

TOWN OF BILLERICA

FINAL WARRANT



**ANNUAL SPRING
TOWN MEETING**

**Annual Spring Town Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

Billerica Town Hall Auditorium

Article Number	Purpose	Value	Funding Source	Submitted by:	Finance Committee Recommendation
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1	To Set Compensation of Elected Official (Town Clerk)	\$96,962.02	Raise and Appropriate from Available Funds	Finance Committee	Recommends
2	To Set Compensation of Elected Officials (Select Board)	\$9,200	Raise and Appropriate from Available Funds	Finance Committee	Recommends
3	To Hear Reports of Town Departments, Committees & Officers			Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends

Financial Articles

4	Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Amendment	\$525,000	Transfer from General Fund Free Cash	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
5	To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement – AFSCME Council 93 Clerical Employees	\$125,084	Raise and Appropriate	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
6	To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement – NEPBA Police Officers – Group (A) Patrolmen	This Article has been Withdrawn			
7	To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement – NEPBA Police Officers – Group (B) Superior Officers	This Article has been Withdrawn			
8	To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement – IAFF Firefighters	This Article has been Withdrawn			
9	To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement – IAFF Civilian Fire Alarm Operators	This Article has been Withdrawn			
10	To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement – BPAA Billerica Professional Administrators Association	\$63,421.51	Raise and Appropriate	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
11	To Fund Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teamsters Local 25 DPW Employees	This Article has been Withdrawn			
12	Fiscal Year 2027 Town and School Budgets	\$216,660,805	Raise and Appropriate, Transfer from Available Funds	Finance Committee	Recommends
13	Fiscal Year 2027 Water Enterprise Budget	\$7,100,384	Raise and Appropriate or Transfer from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
14	Fiscal Year 2027 Sewer Enterprise Budget	\$9,889,971	Raise and Appropriate or Transfer from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
15	To Allow the Town Manager and Finance Committee to Transfer Funds			Finance Committee	Recommends

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16	To Authorize Departmental Revolving Funds			Town Manager; authorized by Select Board and School Committee	Recommends
17	To Fund Peg Access Cable Television Services	\$213,892.64	Transfer and Appropriate	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
18	Community Preservation Committee Budget and Project Recommendations	\$483,067 \$1,150,000	Raise and Appropriate from Community Preservation Act Funds	Community Preservation Committee	Recommends
19	To Rescind Prior Borrowing Authorizations	\$1,050,000	Rescind Prior Borrowing	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
20	To Transfer and Appropriate a Sum of Money from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to Fund Various Opioid-Related Items	\$40,000	Transfer and Appropriate from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
21	250 th Anniversary Funding	\$35,000	Transfer from General Fund Free Cash	250 th Anniversary Committee	Recommends
22	To Fund a Feasibility Study on Behalf of the Shawsheen Valley Technical High School	\$554,002	Transfer from General Fund Free Cash	Shawsheen Valley Technical High School Committee	Does Not Recommend
23	To Fund DPW Equipment	\$305,000	Transfer from Available Funds	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
24	To Fund the Lowell Street and Concord River Crossing Sewer Rehabilitation Project	\$3,100,000	Raise and Appropriate, Transfer or Borrow	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
25	To Fund Inspection and Smoke Testing in Accordance with the Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES)	\$1,100,000	Transfer and Appropriate from Sewer Retained Earnings	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
26	To Fund the Inflow and Infiltration Removal Project	\$250,000	Transfer and Appropriate from Sewer Retained Earnings	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
27	To Fund Replacement of a Secondary Treatment Aeration Blower	\$175,000	Transfer and Appropriate from Sewer Retained Earnings	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
28	To Fund Conversion of Emulsion Style Polymer to a Dry Polymer Used in the Coagulation/Magnetite (COMAG) Treatment Process	\$250,000	Transfer and Appropriate from Sewer Retained Earnings	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
29	To Fund Restoration of Historic Headstones	\$15,000	Transfer and Appropriate from Special Revenue	Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends

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Land Use and Easement Articles

30	To Authorize the Select Board to Layout and Accept Roads as Public Ways			Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
31	To Grant an Easement to National Grid for Electric Distribution for the New North Billerica Fire Station			Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends
32	To Grant an Easement to National Grid for Gas Distribution for the New North Billerica Fire Station	This Article has been Withdrawn			

General By-Law Articles

33	General By-Law - Construction Contractor Responsibility and Labor Law Compliance			Selectman John Burrows	Recommends
34	To Amend General By-Law, Section 20.4, Town Manager Screening Committee			Selectman Michael Rosa	Recommends
35	Prohibition of Cryptocurrency on Automated Teller Machines			Town Manager; authorized by Select Board	Recommends

Zoning By-Law Articles

36	To Vote to Amend the Zoning By-Law Section 11.11, MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District (MCMOD)			Planning Board	Recommends
37	To Vote to Amend the Zoning By-Law Section 4.7			Planning Board	Recommends

