3. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$32,476 for affordable housing purposes to be used by Stockbridge Housing Authority for replacement of damaged siding boards.**
- 4. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$26,000 with \$13,000 for affordable housing purposes and \$13,000 for Historic Preservation to be used by Riverbrook for the replacement of the chimney.**
- 5. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$151,175 for historic preservation purposes to be used by Berkshire Waldorf High School for the restoration of old town hall.**
- 6. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$32,500 for historic preservation purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge Cemetery Commission for the restoration of the Historic Hearse House.**
- 7. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$37,998 for historic preservation purposes to be used by St. Joseph Cemetery Arch Committee for the Arch and Pillars Restoration**
- 8. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$129,185 for historic preservation purposes to be used by St. Paul's Church for Roof Restoration and Water Abatement**
- 9. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$14,165 for historic preservation purposes to be used by Stockbridge Library, Museum & Archives for an Archival Table Case**
- 10. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$18,525 for historic preservation purposes to be used by Tree On Main LLC for painting of the Guerrieri building (40 Main Street).**
- 11. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$12,870 for historic preservation purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge Cemetery Commission for the restoration of the Granite Posts.**
- 12. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$32,500 for open space/recreational purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for the Stockbridge Bowl Dredging Project.**
- 13. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$1,723 for open space/recreational purposes to be used by Kripalu for invasive species mitigation.**
- 14. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$15,500 for open space/recreational purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge Park and Recreation Committee for Basketball Pole and Backboard replacement at Pine and Main Street.**
- 15. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$8,250 for open space/recreational purposes to be used by the Friends of Gould Meadows for work at Gould Meadows to preserve open space by removal of invasive species, tree, and garden work**

- 16. appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve balance a sum of \$3,250 for open space/recreational purposes to be used by Stockbridge Housing Authority for raised flower beds and compost area.**
- 17. appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve balance a sum of \$3,250 for open space/recreation purposes to be used by the Stockbridge Bowl Association for work at Bullard Woods to preserve open space by removal of invasive species and required permitting.**
- 18. appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve balance a sum of \$199 for historic preservation purposes to be used by the Town of Stockbridge for work on the Civil War Monument.**
- 19. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$12,000 for the FY25 CPC Administrative budget**
- 20. appropriate from the Community Preservation Administrative Fund balance a sum of \$4,999 for the Berkshire Theater Group to develop a plan to preserve their vast archival collection.**
- 21. reserve to the Historic Resources Reserve, the Community Housing Reserve, and the Open Space Reserve from Community Preservation anticipated FY'25 annual revenues, the minimum amounts required by M.G.L. c.44B, s.6. (expected request \$35,452 per category)**

ARTICLE 13. (FY 2024) To see if the Town will vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of money for historical preservation purposes to be used by Chesterwood for restoration of the brick garden wall, *or take any other action in relation thereto.* (expected request \$20,000)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to endorse this Resolution on Climate Change for the Town of Stockbridge

WHEREAS, the reliance on fossil fuels in Massachusetts poses significant threats to environmental health by polluting air and water and exacerbating climate change impacts; and

WHEREAS, communities across Massachusetts are already experiencing adverse effects attributable to global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the predominant cause of climate change remains the combustion of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, Massachusetts has historically been at the forefront of combating climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2050 underscores the imperative for state agencies and local governments to spearhead the transition towards clean energy;

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Energy and Climate Plan for 2050 establishes a target of achieving 100% net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel combustion in municipal operations by 2050;

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2050 sets forth the ambition of achieving Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, wherein emissions are balanced by removal efforts;

WHEREAS, the Town of Stockbridge is actively pursuing initiatives to mitigate carbon emissions, advance clean energy adoption, minimize waste generation, enhance climate resilience, including reducing municipal energy consumption by approximately 30%, maintaining status as a designated MA Green Community in good standing, participating in the Massachusetts Vulnerability Preparedness Program, and safeguarding critical old-growth forests and landscapes that sequester carbon;

WHEREAS, Stockbridge has the potential to transition to 100% clean, renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power, complemented by energy storage solutions, while simultaneously enhancing energy efficiency, promoting conservation measures, and electrifying transportation, heating, and water systems;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a "Net Zero Carbon Energy" goal by 2050 will drive the adoption of cleaner energy sources, bolster energy efficiency and resilience, and mitigate adverse impacts associated with fossil fuel dependency;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town of Stockbridge, situated in Berkshire County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that the municipal government pledges to achieve a Net Zero Carbon Energy objective no later than 2050.

