

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-AMENDED

TOWN OF MONTEREY, June 27, 2020

On June 27, 2020, 67 people qualified to vote at town meeting gathered in the PAVILION BEHIND THE FIREHOUSE, of the Monterey Fire Co LTD in the Town of Monterey at 9:30 a.m. Proceeding to the articles of this meeting, the following actions were taken on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on the reports of all Officers, Agents and Committees of the Town. This article was unanimously waived.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries as indicated below to be paid to elected officials for the period July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108, of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board Chair	\$4,914
Select Board 2 nd	\$4,914
Select Board 3 rd	\$4,914
Assessors Chair	\$1,583
Assessors 2 nd	\$1,583
Assessors 3 rd	\$1,583
Board of Health Chair	\$ 400
Board of Health 2 nd	\$ 400
Board of Health 3 rd	\$ 400
Constable	\$ 673
Moderator	\$ 343
Tax Collector	\$25,345
Tree Warden	\$3,601

Discussion regarding salaries.

VOTE: YES UNANIMOUS TO SET SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate certain sums of money, including appropriation and transfers from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including salaries of certain Town Officers and employees, debt and interest, and provide for a Reserve Fund for the ensuing year, or raise, appropriate or transfer any other sum of money.

Acct	Description	FY 20 5/4/19 ATM APPROVED	FY20 12/5/19 STM & INTERNAL TRNFS REVISIONS	FY21 REQUEST	Increase/ Decrease
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
114	Moderator	331.00	0.00	343.00	12.00
115	Constable	650.00	0.00	673.00	23.00
120	Administrative Assistant Salary	49,598.00	0.00	54,194.00	4,596.00
	Administrative Assistant Procurement, Training & Expenses	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
122	Select Board Elected	14,244.00	0.00	14,742.00	498.00
122	Select Board Expenses	5,300.00	0.00	4,500.00	(800.00)
122	Grant writing wages	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
	Grant writing expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
123	Town Administrator	17,500.00	0.00	40,000.00	22,500.00
123	Town Administrator Expenses	750.00	0.00	1,000.00	250.00
124	Temporary Employee	1,500.00	0.00	2,000.00	500.00
131	Finance Committee Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
131	Finance Committee Clerk	1,000.00	0.00	1.00	(999.00)
132	Town Reserve Fund	20,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	10,000.00
135	Town Accountant Services	28,043.00	14,000.00	36,000.00	(6,043.00)
135	Town Accountant Expenses	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00

135	Accounting/Treasurer Software	0.00	0.00	5,170.00	5,170.00	
135	Annual Audit	18,500.00	0.00	17,500.00	(1,000.00)	
135	GASB75	2,750.00	0.00	2,750.00	0.00	
141	Assessors Elected	4,590.00	0.00	4,751.00	161.00	
141	Principal Assessor Salary	41,710.00	0.00	43,170.00	1,460.00	
	Assistant to the Principal Assessor	7,800.00	0.00	1.00	(7,799.00)	
141	Assessors Clerk Wages	9,579.00	0.00	9,914.00	335.00	
141	Assessors Expenses	3,850.00	0.00	3,600.00	(250.00)	
141	Assessors Software	13,842.00	0.00	13,753.00	(89.00)	
145	Treasurer Services	28,043.00	2,500.00	33,000.00	2,457.00	
145	Treasurer Expenses	1,600.00	0.00	5,500.00	3,900.00	
146	Tax Collector Elected Salary	24,488.00	0.00	25,345.00	857.00	
146	Tax Collector Expenses	4,350.00	0.00	4,350.00	0.00	
146	Tax Collector Software	5,442.00	0.00	5,727.00	285.00	
151	Town Counsel	13,426.00	0.00	15,500.00	2,074.00	
151	Additional Counsel Expenses	500.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	(10,500.00)	
154	Meeting Warrants Printing & Postage	1,100.00	0.00	2,731.00	1,631.00	
155	Computer Software & Supplies	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	
155	Broadband Services (town hall)	3,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	(1,000.00)	
158	Tax Title Legal Services	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	
160	Town Clerk Wages	20,221.00	0.00	23,664.00	3,443.00	
	Assistant Town Clerk Wages to be renamed Town Clerk Staff	3,406.00	0.00	3,475.00	69.00	
160	Town Clerk Expenses	7,050.00	0.00	7,050.00	0.00	
161	Registration	500.00	0.00	0.00	(500.00)	
162	Election	4,400.00	0.00	11,951.00	7,551.00	
163	Annual Street List/Census Wages	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	
163	Annual Street List/Census Expenses	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	
171	Conservation Comm.	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	
175	Planning Board expenses	500.00	1,500.00	2,500.00	500.00	
175	Planning Board Clerk	2,520.00	0.00	2,520.00	0.00	
176	Board of Appeals expenses	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	
176	Board of Appeals Clerk	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
192	Town Offices	37,275.00	0.00	42,275.00	5,000.00	
195	Town Report	850.00	0.00	1,000.00	150.00	
122	CART (Communication Access Real Time Translation) Administrative Overtime	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	
		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	
	Subtotal	426,709.00	33,000.00	504,451.00	44,742.00	
200	PROTECTION, PERSONS & PROPERTY					
210	Police Chief Salary	77,837.00	0.00	83,421.00	5,584.00	
210	Sergeant Salary	59,591.00	0.00	62,591.00	3,000.00	
210	Part Time Officer Wages	56,537.00	0.00	63,540.00	7,003.00	
210	Police Expenses	31,242.00	0.00	38,563.00	7,321.00	
210	Police Rental Facilities	1,000.00	0.00	1,600.00	600.00	
	Fire Dept. Vehicle Equipment Maintenance (rename Fire Dept Equipment & Maintenance)	32,000.00	0.00	32,975.00	975.00	
220	Fire Dept Calls	64,500.00	0.00	0.00	(64,500.00)	
	Fire Dept Compensation	0.00	0.00	94,500.00	94,500.00	
220	Fire Dept Training	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	(30,000.00)	
220	Fire Department Lease	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	0.00	
221	Fire Inspector Stipend	3,060.00	0.00	3,168.00	108.00	
222	Berk. Cty. Sheriff Comm.	10,536.00	0.00	10,852.00	316.00	
240	Building Inspector Wages	26,527.00	0.00	32,032.00	5,505.00	
	Alternate Building Inspector Wages	4,000.00	0.00	7,745.00	3,745.00	
240	Building Inspector Expenses	7,000.00	0.00	7,487.00	487.00	
243	Plumbing /Gas Inspector Exp	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	