School Committee Foster Care Transportation Reimbursement Article

38	ESSA Foster Care Transportation Reimbursement			School Committee	Recommends
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Elected Officials Articles

39	To Vote to Deed Certain Town-Owned Parcels to the Conservation Commission			Selectman Michael Rosa on behalf of the Open Space and Recreation Committee	Recommends
40	To Vote to Deed Certain Town-Owned Parcels to the Conservation Commission			Selectman Michael Rosa on behalf of the Open Space and Recreation Committee	Recommends
41	To Transfer a Parcel of Land Known as Cidermill Property to the Select Board for Active and Passive Recreation, Open Space and Conservation Purposes			Selectman Daniel Darris-O'Connor	Recommends

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2026 ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING

Middlesex, ss.

To Any Constable in the Town of Billerica

Greetings,

You are hereby authorized and requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Maurice A. Buck Memorial Auditorium, Town Hall, 365 Boston Road, Billerica, MA on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM and subsequent Thursdays and Tuesdays until all of the business in the Warrant shall have been acted upon, then and there to vote on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1 - TO SET COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIAL (TOWN CLERK)

To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the Town Clerk and determine any salary increase that shall become effective July 1, 2026; or act in relation thereto.

Town Clerk - \$96,962.02 a Year

Submitted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 1 Explanation: In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108, the salary and compensation of elected officials shall be fixed annually by a vote of Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2 - TO SET COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS (SELECT BOARD)

To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the Select Board and determine any salary increase that shall become effective July 1, 2026; or act in relation thereto.

Select Board, Chair	\$2,000 a Year
Select Board, Member	\$1,800 a Year

Submitted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 2 Explanation: In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108, the salary and compensation of elected officials shall be fixed annually by a vote of Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 3 - TO HEAR REPORTS OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & OFFICERS

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the reports of Town Departments, Committees and Officers; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 3 Explanation: In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 49, this article allows Town Meeting to hear and act upon reports submitted in the 2025 Annual Town Report.

ARTICLE 4 - FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from General Fund Free Cash the sum of \$525,000 to amend various budgets for Fiscal Year 2026 as follows:

ACCOUNT	BEGINNING BUDGET	CHANGE	REVISED BUDGET
UTILITIES-ELECTRIC	\$1,976,640	\$350,000	\$2,326,640
VETERAN BENEFIT	\$150,000	\$35,000	\$185,000
POSTAGE	\$97,008	\$40,000	\$137,008
RETIREMENTS	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$300,000

Or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 4 Explanation: This article is to amend certain lines in the FY26 Budget. The increase in the utilities-electric line reflects rising electricity costs and higher operational demand across municipal facilities. The increase in the Veteran Benefit budget supports the growing needs of veterans and their families; rising housing, healthcare and cost-of-living expenses have increased the level of assistance required. The increase in the Postage line reflects higher postal service rates and continued demand for mailed communications. Official notices, billing, election materials and regulatory mailings remain legally required to be delivered via mail. The increase in the Retirements budget accounts for anticipated employee retirements and associated contractual obligations.

ARTICLE 5 - TO FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – AFSCME COUNCIL 93 CLERICAL EMPLOYEES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$125,084 to fund the first-year cost items contained in the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees for a term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 5 Explanation: The Town and AFSCME Union agreed to a 3-year contract with a 2% COLA July 1st of each year of the contract. There are four positions being removed from the union, based on work responsibilities. There are 3 additional steps on the wage schedule providing a needed wage correction for a couple of the clerk categories. The agreement has a lot of language clean-up throughout, clearing up ambiguous language and removing outdated items.

ARTICLE 6 - THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN**ARTICLE 7 - THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN****ARTICLE 8 - THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN****ARTICLE 9 - THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN****ARTICLE 10 - TO FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – BPAA BILLERICA PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$63,421.51 to fund the first-year cost items contained in the successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Billerica Professional Administrators Association for a term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 10 Explanation: The Town and Billerica Professional Administrators Association Union agreed to a 2-year contract with a 2% COLA July 1st of each year of the contract. There is one additional step on the wage schedule for the second year of the contract. The agreement has a lot of language clean-up throughout, clearing up ambiguous language and removing outdated items.

ARTICLE 11 - THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN**ARTICLE 12 - FISCAL YEAR 2027 TOWN AND SCHOOL BUDGETS**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Article 5 of the Billerica Home Rule Charter, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money to defray charges and expenses of the operation of the Town, its schools, and its government for Fiscal Year 2027, beginning July 1, 2026; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 12 Explanation: The detailed budget presentation will be available in the Town Meeting Book and on the Town Manager's Page: <http://www.town.billerica.ma.us/365/Budget-Information>.

