

**TOWN OF CLARKSBURG**  
**Clarksburg, Massachusetts 01247**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**RESULTS**

Thursday May 27, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. Clarksburg Senior Center, 712 West Cross Road

Moderator: Ronald Boucher

Town Clerk: Jessica Sweeney

Selectboard: Chair Ronald Boucher, Selectman Danielle Luchi, Selectman Allen Arnold

The annual town meeting was held on Thursday May 27, 2021 at the Clarksburg Senior Center located at 712 West Cross Road. In attendance were approximately fifty two (52) registered voters

**FISCAL YEAR 2022 ARTICLES to be voted on:**

**ARTICLE ONE: (majority vote)**

To receive the printed annual report of the Town Officers for Fiscal Year 2020, or take any action related thereto.

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE TWO: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow money from time to time in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 44, Section 4, 6A and 7, and to issue a note or notes thereof in accordance with MGL, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action related thereto.

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE THREE: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during the fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 as permitted by MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any action related thereto.

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE FOUR: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$5,000.00 from available fines and forfeitures collected by the Clarksburg Police Department and deposited into a special revolving fund in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½. Said funds may be used by the Police Department for Police Officer training, equipment, and fuel, or take any action related thereto.

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE FIVE: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with MGL Chapter 41, Section 108, to set the Annual Compensation for Elected Officials as follows:

	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
Moderator	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Selectboard Chair	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Selectboard Members (2 X \$500.00)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Planning Board Chair	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Planning Board Members (4 X \$250.00)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Board of Health Chair	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00
Board of Health Members (2 X \$230.00)	\$ 460.00	\$ 460.00
School Committee Chair	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00
School Committee Members (2 X \$230.00)	\$ 460.00	\$ 460.00
Representative to McCann Tech School	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00
Tree Warden	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Town Clerk	\$ 10,789.00	\$ 16,126.00
Total	\$ 15,649.00	\$ 20,986.00

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE SIX: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds in the Town Treasury the amount of \$2,709,705.00 to pay for charges, expenses, and outlays of the School Department for the ensuing Fiscal Year July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, or take any action related thereto.

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carries with 2 opposed.**

**ARTICLE SEVEN: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds in the Town Treasury, the amount of \$347,942.00 to pay for the Town's share of the Northern Berkshire Vocational School District budget for the ensuing Fiscal Year July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, or take any action related thereto.

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE EIGHT: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to accept and expend any monies provided pursuant to MGL Chapter 90, or any other transportation program, and enter into contracts with the Massachusetts State Highway Department (a/k/a Massachusetts Department of Transportation) for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the ensuing Fiscal Year July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, or take any action related thereto.

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE NINE: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds in the Town Treasury, the following sums of money for salaries, expenses, charges, and other purposes including loans and debts, for the ensuing Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, or take any action related thereto.

OPERATING	FY 2021 Appropriated	FY 2022 Requested	\$ Inc./(Dec.)	%Inc./(Dec.)
<b>TOWN</b>				
EXECUTIVE	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$0	0%
FINANCE	\$118,116	\$125,380	\$7,264	6%
TOWN COUNSEL	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	50%
ADMINISTRATION	\$152,029	\$152,748	\$719	0.47%
TOWN CLERK	\$15,069	\$20,406	\$5,337	35%
ELECTION & REGISTRATION	\$5,300	\$4,100	(\$1,200)	-23%
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$940	\$940	\$0	0%
PLANNING BOARD	\$3,190	\$3,160	(\$30)	-1%
APPEALS BOARD	\$375	\$375	\$0	0%

OPERATION OF TOWN HALL	\$37,000	\$47,800	\$10,800	29%
REPORTS & WARRANTS	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0%
COMMUNICATIONS (PHONE, INTERNET)	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0	0%
POLICE	\$95,931	\$104,939	\$9,008	9%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$18,215	\$18,761	\$546	3%
INSPECTION SERVICES	\$15,673	\$15,673	\$0	0%
E911 EXPENSES	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$3,000	50%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXPENSES	\$1,288	\$2,634	\$1,346	105%
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$2,770	\$2,770	\$0	0%
TREE WARDEN	\$150	\$150	\$0	0%
ADA COMMISSION	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$0	0%
SCHOOL COMM. STIPENDS	\$970	\$970	\$0	0%
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$245,075	\$273,053	\$27,978	11.42%
SNOW & ICE	\$52,500	\$55,000	\$2,500	4.76%
	FY 2021	FY 2022		
	Appropriated	Requested	\$ Inc./(Dec.)	%Inc./(Dec.)
STREETLIGHTS	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$0	0%
LANDFILL MONITORING	\$5,450	\$5,000	(\$450)	-8.26%
WATER SUPPLY MONITORING	\$700	\$700	\$0	0%
SOLID WASTE DIST.	\$4,780	\$4,876	\$96	2.01%
CEMETERY EXP	\$850	\$850	\$0	0%
RECREATION AREA EXPENSES	\$1,810	\$3,000	\$1,190	65.75%
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$4,350	\$4,490	\$140	3.22%
COMMUNITY CENTER	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$0	0%
COUNCIL ON AGING	\$800	\$800	\$0	0%
VETERANS' SERVICES	\$58,500	\$58,500	\$0	0%
LIBRARY	\$78,192	\$79,349	\$1,157	1.48%
MEMORIAL & VETERANS DAY	\$800	\$800	\$0	0%
HISTORICAL COMM	\$500	\$500	\$0	0%

