

# 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 Hall  
50 Main Street  
Stockbridge, MA 01262**

in Stockbridge on Monday, May 15, 2022 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)*

- 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. PROCTER HALL
  17. TOWN OFFICES
  18. TOWN REPORT
  19. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

20. POLICE DEPARTMENT
21. FIRE DEPARTMENT
22. AMBULANCE SERVICE
23. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
24. BUILDING INSPECTOR
25. GAS INSPECTOR
26. PLUMBING INSPECTOR
27. WIRE INSPECTOR
28. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
29. TREE WARDEN DEPARTMENT
30. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
31. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
32. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
  - a.) MACHINERY
  - b.) COMPACTOR
  - c.) CEMETERY
33. STREETLIGHTS
34. TRASH REMOVAL
35. SEWER DEPARTMENT
36. WATER DEPARTMENT
37. HYDRANT RENTAL
38. HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
HEALTH OFFICER
39. VISITING NURSE
40. MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES
41. COUNCIL ON AGING
42. VETERAN'S SERVICES
43. STOCKBRIDGE LIBRARY
44. CHIME TOWER
45. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
46. HISTORICAL COMMISSION
47. MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE
48. HISTORIC DISTRICT
49. HISTORIC PRESERVATION
50. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
51. LONG-TERM DEBT & SHORT-TERM DEBT
52. BERKSHIRE REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)  
BERKSHIRE COUNTY INSURANCE GROUP
53. INSURANCE
54. 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'24 budget for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, *or take any other action in relation thereto. (expected request \$3,654,693)*

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 \$78,450)*

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the tuition and transportation to Taconic High School for its Career Exploratory Program, *or take any other action in relation thereto. (expected request \$80,000)*

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from available special purpose Stabilization Fund pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, section 5B, for the purpose of funding the remaining debt service payments for the Town Office (principal and interest) and Water Treatment Plant (principal and interest), *or take any other action in relation thereto. (expected request \$1,198,826)*

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by deleting the current Section 6.8 Sign Regulations and replacing it with a new 6.8 Sign Regulations, the text of which is available at the Town Clerk's office, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws by deleting the current Article V – Cemetery Regulations and replacing it with a new Article V – Cemetery Bylaws, the text of which is available at the Town Clerk's office, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by adding a new Section 6.31 Residential Inclusionary Development, the text of which is available at the Town Clerk's office, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

ARTICLE 12. 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 \$100,000 for the purpose of paying the interest of the Town Infrastructure Issues Project authorized by Article 7 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 16, 2022.**
- 2. transfer and appropriate \$50,000 for the purpose of funding engineering for town projects.**
- 3. transfer and appropriate \$90,000 for the purpose of funding turnout gear for the Stockbridge Fire Department.**
- 4. transfer and appropriate \$1,200,000 for the purpose of funding various road reconstruction and repaving.**
- 5. to transfer and appropriate \$25,000.00 for costs associated with negotiations for the Rest of the River Project (along with Pittsfield, Lenox, Lee, Great Barrington, and Sheffield) regarding the removal of PCBs in the Housatonic River**
- 6. transfer and appropriate \$15,000 for the purpose of funding short term rental tracking software services**

- 7. transfer and appropriate \$73,400 for the purpose of funding a chipper and chipper box for the highway department.**
- 8. transfer and appropriate \$25,000 for the purpose of funding design, engineering and permitting for improvements to the boat ramp at the Stockbridge Bowl contingent on a \$25,000 match from the Department of Conservation & Recreation.**

ARTICLE 13. 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 \$259,800 for the purpose of funding the Collection System Management Program - Phase 4.**
- 2. transfer and appropriate \$49,990 for the purpose of funding the Sewer Needs Analysis Project.**
- 3. transfer and appropriate \$36,500 for the purpose of funding the replacement of the sludge pump at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.**
- 4. transfer and appropriate \$12,300 for the purpose of funding the overhaul three raw waste water pumps at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.**

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from available Water Operations Reserve Fund for the following specified projects, *or take any action in relation thereto.*

- 1. transfer and appropriate \$30,000 Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the installation of new gate valves.**
- 2. transfer and appropriate \$25,000 for the purpose of funding the engineering for Elm & Maple Streets water main replacement.**
- 3. transfer and appropriate \$23,000 for the purpose of funding three new on-line analyzers for the water treatment plant.**
- 4. transfer and appropriate \$48,000 for the purpose of funding the painting of the interior of the water treatment plant.**

