



WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Clerk's Certification of the May 23, 2012 ATM

Noting there was a quorum present, Town Moderator, John Whitney, called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Town Clerk, Katherine Zahn, read the Warrant posting. The head table was introduced and procedure instructions given.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Berkshire, ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Richmond in said County, Greetings:

In the name of said Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Richmond qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Consolidated School of said Richmond on May 23, 2012, at 7:30 PM, and then and there to act upon the following: *(Posted by Constable Thomas Grizey on April 11, 2012)*

[Consent Calendar- Articles 1-3]

ARTICLE 1- To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to determine the manner of repairing the highways and caring for the cemeteries for the year. *Approved unanimously at 7:38 p.m.*

ARTICLE 2- To see if the town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Section 53E 1/2 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, to authorize the establishment of revolving funds for the purposes outlined below. Expenditures from said funds shall not exceed the amount of funds received in the respective accounts or authorized below, shall come from any funds received by the respective boards and officers for performing services, shall be used solely for the purpose of coordinating and carrying out the programs delineated and shall be approved by a majority vote of the respective boards or officers:

Council on Aging transportation, elder care and other services	\$20,000
Board of Health Home composting bins	\$2,000
Board of Health recycling bins	\$2,000
Inspection Services/Selectmen	\$15,000
Berkshire Scenic Mountain Act/Conservation Commission	\$5,000
Richmond Preschool/School Committee	\$25,000

Hancock Fire Services	\$2,000
Chapter 148A Hearings Officer	\$1,000
Richmond Pond Weed Removal	\$5,000

(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 7:38 p.m.

ARTICLE 3- To see if the town will vote to appropriate and accept any monies appropriated for use by the Massachusetts Highway Department for Chapter 90 highway aid for maintenance and reconstruction of Town roads and to fund the appropriation by transferring said amounts from available funds. Said funds shall carry over from year to year until spent by the town and shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 7:38 p.m.*

ARTICLE 4- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for the upkeep and repair of the buildings, equipment, highways and cemeteries and for all other charges and expenses of the town for the year and to set the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws. [Fiscal Year 2012 amounts are shown for comparative purposes. Please see the Explanations section following this warrant for more information] *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

- Line items #1-#31 approved unanimously at 7:40 p.m.*
- Line items #32-#48 approved unanimously at 7:41p.m.*
- Line items #49-#53 and #55-#56 approved by majority vote at 7:42p.m.*
- Line item #54 held then approved unanimously at 7:44p.m.*
- Line item #57-#60 and #63-65 approved unanimously at 7:46p.m.*
- Line item # 61 and #62 held then approved at 7:50p.m. and 7:52p.m. respectively.*
- Line item #67, #69, and #71-#90 approved unanimously at 7:53p.m.*
- Line item #66 and #70 held then approved unanimously at 7:56p.m.*
- Line item #68 held then approved by majority of 48:5 at 8:02p.m.*

<u>General Government</u>	Final FY 2012	Draft FY 2013	Increase	% Change
1 Assessors Salaries (Chair-1200, Mbrs-1200)	3,600	3,600	-	0.0%
2 Assessors Expenses	22,534	26,534	4,000	17.8%
3 Assessor Clerk	23,600	24,190	590	2.5%
4 Audit	15,000	15,000	-	0.0%
5 Moderator Salary	-	-	-	
6 Selectmen Salaries	5,250	5,250	-	0.0%
Each Member-\$1,750			-	
7 Selectmen Expenses	2,000	2,000	-	0.0%
8 Town Clerk Salary	9,002	9,228	226	2.5%
9 Town Clerk Expenses	2,422	2,422	-	0.0%
10 Treasurer Salary	23,971	24,571	600	2.5%
11 Certification Incentives	1,000	-	(1,000)	-100.0%
12 Treasurer's Expenses	2,200	1,000	(1,200)	-54.5%

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13 Town Accountant Salary	14,607	14,973	366	2.5%
14 Town Accountant Expenses	950	950	-	0.0%
15 Tax Collector Salary	13,612	14,020	408	3.0%
16 Tax Collector/Treasurer Assistant	4,000	4,120	120	3.0%
17 Tax Collector Expenses	7,590	7,800	210	2.8%
18 Town Secretary	24,600	25,215	615	2.5%
19 Town Counsel	4,000	5,000	1,000	25.0%
20 Town Report	5,000	5,000	-	0.0%
21 Town Hall	18,000	18,000	-	0.0%
22 Elections and Voter Registration	4,400	5,400	1,000	22.7%
23 Town Admin/Assistant Town Clerk Salary	52,154	59,787	7,656	14.6%
24 Town Admin Expenses	1,500	1,500	-	0.0%
25 Conservation Commission Expenses	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
26 Conservation Agent Salary	10,768	10,768	-	0.0%
27 Historical Commission	360	1,000	640	177.8%
28 Planning Board	285	285	-	0.0%
29 Recreation Committee	4,750	4,750	-	0.0%
30 Council on Aging	2,375	2,375	-	0.0%
31 Tax Collection Services	5,000	5,200	200	4.0%
General Government- TOTAL	285,530	300,931	15,401	5.4%