Tovn of Billerica Budget Detail FY2027 Page 1		EXPENDED FY2023	EXPENDED FY2024	EXPENDED FY2025	BUDGETED FY 2026	DEPT REQ FY 2027	TOWN MGR FY 2027	FIN COM FY 2027
122 - Select Board							-	
5110	Personnel	67,658	100,874	90,927	97,744	97,181	97,181	97,181
5190	Contractual Obligations	285	100	-	500	500	500	500
5400	Supplies & Expenses	4,494	4,500	4,087	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
5200	Contract Services/Leases	952	1,356	1,487	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
7044	Assessments and Dues	24,481	28,942	28,942	33,148	34,849	34,849	34,849
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		97,870	135,772	125,444	137,392	138,530	138,531	138,530
123 - Town Manager								
5110	Personnel	649,262	681,033	716,853	686,639	741,199	741,199	741,199
5120	Permanent Part Time	66,767	35,980	39,545	40,732	41,962	41,962	41,962
5130	Overtime	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
5190	Contractual Obligations	\$14,393	\$33,104	\$43,115	\$25,653	40,567	40,567	40,567
5400	Supplies & Expenses	34,384	46,036	48,250	40,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
5200	Contract Services/Leases	15,000	13,436	23,635	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
7037	Comm. Plan./Proj./Tech. Asst.	5,348	5,600	9,768	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
7050	Pensions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7051	Emp. Medical Exams	84,524	13,042	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000
7053	Prof. Training/Development	10,024	6,134	15,000	10,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
7061	Pr. Town Rep./TM Handouts	11,674	12,000	11,847	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
7064	Contract Retro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7094	Assessment Center	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7095	Substance Abuse Program	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		921,376	866,365	1,013,013	943,024	1,021,727	1,021,727	1,021,727
125 - Systems Admin.								
5110	Personnel	118,953	122,052	127,423	144,892	148,209	148,209	148,209
5190	Contractual Obligations	1,827	1,827	1,827	1,827	1,827	1,827	1,827
5400	Supplies & Expenses	19,987	20,000	19,880	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
5200	Contract Services/Leases	500,800	463,519	551,000	562,504	622,866	622,866	622,866
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		641,567	607,398	700,130	729,223	792,902	792,902	792,902
129 - Cable Advisory Committee								
5120	Permanent Part Time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5400	Supplies & Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
131 - Finance Committee								
5120	Permanent Part Time	1,335	2,000	1,894	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
5400	Supplies & Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5200	Contract Services/Leases	427	1,235	569	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
7063	Reserve Fund	-	-	-	84,520	84,520	84,520	84,520
TOTAL		1,762	3,235	2,463	88,120	88,120	88,120	88,120
135 - Town Accountant								
5110	Personnel	277,338	289,979	333,289	268,970	295,939	295,939	295,939
5190	Contractual Obligations	10,893	12,943	12,493	5,200	6,650	6,650	6,650
5400	Supplies & Expenses	1,500	1,186	1,064	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
5200	Contract Services/Leases	488	360	500	500	1,000	1,000	1,000
7062	Town Audit	64,000	58,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		354,219	362,468	411,346	339,670	368,589	368,589	368,589
141 - Assessor								
5110	Personnel	453,751	490,209	533,549	536,585	551,024	551,024	551,024
5120	Permanent Part Time	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
5190	Contractual Obligations	7,982	8,818	14,277	12,777	14,527	14,527	14,527
5400	Supplies & Expenses	3,067	3,191	2,142	3,250	3,650	3,650	3,650
5200	Contract Services/Leases	38,197	5,919	47,308	48,300	48,300	48,300	48,300
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		505,997	511,137	597,276	603,912	620,501	620,501	620,501