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will act on the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2024 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 \$50,000 for affordable housing purposes to be used by Riverbrook for the replacement of a fire escape.**

- 2. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$15,000 for affordable housing purposes to be used by Stockbridge Housing Authority for the Heaton Court walkway lighting.**
- 3. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$125,000 for community housing purposes to be used by Pine Woods for reconstruction of the driveway.**
- 4. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$20,000 for affordable housing purposes to be used by Stockbridge Housing Authority for the Heaton Court siding board replacement.**
- 5. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$42,000 for historic preservation purposes to be used by Town of Stockbridge, Cemetery Commission, for the restoration of the Sergeant Tomb Slabs.**
- 6. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$185,617 for historic preservation purposes to be used by Waldorf School for the preservation of the Old Town Hall.**
- 7. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$20,000 for open space/recreational purposes to be used by Laurel Hill for capital improvements to the Mary Flynn Trail.**
- 8. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance for open space and recreation purposes a sum of \$11,500 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.**
- 9. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance for open space and recreation purposes a sum of \$300,000 to be used by the Stockbridge Land Trust for the acquisition of the Fenn Farm (Swann) property.**
- 10. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance for open space and recreation purposes a sum of \$11,917 to be used by the Friends of Gould Meadows for work at Gould Meadows to preserve open space by removal of invasive species, improve recreational walkways, tree and garden work.**
- 11. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$5,200 for open space/recreational purposes to be used by Stockbridge Conservation Commission to conserve the Foot Bird Sanctuary Property.**
- 12. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$3,875 for historic preservation purposes to be used by Stockbridge Library to conserve and repair the 19th century daguerreotype photos by Anson Clark of West Stockbridge.**
- 13. appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund balance a sum of \$10,000 for the FY24 CPC Administrative budget**

**14. reserve to the Historic Resources Reserve, the Community Housing Reserve, and the Open Space Reserve from Community Preservation anticipated FY'24 annual revenues, the minimum amounts required by M.G.L. c.44B, s.6. (expected request \$44,310 per category)**

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to adjust the exemption amount from \$500 to \$1,000 and adjust the minimum age from 70 to 65 years old for the property tax exemption for senior citizens under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 41C, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2023: *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the parameters of the Senior Tax Deferral program, authorized under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 41A, by increasing the maximum income limit for participation from \$20,000 to the limit allowed for the “circuit breaker” state income tax credit for non-head of household filers annually, and reducing the interest rate for repayment from 8% to 5%, *or take any other action related thereto.*

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 200A, § 9A to provide an alternative procedure to dispose of abandoned funds in the custody of the Town, *or take any action relative thereto.*

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to initiate the process to aggregate electrical load pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134 and, further, to adopt the following resolution, *or take any other action related thereto:*

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through the restructuring of the electricity market; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Stockbridge have a substantial economic and social interest in terms of greater customer choice and opportunities for savings in this restructured market; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stockbridge hereby finds that it may be in the interest of its citizens who are electric ratepayers, both residential and commercial/industrial, to develop and secure such approvals and enter into appropriate agreements with consultants, experts and attorneys in connection with the establishment and operation of an electricity aggregation plan.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Town of Stockbridge hereby: Publicly declares its intent to become an aggregator of electric power on behalf of its residential and business electric customers and to reestablish such plan if its operation is suspended; and

Authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into such contracts for power supply pursuant to the plan or services for such plan, with the understanding that if a power supply contract is executed, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate in the aggregation plan and, instead, to choose any electricity alternatives they desire and, further, to take such other action relative hereto as may be appropriate and necessary.

ARTICLE 20. Citizens Petition –

***“To see if the town will vote to amend and change the General Bylaw, Article IV Sections 1 & 3 from “The Moderator shall appoint” to “the Town shall elect” and take any other action in relation thereto.***

***Below is Article IV of the Town Bylaws – the changes are in red. In addition, staggered terms shall continue and current members of the Finance Committee shall complete their terms and run for election, if they choose, when terms expire. This will assure smooth transition should this measure be adopted at Town Meeting.***