BEAUTIFICATION COMM.	\$75	\$75	\$0	0%
DEBT SERVICE	\$290,046	\$272,206	(\$17,840)	-6.15%
COUNTY RETIREMENT	\$158,982	\$162,121	\$3,139	1.97%
SUTA & FICA	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$0	0%
HEALTH & LIFE INSURANCE	\$194,948	\$208,497	\$13,549	6.95%
GENERAL INSURANCE	\$44,273	\$44,500	\$227	0.51%
OPEB	\$500	\$500	\$0	0%
<b>TOTAL TOWN</b>	<b>\$1,686,897</b>	<b>\$1,760,373</b>	<b>\$73,476</b>	<b>4.36%</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
CLARKSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	\$2,507,086	\$2,709,705	\$202,619	8.08%
NBVHS	\$371,727	\$347,942	(\$23,785)	-6.40%
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$2,878,813</b>	<b>\$3,057,647</b>	<b>\$178,834</b>	<b>6.21%</b>
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$4,565,710</b>	<b>\$4,818,020</b>	<b>\$252,310</b>	<b>5.53%</b>

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE TEN: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to take from fees from permit issuance(s) from various Inspectors and Boards, money collected by the Treasurer, to be recorded and deposited into a Special Revolving Account(s), a sum of not to exceed \$15,000.00 under MGL Chapter 44, section 53E ½ to be used for the payment of said Inspectors and Board Inspections, or take any action related thereto.

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE ELEVEN: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the expenses of the Sewer Enterprise Fund, to be raised from sewer user fees, for the ensuing Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to June 30<sup>th</sup>,

2022, as listed below, in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 39K, and Chapter 44, Section 53F ½, or take any action related thereto:

	FY 2021	FY 2022
Debt Service	\$ 19,740	\$ 0
<b>Sewer Operations</b>		
Maintenance & Operations	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000
Inter-departmental Services	\$ 17,940	\$ 18,390
<b>Inter-Municipal Charges</b>		
City of North Adams Fee	\$ 209,139	\$ 219,220
Capital Expense Payment	\$ 40,447	\$ 40,447
<b>GRAND TOTAL SEWER:</b>	<b>\$ 310,266</b>	<b>\$ 301,057</b>

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE TWELVE: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$27,200.00 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Free Cash to comply with the MassDEP Administrative Consent Order for the Hoosac Water Quality District Wastewater Treatment Plant permit, or take any action related thereto.

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$110,000.00 from Free Cash to purchase a backhoe for the Department of Public Works, or take any action related thereto.

**A question was raised about whether “any action related thereto” meant that more money could be taken if the backhoe costs more. Danielle Luchi expressed that the amount listed is the most that we could take.**

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE FOURTEEN: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$52,000.00 from Free Cash to purchase a new police cruiser for the Police Department, or take any action related thereto.

**A question was raised about what was wrong with the old one. Chief Williams explained that the old one was a 1996 and the new car is a 2011 with 85,000 miles on it.**

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried with 1 opposed.**

**ARTICLE FIFTEEN: (majority vote)**

**To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$65,000 from Free Cash for improvements to the Recreation Field Area & Pavilion, or take any action related thereto.**

**A question was raised about whether the town will be renting out pavilion. Danielle Luchi explained that it needs to be fixed up before that can happen. She also shared there is a desire to improve other components of the field. The timeline for repairs is looking like sometime in the fall.**

**Another question was raised about waiting until the cost of construction goes down. Danielle Luchi expressed that the timeline is likely to be later anyway, so hopefully construction costs are down by then.**

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE SIXTEEN: (majority vote)**

**To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$60,000.00 from Free Cash to reduce the tax rate, or take any action related thereto.**

**A question was raised about why it was necessary to lower taxes when it doesn't break down to that much per family. Another question was raised about what free cash is. Rebecca Stone explained that free cash is the money you have left over at the end of the fiscal year.**

**Another question was raised about why this money isn't shifted into a budget for new trucks, or construction needs. Ron Boucher expressed that he felt it was a better time to give back to all the families in town. Rebecca Stone explained that when construction costs arise there are other ways to pay for it.**

**Danielle Luchi explained that before Covid, the Selectboard was working on Master Plan and that they will be getting back to working on that.**

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carries with 12 opposed.**

**ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: (majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000.00 from Free Cash to the Town Stabilization Fund, or take any action related thereto.

**Motion by Danielle Luchi to accept article. Seconded by Allen Arnold. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE EIGHTEEN:**

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**Danielle Luchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Jessica Sweeney

Town Clerk

A true copy, attest:

