

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

AMENDED

TOWN OF MONTEREY, MAY 1, 2021

COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, SS.

On May 4, 2021, 108 people qualified to vote at Annual Town Meeting gathered in the pavilion behind the Firehouse 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. UNANIMOUS VOTE TO WAIVE READING REPORTS.

AS REQUIRED BY LAW, ARTICLES 2 THROUGH 19 ARE REPRINTED EXACTLY AS SUBMITTED BY THE REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SIGNED THEM. THE INCLUSION OF THESE ARTICLES DOES NOT MEAN THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY THE SELECT BOARD OR BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following: Monterey Town Charter: Please see attachment marked "Article 2" for full text.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a new Town Bylaw or to act or take any other action in relation thereto: Selectboard Chair Powers Defined: Please see attachment marked "Article 3" for full text.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Bylaw: Special Town Meetings: Please see attachment marked "Article 4" for full text.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following new Town Bylaw or to act or take any other action in relation thereto: Bylaw Enforcement: Please see attachment marked "Article 5" for full text.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following new Town Bylaw or to act or take any other action in relation thereto: Town Employment & Employment Contracts: Please see attachment marked "Article 6" for full text.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following new Town Bylaw or to act or take any other action in relation thereto: Procurement Contracts Competitive Bids Required over \$20,000: Please see attachment marked "Article 7" for full text.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following new Town Bylaw or to act or take any other action in relation thereto: Procurement Contracts: Please see attachment marked "Article 8" for full text.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following new Town Bylaw or to act or take any other action in relation thereto: Public Records/Procurement Contracts/Warrants: Please see attachment marked "Article 9" for full text.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following new Town Bylaw or to act or take any other action in relation thereto: Residents' Bylaw Review Committee Please see attachment marked "Article 10" for full text.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Bylaw: Section 1: Please see attachment marked "Article 11" for full text.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following new Town Bylaw or to act or take any other action in relation thereto: Conservation Commission Pay: Please see attachment marked "Article 12" for full text.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following new Town Bylaw or to act or take any other action in relation thereto: Finance Committee Pay: Please see attachment marked "Article 13" for full text.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Bylaw: Select Board Membership: Please see attachment marked "Article 14" for full text.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as additions to the Town Bylaw Article II, Section 3 or to act or take any other action in relation thereto: Please see attachment marked "Article 15" for full text.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Bylaw: Selectboard Meeting Times/Recording: Please see attachment marked "Article 16" for full text.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following changes to Town Bylaw or to act or take any other action in relation thereto: Section 18 Quarterly Meeting: Please see attachment marked "Article 17" for full text.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Bylaw: Public Comment: Please see attachment marked "Article 18" for full text.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following new Town Bylaw or to act or take any other action in relation thereto: Monterey Code of Ethics: Please see attachment marked "Article 19" for full text.

MOTION TO TABLE ARTICLES 2-19; SECOND, UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TABLE UNTIL A LATER DATE.

ARTICLE 20. 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, 2021, to June 30, 2022, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108, of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board Chair	\$5,012
Select Board 2 nd	\$5,012
Select Board 3 rd	\$5,012
Assessors Chair	\$1,615
Assessors 2 nd	\$1,615
Assessors 3 rd	\$1,615
Board of Health Chair	\$ 408
Board of Health 2 nd	\$ 408
Board of Health 3 rd	\$ 408
Constable	\$ 686
Moderator	\$ 349
Tax Collector	\$25,852
Tree Warden	\$3,673

*The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
MOTION, SECOND, PASSES WITH A UNANIMOUS YES VOTE*

ARTICLE 21. 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 21	FY21 10/24/20 STM & INTERNAL TRNFS	FY22	Increase/ Decrease
100	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	APPROVED	REVISIONS	REQUESTED	Decrease
114	Moderator	343.00	0.00	349.00	6.00
115	Constable	673.00	0.00	686.00	13.00
122	Select Board Elected	14,742.00	0.00	15,037.00	295.00
122	Select Board Expenses	4,500.00	0.00	4,475.00	(25.00)
122	Grant writing wages	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	
122	Grant writing expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
122	CART (Communication Access Real Time Translation)	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
123	Town Administrator	40,000.00	0.00	75,000.00	35,000.00
123	Town Administrator Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	2,000.00
120	Administrative Assistant Salary	54,194.00	0.00	1.00	(54,193.00)
120	Administrative Assistant Procurement, Training & Expenses	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	(3,000.00)
122	Administrative Overtime	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	(1,000.00)
124	Temporary Employee	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
131	Finance Committee Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
131	Finance Committee Clerk	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