Article IV Other Officers Section 1. ~~[Delete~~ The Moderator shall appoint,} **The Town shall elect** as hereinafter provided, a Committee of voters consisting of seven members and two alternate members. Such Committee shall be known as the Finance Committee. ~~{Delete~~ Within thirty days of the adoption of this Section, the Moderator shall appoint three members of the Committee for terms of one year; two members and one alternate member for the terms of two years; and two members and one alternate member for the terms of three years.] **The current members will complete their terms as specified and then run for membership on the committee in the election held that year if he/she so chooses.** ~~[Delete~~ Thereafter, within thirty days after the Annual Town Meeting, the Moderator shall appoint members or alternate members for terms of three years to succeed those members for terms of three years to succeed those members whose terms are scheduled to expire; provided, however, that the Moderator may appoint a member or alternate member at any time to complete an unexpired term whenever a vacancy occurs.] **The Select Board may appoint a member or alternate member to complete an unexpired term whenever a vacancy occurs.** The terms of office of Committee members and alternate members shall commence immediately upon ~~{Delete~~ qualification} **election** and shall not expire until a successor is ~~[Delete~~ appointed and qualified.] **elected.**

Section 2. The Finance Committee shall organize by the election of a chairman and a secretary, and a record shall be kept of all transactions. Every article in the warrant for the annual or any special Town Meeting calling for appropriation or borrowing of money, the creation of a debt or disposal of property of the town shall be referred to this Committee by the Selectmen, and the committee shall either approve or disapprove every such article. The committee shall fully inform itself as to the financial condition of the Town, and also prepare a statement of the fixed charges against the town for which taxes must be levied. All town officials are required to furnish the Finance Committee with any facts or figures in their possession that may be requested of them. At least one public meeting shall be held previous to the annual meeting, at which all interested taxpayers may be heard as to appropriations to be voted on at the town meeting.

Section 3. ~~[Delete all of section 3~~ Within thirty days after the annual town meeting, the Moderator shall appoint for the membership of those committees which he is authorized to appoint. He shall also fill vacancies on those committees.]

"All Town Officials shall pay into the Town Treasury all fees received by them by virtue of their office, said bylaw to be effective as to the Town Collector, May 17, 1993; said bylaw to be effective as to the Town Clerk, May 15, 1995."

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

Exhibit 1 - Article 4 - Town of Stockbridge	FY 2024 Annual Operating Budget		
<u>General Government</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Moderator	\$ 242	\$ 242	\$ -
Moderator Expenses	\$ 25	\$ 30	\$ 5
Selectman Salary, Chairman	\$ 5,552	\$ 5,552	\$ -
Selectman Salary, Members (2)	\$ 9,090	\$ 9,090	\$ -
Selectmen Expenses	\$ 108,200	\$ 70,700	\$ (37,500)
Assistant Administrator	\$ 46,373	\$ 54,133	\$ 7,760
Clerical Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town Administrator Salary	\$ 103,000	\$ 106,090	\$ 3,090
Town Administrator Expenses	\$ 8,400	\$ 5,500	\$ (2,900)
Finance Committee	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,150	\$ -
Town Reserve Fund	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -
Town Accountant Salary	\$ 63,872	\$ 70,570	\$ 6,698
Town Accountant Certification Stipend	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Town Accountant Expenses	\$ 22,650	\$ 22,600	\$ (50)
Assessor's Salary, Chairman	\$ 3,987	\$ 3,987	\$ -
Assessor's Salaries (2 members)	\$ 6,386	\$ 6,386	\$ -
Principal Assessor Salary	\$ 70,864	\$ 75,236	\$ 4,372
Principal Assessor Certification Stipend	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Assessor's Clerk Salary	\$ 31,934	\$ 39,333	\$ 7,399
Assessor's Expenses	\$ 5,900	\$ 9,600	\$ 3,700
Treasurer/Collector Salary	\$ 64,505	\$ 71,218	\$ 6,713
Treasurer's Certification Stipend	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Treasurer/Collector Expenses	\$ 29,460	\$ 30,735	\$ 1,275
Town Collectors Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Collector Certification Stipend	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Assistant Treasurer/Collector Salary	\$ 46,169	\$ 52,423	\$ 6,254
Collector Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Services Retainer	\$ 43,131	\$ 43,131	\$ -
Town Clerk Salary	\$ 47,756	\$ 56,856	\$ 9,100
Town Clerk Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Town Clerk Expenses	\$ 7,750	\$ 7,050	\$ (700)
Election and Registration Salaries	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 1,500
Election and Registration Expenses	\$ 8,145	\$ 9,700	\$ 1,555
Conservation Commission	\$ 38,100	\$ 36,250	\$ (1,850)
Planning Board	\$ 10,403	\$ 9,903	\$ (500)
Board of Appeals	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ -
Proctor Hall	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
Town Facilities Salaries	\$ 66,547	\$ 44,367	\$ (22,180)
Town Offices Expenses	\$ 88,000	\$ 88,000	\$ -
Glendale Solar Maintenance	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000	\$ (10,000)
Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Committee	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Electric: Town Offices, Proctor Hall, Fire, Parks, Highway	\$ 69,420	\$ 69,420	\$ -
Town Report	\$ 7,735	\$ 7,735	\$ -
Information Technology	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ -
<b>Total, General Government</b>	<b>\$ 1,354,321</b>	<b>\$ 1,339,062</b>	<b>\$ (15,259)</b>

