



# Town of Hinsdale

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## Annual Town Meeting May 15, 2019

### Town Administrators Notes

May 9, 2019

Hi Everyone:

Below are my notes on the Warrant Articles. These notes have been compiled after numerous meetings this winter and spring, and unless otherwise stated, they are my opinions. Here they are:

**Article 2:** Proforma – the Town accepts our allotment of the State’s Chapter 90 funding for maintenance, repair, and construction of roads and bridges.

**Article 3a:** Proforma – the Town sets the pay rates for these positions annually.

**Article 3b:** This table outlines the expenses department by department. Below are my explanations and the percentage change over last year.

Department/Account	FY 2019	Proposed FY20	Change	Administrator's Notes
Legal Counsel	30,000.00	20,000.00	-33.33%	Legal consultation needs are lower and managed through the Administrator's Office before contact is being made.
Moderator	50	100	100.00%	The Select Board (SB) and Finance Committee (FC) felt this stipend should be raised.
Select Board & Administration	120,831.00	124,700.00	3.20%	This increase is in printing costs and compensation.

Department/Account	FY 2019	Proposed FY20	Change	Administrator's Notes
Board of Assessors	62,383.00	66,103.00	5.96%	This increase is in training and general expenses related to the still pending cut-over to Vision Software.
Treasurer	49,427.00	51,670.00	4.54%	This increase is in compensation and expenses.
Tax Collector	24,286.00	27,072.00	11.47%	This increase is in compensation and general expenses.
Town Clerk & Elections	21,580.00	17,251.00	-20.06%	This is down because of the state and federal election cycle.
Accounting & Auditing	62,917.00	64,307.00	2.21%	This is up due to a rise in annual computer software maintenance fees.
Finance Committee	300	300	0.00%	
Planning Board	500	500	0.00%	
Conservation Commission	12,334.00	12,700.00	2.97%	This increase is in compensation and general expenses.
Town Insurances & Bonds	85,000.00	83,000.00	-2.35%	This is down due to employee participation in on-going insurance and best-practices safety training participation.
Health & Dental Insurance	148,000.00	170,000.00	14.86%	This increase is due to having newly hired employees opt-in to our insurance offerings.
County Retirement	129,172.00	143,416.00	11.03%	County retirement is up for reasons similar to Health and Dental.
Medicare	13,000.00	15,000.00	15.38%	Like other insurance, the costs are up.
Reserve Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00%	
Gas/Diesel (Town Vehicles)	36,000.00	36,000.00	0.00%	
Unemployment	15,000.00	5,000.00	-66.67%	Our unemployment expenses have been down the past two years, so we have lowered this figure accordingly.
Town Buildings-	95,000.00	93,240.00	-1.85%	
<b>General Gov. Subtotal</b>	<b>925,780.00</b>	<b>950,359.00</b>	<b>2.65%</b>	
Highway Department-General	358,273.00	362,810.00	1.27%	Other than salaries, we level funded the Highway Department.
Highway Department-Private and Unaccepted Roads	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00%	
Highway Department-Winter Roads	97,500.00	97,500.00	0.00%	
Cemeteries	1,500.00	2,000.00	33.33%	The Cemetery expense was higher last year.

Department/Account	FY 2019	Proposed FY20	Change	Administrator's Notes
Street Lights	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00%	
Town-wide Mowing	14,995.00	21,030.00	40.25%	The open bid process resulted in one proposal, and the costs are up considerably.
<b>Public Works Subtotal</b>	<b>507,268.00</b>	<b>518,340.00</b>	<b>2.18%</b>	
Police Department	277,284.00	287,214.00	3.58%	This is mostly in compensation, which was agreed to during negotiations.
Fire Department	74,200.00	74,200.00	0.00%	
24-hour Ambulance Service	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%	
Emergency Management	5,350.00	5,350.00	0.00%	
Building Inspector	15,800.00	16,350.00	3.48%	This is mostly in compensation.
Gas Inspector	200	200	0.00%	
Tree Warden	16,500.00	16,500.00	0.00%	
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>	<b>391,334.00</b>	<b>401,814.00</b>	<b>2.68%</b>	
Board of Health	17,200.00	14,400.00	-16.28%	The BoH hours were increased two years ago, and this change reflects the current need of the department.
Veterans Services	35,550.00	35,300.00	-0.70%	
Lake Management	28,800.00	27,918.00	-3.06%	Lake testing and treatments have been reviewed, and one was dropped lowering this budget.
Animal Inspector / Dog Officer	5,675.00	6,737.00	18.71%	Expenses are up due to the one-time training costs for a new officer. The actual dollar amount (\$1062.00) for a full week of training seems reasonable than the percentage increase in this line.
Transfer Station / Waste Disposal	84,840.00	87,000.00	2.55%	The increase is due to increased hauling fees
Landfill Monitoring	20,000.00	10,000.00	-50.00%	The consulting engineer heard our complaints about the rising costs of lab testing, and this year chose a different subcontractor, passing the savings along to us. This is the same engineering is working on the Transfer Station Capping project and is looking for ways to help us reduce costs there as well.
Council on Aging	3,500.00	3,000.00	-14.29%	We received no budget request from the CoA.
Visiting Nurse Association	2,388.00	2,690.00	12.65%	The is the cost we are quoted.
<b>Health, Sanitation, and Human Services Subtotal</b>	<b>197,953.00</b>	<b>187,045.00</b>	<b>-5.51%</b>	
Public Library	69,870.00	71,020.00	1.65%	
Beautification Committee	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%	