132	Town Reserve Fund	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
135	Town Accountant Services	36,000.00	0.00	37,800.00	1,800.00	
135	Town Accountant Expenses	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	
135	Accounting/Treasurer Software	5,170.00	0.00	5,960.00	790.00	
135	Annual Audit	17,500.00	0.00	17,500.00	0.00	
135	GASB75	2,750.00	0.00	2,750.00	0.00	
141	Assessors Elected	4,751.00	0.00	4,846.00	95.00	
141	Principal Assessor Salary	43,170.00	0.00	44,033.00	863.00	
141	Assistant to the Principal Assessor	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
141	Assessors Clerk Wages	9,914.00	0.00	10,112.00	198.00	
141	Assessors Expenses	3,600.00	0.00	5,300.00	1,700.00	
141	Assessors Software	13,753.00	0.00	13,648.00	(105.00)	
145	Treasurer Services	33,000.00	0.00	36,000.00	3,000.00	
145	Treasurer Expenses	5,500.00	0.00	6,700.00	1,200.00	
146	Tax Collector Elected Salary	25,345.00	0.00	25,852.00	507.00	
146	Tax Collector Expenses	4,350.00	0.00	4,350.00	0.00	
146	Tax Collector Software	5,727.00	0.00	5,757.00	30.00	
151	Town Counsel	15,500.00	0.00	17,000.00	1,500.00	
151	Litigation Fees & Expenses	5,000.00	0.00	7,500.00	2,500.00	
154	Meeting Warrants Printing & Postage	2,731.00	0.00	2,731.00	0.00	
155	Computer Software & Supplies rename IT expenses	4,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	
155	Broadband Services (town hall)	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	
158	Tax Title Legal Services	1,500.00	0.00	5,000.00	3,500.00	
160	Town Clerk Wages	23,664.00	0.00	26,382.00	2,718.00	
160	Town Clerk Staff	3,475.00	0.00	4,933.00	1,458.00	
160	Town Clerk Expenses	7,050.00	0.00	6,050.00	(1,000.00)	
162	Election	11,951.00	0.00	6,190.00	(5,761.00)	
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	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	
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	42,275.00	0.00	46,000.00	3,725.00	
195	Town Report	1,000.00	0.00	1,100.00	100.00	
	Subtotal	504,451.00	0.00	499,365.00	-5,086.00	
200	PROTECTION, PERSONS & PROPERTY					
210	Police Chief Salary	83,421.00	0.00	85,089.00	1,668.00	
210	Sergeant Salary	62,591.00	0.00	63,843.00	1,252.00	
210	Part Time Officer Wages	63,540.00	0.00	68,200.00	4,660.00	
210	Police Expenses	38,563.00	0.00	38,474.00	(89.00)	
210	Police Rental Facilities	1,600.00	0.00	1,200.00	(400.00)	
220	Fire Dept Equipment & Maintenance	32,975.00	0.00	25,000.00	(7,975.00)	
220	Fire Dept Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	9,975.00	9,975.00	
220	Fire Dept Compensation	94,500.00	0.00	117,200.00	22,700.00	
220	Fire Department Lease	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	0.00	
221	Fire Inspector Stipend	3,168.00	0.00	3,231.00	63.00	
222	Berk. Cty. Sheriff Comm.	10,852.00	0.00	11,178.00	326.00	
240	Building Inspector Wages	32,032.00	0.00	32,548.00	516.00	
240	Alternate Building Inspector Wages	7,745.00	0.00	7,745.00	0.00	
240	Building Inspector Expenses	7,487.00	0.00	7,487.00	0.00	
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	3,601.00	0.00	3,673.00	72.00
294	Tree Warden Expenses	40,000.00	0.00	43,000.00	3,000.00
	Subtotal	501,176.00	0.00	536,944.00	35,768.00
300	EDUCATION				
301	School Committee Stipend	1,553.00	0.00	1,553.00	0.00
380	Schools: Capital	33,753.00	0.00	33,211.00	(542.00)
380	Schools: Operating & Transportation	1,582,562.00	0.00	1,612,175.00	29,613.00
380	Loan & Interest SBRSD bond	34,416.00	0.00	33,508.00	(908.00)
	Subtotal	1,652,284.00	0.00	1,680,447.00	28,163.00
400	PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES				
422	Highway Operations	176,870.00	0.00	189,370.00	12,500.00
422	Director Of Operations Salary	75,744.00	0.00	77,259.00	1,515.00
422	Foreman Wages	54,108.00	0.00	54,978.00	870.00
422	Hwy 2 Wages	49,801.00	0.00	50,604.00	803.00
422	Hwy 3 Wages	48,083.00	0.00	48,083.00	0.00
422	Hwy 4 Wages	39,591.00	0.00	40,229.00	638.00
422	Temporary Highway Employee	2,000.00	0.00	1.00	(1,999.00)
422	Hwy Overtime (not winter)	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
422	OSHA updates & compliance	5,850.00	0.00	5,850.00	0.00
422	Highway Capital	115,000.00	0.00	137,500.00	22,500.00
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	4,050.00	250.00
425	Fuel	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
430	Dam Inspection & Maint.	5,800.00	0.00	5,000.00	(800.00)
433	Transfer Station Operations	73,300.00	0.00	89,760.00	16,460.00
433	Transfer Station Part Time Employee Wages	41,353.00	0.00	42,523.00	1,170.00
435	Group Purchasing Regional	1,000.00	0.00	1,700.00	700.00
491	Cemetery Maintenance & Lawn Care	25,500.00	0.00	22,500.00	(3,000.00)
491	Soldiers Graves	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
	Subtotal	914,000.00	0.00	965,607.00	51,607.00
500	HUMAN SERVICES				
510	Board of Health Elected Salary	1,200.00	0.00	1,224.00	24.00
510	Board of Health Expenses	1,450.00	0.00	2,400.00	950.00
510	Board of Health Clerk Stipend	5,287.00	0.00	1.00	(5,286.00)
510	Sanitary Inspector Wages	21,031.00	0.00	21,452.00	421.00
510	Visiting Nurse	2,250.00	0.00	2,400.00	150.00
541	Council on Aging	3,862.00	0.00	4,029.00	167.00
543	Veterans Benefits	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
543	Veterans Assessment	0.00	0.00	4,698.00	4,698.00
	BPRC Assessment	0.00	0.00	766.00	766.00
545	Berkshire South Regional Community Center	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	(1,500.00)
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	0.00	(752.00)
	Subtotal	43,332.00	0.00	42,970.00	-362.00
600	CULTURE & RECREATION				
610	Library General	32,227.00	0.00	32,507.00	280.00
610	Library Wages	49,318.00	0.00	55,567.00	6,249.00
610	Library Maintenance	8,822.00	0.00	8,876.00	54.00