And be it further resolved that the municipal government commits to supporting endeavors aimed at assisting residents and businesses in enhancing energy efficiency and embracing renewable energy solutions.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town's elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk as provided in M.G.L. c. 41, s. 1B, by vote of Town Meeting and with the following question to be placed on the ballot at the May, 2024 annual town election: Shall the town vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk of the Town?, *or take any other action thereon*

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town's elected Tree Warden become an appointed Tree Warden as provided in M.G.L. c. 41, s. 1B, by vote of Town Meeting and with the following question to be placed on the ballot at the May, 2024 annual town election: Shall the town vote to have its elected Tree Warden become an appointed Tree Warden of the Town?, *or take any other action thereon.*

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a five (5) year contract, commencing on July 1, 2025 with the qualified vendor selected by MassDEP through a competitive bid process for recycling processing services for the Town, conditioned on Town Meeting approval in the Spring of 2025 for funding for these services and subject to the Selectboard's determination that the contract is in the best interests of the Town or take any vote *or take any other action thereon.*

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to renegotiate a lease extension for the facility located at 5A Glendale Middle Road, for the purpose of operating a cell tower and appurtenances, and on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interest of the Town, and provided further, will the Town authorizes the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease for such term or terms as are acceptable to the Selectmen, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift a parcel of land located on Park Street, to wit, the lot shown on Assessors Map 107, Lot 69, owned by the Laurel Hill Association, for general municipal purposes, including parking for the Ice Glen, Laura's Tower, and Mary Flynn Trail, for no consideration and on such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate with the understanding that by acquiring said property the Town of Stockbridge will be the owner of and responsible for the maintenance of the Mary Hopkins Goodrich Bridge, *or take any other action thereon.*

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for the enactment of special legislation entitled "Act authorizing the Town of Stockbridge to modify Fire Department Employment" as set forth below, provided however, that the General Court shall be authorized to make ministerial, clerical, and editorial changes of form only to said bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments, *or take any other action relative thereto.*

Act authorizing the Town of Stockbridge to modify Fire Department Employment subject to Mandatory Retirement be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, call firefighters, volunteer firefighters, and fire engineers for the Town of Stockbridge who would be subject to mandatory retirement on the last day of the month in which they turn 65 years old, and, if a member of the retirement system, are retired for superannuation, may serve in such position until the age of 70, or until the date of retirement or non-reappointment, whichever occurs first; provided, however that no deductions from regular compensation shall be made under chapter 32 of the General Laws subsequent to reaching the age of 65 in connection with service to the Town for retirement or pension purposes; and provided that the employee is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the position. The Town may, at the employee's own expense, require that the employees be examined by an impartial physician acceptable to the town.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