245	Wiring Inspector Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
291	Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee Assessment	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
292	Animal Control/Dog Officer	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
292	Animal Control Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
293	Animal Inspector	900.00	0.00	900.00	0.00
294	Tree Warden Salary	3,479.00	0.00	3,601.00	122.00
294	Tree Warden Expenses	35,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	5,000.00
	Subtotal	461,410.00	0.00	501,176.00	39,766.00
300	EDUCATION				
301	School Committee Stipend	1,500.00	0.00	1,553.00	53.00
380	Schools: Capital	43,393.00	0.00	33,753.00	(9,640.00)
	Schools: Operating & Transportation	1,603,258.00	0.00	1,582,562.00	(20,696.00)
310	Loan & Interest SBRSD bond	45,510.00	0.00	34,416.00	(11,094.00)
	Subtotal	1,693,661.00	0.00	1,652,284.00	(41,377.00)
400	PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES				
422	Highway Operations	160,800.00	0.00	176,870.00	16,070.00
422	Director Of Operations Salary	71,765.00	0.00	75,744.00	3,979.00
422	Foreman Wages	55,385.00	0.00	54,108.00	(1,277.00)
422	Hwy 2 Wages	50,197.00	0.00	49,801.00	(396.00)
422	Hwy 3 Wages	47,034.00	0.00	48,083.00	1,049.00
422	Hwy 4 Wages	38,776.00	0.00	39,591.00	815.00
422	Temporary Highway Employee	0.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
422	Hwy Overtime (not winter)	2,000.00	0.00	2,500.00	500.00
422	Machinery & Tools	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	(30,000.00)
	OSHA updates & compliance	0.00	0.00	5,850.00	5,850.00
422	Highway Capital	115,000.00	0.00	115,000.00	0.00
423	Snow & Ice, Salt & Sand	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	0.00
423	Winter Overtime	22,500.00	0.00	22,500.00	0.00
424	Public Lighting	3,800.00	0.00	3,800.00	0.00
425	Fuel	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
430	Dam Inspection & Maint.	5,800.00	0.00	5,800.00	0.00
433	Transfer Station Operations	73,300.00	0.00	73,300.00	0.00
	Transfer Station Part Time Employee Wages	41,107.00	0.00	41,353.00	246.00
435	Group Purchasing Regional	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
	Cemetery Maintenance & Lawn Care	25,500.00	0.00	25,500.00	0.00
491	Soldiers Graves	1,250.00	0.00	1,200.00	(50.00)
	Subtotal	915,214.00	1,000.00	914,000.00	(2,214.00)
500	HUMAN SERVICES				
510	Board of Health Elected Salary	1,299.00	0.00	1,200.00	(99.00)
510	Board of Health Expenses	1,450.00	0.00	1,450.00	0.00
510	Board of Health Clerk Stipend	5,108.00	0.00	5,287.00	179.00
510	Sanitary Inspector Wages	20,319.00	0.00	21,031.00	712.00
510	Visiting Nurse	2,184.00	0.00	2,250.00	66.00
541	Council on Aging	3,862.00	0.00	3,862.00	0.00
543	Veterans Benefits	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
	Berkshire South Regional Community Center	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
545	Community Health Program	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
545	Berkshire Mental Health (The Brien Center)	752.00	0.00	752.00	0.00
	Subtotal	42,474.00	0.00	43,332.00	858.00
600	CULTURE & RECREATION				
610	Library General	31,973.00	0.00	32,227.00	254.00
610	Library Wages	37,608.00	0.00	49,318.00	11,710.00
610	Library Maintenance	7,100.00	0.00	8,822.00	1,722.00
630	Park Commission	17,800.00	0.00	17,800.00	0.00
	Lifeguard Payroll/Administrative fees	20,104.00	0.00	22,116.00	2,012.00