630	Park Commission	17,800.00	0.00	17,800.00	0.00
630	Lifeguard Payroll/Administrative fees	22,116.00	0.00	23,222.00	1,106.00
630	Parks Lawn maint., spring/fall clean up	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00
650	Community Center Administrative Staff	7,468.00	0.00	8,431.00	963.00
692	Memorial Day	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
699	Cultural Council	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	(3,000.00)
	Subtotal	149,251.00	0.00	154,903.00	5,652.00
700	DEBT SERVICE				
700	Community Septic Loan Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
700	Highway Grader	38,352.00	0.00	0.00	(38,352.00)
700	Highway F550 Truck	25,357.00	0.00	0.00	(25,357.00)
700	Fire Truck	107,800.00	0.00	105,200.00	(2,600.00)
700	Transfer Station	54,350.00	0.00	52,900.00	(1,450.00)
700	Library Loan	100,274.00	0.00	99,354.00	(920.00)
	Subtotal	326,133.00	0.00	257,454.00	(68,679.00)
900	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES				
911	Berk. County Retirement	121,129.00	0.00	128,539.00	7,410.00
913	Unemployment Insurance	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
914	Health Insurance	156,493.00	0.00	139,880.00	(16,613.00)
915	Life Insurance	350.00	0.00	300.00	(50.00)
916	Medicare	15,000.00	0.00	15,450.00	450.00
945	Bonds & Insurance	83,000.00	0.00	85,000.00	2,000.00
	Subtotal	390,972.00	0.00	384,169.00	(6,803.00)
	Total Operating Expenses	4,481,599.00	0.00	4,521,859.00	40,260.00