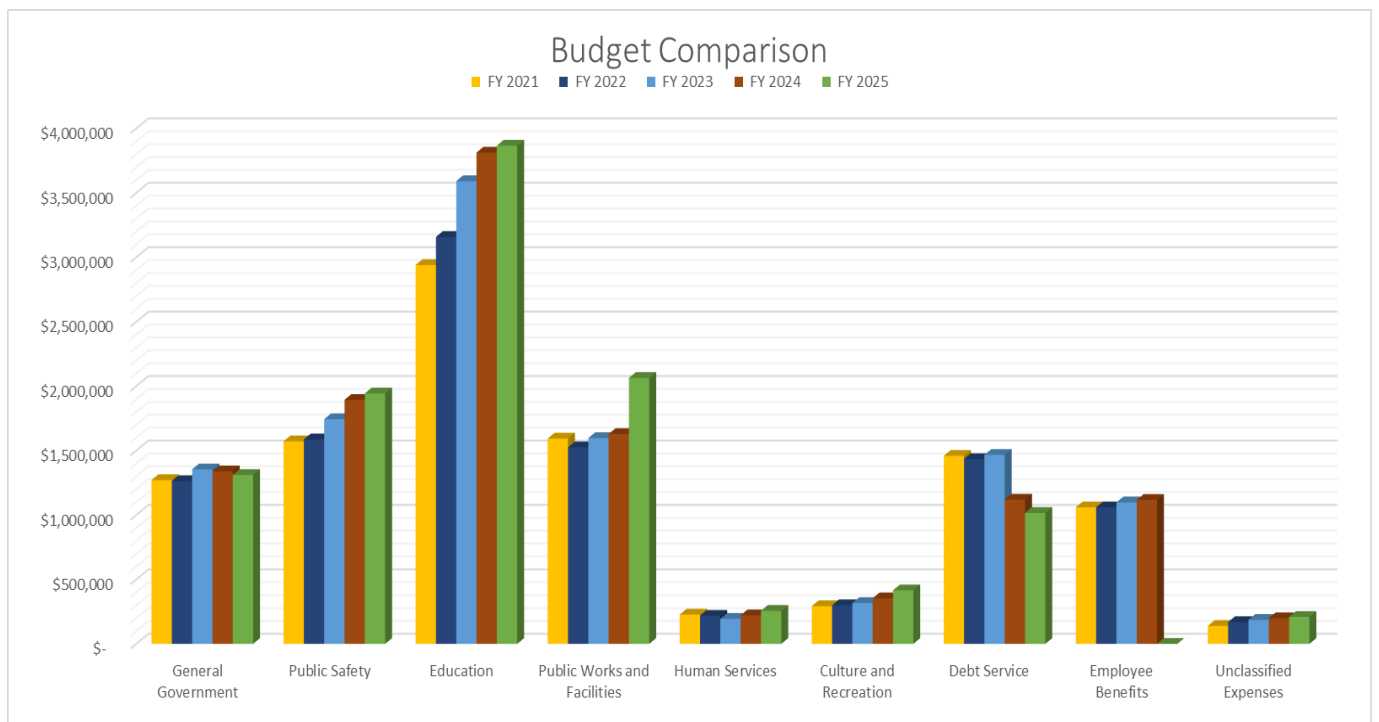
ARTICLE 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Exhibit 1 - Article 4 - Town of Stockbridge			
<u>General Government</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Moderator	\$ 242	\$ 300	\$ 58
Moderator Expenses	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ -
Selectman Salary, Chairman	\$ 5,552	\$ 6,500	\$ 948
Selectman Salary, Members (2)	\$ 9,090	\$ 11,000	\$ 1,910
Selectmen Expenses	\$ 70,700	\$ 63,700	\$ (7,000)
Assistant Administrator	\$ 54,133	\$ 62,013	\$ 7,880
Town Administrator Salary	\$ 106,090	\$ 150,000	\$ 43,910
Town Administrator Expenses	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,500	\$ (1,000)
Finance Committee	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,150	\$ -
Town Reserve Fund	\$ 150,000	\$ 100,000	\$ (50,000)
Town Accountant Salary	\$ 70,570	\$ 73,000	\$ 2,430
Town Accountant Certification Stipend	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Town Accountant Expenses	\$ 22,600	\$ 22,600	\$ -
Assessor's Salary, Chairman	\$ 3,987	\$ 3,987	\$ -
Assessor's Salaries (2 members)	\$ 6,386	\$ 6,386	\$ -
Principal Assessor Salary	\$ 75,236	\$ 78,475	\$ 3,239
Principal Assessor Certification Stipend	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Assessor's Clerk Salary	\$ 39,333	\$ 42,000	\$ 2,667
Assessor's Expenses	\$ 9,600	\$ 9,600	\$ -
Treasurer/Collector Salary	\$ 71,218	\$ 73,000	\$ 1,782
Treasurer's Certification Stipend	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Treasurer/Collector Expenses	\$ 30,735	\$ 30,735	\$ -
Collector Certification Stipend	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Assistant Treasurer/Collector Salary	\$ 52,422	\$ -	\$ (52,422)
Legal Services Retainer	\$ 43,131	\$ 45,238	\$ 2,107
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 56,855	\$ 63,525	\$ 6,670
Town Clerk Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Town Clerk Expenses	\$ 7,050	\$ 7,050	\$ -
Election and Registration Salaries	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ -
Election and Registration Expenses	\$ 9,700	\$ 9,700	\$ -
Conservation Commission	\$ 36,250	\$ 36,250	\$ -
Planning Board	\$ 9,903	\$ 9,903	\$ -
Board of Appeals	\$ 75	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,125
Proctor Hall	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ (2,500)
Town Facilities Salaries	\$ 44,367	\$ 49,000	\$ 4,633
Town Offices Expenses	\$ 88,000	\$ 88,000	\$ -
Glendale Solar Maintenance	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Committee	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Electric: Town Offices, Fire, Parks, Highway	\$ 69,420	\$ 69,420	\$ -
Town Report	\$ 7,735	\$ 9,000	\$ 1,265
Information Technology	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ -
Total, General Government	\$ 1,339,062	\$ 1,310,762	\$ (28,300)