Town of Billerica Budget Detail		EXPENDED	EXPENDED	EXPENDED	BUDGETED	DEPT REQ	TOWN MGR	FIN COM
FY2027 Page 1		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2027
145 - Treasurer/Collector								
5110	Personnel	510,756	510,756	560,734	611,148	658,458	658,458	658,458
5120	Permanent Part Time	20,409	20,409		-	-	-	-
5130	Overtime	-	-		-	-	-	-
5190	Contractual Obligations	20,694	20,694	14,110	17,510	17,510	17,510	17,510
5400	Supplies & Expenses	60,310	60,310	57,500	50,700	65,700	65,700	65,700
5200	Contract Services/Leases	66,891	66,891	72,554	55,804	41,330	41,330	41,330
5235	Tax Revenue Collection	67,112	67,112	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-		-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	746,172	746,172	754,898	785,162	832,998	832,998	832,998
161 - Town Clerk								
5110	Personnel	252,904	220,749	267,652	289,512	289,487	289,487	289,487
5190	Contractual Obligations	5,251	4,610	4,893	5,393	5,393	5,393	5,393
5400	Supplies & Expenses	33	1,852	1,929	2,075	2,150	2,150	2,150
5200	Contract Services/Leases	1,488	925	2,064	3,055	2,755	2,755	2,755
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-		-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	259,676	228,136	276,537	300,035	299,785	299,785	299,785
162 - Election Department								
5120	Permanent Part Time	75,396	102,646	133,398	82,257	112,142	112,142	112,142
5400	Supplies & Expenses	2,760	3,436	4,241	3,585	4,755	4,755	4,755
5200	Contract Services/Leases	81,854	72,582	81,534	46,965	87,620	87,620	87,620
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-		-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	160,010	178,664	219,173	132,807	204,517	204,517	204,517
163 - Board of Registrars								
5110	Personnel	51,992	56,311	58,807	61,037	61,355	61,355	61,355
5120	Permanent Part Time	3,441	3,441	3,441	3,441	3,915	3,915	3,915
5130	Overtime	2,000	1,200	1,720	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
5190	Contractual Obligations	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
5400	Supplies & Expenses	5,749	10,420	10,420	19,945	25,539	25,539	25,539
5200	Contract Services/Leases	3,300	3,091	3,765	6,760	6,760	6,760	6,760
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-		-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	67,482	75,463	79,153	96,383	101,769	101,769	101,769
171 - Conservation Commission								
5110	Personnel	219,327	229,726	249,863	272,546	275,422	275,422	275,422
5120	Permanent Part Time	-	-		-	-	-	-
5130	Overtime	0	-	3,653	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
5190	Contractual Obligations	14,738	17,612	20,266	20,266	20,266	20,266	20,266
5400	Supplies & Expenses	3,725	1,920	4,000	500	500	500	500
5200	Contract Services/Leases	2,450	1,394	2,900	2,900	3,001	3,001	3,001
7092	Beaver Dam Control	15,000	12,832	15,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-		-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	255,240	263,484	295,682	315,712	318,689	318,689	318,689
175 - Planning Board								
5110	Personnel	260,980	275,360	299,148	200,111	196,600	196,600	196,600
5120	Permanent Part Time	-	-		37,798	37,989	37,989	37,989
5130	Overtime	3,315	-		3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300
5190	Contractual Obligations	-	-		-	-	-	-
5400	Supplies & Expenses	1,500	1,453	1,880	1,880	3,280	3,280	3,280
5200	Contract Services/Leases	71,500	7,309	75,418	71,650	51,450	51,450	51,450
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-		-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	337,295	284,122	376,446	314,739	292,619	292,619	292,619

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FY2027 Page 2		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2027
192 - Town Hall/Buildings								
5110	Persomel	285,695	291,600	380,581	463,763	540,327	540,327	540,327
5130	Overtime	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
5190	Contractual Obligations	7,184	9,529	10,329	10,929	10,929	10,929	10,929
5200	Contract Services/Leases	38,196	21,285	48,292	52,500	52,500	52,500	52,500
5400	Postage	147,054	-	145,000	97,008	129,858	129,858	129,858
5400	Custodial Supplies	11,973	11,987	15,000	15,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
5400	Supplies & Expenses	33,564	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
7059	Cleaning Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5256	Utilities	42,551	80,595	97,488	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
7058	Building Maintenance	190,534	184,500	191,220	194,500	254,500	254,500	254,500
7055	Telephone	73,431	81,268	82,789	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
7065	Abandoned Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
706x	Town Buildings	20,993	36,995	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	876,175	772,759	1,075,699	1,128,699	1,308,114	1,308,114	1,308,114
691 - Historical Commission								
5400	Supplies & Expenses	50	-	-	50	50	50	50
5200	Contract Services/Leases	250	240	55	250	250	250	250
	TOTAL	300	240	55	300	300	300	300
910 - Town Systemwide								
7080	Town Retirements	250,000	492,982	400,000	200,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
xxxx	Town Settlements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7088	Town Electric	1,915,928	1,345,069	2,152,676	1,976,640	2,250,000	2,250,000	2,250,000
7095	Streetlights	165,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
7096	Legal	238,690	262,124	514,709	350,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
7098	Town Fuel	413,446	350,590	350,590	465,000	465,000	465,000	465,000
	TOTAL	2,983,064	2,450,765	3,417,975	2,991,640	3,240,000	3,240,000	3,240,000
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		8,208,205	7,486,180	9,345,290	8,906,818	9,629,160	9,629,161	9,629,160
210 - Police Department								
5110	Persomel	5,822,858	5,500,117	6,714,279	6,664,321	6,667,175	6,667,175	6,667,175
5120	Permanent Part Time	5,000	5,000	4,159	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
5130	Overtime	780,000	789,250	789,250	789,250	811,100	811,100	811,100
5190	Contractual Obligations	1,629,372	1,498,123	1,488,992	1,735,419	1,858,661	1,858,661	1,858,661
5400	Supplies & Expenses	319,762	325,761	338,227	359,100	359,100	359,100	359,100
5256	Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5200	Contract Services/Leases	150,949	139,090	258,650	276,350	276,350	276,350	276,350
5800	Capital Outlay	240,270	268,826	288,958	311,374	226,278	226,278	226,278
	TOTAL	8,948,211	8,526,167	9,882,514	10,140,814	10,203,664	10,203,664	10,203,664
220 - Fire Department								
5110	Personnel	6,667,681	7,050,072	7,257,374	7,552,591	7,587,040	7,587,040	7,587,040
5120	Permanent Part Time	66,912	13,621	34,976	35,676	35,676	35,676	35,676
5130	Overtime	811,250	811,250	915,000	969,900	969,900	969,900	969,900
5190	Contractual Obligations	1,192,397	1,226,586	1,341,369	1,413,470	1,364,391	1,364,391	1,364,391
5400	Supplies & Expenses	305,549	262,643	349,246	359,148	358,648	358,648	358,648
5200	Contract Services/Leases	178,065	170,792	173,715	190,125	192,585	192,585	192,585
5256	Utilities	61,161	60,773	69,532	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	9,283,015	9,595,737	10,141,212	10,590,910	10,578,240	10,578,240	10,578,240