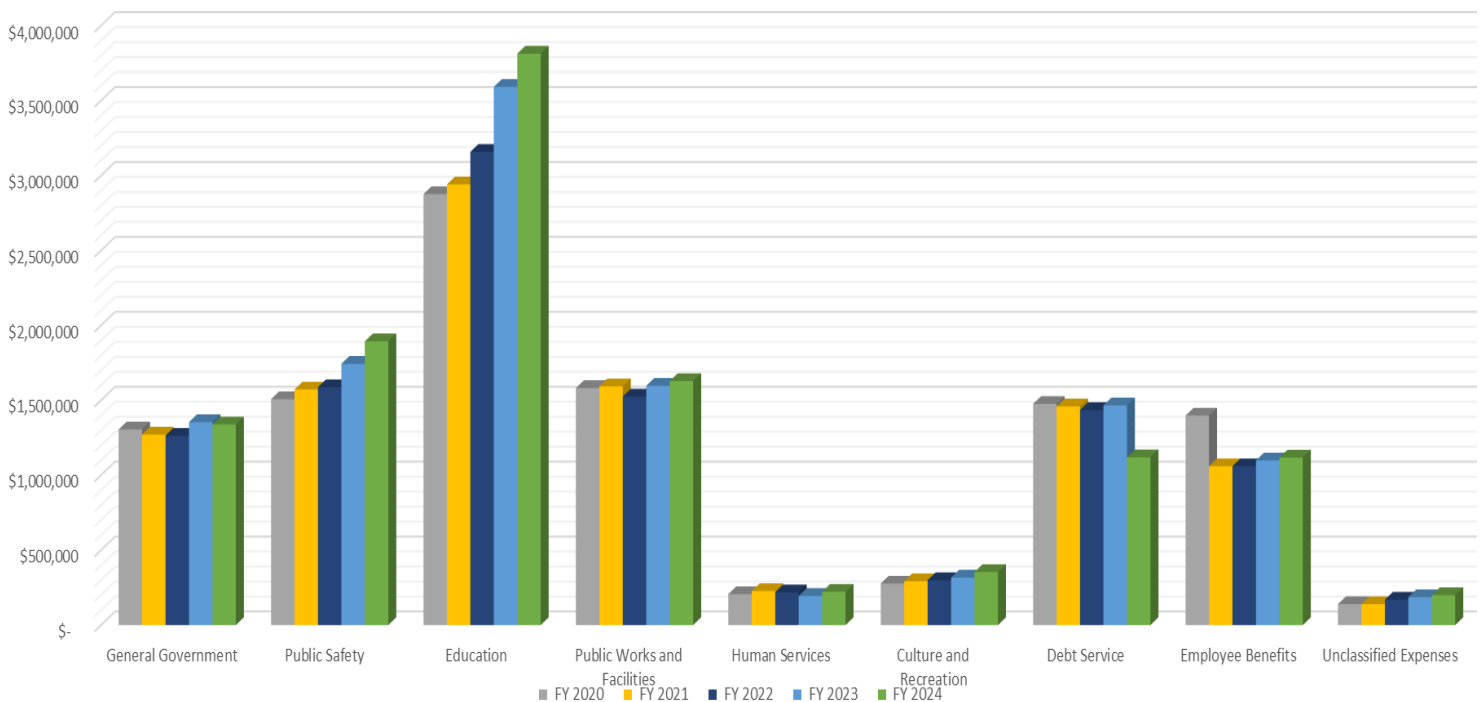


<b><u>Public Safety</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2023</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Police Department Salaries	\$ 868,186	\$ 909,784	\$ 41,598
Police Department Expenses	\$ 159,246	\$ 178,442	\$ 19,196
Fire Department Salaries	\$ 105,842	\$ 174,172	\$ 68,330
Fire Department Expenses	\$ 115,550	\$ 132,850	\$ 17,300
Emergency Medical Response	\$ 11,400	\$ 12,500	\$ 1,100
Ambulance Service	\$ 294,356	\$ 298,382	\$ 4,026
Animal Control Officer Salary	\$ 5,880	\$ 6,027	\$ 147
Animal Control Expenses	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ -
Building Inspector Salaries	\$ 82,643	\$ 87,221	\$ 4,578
Building Inspector Expenses	\$ 5,075	\$ 5,075	\$ -
Gas Inspector Salary	\$ 1,544	\$ 1,583	\$ 39
Gas Inspector Expenses	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ -
Plumbing Inspector Salary	\$ 6,525	\$ 6,688	\$ 163
Plumbing Inspector Expenses	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ -
Wire Inspector Salary	\$ 7,400	\$ 7,585	\$ 185
Wire Inspector Expenses	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ -
Emergency Management	\$ 18,132	\$ 11,346	\$ (6,786)
Tree Warden Salary	\$ 2,252	\$ 2,308	\$ 56
Tree Warden Expenses	\$ 53,800	\$ 53,800	\$ -
<b>Total, Public Safety</b>	<b>\$ 1,743,831</b>	<b>\$ 1,893,763</b>	<b>\$ 149,932</b>
<b><u>Education</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2023</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
BHRSD Operating Budget Assessment	\$ 3,501,086	\$ 3,654,693	\$ 153,607
BHRSD Capital Budget Assessment	\$ 90,447	\$ 78,450	\$ (11,997)
Out of District Vocational Tuition		\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
<b>Total, Education Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,591,533</b>	<b>\$ 3,813,143</b>	<b>\$ 221,610</b>
