

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 election at the

**Lenox Town Hall, located at 6 Walker Street, in
said Lenox, on Monday, May 8, 2023
starting at 7:00 o'clock a.m., then and there to act upon the
following Article 16, and also to meet for the Annual Town
Meeting in the
Lenox Memorial Middle High School, located at 197 East Street, in
said Lenox, on Thursday, May 4, 2023
at 7:00 o'clock p.m., then and there to act upon the following
articles, except Article 16, by posting an attested copy of this
Warrant therefor in three public places in the Town not less than
seven days before the 4th day of May next.**

**The polls for voting on the ballot on Monday, May 8, 2023 will be
open at 7:00am and will be closed at 7:00pm.**

- ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to waive the reading of the warrant and return of service thereof and to authorize the moderator, pursuant to MGL Chapter 39, Section 15, to declare a 2/3rds vote on voice votes if he deems it so; or take any other action in relation thereto.
- 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 2024 as follows, or any other sum; and, further, to provide for said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$579,000 from Free Cash, so called, as Certified on July 1, 2022; or take any other action in relation thereto.

DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT	FY 23	FY 24
	<u>JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023</u>	<u>JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024</u>
1. Admin. & Finance	345,247	350,707
2. Town Clerk	83,997	87,574
3. Town Treasurer/Collector	169,632	154,138
4. Compensation Reserve	90,000	70,000
5. Operations Support	99,118	101,018
6. Elections & Registration	16,675	17,075
7. Economic Dev/Advertising	122,500	128,625
8. Town Debt & Interest	237,000	279,000
9. Audit, Reserve Account	841,262	862,766
10. Insurance & Bonds, OPEB	799,786	831,597
11. Land Use Department	531,388	537,132
12. Town Buildings	98,080	97,761
General Government Subtotal	3,434,685	3,517,393
13. Police Department	1,374,042	1,483,084
14. Fire Department	653,274	738,417
15. Emergency Management	35,100	36,605
16. Ambulance Squad	583,830	599,660
Public Safety Subtotal	2,646,246	2,857,766
17. Vocational Education	197,101	196,220
Education Subtotal	197,101	196,220
18. Highway Department	731,546	776,786
19. Snow & Ice	257,005	257,005
20. Cemetery	32,397	33,097
Public Works Subtotal	1,020,948	1,066,888
21. Board of Health	213,893	220,849
22. Veterans Services	30,372	30,372
Human Services Subtotal	244,265	251,221
23. Lenox Library	443,400	462,216
24. Community Center	449,092	466,361
25. Cultural Council Grants	5,000	5,000
26. Cultural District	7,500	7,500
27. Academy Building	7,774	7,866
28. Historical Commission	25,950	25,950
29. Celebrations	2,200	2,200
Cultural & Recreation Subtotal	940,916	977,093
Totals	\$8,484,161	\$8,866,581

APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APPROVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, or any other sum, for the operating expenses of the Lenox Public Schools for the Fiscal Year 2024; or take any other action in relation thereto.

	FY23 <u>JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023</u>	FY24 <u>JULY 1, 2023-JUNE 30, 2024</u>
Lenox Public Schools	\$14,895,584	\$15,540,921

APPROVED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
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 2024 budget for the Sewer Department;

	FY23 <u>JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023</u>	FY24 <u>JULY 1, 2023-JUNE 30, 2024</u>
1. Sewer Operations	\$939,800	\$1,007,470
2. Debt Service	\$778,362	\$771,687
3. Capital Expenditures	<u>\$220,000</u>	<u>\$220,000</u>
	\$1,938,162	\$1,999,157

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	\$1,718,162	\$1,881,531
Retained Earnings	<u>\$220,000</u>	<u>\$117,626</u>
TOTAL	\$1,938,162	\$1,999,157

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ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to make the following appropriations, or any other sum, to fund the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the Water Department;

	FY23 <u>JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023</u>	FY24 <u>JULY 1, 2023-JUNE 30, 2024</u>
1. Water Operations	\$624,475	\$739,626
2. Debt Service	\$862,902	\$748,727
3. Capital Expenditures	<u>\$45,000</u>	<u>\$45,900</u>
	\$1,532,377	\$1,534,253