	EXPENDED	EXPENDED	EXPENDED	BUDGETED	DEPT REQ	TOWN MGR	FIN COM
FY2027 Page 2	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2027
231 - Ambulance							
5110 Personnel	1,379,829	1,338,403	1,318,101	1,294,962	1,298,490	1,298,490	1,298,490
5120 Permanent Part Time	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
5130 Overtime	237,000	237,132	244,100	244,100	244,100	244,100	244,100
5190 Contractual Obligations	186,564	185,741	205,449	193,345	213,594	213,594	213,594
5400 Supplies & Expenses	124,610	150,455	152,610	172,610	172,610	172,610	172,610
5200 Contract Services/Leases	119,950	113,770	136,890	136,890	136,890	136,890	136,890
5800 Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2,062,953	2,040,501	2,072,150	2,056,907	2,080,684	2,080,684	2,080,684
241 - Building Department							
5110 Personnel	694,548	710,651	694,874	699,289	720,449	720,449	720,449
5120 Permanent Part Time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5130 Overtime	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
5190 Contractual Obligations	45,440	41,540	40,540	37,240	38,890	38,890	38,890
5400 Supplies & Expenses	10,597	5,156	10,500	10,950	8,950	8,950	8,950
5200 Contract Services/Leases	4,375	27,544	4,375	5,800	7,400	7,400	7,400
5800 Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	769,960	799,891	765,289	768,279	790,689	790,689	790,689
244 - Sealer Weights and Measures							
5120 Permanent Part Time							
5400 Supplies & Expenses							
5200 Contract Services/Leases	13,500	16,000	15,239	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
TOTAL	13,500	16,000	15,239	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
291 - Emergency Management							
5110 Personnel	52,000	53,560	55,167	57,097	57,097	57,097	57,097
5400 Supplies & Expenses	8,000	6,935	7,963	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
5190 Contractual Obligations	5,400	349	3,678	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,470
5800 Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	65,400	60,844	66,808	68,567	68,567	68,567	68,567
292 - Animal Control							
5110 Personnel	67,713	70,435	72,683	75,233	75,613	75,613	75,613
5120 Permanent Part Time	30,779	32,172	34,349	47,759	47,759	47,759	47,759
5130 Overtime	7,435	13,232	10,805	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
5190 Contractual Obligations	4,125	4,575	4,575	2,100	2,400	2,400	2,400
5400 Supplies & Expenses	5,177	6,500	4,741	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
5200 Contract Services/Leases	4,285	6,454	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
5256 Utilities	5,056	5,204	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
5800 Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	124,570	138,572	139,153	157,592	158,272	158,272	158,272
510 - Board of Health							
5110 Personnel	324,757	347,464	357,689	354,120	358,115	358,115	358,115
5120 Permanent Part Time	80,452	83,719	86,361	91,597	91,653	91,653	91,653
5130 Overtime	4,041	3,876	3,804	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
5190 Contractual Obligations	25,872	31,883	27,064	34,916	34,916	34,916	34,916
5400 Supplies & Expenses	984	2,017	2,338	2,345	5,145	5,145	5,145
5200 Contract Services/Leases	24,371	23,555	28,164	23,532	20,732	20,732	20,732
5800 Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	460,477	492,514	505,421	511,010	515,061	515,061	515,061
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	21,728,086	21,670,226	23,587,786	24,308,079	24,409,177	24,409,177	24,409,177

