

TOWN OF LENOX
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 3, 2018

At 7:09 p.m. the Annual Town Meeting held at the Lenox Memorial Middle High School was called to order. A quorum for the meeting was met with over 155 present at the opening. It was voted unanimously to waive the reading of the warrant and return of service thereof and to authorize the moderator to declare a 2/3rds vote on voice votes if he deems it so.

ARTICLE 1. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to authorize the Selectmen to choose all Minor Town Officers to wit: Field Drivers, Pound Keepers, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark, Sextons and Sealer of Weights and Measures

The Town Manager Christopher Ketchen presented a power-point overview of the budget and announced a Fall Meeting is planned for Thursday, November 1, 2018.

ARTICLE 2. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to appropriate the sum of \$49,768.77 for snow and ice removal costs, said sum to be transferred from Free Cash as certified on July 1, 2017 and added to the amount appropriated to the Snow and Ice line item under Article 2 of the Warrant for the May 4, 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 3. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to raise and appropriate funds for the operating expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2019 as follows.

DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

FY 19

JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

1. Admin. & Finance	243,727
2. Town Treasurer/Clerk	147,363
3. Town Collector	85,261
4. Compensation Reserve	70,000
5. Operations Support	96,200
6. Elections & Registration	8,870
7. Economic Development	90,000
8. Town Debt & Interest	290,000
9. Audit, Reserve Account	628,718
10. Insurance & Bonds, OPEB	1,076,641
11. Land Use Department	485,691
12. Town Buildings	108,097
General Government Subtotal	3,330,568

13. Police Department	1,138,874
14. Fire Department	531,030
15. Emergency Management	30,201
16. Ambulance Squad	400,049
Public Safety Subtotal	2,100,154
17. Lenox Public Schools	12,917,715
18. Vocational Education	85,000
Education Subtotal	13,002,715
19. Highway Department	604,264
20. Snow & Ice	257,005
21. Other Storm Emergencies	0
22. Cemetery	111,409
Public Works Subtotal	972,678
23. Board of Health	181,578
24. Veterans Services	70,113
Human Services Subtotal	251,691
25. Community Center	373,766
26. Academy Building	7,824
27. Historical Commission	10,950
28. Celebrations	2,200
29. Historic District Commission	0
Cultural & Recreation Subtotal	394,740
30. Lenox Library	341,251
Lenox Library Subtotal	341,251
Totals	20,393,797

ARTICLE 4. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to appropriate to fund the Fiscal Year 2019 budget for the Water Department;

1. Water Operations	\$630,285
2. Debt Service	\$712,475
3. Capital Expenditures	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
	\$1,392,760

And further, to provide for said appropriations from the following sources of revenue and available funds.

User Charges	\$1,342,760
Retained Earnings	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,392,760

ARTICLE 5. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to appropriate to fund the Fiscal Year 2019 budget for the Sewer Department;

1. Sewer Operations	\$834,433
2. Debt Service	\$774,244
3. Capital Expenditures	<u>\$320,000</u>
	\$1,928,677

And further, to provide for said appropriations from the following sources of revenue and available funds.

User Charges	\$1,608,677
Retained Earnings	<u>\$ 320,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,928,677

ARTICLE 6. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,708,940 for the following capital expenditures:

1. Highway Department Expenditures	\$ 810,000
2. School Department Expenditures	\$ 270,200
3. Fire Department Expenditures	\$ 25,000
4. Police Department Expenditures	\$ 30,000
5. Town Buildings/Equipment Expenditures	\$ 66,000
6. Academy Building	\$ 5,000
7. Community Center Expenditures	\$ 353,740
8. Land Use Expenditures	\$ 10,000
9. Town Clerk Expenditures	\$ 8,000
10. Ambulance Expenditures	\$ 131,000

And further, to provide for said appropriations, to transfer from Free Cash as certified on July 1, 2017, the sum of \$1,683,469.

ARTICLE 7. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to vote to accept funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges.

ARTICLE 8. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amount recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for project debt service in fiscal year 2019.

Library Debt Service	\$123,500	(General Unreserved)
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ARTICLE 9. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2019, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

Appropriations:

FY 2019 estimated revenues for Administrative Expense	\$ 18,750
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Reserves:

FY 2019 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$ 37,500
FY 2019 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$ 37,500
FY 2019 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$ 37,500
FY 2019 estimated revenues for General Unreserved	<u>\$243,750</u>
Total	\$375,000

Estimated new surcharge collections for FY 2019	\$300,000
Estimated State Match for FY 2019	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total	\$400,000

ARTICLE 10. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses and community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2019 with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

Trinity Church	\$ 41,000 (Historic Preservation/Unreserved)
The Mount	\$ 75,000 (Historic Preservation/Unreserved)
Frelinghuysen Morris House	\$ 19,185 (Historic Preservation/Unreserved)
Town of Lenox/Comm. Garden	\$ 7,745 (Recreation/Unreserved)
Town of Lenox/Shared Use Path	\$ 20,000 (Recreation/Unreserved)
Town of Lenox Affordable Housing Trust	\$250,000 (Community Housing/Unreserved)

ARTICLE 11. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to appropriate the sum of \$6,100,000 to pay the costs of designing and constructing a new water main, sewer main, and sidewalk along Old Stockbridge Road, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, subject to the execution of an agreement between the Board of Selectmen and the developer of the Elm Court property to pay all related costs associated with the aforementioned design and construction; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount in accordance with G. L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G. L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

- ARTICLE 12. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to transfer the sum of \$50,000 to the Special Education Reserve Fund from funds appropriated to the School Department under Article 2 of Warrant for the May 4, 2017 Annual Town Meeting.
- ARTICLE 13. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- ARTICLE 14. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 for the Fire Engine Stabilization Fund.
- ARTICLE 15. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 111F regarding leave with pay for incapacitated employees.
- ARTICLE 16. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to establish a Charter Review Committee for the purpose of reviewing the Town's Special Act Charter, created under Chapter 155 of the Acts of 1991, as amended. Said committee shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The committee shall prepare a report of their review, to include recommendations for any proposed amendments to said Special Act Charter, to be completed on or before January 15, 2020. Upon receipt of the report, the Board of Selectmen shall, within 30 days, hold a public hearing to receive community input on the report.

It was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting 8:12 PM and to reconvene on Monday, May 7, 2018 at the Lenox Town Hall for the purpose of voting for Town Officers.

Attest:

/s/ Kerry L Sullivan
Kerry L Sullivan
Town Clerk