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	\$1,487,377	\$1,488,353
Retained Earnings	<u>\$45,000</u>	<u>\$45,900</u>
TOTAL	\$1,532,377	\$1,534,253

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ARTICLE 6. 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 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide, the sum of \$1,559,000, or any other sum, for the following capital expenditures:

- 1. Highway Department Expenditures \$ 532,000
- 2. Town Clerk Expenditures \$ 10,000
- 3. School Department Expenditures \$ 400,000
- 4. Fire Department Expenditures \$ 50,000
- 5. Police Department Expenditures \$ 25,000
- 6. Ambulance/EMS Expenditures \$ 12,000
- 7. Community Center Expenditures \$ 500,000
- 8. Library Expenditures \$ 30,000

And further, to provide for said appropriations, to transfer from Free Cash as certified on July 1, 2022, the sum of \$1,559,000; or take any other action in relation thereto.

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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, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2024, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

CPA FY24 Funding Recommendations

CPA Category: Historic Preservation	Funding Amount	Funding Source
The Mount	\$110,000	Historic Preservation Reserve
Annual Library Debt Service	\$117,875	Historic Preservation Reserve
Lenox Library	\$ 3,132	Historic Preservation Reserve
CPA Category: Community Housing		
Lenox Affordable Housing Trust	\$ 50,000	Community Housing Reserve
Administrative Expenses	\$ 16,559	Unrestricted Fund
Total Expenditures	\$297,566	
CPA Reserves (10% of Annual Revenues)		
Historic Preservation	\$ 33,118.70	FY24 Annual Revenues
Community Housing	\$ 33,118.70	FY24 Annual Revenues
Open Space & Recreation	\$ 33,118.70	FY24 Annual Revenues

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Unrestricted Fund Balance to the CPC Historic Preservation Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY
PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 to be placed in the Fire Engine Stabilization Account; and, further, to provide for said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$175,000 from Free Cash, so called, as Certified on July 1, 2022; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APPROVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance, equipment and other related costs; and, further, to provide for said appropriation, transfer the sum of \$100,469.50 from the Ambulance Stabilization Account and \$199,530.50 from Free Cash, so called, as Certified on July 1, 2022; or take any other action in relation thereto.

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APPROVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting Section 10.3, Wireless Telecommunications Overlay District, and replacing with a new Section 8.18, Personal Wireless Communications Facilities, as set out in a handout at Town Meeting, in substantially the same form as discussed at the Planning Board Public Hearing on April 4, 2023; or take any other action in relation thereto.

APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APPROVED BY PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Lenox Historic District Bylaw by deleting the existing Section 9.1(i) and replacing it with a new Section 9.1(i) - storm doors and storm windows, screens, window air conditioners, as on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action in relation thereto.

APPROVED BY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMM

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to make permanent authorization that permits both in person and remote participation in public meetings; or take any other action in relation thereto. (PETITION ARTICLE)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote a bylaw to codify 2 scheduled Town Meetings yearly (Biannual Meetings); or take any other action in relation thereto. (PETITION ARTICLE)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will bring their votes for one or more members of each of the following Town Officers:


- 1 Moderator for one year
- 2 Selectmen for three years
- 1 Board of Health Member for three years
- 1 Assessor for three years
- 1 School Committee Member for two years
- 2 School Committee Members for three years
- 1 Planning Board Member for five years

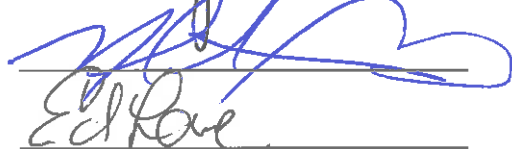
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk or the Selectmen, at the time and place of said meeting.


Given under our hand the 12th day of April in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

Signed

A true copy, ATTEST:





Ed Rose


Constable of Lenox.

Selectmen of Lenox

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

In pursuance of the within warrant, I have on the 13th day of
APRIL, 2023 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