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FY2027 Page 3	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2027
410 - Engineering							
5110 Personnel	835,131	896,313	1,058,043	1,105,965	1,124,600	1,124,600	1,124,600
5130 Overtime	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5190 Contractual Obligations	19,060	14,910	20,410	26,493	28,143	28,143	28,143
5400 Supplies & Expenses	7,701	7,949	7,102	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
5200 Contract Services/Leases	210,459	197,144	223,960	227,111	240,000	240,000	240,000
5800 Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1,072,351	1,116,316	1,309,514	1,367,569	1,400,743	1,400,743	1,400,743
421 - Public Works Administration							
5110 Personnel	726,153	696,725	593,049	639,864	665,664	665,664	665,664
5120 Permanent Part Time	102,184	173,365	188,442	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000
5130 Overtime	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5190 Contractual Obligations	33,827	33,827	21,393	22,734	25,984	25,984	25,984
5400 Supplies & Expenses	2,883	2,365	2,965	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
5200 Contract Services/Leases	21,825	46,121	50,443	51,375	51,375	51,375	51,375
5800 Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	886,872	952,403	856,293	876,973	906,023	906,023	906,023
422 - Highway Department							
5110 Personnel	939,208	1,060,306	1,129,701	1,240,077	1,229,833	1,229,833	1,229,833
5130 Overtime Regular	61,132	64,427	66,378	66,681	66,681	66,681	66,681
5150 Temporary/Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5190 Contractual Obligations	30,350	30,350	30,347	27,050	26,800	26,800	26,800
5400 Supplies & Expenses	423,856	469,986	473,100	508,100	520,000	520,000	520,000
5200 Contract Services/Leases	320,750	312,999	336,151	340,450	345,000	345,000	345,000
5256 Utilities	21,708	13,100	13,100	13,100	13,100	13,100	13,100
5800 Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1,797,004	1,951,168	2,048,777	2,195,458	2,201,414	2,201,414	2,201,414
423 - Snow and Ice							
5131 Snow Overtime	150,321	148,023	240,364	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
5278 Snow and Sand Expenses	954,885	786,966	1,197,726	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
TOTAL	1,105,206	934,989	1,438,091	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000
433 - Solid Waste							
5285 Solid Waste	3,368,426	4,186,013	4,586,335	5,372,136	5,721,388	5,721,388	5,721,388
TOTAL	3,368,426	4,186,013	4,586,335	5,372,136	5,721,388	5,721,388	5,721,388
650 - Parks/Trees							
5110 Personnel	547,591	566,673	543,164	587,792	590,643	590,643	590,643
5120 Permanent Part Time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5130 Overtime	99,850	99,850	73,165	99,850	99,850	99,850	99,850
5190 Contractual Obligations	17,124	17,124	17,124	13,024	15,092	15,092	15,092
5400 Supplies & Expenses	70,451	74,757	75,084	85,925	90,925	90,925	90,925
7093 Mosquito Control	13,872	14,932	4,478	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
5200 Contract Services/Leases	113,939	135,802	132,344	134,950	134,950	134,950	134,950
5256 Utilities	4,088	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
5800 Capital Outlay	93,812	82,000	75,479	80,000	76,500	76,500	76,500
TOTAL	960,727	993,638	923,337	1,029,041	1,035,460	1,035,460	1,035,460
491 - Cemetery							
5110 Personnel	287,526	295,969	315,785	318,079	328,281	328,281	328,281
5120 Permanent Part Time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5130 Overtime	39,694	58,200	56,763	58,200	58,200	58,200	58,200
5190 Contractual Obligations	25,786	6,150	6,260	7,128	7,128	7,128	7,128
5400 Supplies & Expenses	42,582	18,760	41,937	43,000	43,000	43,000	43,000
7093 Mosquito Control	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5200 Contract Services/Leases	18,887	15,609	18,197	19,450	19,450	19,450	19,450
5256 Utilities	5,906	2,250	2,250	2,250	3,300	3,300	3,300
5800 Capital Outlay	-	-	18,803	-	-	-	-
5800 Perpetual Care	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	420,381	396,938	459,995	448,107	459,359	459,359	459,359
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	9,610,967	10,531,465	10,184,251	11,760,758	12,144,387	12,144,387	12,144,387