<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Police Department Salaries	\$ 909,784	\$ 985,762	\$ 75,978
Police Department Expenses	\$ 178,442	\$ 104,625	\$ (73,817)
Fire Department Salaries	\$ 174,172	\$ 189,099	\$ 14,927
Fire Department Expenses	\$ 132,850	\$ 132,850	\$ -
Emergency Medical Response	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ -
Ambulance Service	\$ 298,382	\$ 298,382	\$ -
Animal Control Officer Salary	\$ 6,027	\$ 6,178	\$ 151
Animal Control Expenses	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ -
Building Inspector Salaries	\$ 87,221	\$ 32,303	\$ (54,918)
Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 5,075	\$ 89,951	\$ 84,876
Gas Inspector Salary	\$ 1,583	\$ 1,623	\$ 40
Gas Inspector Expenses	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ -
Plumbing Inspector Salary	\$ 6,688	\$ 6,855	\$ 167
Plumbing Inspector Expenses	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ -
Wire Inspector Salary	\$ 7,585	\$ 10,229	\$ 2,644
Wire Inspector Expenses	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ -
Emergency Management	\$ 11,346	\$ 11,346	\$ -
Tree Warden Salary	\$ 2,308	\$ 2,366	\$ 58
Tree Warden Expenses	\$ 53,800	\$ 53,800	\$ -
Total, Public Safety	\$ 1,893,763	\$ 1,943,869	\$ 50,106
<u>Education</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>
BHRSD Operating Budget Assessment	\$ 3,598,672	\$ 3,797,541	\$ 198,869
BHRSD Capital Budget Assessment	\$ 78,450	\$ 69,145	\$ (9,305)
Out of District Vocational Tuition	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ (80,000)
Total, Education Expenses	\$ 3,757,122	\$ 3,866,686	\$ 109,564
<u>Public Works and Facilities</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Highway Department Salaries	\$ 407,151	\$ 470,755	\$ 63,604
Highway Department Expenses	\$ 101,000	\$ 101,850	\$ 850
Highway Department Snow and Ice	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ -
Highway Department Machinery	\$ 126,500	\$ 127,500	\$ 1,000
Town Transfer Station / Compactor Salaries	\$ 69,232	\$ 79,686	\$ 10,454
Town Transfer Station / Compactor Expenses	\$ 130,700	\$ 206,600	\$ 75,900
Highway Cemetery Salaries	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	\$ -
Highway Cemetery Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
Streetlights	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ -
Sewer Department Salaries	\$ 135,028	\$ 188,131	\$ 53,103
Sewer Department Expenses	\$ 202,400	\$ 253,905	\$ 51,505
Sewer Debt - Principal		\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Sewer Debt - Interest		\$ 21,600	\$ 21,600
Water Department Salaries	\$ 135,029	\$ 188,131	\$ 53,102
Water Department Expenses	\$ 145,950	\$ 210,511	\$ 64,561
Water Debt - Principal			
Water Debt - Interest			
Fire Hydrant Rental	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,450	\$ -
Total, Public Works and Facilities	\$ 1,628,440	\$ 2,064,119	\$ 435,679

