

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 7, 2018
starting at 7:00 o'clock a.m., then and there to act upon the
following Article 17, 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 3, 2018
at 7:00 o'clock p.m., then and there to act upon the following
articles, except Article 17, by posting an attested copy of this
Warrant therefor in three public places in the Town not less than
seven days before the 3rd day of May next.**

**The polls for voting on the ballot on Monday, May 7, 2018 will be
open at 7:00am and will be closed at 7:00pm.**

- 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 appropriate a sum not to exceed \$50,000 for snow and ice removal costs, said sum to be transferred from available funds and added to the amount appropriated to the Snow and Ice line item under Article 2 of the Warrant for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**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, money for the operating expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2019 as follows, or any other sum; or take any other action in relation thereto.

DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT	FY 18	FY 19
	<u>JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018</u>	<u>JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019</u>
1. Admin. & Finance	272,905	243,727
2. Town Treasurer/Clerk	145,700	147,363
3. Town Collector	92,585	85,261
4. Compensation Reserve	70,000	70,000
5. Operations Support	94,700	96,200
6. Elections & Registration	8,870	8,870
7. Economic Development	65,000	90,000
8. Town Debt & Interest	304,000	290,000
9. Audit, Reserve Account	592,657	628,718
10. Insurance & Bonds, OPEB	1,039,335	1,076,641
11. Land Use Department	444,363	485,691
12. Town Buildings	108,097	108,097
General Government Subtotal	3,238,212	3,330,568
13. Police Department	1,128,689	1,138,874
14. Fire Department	444,182	531,030
15. Emergency Management	29,466	30,201
16. Ambulance Squad	405,062	400,049
Public Safety Subtotal	2,007,399	2,100,154
17. Lenox Public Schools	12,614,020	12,917,715
18. Vocational Education	84,790	85,000
Education Subtotal	12,698,810	13,002,715
19. Highway Department	595,182	604,264
20. Snow & Ice	257,005	257,005
21. Other Storm Emergencies	0	0
22. Cemetery	122,395	111,409
Public Works Subtotal	974,582	972,678
23. Board of Health	135,863	181,578
24. Veterans Services	70,113	70,113
Human Services Subtotal	205,976	251,691
25. Community Center	365,694	373,766
26. Academy Building	7,824	7,824
27. Historical Commission	10,950	10,950
28. Celebrations	2,200	2,200
29. Historic District Commission	100	0
Cultural & Recreation Subtotal	386,768	394,740
30. Lenox Library	331,171	341,251
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Totals	\$19,842,918	\$20,393,797

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APPROVED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Line #17)

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to make the following appropriations, or any other sum, 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; or take any other action in relation thereto.

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

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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 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; or take any other action in relation thereto.

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

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ARTICLE 6.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide, the sum of \$1,708,940, or any other sum, 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; or take any other action in relation thereto.

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ARTICLE 7. 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 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 project debt service in fiscal year 2019, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Library Debt Service	\$123,500	(General Unreserved)
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PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote 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; or take any other action in relation thereto.

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	

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ARTICLE 10. 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 2019 with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or take any other action in relation thereto.

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)

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ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to pay the costs of designing and construction of a new water main, sewer main, and sidewalk along Old Stockbridge Road, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto subject to 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; to determine whether this amount should be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action in relation thereto.

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ARTICLE 12. 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.

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ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000 for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto.

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ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$175,000 for the Fire Engine Stabilization Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto.

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ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 111F regarding leave with pay for incapacitated employees; or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote 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; or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17.

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 Board of Health Member for two years
- 1 Assessor for three years
- 3 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 11th day of April in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

A true copy, ATTEST:

Constable of Lenox.

Signed

Dave Runk

Warren L. Archey

Edward Lane

[Signature]

Selectmen of Lenox