	Final	Draft		
<u>Protection- Persons and Property</u>	FY 2012	FY 2013	Increase	% Change
32 Police Chief Salary	2,562	2,626	64	2.5%
33 Police Dept. Expenses	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
34 County Communications	9,691	9,982	291	3.0%
35 Constable Salaries	1,250	1,250	-	0.0%
36 Constable Expenses	250	250	-	0.0%
37 Animal Control Officer Salary	2,562	2,627	65	2.5%
38 Animal Control Off Expenses	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
39 Fire Department	47,856	51,151	3,295	6.9%
40 Fire House Rent	8,000	8,000	-	0.0%
41 Emergency Management	6,625	5,900	(725)	-10.9%
42 Tree Warden	6,935	6,935	-	0.0%
43 Building Inspector Salary	5,762	5,906	144	2.5%
44 Building Inspector Expenses	1,995	1,000	(995)	-49.9%
45 Building Inspector (Alter)	240	240	-	0.0%
46 Zoning Enforcement Officer	3,100	3,178	78	2.5%
47 Zoning Enforcement Expenses	230	1,000	770	334.8%
48 Inspection Services	100	100	-	0.0%
Protection- TOTAL	99,158	102,145	2,987	3.0%

	Final	Draft		
<u>Health</u>	FY 2012	FY 2013	Increase	% Change
49 Board of Health Salaries	850	850	-	0.0%
Chairman- \$250				
Members- \$150 each				

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50 Board of Health Expenses	2,000	1,000	(1,000)	-50.0%
51 Board of Health Agent Salary	9,425	9,661	236	2.5%
52 Board of Health Agent Expenses	1,260	1,000	(260)	-20.6%
53 Animal Inspector	192	192	-	0.0%
54 Rubbish Disposal	140,000	145,000	(5,000)	3.6%
55 Community Health Services	19,475	19,475	-	0.0%
56 Nuisance Abatement	2,000	1,000	(1,000)	-50.0%
<i>Health- TOTAL</i>	<i>175,202</i>	<i>178,178</i>	<i>2,976</i>	<i>1.7%</i>

	Final	Draft		
<u>Highways</u>	FY 2012	FY 2013	Increase	% Change
57 Machinery Maintenance	52,500	52,500	-	0.0%
58 Road Construction	56,000	60,000	4,000	7.1%
59 Road Maintenance	96,191	102,289	6,098	6.3%
60 Town Garage	14,400	14,400	-	0.0%
61 Winter Roads	187,800	193,812	6,012	3.2%
62 Gravel Roads	38,000	43,000	5,000	13.2%
63 Vacation and Sick Pay	12,874	13,195	321	2.5%
64 Private Roads	3,500	3,500	-	0.0%
65 Beaver Control	3,000	3,000	-	0.0%
<i>Highways- TOTAL</i>	<i>464,265</i>	<i>485,696</i>	<i>21,431</i>	<i>4.6%</i>

	Final	Draft		
<u>Unclassified</u>	FY 2012	FY 2013	Increase	% Change
66 Berkshire County Retirement	101,502	111,496	9,994	9.8%
67 Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	1,020	989	(31)	-3.0%
68 Cemetery Superintendent Salary	5,489	7,000	1,511	27.5%
69 Cemetery Expenses	1,500	1,500	-	0.0%
70 Group Insurance	104,219	108,470	4,251	4.1%
71 Insurance and Bonding	66,000	66,000	-	0.0%
72 Library	48,718	49,474	756	1.6%
73 Library Rent	11,100	11,100	-	0.0%
74 Memorial Day	100	100	-	0.0%
75 Stationery and Office Supply	9,200	9,200	-	0.0%
76 Unemployment Reserve	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
77 Banking Services	450	450	-	0.0%
78 Computer Payroll Services	2,500	-	(2,500)	-100.0%
79 Medicare	34,000	34,000	-	0.0%
80 Veteran's Agent Salary	1,035	1,061	26	2.5%
81 Veterans' Aid	5,000	7,500	2,500	50.0%
82 Stray Animals	100	100	-	0.0%
83 Town Building Maint.	12,400	13,000	600	4.8%
84 Town Beach	9,000	10,685	1,685	18.7%
85 Legal Advertising	7,000	7,000	-	0.0%
86 Group Purchasing	400	600	200	50.0%
87 Training	700	700	-	0.0%
88 Office Equipment/Software Support	15,000	20,000	5,000	33.3%
89 Richmond Pond Weeds	10,000	10,000	-	0.0%

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90 Misc Expenses	700	700	-	0.0%
Unclassified- TOTAL	448,133	472,125	23,992	5.4%
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LINE ITEM BUDGET- TOTAL	1,472,288	1,539,075	166,787	4.5%