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FY2027 Page 3		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2027
300 - Billerica Public Schools								
5166	Professional Salaries	59,692,192	62,282,851	67,265,479	70,803,208	72,510,602	72,510,602	72,510,602
5170	Clerical Salaries	1,102,288	1,143,624	1,235,114	1,488,988	-	-	-
5180	Other Salaries							
5466	Supplies & Expenses	1,894,279	2,774,279	2,940,736	3,028,958	2,478,791	2,478,791	2,478,791
5266	Contract Services/Leases	8,965,443	8,965,443	9,503,370	9,788,471	12,802,652	12,802,652	12,802,652
5267	Utilities	1,487,547	1,487,547	1,576,800	1,624,104	2,010,333	2,010,333	2,010,333
5866	Capital Outlay	305,251	305,251	323,566	333,273	177,352	177,352	177,352
	TOTAL	73,447,001	76,958,995	82,845,065	87,067,002	89,979,730	89,979,730	89,979,730
310 - Shawsheen Technical School								
5300	Operating Costs	10,000,885	10,618,653	10,493,494	11,792,752	13,057,585	13,057,585	13,057,585
5800	Capital Outlay							
	TOTAL	10,000,885	10,618,653	10,493,494	11,792,752	13,057,585	13,057,585	13,057,585
TOTAL PUBLIC EDUCATION		83,447,886	87,577,648	93,338,559	98,859,754	103,037,315	103,037,315	103,037,315
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FY2027 Page 4		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2027
610 - Public Library								
5110	Personnel	890,834	932,507	902,008	1,003,315	1,003,695	1,003,695	1,003,695
5120	Permanent Part Time	356,567	356,578	384,503	399,896	396,201	396,201	396,201
5190	Contractual Obligations	22,021	22,879	22,879	20,196	35,430	35,430	35,430
5400	Supplies & Expenses	231,076	223,943	226,295	238,329	242,505	242,505	242,505
5200	Contract Services/Leases	83,696	83,689	84,159	84,634	84,634	84,634	84,634
7059	Cleaning Service	25,200	23,100	33,385	31,488	33,000	33,000	33,000
5256	Utilities	27,809	25,000	25,000	25,000	26,250	26,250	26,250
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	1,637,203	1,667,696	1,678,229	1,802,857	1,821,715	1,821,715	1,821,715
630 - Recreation Department								
5110	Personnel	287,891	322,317	365,629	390,497	392,469	392,469	392,469
5120	Permanent Part Time	70,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
5190	Contractual Obligations	5,350	6,350	9,350	9,350	10,300	10,300	10,300
5400	Supplies & Expenses	11,151	11,580	5,001	11,050	11,550	11,550	11,550
5200	Contract Services/Leases	75,586	66,413	75,334	83,215	85,215	85,215	85,215
5256	Utilities	4,709	3,000	3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	454,687	484,660	533,314	572,112	580,534	580,534	580,534
91070 - Civic Events/Organizations								
7067	VFW-P, DAV, VFW-S	200	-	200	600	600	600	600
7068	Memorial Day/Homcoming	3,024	11,000	4,703	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
7097	Festival Account	7,876	9,522	3,821	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
7098	250th Celebration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7076	Middlesex Canal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7077	Beautification	3,658	6,482	3,168	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
7084	Scholarship Account	4,464	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,100
	TOTAL	19,222	32,104	16,992	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700
TOTAL LIBRARY & RECREATION		2,111,112	2,184,460	2,228,535	2,409,669	2,436,949	2,436,949	2,436,949
543 - Veterans Services								
5110	Personnel	122,131	136,954	142,081	149,584	153,507	153,507	153,507
5190	Contractual Obligations	4,434	4,434	5,434	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
5400	Supplies & Expenses	3,590	4,104	14,955	15,318	16,818	16,818	16,818
5200	Contract Services/Leases	60	1,785	-	-	-	-	-
5280	Veterans Benefits	243,117	226,977	179,867	150,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
	TOTAL	373,332	374,254	342,337	316,902	372,325	372,325	372,325
541 - Council on Aging								
5110	Personnel	271,152	277,675	291,910	279,264	286,799	286,799	286,799
5120	Permanent Part Time	25,352	42,087	43,768	49,268	50,724	50,724	50,724
5190	Contractual Obligations	8,250	9,750	9,750	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700
5400	Supplies & Expenses	36,588	42,109	42,270	38,510	40,100	40,100	40,100
5200	Contract Services/Leases	41,559	36,940	44,366	43,965	44,166	44,166	44,166
5256	Utilities	13,378	17,000	17,000	17,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
5800	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	396,280	425,561	449,063	433,707	447,489	447,489	447,489
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		769,612	799,815	791,400	750,609	819,814	819,814	819,814

