

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BERKSHIRE, SS.

To One of the Constables of the Town of Lenox:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Lenox qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet for the annual town meeting at the

Lenox Memorial Middle High School, located at 197 East Street, in said Lenox, on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 1:00 o'clock p.m., then and there to act upon the following articles, by posting an attested copy of this Warrant therefor in three public places in the Town not less than seven days before the 26th day of September next.

- ARTICLE 1. 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.
- ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, money for the operating expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2021 as follows, or any other sum; and, further, to provide for said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$406,978 from Free Cash, so called, as Certified on July 1, 2020; or take any other action in relation thereto.

DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT	FY 20 <u>JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020</u>	FY 21 <u>JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021</u>
1. Admin. & Finance	247,081	256,071
2. Town Clerk	69,689	70,687
3. Town Treasurer/Collector	129,380	137,026
4. Compensation Reserve	93,000	70,000
5. Operations Support	96,468	98,397
6. Elections & Registration	13,420	24,290
7. Economic Dev/Advertising	90,000	109,400
8. Town Debt & Interest	13,000	13,000
9. Audit, Reserve Account	655,816	761,025
10. Insurance & Bonds, OPEB	1,033,770	491,790
11. Land Use Department	521,480	490,285
12. Town Buildings	117,227	105,703
General Government Subtotal	3,080,331	2,627,674
13. Police Department	1,182,006	1,157,148
14. Fire Department	538,519	613,766
15. Emergency Management	30,958	32,258
16. Ambulance Squad	410,040	438,195
Public Safety Subtotal	2,161,523	2,241,367
17. Lenox Public Schools	13,399,103	13,785,126
18. Vocational Education	108,550	108,550
Education Subtotal	13,507,653	13,893,676
19. Highway Department	613,063	684,248
20. Snow & Ice	257,005	257,005
21. Cemetery	112,708	31,764
Public Works Subtotal	982,776	973,017
22. Board of Health	188,079	198,077
23. Veterans Services	70,113	70,080
Human Services Subtotal	258,192	268,157
24. Community Center	381,046	397,461
25. Cultural Council Grants	4,500	4,800
26. Academy Building	7,824	7,824
27. Historical Commission	10,950	10,950
28. Celebrations	2,200	2,200
Cultural & Recreation Subtotal	406,520	423,235
29. Lenox Library	415,004	424,524
Lenox Library Subtotal	415,004	424,524
Totals	\$20,811,999	\$20,851,650
	APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
	APPROVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE	
	APPROVED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Line #17)	

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to make the following appropriations, or any other sum, to fund the Fiscal Year 2021 budget for the Water Department;

1. Water Operations	\$652,542
2. Debt Service	\$731,876
3. Capital Expenditures	<u>\$ 78,150</u>
	\$1,462,568

And further, to provide for said appropriations from the following sources of revenue and available funds; or take any other action in relation thereto.

User Charges	\$1,384,418
Retained Earnings	<u>\$ 78,150</u>
TOTAL	\$1,462,568

APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APPROVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to make the following appropriations, or any other sum, to fund the Fiscal Year 2021 budget for the Sewer Department;

1. Sewer Operations	\$877,852
2. Debt Service	\$756,569
3. Capital Expenditures	<u>\$220,000</u>
	\$1,854,421

And further, to provide for said appropriations from the following sources of revenue and available funds; or take any other action in relation thereto.

User Charges	\$1,634,421
Retained Earnings	<u>\$ 220,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,854,421

APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APPROVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will 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; or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the

amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for project debt service in fiscal year 2021, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Library Debt Service	\$124,000	(General Unreserved)
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SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2021, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Appropriations:

FY 2021 estimated revenues for Administrative Expense	\$ 18,750
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Reserves:

FY 2021 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$ 37,500
FY 2021 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$ 37,500

FY 2021 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$ 37,500
FY 2021 estimated revenues for General Unreserved	<u>\$262,500</u>
Total	\$375,000

Estimated new surcharge collections for FY 2021	\$300,000
Estimated State Match for FY 2021	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
Total	\$375,000

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ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote 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 2021, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Trinity Church Parish House Restoration	\$113,265
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Master Landscape Plan - The Mount	\$125,000
Pickleball Court Construction	\$158,500
Lenox Club Ice House Restoration	\$ 15,000

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ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 to the Special Education Reserve Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto.

APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APPROVED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide, the sum of \$750,000, or any other sum, for capital expenditures in the Department of Public Works; and, further, to provide for said appropriations, to transfer the following sums; or take any other action in relation thereto:

- 1) \$400,000 from available capital funds in the water enterprise fund.
- 2) \$350,000 from Retained Earnings in the Water Enterprise Fund as certified on July 1, 2020.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide, the sum of \$550,000, or any other sum, for capital expenditures in the Department of Public Works; and, further, to provide for said appropriations, to transfer the following sums and, further, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, s.20, the unencumbered balance of \$550,000 for sewer system improvements appropriated and borrowed under Article 16 of the May 5, 2016 Annual Town Meeting warrant, which balance is no longer needed to complete the project for which it was initially borrowed; or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to endorse the Board of Selectmen entering into a new Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Lee to share the services of a "Chief Administrative Officer" who will serve as the Town Manager in the Town of Lenox and Town Administrator in the Town of Lee; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to advise the Board of Selectmen to rescind their support of the River Settlement agreement and renegotiate terms that shall not include a dump site in the Town of Lenox, MA.

CITIZEN PETITION

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will ask the Town Meeting members to vote to enforce against any fire works pysoknecs or explosives of any type, in the wetlands of Lenox, Parsons March, and any other wetlands of Lenox with a 300 foot buffer zone in perpetuality.

CITIZEN PETITION

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk or the Selectmen, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hand the 16th day of September in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

Signed

A true copy, ATTEST:

Constable of Lenox.

Edward Lane
Warren E. Cheney
Mayall J. Mills
Don R. Rube
Selectmen of Lenox

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

In pursuance of the within warrant, I have on the 17th day of
SEPTEMBER, 2020 notified and warned the Inhabitants
of the Town of LENOX, qualified to vote in elections and in town
affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned
in said warrant by posting three attested copies of said warrant at
the Post Office in LENOX, an attested copy of said warrant at the
Town Hall in LENOX, an attested copy of said warrant at the Post
Office in LENOX DALE.


Constable of the Town of Lenox