630	Parks Lawn maint., spring/fall clean up	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00
650	Community Center Administrative Staff	4,009.00	0.00	7,468.00	3,459.00
692	Memorial Day	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
699	Cultural Council	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
	Subtotal	130,094.00	0.00	149,251.00	19,157.00
700	DEBT SERVICE				
700	Community Septic Loan Program	4,898.00	0.00	0.00	(4,898.00)
700	Highway Grader	39,104.00	0.00	38,352.00	(752.00)
700	Highway F550 Truck	25,927.00	0.00	25,357.00	(570.00)
700	Fire Truck	110,400.00	0.00	107,800.00	(2,600.00)
700	Transfer Station	55,800.00	0.00	54,350.00	(1,450.00)
700	Library Loan	125,298.00	0.00	100,274.00	(25,024.00)
	Subtotal	361,427.00	0.00	326,133.00	(35,294.00)
900	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES				
911	Berk. County Retirement	112,107.00	0.00	121,129.00	9,022.00
913	Unemployment Insurance	14,040.00	6,907.00	15,000.00	(5,947.00)
914	Health Insurance	180,156.00	0.00	156,493.00	(23,663.00)
915	Life Insurance	350.00	0.00	350.00	0.00
916	Medicare	13,260.00	0.00	15,000.00	1,740.00
945	Bonds & Insurance	72,000.00	9,959.00	83,000.00	1,041.00
	Subtotal	391,913.00	16,866.00	390,972.00	(17,807.00)
	Total Operating Expenses	4,422,902.00	50,866.00	4,481,599.00	7,831.00

After a hold on articles 120 Admin Assist Salary, 122-Grant writing wages, 132 Town Reserve Fund, 151-Town Counsel, 151-Additional Counsel Expenses, 162 Election, 192 Town Offices, 122 Admin. Overtime, 294 Tree Warden Expenses, 310 Schools, 422-Highway Operations, 422-Foreman wages, 422-Highway 2 wages, 510 BOH Clerk Stipend, 630 Payroll /Admin Fees, 700 Community Septic Loan Program,

Article 122-Grant writing wages motion to increase from \$7,500 to \$10,000 which would be level funded from prior fiscal year. Vote to increase to \$10,000 vote 35 yes and 13 no. Vote to increase passes.

Article 294-Tree Warden Expenses - discussion regarding increase was very lengthy motion to stop discussion 40 yes and 35 no. Discussion ended

VOTE: YES UNANIMOUS ARTICLE PASSES

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 21 beginning on July 1, 2020 for the revolving funds established in town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund	FY21 Spending Limit
Inspectional Services	Building Inspector	\$20,000
Board of Appeals	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$5,000
Composting Bins	Transfer Station	\$1,000
Building & Fire Inspection Education	Building Inspector	\$2,500
Community Center & Bally Gally	Select Board and Community Center Administration	The Community Center may expend up to \$11,349 per year for approved expenses. Bally Gally may spend up to \$1,500 per year on necessary maintenance and repairs.

The Select Board and Finance Committee unanimously support approving this article.

VOTE: YES -UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$253 or any other sum to correct a prior year deficit in the Emergency Management Police Grant, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Select Board and Finance Committee unanimously support approving this article.

VOTE: YES UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$2,685 or any other sum to correct a FY19 deficit in the Police Bulletproof Vest Grant, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Select Board and Finance Committee unanimously support approving this article.