Department/Account	FY 2019	Proposed FY20	Change	Administrator's Notes
CSX Land Rental	825	860	4.24%	
Berkshire County Reg. Planning	1,580.00	1,620.00	2.53%	
Sports/Recreation Committee	500	500	0.00%	
Community Center	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00%	
Historical Commission	0	0		
<b>Cultural &amp; Recreational Subtotal</b>	<b>85,275.00</b>	<b>86,500.00</b>	<b>1.44%</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,099,110.00</b>	<b>2,144,058.00</b>	<b>2.14%</b>	

**Article 4** After the recent school vote's underwhelming mandate and outright rejection by 4-7 district towns (including Hinsdale), many residents feel a "no" vote would send a message to the school committee. If the article is rejected by 2 out of 7 towns, the school committee must revisit the budget and come back for another vote (Cummington has voted **no**). Once five towns have accepted the budget, all towns are then responsible for their share.

Both the Select Board and the Finance Committee chose to neither recommend nor reject the CBRSD operating budget, leaving it up to each voter to make her/his own decision.

**Article 5** Proforma – debt and interest.

**Article 6:** Proforma – winter road wages were over \$7520.00, and maintenance was over by \$71,105.00. The wages were due to many call-ins for icy conditions over the course of the winter and early spring. The maintenance costs were similar to years past; then one truck needed a significant repair costing approximately \$15K.

**Article 7** Pass on this Article – The Treasurer has sorted out the final payments with both schools, and we had some credit for a student who withdrew mid-year so that we can pass on this article. (Thanks, Diane!)

**Article 8** This is an outstanding bill for access to GPS services online that was not paid in FY18. This is a legitimate debt and requires a 4/5<sup>th</sup> vote. We still work with this company, so it is best that we pay our debt.

**Article 9** This will pay for our firefighters' quadrennial-physicals (every fourth year). Insurance companies and National Associations recommend annual physicals, but Hinsdale does this more cyclically. We value the dedication and service these individuals provide our community. Please fund this, and we should consider funding physicals this more frequently (as a best practice).