<b><u>Public Works and Facilities</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2023</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Highway Department Salaries	\$ 396,096	\$ 407,151	\$ 11,055
Highway Department Expenses	\$ 120,210	\$ 101,000	\$ (19,210)
Highway Department Snow and Ice	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ -
Highway Department Machinery	\$ 118,500	\$ 126,500	\$ 8,000
Town Transfer Station / Compactor Salaries	\$ 68,207	\$ 69,232	\$ 1,025
Town Transfer Station / Compactor Expenses	\$ 130,700	\$ 130,700	\$ -
Highway Cemetery Salaries	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	\$ -
Highway Cemetery Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
Streetlights	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ -
Sewer Department Salaries	\$ 131,152	\$ 135,028	\$ 3,876
Sewer Department Expenses	\$ 195,650	\$ 202,400	\$ 6,750
Water Department Salaries	\$ 131,153	\$ 135,029	\$ 3,876
Water Department Expenses	\$ 129,700	\$ 145,950	\$ 16,250
Fire Hydrant Rental	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,450	\$ -
<b>Total, Public Works and Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,596,818</b>	<b>\$ 1,628,440</b>	<b>\$ 31,622</b>
<b><u>Human Services</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2023</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Board of Health Salaries	\$ 842	\$ 842	\$ -
Board of Health Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Health Officer, Tri-Town Health	\$ 107,020	\$ 107,020	\$ -
Visiting Nuses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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	\$ 5,918	\$ 23,490	\$ 17,572
Council on Aging Expenses	\$ 5,550	\$ 5,300	\$ (250)
Veteran's Services and Benefits	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ -
<b>Total, Human Services</b>	<b>\$ 194,530</b>	<b>\$ 221,852</b>	<b>\$ 27,322</b>