Article #122 hold, motion, second, discussion to INCREASE by \$2,500 for Grant Writing Salaries and add to \$7,500 as proposed, hand count 40 YES and 33 NO to increase \$2,500.00 to appropriation which would level fund the appropriation at \$10,000 passed with majority yes vote.
Article #380 hold, discussion, appropriation passes with a majority yes vote.
All other articles motion to pass, second, majority yes vote.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2022 beginning on July 1, 2021 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	FY22 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.

Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to approve amending by-law Article II, Section 3. Finance Committee by the addition of the following language: The Select Board shall work cooperatively with the Finance Committee in the budgetary process, but the Select Board shall be responsible for the preparation and submission of the budget to the town meeting in the warrant. Any differences between the Select Board's and the Finance Committee's recommendations to the town meeting shall be noted on the warrant.
The Select Board supports this article.

Motion to table until later date, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to approve the addition of an Article X to the by-laws, thereby authorizing recall elections in accordance with the following procedures:

SECTION 1. Any holder of an elective town office may be recalled and removed from office by the registered voters of the town as provided herein.

SECTION 2. Thirty registered voters of the town may initiate a recall petition by filing with the town clerk an affidavit containing the name of the officer sought to be recalled and a statement of the grounds for recall. The town clerk shall thereupon deliver to the voters making such affidavit sufficient number of copies of petition sheets in blank demanding such recall and removal, each bearing the town clerk's signature and official seal. The petition blanks shall be addressed to the Select Board, dated, and shall contain the names of all persons to whom they are issued, the name of the person whose recall is sought, the grounds of recall as stated in the initial affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to such office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the town clerk. The recall petition(s) shall be returned and filed with the town clerk within twenty-one (21) days after filing the affidavit and shall be signed by at least fifteen (15) percent of the registered voters of the Town as of the date the affidavit was filed with the town clerk. The number and street of each person's residence shall appear after their signature. The town clerk will forthwith submit the petition sheets to the board of registrars of voters, which within five (5) working days of receipt of the recall petition sheets shall forth verify the number of signatures which are the names of registered voters of the town.

SECTION 3. If the total recall petition sheets shall be found and certified by the board of registrars of voters to be sufficient, the certified petition shall be submitted forthwith with the certificate of the town clerk to the Select Board. The Select Board shall give written notice of the receipt of the petition to the officer sought to be recalled. If the officer does not resign within five (5) days of the date notice is given by the Select Board, then the Select Board shall promptly order an election to be held on a date fixed by the Select Board which is not less than 60 nor more than 90 days after receipt of the certified petition. However, if any other town election is scheduled to occur within 100 days after the date of receipt of the certified petition, the Select Board may postpone the holding of the recall election to the date of the other election and may include the question of recall on the ballot for that other election.

SECTION 4. An officer sought to be recalled may be a candidate to succeed the officer in an election to be held to fill the vacancy. Unless the officer requests otherwise in writing, the town shall place the officer's name on the ballot without nomination. The nomination of other candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election and the conduct of the nomination and publication, shall be in accordance with the law relating to elections, unless otherwise provided in this act. A majority of those voting at the recall election shall be sufficient to recall and remove such elected officer.

SECTION 5. The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of the office until the recall election. If the incumbent is not recalled, the incumbent shall continue in office for the remainder of the unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided in this act. If not re-elected in the recall election, the incumbent shall be considered removed from office immediately and the office vacant. No recall petition may be filed against an officer within the first three (3) of their term of office or within three (3) months of a recall election wherein the officer was not recalled and removed.