<u>Human Services</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Board of Health Salaries	\$ 842	\$ 842	\$ -
Board of Health Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Health Officer, Tri-Town Health	\$ 115,997	\$ 141,510	\$ 25,513
Forest & Agriculture (Farmers Market)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Zebra Mussel Monitoring	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -
Mental Health	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200	\$ -
Council on Aging Salaries	\$ 23,490	\$ 24,000	\$ 510
Council on Aging Expenses	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,300	\$ -
Veteran's Services and Benefits	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ -
Total, Human Services	\$ 230,829	\$ 256,852	\$ 26,023
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Library	\$ 226,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 74,000
Chime Tower	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -
Parks and Recreation Commission, Salaries	\$ 33,000	\$ 19,199	\$ (13,801)
Parks and Recreation Commission, Expenses	\$ 26,325	\$ 26,325	\$ -
Historical Commission	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -
Memorial Day Committee	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -
Historic District	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -
Historic Preservation Commission	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -
Tourism Committee	\$ 63,826	\$ 65,103	\$ 1,278
Total, Culture and Recreation	\$ 354,151	\$ 415,627	\$ 61,476
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Chime Tower - Principal	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ -
Chime Tower - Interest	\$ 19,750	\$ 18,000	\$ (1,750)
Stockbridge Twenty Year Term (May 1,2017) Principal	\$ 82,838	\$ 84,638	\$ 1,800
Stockbridge Twenty Year Term (May 1,2017) Interest	\$ 26,774	\$ 25,118	\$ (1,656)
Stockbridge Twenty Year Term (May 1,2017) Administration	\$ 2,009	\$ 1,884	\$ (125)
Water Tank and Update - Principal	\$ 126,598	\$ 129,113	\$ 2,515
Water Tank and Update - Interest	\$ 20,456	\$ 17,899	\$ (2,557)
Water Tank and Update - Administration	\$ 1,535	\$ 1,343	\$ (192)
2.6 Million Bridge and Road Replacement Repair - Principal	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ -
2.6 Million Bridge and Road Replacement Repair - Interest	\$ 59,713	\$ 56,113	\$ (3,600)
2.3 Million Highway Garage Bond - Principal	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000	\$ -
2.3 Million Highway Garage Bond - Interest	\$ 58,350	\$ 54,900	\$ (3,450)
4 Million Highway Infrastructure - Principal	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000	\$ -
4 Million Highway Infrastructure - Interest	\$ 142,570	\$ 162,825	\$ 20,255
Pump Station - Principal	\$ 40,000		\$ (40,000)
Pump Station - Interest	\$ 23,600		\$ (23,600)
Fiire Truck - Principal - Shifted to Highway Truck FY2024	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ (50,000)
	\$ 1,119,193	\$ 1,016,833	\$ (102,360)

<u>Employee Benefits</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Berkshire County Retirement	\$ 446,658	\$ 486,506	\$ 39,848
Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Undesignated Compensation	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Berkshire Health & Dental Employee Insurance	\$ 630,810	\$ 659,191	\$ 28,381
Total, Employee Benefits	\$ 1,117,468	\$ 1,185,697	\$ 68,229
<u>Unclassified Expenses</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Town Insurance	\$ 199,487	\$ 209,461	\$ 9,974
	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Raise & Appropriate, all categories	\$ 11,686,559	\$ 12,269,906	\$ 583,347
Total Raise & Appropriate, minus education	\$ 7,873,416	\$ 8,403,220	\$ 529,804
<u>Key Budget Categories</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>Difference</u>
General Government	\$ 1,339,062	\$ 1,310,762	\$ (28,300)
Public Safety	\$ 1,893,763	\$ 1,943,869	\$ 50,106
Education	\$ 3,813,143	\$ 3,866,686	\$ 53,543
Public Works and Facilities	\$ 1,628,441	\$ 2,064,119	\$ 435,678
Human Services	\$ 221,852	\$ 256,852	\$ 35,000
Culture and Recreation	\$ 354,151	\$ 415,627	\$ 61,476
Debt Service	\$ 1,119,193	\$ 1,016,833	\$ (102,360)
Employee Benefits	\$ 1,117,468	\$ 1,185,697	\$ 68,229
Unclassified Expenses	\$ 199,487	\$ 209,461	\$ 9,974
	\$ 11,686,560.00	\$ 12,269,906.00	\$ 583,346



AND to bring in their ballots on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at an adjourned session of the above meeting in the Town Offices, the following Officers:

Office	Term (Years)
Selectman	3
Board of Assessors	3
Board of Health	3
Parks and Recreation	3
Sewer and Water Commissioner	3
Tree Warden	3
Moderator	3
Housing Authority	5
Planning Board	5

Also to vote "Yes" or "No" on the following questions appearing on the ballot:

Question 1: Shall the Town vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk of the town?


Question 2: Shall the Town vote to have its elected Tree Warden become an appointed Tree Warden of the town?

All of said officers are to be voted for using the official ballots furnished the voters at the polls. For this purpose, polls will be opened at the Town Offices, 50 Main Street, at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 6:30 p.m.

You are directed to post true and attested copies of this Warrant, one in the Post Office of said Town, the Town Offices, Stockbridge Firehouse and Interlaken Firehouse, at least seven days before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the undersigned or to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Stockbridge, on May 2, 2024

Board of Selectmen


Ernest J. Cardillo, Chair


Jamie M. Minacci


Patrick White,

By Hand
Indicate Method of Service

May 8, 2024
Date


Constable

POSTED AT:
Stockbridge Post Office
Interlaken Firehouse
Stockbridge Firehouse
Stockbridge Town Offices