- Article 10** The Town is developing a cyclical replacement plan for vehicles, but it has proven to be challenging. We will get there; we are all working towards this goal. However, the Police Department needs to replace another one of its existing vehicles rather than spend thousands in repair and maintenance. We will need \$50,000.00 from the Capital Stabilization account to purchase a new Police Cruiser, and this requires a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s vote. The Select Board and Finance Committee support this purchase and will continue to hold departments to the vehicle replacement plan as it develops.
- Article 11** With an additional \$30,000.00 from Free Cash and our Green Communities grant allotment of \$130,410.00 we will replace and improve the Town Hall's heating and cooling system with a new and more energy efficient one. This will reduce temperature swings and save money over time. If funded, this project will be completed by early fall.
- Article 12** This is to pay for our Animal Control Officer's safety equipment kit. More specifically, this equipment is used to safely catch and humanely care for animals that may be a danger to the officer, bystanders, or the animal themselves. Approved by veterinarians' associations and others, this equipment will then be available in our police vehicles.
- Article 13** The Town Clerk's office is responsible for maintaining vital records and this funding, coupled with some of their departmental expense money, will pay for another series of records to be copied, bound and preserved for future reference.
- Article 14** As discussed in several open committee meetings, engineering costs have been rising across the county. Moreover, the conservation requirements involved in any town-owned culvert or bridge often require engineering or surveying, which increases the burden. We need to have funds available each year to be able to hire and consult with these experts as we plan and respond to issues confronting the town.
- Article 15** Last fall, Dave Stuart put me in touch with Marlene DeAngelus, Chair of the Hinsdale Recreation Association, Inc. After several discussions and follow up with counsel, we signed a purchase and sales agreement for Plunkett Lake Beach in the amount of \$25,000.00, pending Town approval. The additional \$10,000.00 will allow the Town to ready the site for public use. This requires a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s vote.
- Regardless of the vote, we owe a debt of gratitude to Marlene DeAngelus for her generosity making this property available to the Town in memory of her husband, Charley. I never had the pleasure of knowing Charley, but I have heard he ran the old youth center and the beach. Thanks again, Marlene.
- Article 16** This \$9,000.00 is to acquire a new copier and document management software for the Town, which will allow for the preservation, cataloging, and instant-retrieval of existing and future documents. One of the most challenging tasks—finding a letter or filing from 1990—will be easy. Weeding through file drawers and scanning essential documents will take time, but a year from now it will prove to be time well spent when documents can be found instantly as they will all be cross-referenced in the system available to all town officers.

**Article 17** As I hope you know, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has directed the Town to “cap” the former landfill located beneath the current Transfer Station. This is a very involved process, and we are working with Berkshire Engineering out of Lee, MA to comply with the order. Some residents believe we are re-capping the landfill, but the engineers claim that was never actually completed as people thought it had been. We must cap it now.

The estimate for materials and labor was initially \$550,000.00. However, we are working with the engineers and the DEP to find ways to complete the task for less. For example, the engineer is working on getting us impervious soil (wood pulp production remnants) that are safe and meet DEP standards, which would cost us nothing, reducing our expense. We will continue to value-engineer the project, and it will take two years to complete. We will leave the Transfer Station open throughout the process for all but one or two days of extensive site work. We will keep residents informed about the schedule as it develops.

**Article 18** Proforma – to pay **\$149,440.00** for Sewer Phase III Loan payments, covered by user fees.

**Article 19a** Proforma – to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$77,582.00** from the Hinsdale Sewer I Operating Expenses, covered by user fees.

**Article 19b** Proforma – to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$14,448.00** from Sewer II (Beachwood) Operating Expenses, covered by user fees.

**Article 19c** Proforma – to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$308,442.00** from the Hinsdale Sewer III Operating Expenses, covered by user fees.

**Article 20** Proforma – This **\$261,831.00** covers the Water Department's Operating Expenses, which is covered by user fees.

**Article 21** Proforma – This is to approve spending limits on all revolving funds, which are unchanged from the current ones.

**Article 22** A Citizens Petition and Binding Resolution to waive license fees for dog owners 70 or above. This is up to you all to decide.

**Article 23** Citizens Petition that is Non-Binding, but instead gauges the public's support to keep pollinators alive and healthy for the common good. This, too, is up to the voters to decide.

**Article 24** The election is Saturday, May 18, 2019. Polls will be open in the Town Hall ground floor meeting room from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. The Election also includes Tree Warden – I left it off the Warrant by accident (apologies to Barry, it got cut off when moving things around. It will be amended on the floor of the meeting.

Respectfully,

Bob



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## Annual Town Meeting – Order of Business May 15, 2019

Berkshire, SS

To One of the Members of the Police Department of the Town of Hinsdale:

Greetings,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Hinsdale qualified by law to vote, to meet in Kittredge School, at 80 Maple Street, on **Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 7:00 PM**, then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1** To choose a moderator to preside over the meeting if the elected Moderator is not present.

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**Article 2** To see if the Town will accept the sum of **\$156,048.00**, and any other funding that may become available, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 90 of General Laws, and appropriate funds as needed, to pay for such costs as allowed by applicable legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges; or take any other action thereon.

Select Board: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

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**Article 3** To see if the Town will vote to:

- A.** Set the salaries of all elected officials of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, or take any other action thereon.

*(These amounts are included in the Article 3.B. calculations, below.)*

Elected Official	FY19	Proposed FY20	Select Board	Finance
Assessor Chair	\$2,285.00	\$2,285.00	Yes	Yes
Assessors (2)	\$1,665.00	\$1,665.00	Yes	Yes
Moderator	\$50.00	\$100.00	Yes	Yes
Select Board Chair	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Yes	Yes
Select Board (2)	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	Yes	Yes
Town Clerk	\$6,695.00	\$6,896.00	Yes	Yes
Tree Warden	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	Yes	Yes

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- B. Raise and appropriate or transfer from available treasury funds, the sum of **\$2,144,058.00** for the operating expenses of the Town for FY20 as follows, or any other amount, or take any other action thereon.

Department/Account	FY19	FY20
Legal Counsel	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00
Moderator	\$50.00	\$100.00
Select Board & Administration	\$120,831.00	\$124,700.00
Board of Assessors	\$62,383.00	\$66,103.00
Treasurer	\$49,427.00	\$51,670.00
Tax Collector	\$24,286.00	\$27,072.00
Town Clerk & Elections	\$21,580.00	\$17,251.00
Accounting & Auditing	\$62,917.00	\$64,307.00
Finance Committee	\$300.00	\$300.00
Planning Board	\$500.00	\$500.00
Conservation Commission	\$12,334.00	\$12,700.00
Town Insurances & Bonds	\$85,000.00	\$83,000.00
Health & Dental Insurance	\$148,000.00	\$170,000.00
County Retirement	\$129,172.00	\$143,416.00
Medicare	\$13,000.00	\$15,000.00
Reserve Fund	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Gas/Diesel (Town Vehicles)	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
Unemployment	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
Town Buildings-	\$95,000.00	\$93,240.00
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>	<b>\$925,780.00</b>	<b>\$950,359.00</b>
Highway Department General	\$358,273.00	\$362,810.00
Unaccepted Roads	15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Winter Roads	\$97,500.00	\$97,500.00
Cemeteries	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
Street Lights	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Town-wide Mowing	\$14,995.00	\$21,030.00
<b>Public Works Subtotal</b>	<b>\$507,268.00</b>	<b>\$518,340.00</b>
Police Department	\$277,284.00	\$287,214.00
Fire Department	\$74,200.00	\$74,200.00
24-hour Ambulance Service	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Emergency Management	\$5,350.00	\$5,350.00
Building Inspector	\$15,800.00	\$16,350.00
Gas Inspector	\$200.00	\$200.00
Tree Warden	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>	<b>\$391,334.00</b>	<b>\$401,814.00</b>
Board of Health	\$17,200.00	\$14,400.00
Veterans Services	\$35,550.00	\$35,300.00
Lake Management	\$28,800.00	\$27,918.00
Animal Inspector / Dog Officer	\$5,675.00	\$6,737.00
Transfer Station / Waste Disposal	\$84,840.00	\$87,000.00



Landfill Monitoring	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00
Council on Aging	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00
Visiting Nurse Association	\$2,388.00	\$2,690.00
<b>Health and Human Services</b>	<b>\$197,953.00</b>	<b>\$187,045.00</b>
Public Library	\$69,870.00	\$71,020.00
Beautification Committee	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
CSX Land Rental	\$825.00	\$860.00
Berkshire County Reg. Planning	\$1,580.00	\$1,620.00
Sports/Recreation Committee	\$500.00	\$500.00
Community Center	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
<b>Cultural and Recreation Programs</b>	<b>\$85,275.00</b>	<b>\$86,500.00</b>
<b>Total FY20 Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$2,107,610.00</b>	<b>\$2,144,058.00</b>

Select Board: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

**Article 4** To see if the Town will vote to approve Hinsdale's:

Central Berkshire Regional School District (CBRSD) **Assessment** budget of **\$2,331,352.00**, as part of the total amount for educational expenses, and then raise and appropriate that amount for FY20, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board:

Finance Committee:

- A.** Central Berkshire Regional School District's (CBRSD) **Capital** budget of **\$33,244.00**, as part of the total amount for educational expenses, and then raise and appropriate that amount for FY20, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

- B.** Voc. Tech **Transportation** costs of **\$71,725.00** as part of the total amount for educational expenses, and then raise and appropriate that amount for FY20, or take other action thereon.

Select Board: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

- C.** **Voc. Tech Tuition** costs of **\$179,650.00** (\$17,965.00/student) as part of the Town's total for educational expenses, and then raise and appropriate that amount for FY20, or take any other action thereon.