<b><u>Culture and Recreation</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2023</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Library	\$ 209,282	\$ 226,000	\$ 16,718
Chime Tower	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -
Parks and Recreation Commission, Salaries	\$ 32,400	\$ 33,000	\$ 600
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	\$ 44,000	\$ 63,826	\$ 19,826
<b>Total, Culture and Recreation</b>	<b>\$ 317,007</b>	<b>\$ 354,151</b>	<b>\$ 37,144</b>
<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2023</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Town Offices (Debt Service Schedule 9/4/2013) Principal	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ (350,000)
Town Offices (Debt Service Schedule 9/4/2013) Interest	\$ 35,850	\$ -	\$ (35,850)
Water Treatment Plant (Debt Service Schedule 9/4/2013(Principal)	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ (60,000)
Water Treatment Plant (Debt Service Schedule 9/4/2013(Interest)	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ (6,000)
Chime Tower - Principal	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ -
Chime Tower - Interest	\$ 21,500	\$ 19,750	\$ (1,750)
Town of Stockbridge Twenty Year Term (May 1,2017) Principal	\$ 81,076	\$ 82,838	\$ 1,762
Town of Stockbridge Twenty Year Term (May 1,2017) Interest	\$ 28,395	\$ 26,774	\$ (1,621)
Town of Stockbridge Twenty Year Term (May 1,2017) Administration	\$ 2,130	\$ 2,009	\$ (121)
Water Tank and Update - Principal	\$ 124,131	\$ 126,598	\$ 2,467
Water Tank and Update - Interest	\$ 22,963	\$ 20,456	\$ (2,507)
Water Tank and Update - Administration	\$ 1,722	\$ 1,535	\$ (187)
Sewer Expansion "A" - Principal	\$ 180,922	\$ -	\$ (180,922)
Sewer Expansion "A" - Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sewer Expansion "A" - Administration	\$ 581	\$ -	\$ (581)
Sewer Expansion "B" - Principal	\$ 109,965	\$ -	\$ (109,965)
Sewer Expansion "B" - Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sewer Expansion "B" - Administration	\$ 349	\$ -	\$ (349)
2.6 Million Bridge and Road Replacement and Repair - Principal	\$ 115,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 5,000
2.6 Million Bridge and Road Replacement and Repair - Interest	\$ 63,163	\$ 59,713	\$ (3,450)
2.3 Million Highway Garage Bond - Principal	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000	\$ -
2.3 Million Highway Garage Bond - Interest	\$ 61,800	\$ 58,350	\$ (3,450)
4 Million Highway Infrastructure - Principal		\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000
4 Million Highway Infrastructure - Interest		\$ 142,570	\$ 142,570
Pump Station - Principal		\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Pump Station - Interest		\$ 23,600	\$ 23,600
Fire Truck - Principal - Shifted to Highway Truck FY2024	\$ 50,975	\$ 50,000	\$ (975)
	<b>\$ 1,466,522</b>	<b>\$ 1,119,193</b>	<b>\$ (347,329)</b>
<b><u>Employee Benefits</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2023</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Berkshire County Retirement	\$ 429,931	\$ 446,658	\$ 16,727
Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Undesignated Compensation	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -
Berkshire County Health & Dental Employee Insurance	\$ 628,384	\$ 630,810	\$ 2,426
<b>Total, Employee Benefits</b>	<b>\$ 1,098,315</b>	<b>\$ 1,117,468</b>	<b>\$ 19,153</b>
<b><u>Unclassified Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2023</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Town Insurance	\$ 186,436	\$ 199,487	\$ 13,051

	<i><b>FY 2023</b></i>	<i><b>FY 2024</b></i>	<i><b>Difference</b></i>
<b>Total Raise &amp; Appropriate, all categories</b>	<b>\$ 11,549,313</b>	<b>\$ 11,686,559</b>	<b>\$ 137,246</b>
<b>Total Raise &amp; Appropriate, minus education</b>	<b>\$ 7,957,780</b>	<b>\$ 7,873,416</b>	<b>\$ (84,365)</b>
<i><b>Key Budget Categories</b></i>	<i><b>FY 2023</b></i>	<i><b>FY 2024</b></i>	<i><b>Difference</b></i>
General Government	\$ 1,354,321	\$ 1,339,062	\$ (15,259)
Public Safety	\$ 1,743,831	\$ 1,893,763	\$ 149,932
Education	\$ 3,591,533	\$ 3,813,143	\$ 221,610
Public Works and Facilities	\$ 1,596,819	\$ 1,628,441	\$ 31,622
Human Services	\$ 194,530	\$ 221,852	\$ 27,322
Culture and Recreation	\$ 317,007	\$ 354,151	\$ 37,144
Debt Service	\$ 1,466,522	\$ 1,119,193	\$ (347,329)
Employee Benefits	\$ 1,098,315	\$ 1,117,468	\$ 19,153
Unclassified Expenses	\$ 186,436	\$ 199,487	\$ 13,051
	<b>\$ 11,549,314.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,686,560.00</b>	<b>\$ 137,246</b>

## Budget Comparison



AND to bring in their ballots on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 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
Planning Board	5
Sewer and Water Commissioner	3

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 4/27/2023*

Board of Selectmen



Patrick White, Chair



Ernest J. Cardillo



Jamie M. Minacci

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Indicate Method of Service

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Date

POSTED AT:  
Stockbridge Post Office

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Constable

Interlaken Firehouse  
Stockbridge Firehouse  
Stockbridge Town Offices