VOTE: 53 YES AND 2 NO ARTICLE PASSES

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$1,545 or any other sum to correct a prior year deficit in the Police Details Account, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee unanimously support approving this article.

VOTE: YES- UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$4,997 or any other sum to correct a FY19 deficit in the Police Details Account, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee unanimously support approving this article.

VOTE: YES-UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$32,000 or any other sum from the general stabilization fund to pay for the capital improvements on the fire company property, or take any other action relative thereto. **(2/3 vote required)**
The Select Board and Finance Committee unanimously support approving this article.

After much discussion, unanimous vote to stop discussion.

VOTE: 49 YES, 4 NO, ARTICLE PASSES

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 or any other sum from the general stabilization fund to pay for fencing, shrubbery or something similar at the town hall parking lot, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Select Board and Finance Committee unanimously support approving this article.

Amendment: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 or any other sum from the General stabilization fund to pay for fencing, native plant shrubbery, and asphalt curbing at town hall parking lot, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES – UNANIMOUS TO AMEND ARTICLE 10

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$30,000 for the non-chemical control of the invasive, aquatic weed Eurasian Watermilfoil and the hiring of a lake scientist to help determine the abundance and distribution of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Lake Garfield, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Select Board and Finance Committee do not support this article.

Motion to end discussion unanimous vote,

VOTE: YES-UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to pay the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee unanimously support approving this article.

VOTE: YES-UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to be deposited in a Stabilization Fund for the Retiree Health and Life Insurance, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Select Board and Finance Committee unanimously support approving this article.

VOTE: YES-UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$14,000 or any other sum from the Group Health Life Stabilization Fund for the Retiree Group Health/Life Insurance Benefit, or take any other action relative thereto. **(2/3 vote required)**

The Select Board and Finance Committee unanimously support approving this article.

VOTE: YES - UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,898 or any other sum from the Receipts Reserve Septic Loan Fund for the Community Septic Loan Program, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES – UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$341,470 or any other sum, and to transfer said sum from Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Select Board and Finance Committee unanimously support approving this article.

Motion to amend dollar amount from \$341,470 to \$371,470 withdrawn

VOTE: YES --UNANIMOUS - \$341,470 FROM FREE CASH.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of a parcel of land, being a certain property, located on 459 Main Rd, Map 107 Lot 024, the Monterey Schoolhouse, said parcel containing .29 acres, from any board or commission having care and custody of said parcel, to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conveyance, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said parcel pursuant to G.L. c. 30B, section 16, on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Vote of 20 yes and 2 no to end lengthy discussion

Motion and second to table Article 17 with a vote of 38 yes and 7 no. Article 17 was tabled by a majority vote

ARTICLE 18. CITIZEN PETITION To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 to be used as local matching fund in the submission of a grant application to the State Department of Environmental Protection for the evaluation and conceptual design of Best Management Practices to reduce the flow of pollutants into Lake Garfield, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to amend from appropriate to vote from General Stabilization Fund, unanimous vote

VOTE: YES UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c. 268A, section 21A, to authorize commissions or boards to appoint members to any office or position under the supervision of such commission or board, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES-UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Treasurer to use available funds in the Treasury or, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on account of Highway Capital Funds, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 6A, and to issue notes therefore for a period not to exceed two years from this date, and the proceeds from such reimbursement shall be applied to discharge the loan, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES-UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES-UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize any Town board to appoint any member thereof to another office or position for the term provided by law (if any), otherwise for the term not to exceed one year, and to fix the salary and compensation in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 4A, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTE: YES - UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 23. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs to meet at the Monterey Pavilion BEHIND THE FIREHOUSE of the Monterey Fire Company, 411 Main Rd in said Town on **Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at 2:00 o'clock p.m.** and then and there to vote their ballots for the election of the following Town officers:

- One member of the Board of Appeals for five years
- One member of the Board of Appeals for one year
- One member of the Board of Assessors for three years
- One member of the Board of Health for three years
- One member of the Cemetery Committee for three years
- One member of the Finance Committee for three years
- Two Library Trustees for three years
- One Moderator for one year
- One member of the Park Commission for three years
- Two members of the Planning Board for five years
- One member of the Planning Board for three years
- One member of the Select Board for three years
- One Tree Warden for one year

All of the above will be voted upon an official ballot provided at the election place by the Town Clerk and Election officers.

The polls will be open at 2 o'clock p.m. and remain open until 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the evening.

There being no further business to be brought before this Town Meeting, the moderator entertained a motion, which was seconded to adjourn at 12:23 p.m.

Respectively submitted,



Terry L. Walker

Terry L. Walker

Town Clerk, Town of Monterey