<b>All Educational Table</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>
a. CBRSD - Assessment	\$2,396,374	\$2,331,352
b. CBRSD - Capital	\$32,628	\$33,244
c. Voc. Tech Transportation	\$66,780	\$71,725
d. Voc. Tech Tuition	\$155,394	179,650
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,651,176</b>	<b>2,615,971</b>

**Article 5** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$19,677.00** as follows for Debt and Interest, or take any other action thereon.

Debt & Interest	FY2019	FY2020
Town Hall Loan, Principal	\$7,195.00	\$7,537.00
Interest-Long Term Debt	\$10,981.00	\$10,640.00
Interest-Short Term Debt	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Debt &amp; Interest</b>	<b>\$20,176.00</b>	<b>\$19,677.00</b>

Select Board: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

**Article 6** To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$78,625.00** from Free Cash to balance the Fiscal Year 2019 Winter Road Wages (-7,520.00) and Winter Road Maintenance ( -71,105.00) budget lines, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends

**Article 7** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$17,266.00** from Free Cash to cover one additional FY19 Vocational School tuition owed to McCann/Smith High School on behalf of one student-resident or take any other action thereon.

Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends

**Article 8** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$525.00** from Free Cash to cover an outstanding FY18 Assessor's bill from CAI Technologies for professional GPS services rendered or take any other action thereon (*needs a 4/5<sup>ths</sup> vote*).

Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends

**Article 9** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$8,000.00** from Free Cash for the Fire Department's quadrennial-physicals (every fourth year) or take any other action thereon.

Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends

**Article 10** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$50,000.00** from Capital Stabilization account to purchase a new Police Cruiser or take any other action thereon (*needs a 2/3<sup>rds</sup> vote*).

Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends

**Article 11** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$30,000.00** from Free Cash (and our Green Communities grant of \$130,410.00) to replace the Town Hall's heating and cooling system with a new and more energy efficient one, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends

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- Article 12** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$4,427.00** from Free Cash to pay for the Animal Control Officer’s required Training and Equipment, or take any other action thereon.  
Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends
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- Article 13** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$8,782.00** from Free Cash for the Town Clerks Office to pay for the preservation of a series of the Town’s vital records or take any other action thereon.  
Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends
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- Article 14** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$30,000.00** from Free Cash to pay for FY20 Infrastructure and Engineering costs or take any other action thereon.  
Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends
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- Article 15** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$35,000.00** from Free Cash to purchase Plunkett Lake Beach (*the Lion’s Club water-front property*) for the amount of \$25,000.00, leaving \$10,000.00 available to cover all costs to ready the site for public use, or take any other action thereon (requires a 2/3rds vote).  
Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends
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- Article 16** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$9,000.00** from Free Cash to acquire a copier and document management software for the Town Hall, allowing for the preservation, cataloging, and instant-retrieval of existing and future documents, or take any other action thereon.  
Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends
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- Article 17** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$100,000.00** from Free Cash to pay for Phase I of the two-phase, DEP-required capping of the former landfill at the current Transfer Station site on Plunket Road Extension, or take any other action thereon.  
Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends
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- Article 18** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Sewer Betterment Reserve, the sum of **\$149,440.00** for Sewer Phase III Loan payments or take any other action thereon.  
Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends
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**Article 19** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of:

- A. **\$77,582.00** for the Sewer I Operating Expenses, the amount of which will be offset with fees collected from those users, or take any other action thereon.

Sewer I	FY2019	FY2020	Select Board	Finance
Salaries	\$12,140.00	\$12,432.00	Recommends	Recommends
Expenses	\$65,150.00	\$65,150.00	Recommends	Recommends
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$77,290.00</b>	<b>\$77,582.00</b>		

- B. **\$14,448.00** for the Sewer II (Beechwood) Operating Expenses, the amount of which will be offset with fees collected from Sewer those users, or take any other action thereon.

Sewer II	FY2019	FY2020	Select Board	Finance
Expenses	\$12,152.00	<b>\$14,448.00</b>	Recommends	Recommends
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,152.00</b>	<b>\$14,448.00</b>		

- C. **\$308,442.00** as follows for the Hinsdale Sewer III Operating Expenses, the amount of which will be offset with fees collected from those users, or take any other action thereon.