ARTICLE 5- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the removal of dead and diseased trees within town right of ways. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:03 p.m.*

ARTICLE 6- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to the reserve fund. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:04 p.m.*

ARTICLE 7- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,941,196 for the support of the schools. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:05p.m.*

ARTICLE 8- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for special education expenses. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:10 p.m.*

ARTICLE 9- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 for the conservation land trust fund. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:11p.m.*

ARTICLE 10- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the stabilization fund. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:10p.m*

ARTICLE 11- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for a Town Hall Repair Stabilization Fund, the purpose of which is to make repairs and upgrades to the Town Hall. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:13p.m.*

ARTICLE 12- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for a food and fuel emergency assistance program to be administered by the Board of Selectmen for the benefit of low income Richmond residents, with any unexpended funds to carry over from to year to year until expended by the town. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:14p.m.*

ARTICLE 13- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$144,888 for a principal and interest payment on the school bond. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:15p.m.*

ARTICLE 14- To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Sewer Construction Account the sum of \$80,000 to a new Sewer account entitled Sewer Reserve Account *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:17p.m.)*

ARTICLE 15- To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$216,338 to operate the sewer enterprise, as follows:

Salaries	\$15,000
Expenses	17,977
Emergency Reserve	10,000
Debt Payment	173,361
Total	\$216,338

And that \$216,338 to be raised as follows:

Department receipts	<u>\$216,338</u>
Total	\$216,338

(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:18p.m.

ARTICLE 16- To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 from the ambulance receipts account to the ambulance expense account for the operation of the Richmond Ambulance service, the maintenance of the town ambulance, and for payments to Comstar and to other ambulance services providing backup and advanced life support to the Richmond Ambulance service, with any unexpended balance to be returned to the ambulance reserve account. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:19p.m.*

ARTICLE 17- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the removal of trees and for monument repair/maintenance within town cemeteries. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:20p.m.*

ARTICLE 18- To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$20,000 for safety improvements to the entrance of Center Cemetery. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:21p.m.*

ARTICLE 19- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the purpose of hiring a consultant to assist in the development of a long range plan for the town. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:23p.m.*

ARTICLE 20- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive engineering study and energy audit of the Richmond Consolidated School building *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:31p.m.*

ARTICLE 21- To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$40,000 for the purchase of a new Command vehicle for the Fire Department. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:31p.m.*

ARTICLE 22- To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$125,000 for the construction of a new storage building at 40 Fire House Lane. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:32p.m.*

ARTICLE 23- To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Stabilization Account the sum of \$160,000 for the purchase of a new dump truck for the Highway Department. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:33p.m.*

ARTICLE 24- To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$7,500 for the purchase of a new mower for use in the town cemeteries. *(Approved by the Finance Committee) Approved unanimously at 8:34p.m.*

ARTICLE 25- To see if the Town will enact Chapter XIV of the Town of Richmond General Bylaws, entitled “Stretch Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code 780 CMR, the “Stretch Energy Code”, including future editions, amendments or modifications, thereto, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto. *Approved at 9:35p.m. by majority vote of 44:26.*

ARTICLE 26- To see if the town will vote to amend the town bylaws, Chapter II, Section 1 by striking the word “fourth” in the first sentence and inserting the word “third.” *(by citizen’s petition) Approved unanimously at 9:36p.m.*

ARTICLE 27- To see if the Town will adopt a resolution to “call upon the United States Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court’s decision in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission and to restore democracy to the people.” The full text of the citizen petition received on March 2, 2012, is available for review at the Town Clerk’s Office at Town Hall *(by citizen’s petition) Approved unanimously at 9:37p.m.*

You are also directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Richmond qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall on Saturday, May 26, 2012, at 11:00 AM, to bring in votes for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman for three years
- One member of the Board of Health for three years
- One member of the Board of Health for three years
- One member of the Board of Health for two years
- One member of the Board of Health for one year
- One member of the School Committee for three years
- One member of the School Committee for one year
- One member of the Finance Committee for three years
- One member of the Finance Committee for three years

One member of the Planning Board for five years
One member of the Planning Board for two years
One Library Trustee for three years
One Moderator for one year

And the polls may close at 7:00 PM.

And you will serve the warrant by posting up true and attested copies hereof, one at the Richmond Town Hall, one at the Richmond Post Office, one at the Bartlett's Orchard bulletin board and one at the Richmond Shores Civic Association bulletin board, seven days at least before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands this 4th_day of April, 2012.

ALAN B. HANSON, CHAIRMAN
ROGER W. MANZOLINI
MARGUERITE J. RAWSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(Posted by Constable Thomas Grizey on April 11, 2012)

Motion approved unanimously at 9:50p.m. to dissolve ATM until the Annual Town Election on May 26, 2012

A True Copy, Attest:

Katherine M. Zahn
Town Clerk