SECTION 6. Ballots used in a recall election shall contain the following propositions:

FOR the recall of (name of officer) _____

AGAINST the recall of (name of officer) _____

Next to each proposition there shall be a place to mark a vote. Under the propositions shall appear the word "Candidates" and the direction "Vote for One", and beneath this the names of candidates nominated as herein before provided. Next to the name of each candidate shall be a place to mark a vote.

If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the affirmative, then the candidate who received the highest number of votes in the special election to fill the vacancy shall be elected. If a majority of the votes on the question is in the negative, the ballots for candidates to fill the potential vacancy need not be counted, nor any action taken relative thereto.

The Select Board supports this article.

Motion to table to a later date, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 or any other sum from Free Cash for the Bridges, Roads and Culverts Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 26. 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 support this article.
Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,400 or any other sum from Free Cash for the Retiree Group Health/Life Insurance Benefit, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 or any other sum from free cash to make a contribution to the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000 or any other sum from free cash to make a contribution to the Local Cultural Council, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$54,874 or any other sum from Free Cash for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting a Police Cruiser for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$19,000 or any other sum from free cash to pay for the estimated amount the transfer station operations will be over in FY21, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,193 or any other sum from Free Cash to purchase two permanent speed signs to be located at the town beach, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,048 or any other sum from free cash to hire an Outreach Worker for the Council on Aging, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend an Assistance to Firefighter's federal grant and transfer \$10,000 from free cash contingent on the grant being awarded for the purpose to pay the costs of replacing the SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) for the Monterey Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$6,500 or any other sum from free cash to hire shared Human Resource Manager, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
Motion, second, discussion, vote to call, motion, second, unanimous to end discussion,
Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of supporting the work of the Regional School District Planning Board in its study of the financial and educational advisability of options for consolidating the Southern Berkshire Regional School District and the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to pay for the capital improvements on the fire company property, or take any other action relative thereto.
The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 or any other sum to purchase and outfit a tandem axle dump truck, and to authorize the Select Board to trade in or sell at auction the Town's 2007 Kenworth, and to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to borrow said amount or take any other action relative thereto. **2/3 vote required/secret ballot**
The Select Board and Finance Committee support this article.
Motion, second, discussion,
Yes 66 no 7 motion passes 2/3 yes vote,

ARTICLE 39. CITIZEN PETITION To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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, second, discussion, call vote, motion to call vote, second, unanimous vote, motion to amend: To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from FREE CASH to pay 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. Motion to accept amendment, second, passes with a majority yes vote.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$29,000 from Free Cash for the design, building, and installation of outdoor lighting at the Monterey Community Center, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Select Board supports this article.

The Finance Committee does not support this article.

Motion, second, discussion, motion to call vote, second majority yes vote to call vote. Motion, second, passes with a majority yes vote.

ARTICLE 41. CITIZEN PETITION To see if the Town will vote to keep chemicals out of Lake Garfield and Brewers Pond, or take any other action relative thereto.

Neither board voted on this citizen petition.

Motion to table to a later date, second, passes with a majority yes vote.

ARTICLE 42. 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.

The Select Board supports this article.

Motion, second, passes with majority yes vote

ARTICLE 43. 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 relative thereto.

The Select Board supports this article.

Motion, second, passes with majority yes vote

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend a Mass Works Grant from the Massworks Infrastructure Program up to the amount of \$1,000,000, and sum will be used for Safety Improvements on an approved town road in Monterey, or take any other action relative thereto.

The Select Board supports this article.

Motion, second, passes with majority yes vote

ARTICLE 45. 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.

The Select Board supports this article.

Motion, second, passes with majority yes vote

ARTICLE 46. 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, 2021, 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.

The Select Board supports this article.

Motion, second, passes with majority yes vote

ARTICLE 47. 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.

Motion, second, passes with majority yes vote

ARTICLE 48. 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 in the Monterey Grange 291, Town Hall, 435 Main Road in said Town on **Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 12:00 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 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

Two members of the Park Commission for three years

One member of the Park Commission for one year

One member of the Planning Board for five years

One member of the Planning Board for four 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 12:00 noon and remain open until 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the evening.

Motion to continue with Annual Town Meeting with Articles: #2 through #19, #23, #24, and #41 on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. second, passes with majority yes vote.

Motion to adjourn at 11:41 a.m., second, unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,



Terry Walker
Town Clerk