Sewer III	FY2019	FY2020	Select Board	Finance
Salaries	\$27,030.00	\$27,702.00	Recommends	Recommends
Expenses	\$106,150.00	\$131,300.00	Recommends	Recommends
Loan Payments	\$147,620.00	\$149,440.00	Recommends	Recommends
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$280,800.00</b>	<b>\$308,442.00</b>		

**Article 20** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$261,831.00** as follows for the Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses, the amount of which will be offset with fees collected from Water users, or take any other action thereon.

Water Dept.	FY2019	FY2020	Select Board	Finance
Salaries	\$68,030.00	\$68,572.00	Recommends	NA
Expenses	\$40,550.00	\$40,550.00	Recommends	NA
Bond Payments	\$156,834.00	\$152,709.00	Recommends	NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$265,414.00</b>	<b>\$261,831.00</b>		

**Article 21** To see if the Town will vote to set FY2020 spending limits for each of the Town's previously established revolving fund that has been authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, as indicated below:

Revolving Fund	FY19 Limit	FY20 Limit
Grave Openings	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Plumbing Inspector Fees	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Electrical Inspector Fees	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

Animal Control Officer Fees	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Planning Board Fees	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Zoning Board Fees	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Library	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fire Department	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Council on Aging	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Police Details	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Police - Programs	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

Or take any other action thereon.

Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Recommends

## Article 22 Citizens Petition #1 (Binding Resolution)

To see if the Town will vote to waive dog licenses fee(s) for residents over the age of 70 by the annual registration deadline provided they register their pet(s) annually with the Town Clerk, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board: Recommends Finance Committee: Rejects

## Article 23 Citizens Petition #2 (Non-Binding Resolution)

### ***Resolution Declaring Hinsdale a Pollinator-Friendly Community***

The purpose of this advisory, non-binding resolution is to encourage awareness, education, and voluntary action in support of pollinators. Bees, butterflies, and other pollinators are vital parts of our ecosystem, provide essential services for valued crops, and thus contribute to our local agricultural economy.

Whereas, bees and other pollinators are an essential component of a healthy ecosystem and a vital link in our food system, providing pollination to grow vegetables, herbs, and fruits;

Whereas, locally grown crops such as apples, blueberries, strawberries, squash, and tomatoes depend on pollinators and thus are at risk; and

Whereas, pollinator populations are in sharp decline due to human land use practices that are causing ongoing habitat loss and fragmentation, the expansion of pesticide use by consumers and professionals, and the spread of pathogens and parasites; and

Whereas, extensive research has documented that neonicotinoids and other systemic pesticides have been correlated with illness and death to bees, butterflies, moths, and other beneficial pollinators (that in turn affects bird populations); and

Whereas, guidelines for Integrated Pest Management practices are available which allow residents, businesses, farms, and towns to manage their land in ways that dramatically increase pollinator forage and nest sites while decreasing maintenance costs; and

Whereas, the monetary and social costs of maintaining pollinator-friendly landscapes can be less expensive

than costs associated with maintaining chemically-treated mono- crop landscapes;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Town Meeting of the Town of Hinsdale that the Town of Hinsdale is hereby declared a Pollinator-Friendly Community and that the town encourages the adoption of policies and practices that support pollinator health by minimizing the use and sale of pesticides and encouraging property owners, residents, town departments, and business owners to adopt pollinator-friendly best practices including:

- Delaying the mowing of fields to allow fall-blooming asters and goldenrods to bloom to provide an important food resource for pollinators getting ready to over-winter.
- Commitment by the Town of Hinsdale to avoid using herbicides, insecticides and pesticides on town-owned land and plant pollinator supportive forage on town property.
- Avoiding the planting of flowering plants which are treated with systemic insecticides and avoiding the use of seeds coated with systemic neonicotinoids.
- Planting diverse grass mixes for lawns that include low flowering ground covers such as clover while welcoming the presence of naturally occurring, low-growing wildflowers.
- Reducing lawn mowing schedules so as to allow these flowering ground covers to bloom to provide an important food resource for pollinators throughout the seasons and to reduce overall maintenance costs.
- Avoiding homeowner applications of pesticides that require a neighbor notification flag by the state of Massachusetts about the risks to children and animals, and avoiding non-agricultural homeowner usage of glyphosate products (e.g. RoundUp).
- Where possible, replacing portions of grassed areas with low maintenance flowering perennial shrubs, wildflower corridors, and trees.
- Allowing fallen leaves to remain along property borders under trees and shrubs as overwintering sites for insects (and birds).

