

**TOWN OF MOUNT WASHINGTON**  
**Mt. Washington, MA**  
**LOCATION: Town Hall**  
**WARRANT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, May 7, 2024**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Berkshire, ss.

To: David O. Whitbeck, Constable of the Town of Mount Washington, in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on **Tuesday, the seventh day of May 2024**, it being the first Tuesday in said month, at **7:30 p.m.**, then and there to act upon the following articles:

**Article 1:** To hear the report of the Selectboard or any other officers or committees and act thereon.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the following sums of money, or any other sums, as may be required to defray the expenses of the town for the fiscal year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

	Appropriations FY2024	Proposed Appropriations FY2025
Accounting Officer	3,400	3,400
Accounting Expenses	8,000	8,000
Animal Control Officer	1,500	3,000
Animal Inspector	500	500
Assessors Consulting Service	10,000	10,000
Bank Services	1	1
Berkshire County Retirement System	30,000	31,480
Cemeteries	3,750	3,750
Conservation Commission	2,000	2,000
Communication fee	1,500	1,500
Council on Aging (transportation program)	2,500	2,500
Egremont Fire Companies	24,000	44,573
Emergency Preparedness	1	1
Employee Medicare matching funds	3,155	3,050
Fuel	20,000	20,000
Full Time Highway Employees	118,408	123,890
Insect Pest Control	1	1
Insurance - Group	55,459	51,700
Insurance - Town	18,000	19,000
Information Technology	7,500	7,500
Library	2,000	2,150
Machinery Maintenance	50,000	50,000
MA Division of Employment Security	218	210
Police	460	474
Printing & Supplies	7,500	7,500
Schools incl bus	235,974	202,400
So. Berk. Volunteer Ambulance Squad	8,793	11,933

Town Buildings- Maintenance & Repair	5,000	5,000
Town Counsel	7,000	6,000
Town Highway	40,000	50,000
Town Highway Stone and Gravel	40,000	50,000
Town Officers' Expense	5,000	5,000
Constable pay, election year	700	1,110
Town Clerk pay election year	820	1,500
BOH Admin	4,563	4,713
Town Secretary	20,302	21,315
Tree Warden	18,000	18,000
Utilities	12,000	11,000
Veterans' Services	1,306	1,557
Winter Maintenance	70,000	70,000
<b>Approved by the Finance Committee</b>	<b>Total \$839,311</b>	<b>\$855,708</b>

**Article 3:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to fix salaries of the Elected Town Officers:

	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>
Treasurer	19,261	19,839
Tax Collector	4,495	4,630
SB Chair	2,136	2,200
SB Member	1,600	1,648
SB Member	1,600	1,648
Assessor	1,757	1,810
Assessor	1,757	1,810
Assessor	1,757	1,810
Town Clerk	2,868	2,954
Constable	460	474
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,691</b>	<b>\$38,823</b>

**Approved by the Finance Committee**

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$43,500.00 in Waste Management fees, to cover all costs associated with waste disposal and recycling. (To be reimbursed in fees collected.)

**Approved by the Finance Committee**

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appoint any committee or committees and give them or any Town Officer an authority or indemnity and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,000.00 for inspection services. (This is a revolving fund to cover expenses for inspections until payment is received for those services by third parties.)

**Approved by the Finance Committee**

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for a Reserve fund, as provided in Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

**Approved by the Finance Committee**

- Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$92,640.00 to cover all costs associated with the Mount Washington Broadband Network. (to be reimbursed in fees collected)  
**Approved by the Finance Committee**
- Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$125,000.00 to fund the Equipment Replacement Stabilization Fund.  
**Approved by the Finance Committee**
- Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500.00 to cover the cost of purchasing Permit Eyes software system.
- Article 11:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$106,713.00 to fund the Highway Construction Stabilization Fund.  
**Approved by the Finance Committee**
- Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$40,004.00 from free cash to the Highway Department Facilities Stabilization Fund.  
**Approved by the Finance Committee**
- Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$17,736.00 from free cash to the Broadband Stabilization Fund.  
**Approved by the Finance Committee**
- Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$41,000.00 from free cash to the Highway Construction Stabilization Fund.  
**Approved by the Finance Committee**
- Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,430.00 from the Stabilization Fund to the Cemetery Account.  
**This article requires a 2/3 majority vote and was approved by the Finance Committee.**
- Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$30,000 from the Stabilization Fund to fund the Town's portion of a Forest Stewardship grant.  
**This article requires a 2/3 majority vote and was approved by the Finance Committee.**

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy on the Town Hall and Town Transfer Station of Mount Washington at least seven days before the time of holding of said meeting. Hereof, fail not and of this warrant with your doings thereon, make return to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 2024.

Select Board Town of Mount Washington

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Eric Mendelsohn

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Brian Tobin

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Keith Torrico

I have served this warrant by posting an attested copy on the Town Hall and transfer station seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

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David O. Whitbeck  
Constable Town of Mt Washington

Date: \_\_\_\_\_