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## Article 24

To notify and warn all residents of the Town qualified by law to vote in Elections, to meet in the Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South Street on Saturday, May 18, 2019, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. to choose and elect the following Town Officers:

Position	# of Openings	Term
Select Board	1	3-year
Finance Committee	3	3-year
Assessor	1	3-year
Planning Board	1	5-year


All votes are by a simple majority rule unless otherwise noted.


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AND YOU ARE HEREBY directed to serve the Warrant by posting up three (3) attested copies thereof, as required by the By-Laws of said Town of Hinsdale, at least seven (7) days before holding said meetings. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meetings.

Given under our hands this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Select Board Members,

  
Richard Kardasen

  
Vivian Mason

RETURN OF SERVICE  
TOWN OF HINSDALE  
BERKSHIRE COUNTY, SS:

On the date above written, I have served this warrant posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, and such other places as the Select Board deem appropriate, but not less than three (3) in the Town.

\_\_\_\_\_, Hinsdale Police Officer

**ELECTION WARRANT**  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**CENTRAL BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Berkshire, ss.

To the registered voters of the Towns of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor,

**GREETINGS:**

You are hereby notified and warned that the inhabitants of the Towns of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor registered to vote in any of said Towns, said Towns being the member towns of the Central Berkshire Regional School District, are to meet at their respective polling places, to wit,

In the TOWN OF BECKET at the Town Hall, located at 557 Main Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF CUMMINGTON at the Town Hall located at 33 Main Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF DALTON at the Dalton CRA located at 400 Main Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF HINSDALE at the Town Hall located at 39 South Street in said Town, in the TOWN OF PERU at the Community Center located at 3 East Main Road in said Town, in the TOWN OF WASHINGTON at the Town Hall located at 8 Summit Hill Road in said Town, and in the TOWN OF WINDSOR at the Town Hall located at 1927 Route 9 in said Town

on Saturday, April 6, 2019 to vote by BALLOT on the following question:

“Do you approve of the vote of the Regional District School Committee of the Central Berkshire Regional School District on February 14, 2019, to authorize the borrowing of \$71,871,107 to pay costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new Wahconah Regional High School to be located at 150 Old Windsor Road, in Dalton, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, which vote provides, in relevant part, as follows:

“VOTED: That the Central Berkshire Regional School District (the “District”) hereby appropriates the amount of \$71,871,107 for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new District high school to be located at 150 Old Windsor Road, in Dalton, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 71, §16(n) and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further that any grant that





the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-four and seventy-nine hundredths percent (54.79%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, and (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. 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 M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

The polls will be open from ten o'clock a.m. to four o'clock p.m.

The District Secretary is hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least one public place in each of the Towns of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor, and by publishing a copy thereof at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, said posting and publication to occur at least ten days before the day of election as aforesaid.

The District Secretary shall make due return of this Warrant with his or her doings thereon to the office of the District Secretary on or before the day of the election aforesaid.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Central Berkshire Regional School District this twenty-eight day of February, 2019.

Ellen J. Lattipri

Richard Lacatell

Bruce D. Tomasco

Barbara Crist-Russ

Joan M. Evans

Richard J. Wagner

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Central Berkshire Regional  
School District Committee

A True Copy Attest:

John

District Secretary

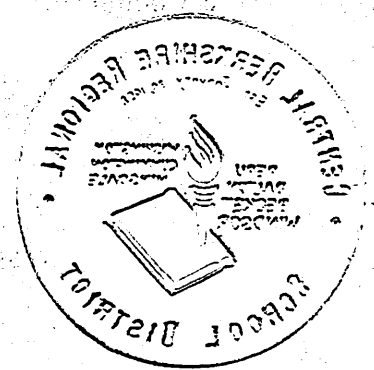
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## RETURN OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Secretary, of the Regional District School Committee of the Central Berkshire Regional School District, certify that at least 10 days prior to April 6, 2019, I posted or caused to be posted, a true and attested copy of this warrant in the Town Clerk's office in each of the Towns of Becket, Cummington, Dalton, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington and Windsor (collectively, the District's "Member Towns"), and in addition, that I caused a copy of the within warrant to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Member Towns of the District on March 24, 2019, which date was also at least 10 days prior to April 6, 2019, all as required by Chapter 71, Section 16(n) of the General Laws.



District Secretary

DATE: 3-8-19

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