710 - Capital								
7155	Equipment	500,000	500,000	496,612	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
7145	Contracts	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,365,197	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
	TOTAL	2,500,000	2,500,000	1,861,809	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
710 - Debt and Interest								
					-	-	-	-
7150	Debt Principal - Town	823,000	820,000	1,061,625	1,051,625	2,841,625	2,841,625	2,841,625
7140	Debt Principal - School	443,000	394,000	391,000	176,000	172,000	172,000	172,000
7550	Debt Interest - Town	690,065	515,461	560,334	510,253	3,977,447	3,977,447	3,977,447
7160	Debt Interest - School	90,037	58,583	47,151	37,858	30,358	30,358	30,358
7580	New Debt - Town Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7130	Temporary Borrowing - Town	299,167	224,305	250,017	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
7170	New Debt - Town Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7150	Temporary Borrowing - Debt Exc	186,358	-	-	-	-	-	-
7170	High School Exclusion - Principal	1,950,000	2,040,000	2,325,000	2,425,000	2,530,000	2,530,000	2,530,000
7170	High School Exclusion - Interest	3,083,831	2,986,331	3,047,881	2,931,631	2,810,381	2,810,381	2,810,381
75XP	Parker Debt Exclusion - Principal	320,000	320,000	320,000	320,000	375,000	375,000	375,000
75XI	Parker Debt Exclusion - Interest	123,962	107,963	101,563	94,363	81,563	81,563	81,563
75XO	Debt Stabilization Appropriation	-	-	1,055,895	1,055,895	-	-	-
	TOTAL	8,009,420	7,466,643	9,160,465	8,952,624	13,168,373	13,168,373	13,168,373
91070 - Town/School Shared Costs								
7010	Bldg/Auto/Liab Insurance	1,300,623	1,647,834	1,765,377	1,884,108	1,978,313	1,978,313	1,978,313
7012	Health Insurance	17,163,339	17,163,339	17,563,339	19,302,110	22,776,490	22,776,490	22,776,490
7020	Workers' Compensation	737,323	753,583	715,258	866,000	866,000	866,000	866,000
7030	Unemployment Comp.	77,800	48,258	67,181	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
7042	Medicare	1,358,808	1,430,734	1,509,641	1,358,240	1,508,240	1,508,240	1,508,240
7052	County Retirement Assessment	14,484,999	15,426,547	16,438,951	17,456,575	18,608,931	18,608,931	18,608,931
7052	OPEB Trust Contribution	2,011,357	2,313,061	2,428,714	2,550,149	2,677,657	2,677,657	2,677,657
	TOTAL	37,134,249	38,783,356	40,488,462	43,517,182	48,515,630	48,515,630	48,515,630
TOTAL TOWN & SCHOOL SHARED COSTS		47,643,669	48,749,999	51,510,736	54,969,806	64,184,003	64,184,003	64,184,003
SUMMARY								
	General Government	8,208,205	7,486,180	9,345,290	8,906,818	9,629,160	9,629,161	9,629,160
	Public Safety	21,728,086	21,670,226	23,587,786	24,308,079	24,409,177	24,409,177	24,409,177
	Public Works	9,610,967	10,531,465	10,184,251	11,760,758	12,144,387	12,144,387	12,144,387
	Public Education	83,447,886	87,577,648	93,338,559	98,859,754	103,037,315	103,037,315	103,037,315
	Library and Recreation	2,111,112	2,184,460	2,228,535	2,409,669	2,436,949	2,436,949	2,436,949
	Human Services	769,612	799,815	791,400	750,609	819,814	819,814	819,814
	Town/School Shared Costs	47,643,669	48,749,999	51,510,736	54,969,806	64,184,003	64,184,003	64,184,003
	TOTAL	173,519,537	178,999,793	190,986,557	201,965,493	216,660,805	216,660,806	216,660,805

ARTICLE 13 - FISCAL YEAR 2027 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,100,384 to operate the Water Enterprise Fund pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53 F ½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027; with the following sums being appropriated as follows:

	FY2023 EXPENDED	FY2024 EXPENDED	FY2025 EXPENDED	FY2026 BUDGETED	FY2027 DEPT REQ	FY2027 TM REC	FY2027 FIN COM REC
WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET							
<i>Personnel Services</i>							
Full Time	\$ 1,442,759	\$ 1,433,271	\$ 1,578,226	\$ 1,944,228	\$ 1,892,610	\$ 1,892,610	\$ 1,892,610
Part Time				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Seasonal				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Flushing/Inspection	\$ 272,655	\$ 92,725	\$ 133,557	\$ 169,699	\$ 169,698	\$ 169,698	\$ 169,698
Overtime	\$ 39,975	\$ 318,701	\$ 318,701	\$ 318,701	\$ 318,701	\$ 318,701	\$ 318,701
Contractual Obligations	\$ 167,189	\$ 84,922	\$ 78,722	\$ 97,622	\$ 122,647	\$ 122,647	\$ 122,647
Total	\$ 1,922,578	\$ 1,929,619	\$ 2,109,206	\$ 2,530,250	\$ 2,503,656	\$ 2,503,656	\$ 2,503,656
<i>Expenses</i>							
Supplies and Expenses	\$ 1,329,810	\$ 1,549,839	\$ 1,658,250	\$ 1,801,351	\$ 1,850,000	\$ 1,850,000	\$ 1,850,000
Contract Services/Leases	\$ 741,473	\$ 685,750	\$ 986,729	\$ 1,004,430	\$ 1,056,053	\$ 1,056,053	\$ 1,056,053
Utilities	\$ 90,658	\$ 110,217	\$ 120,750	\$ 75,750	\$ 226,627	\$ 226,627	\$ 226,627
Capital Outlay	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve				\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000
Total Expenses	\$ 2,161,941	\$ 2,345,806	\$ 2,765,729	\$ 2,964,531	\$ 3,215,680	\$ 3,215,680	\$ 3,215,680
<i>Debt Service</i>							
Short - Term Interest	\$ 18,143	\$ 14,643	\$ 12,347	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Long - Term Principal	\$ 2,489,901	\$ 2,501,489	\$ 1,373,016	\$ 1,148,481	\$ 1,159,372	\$ 1,159,372	\$ 1,159,372
Long - Term Interest	\$ 357,258	\$ 313,412	\$ 273,016	\$ 235,695	\$ 196,676	\$ 196,676	\$ 196,676
Total Debt Service	\$ 2,865,302	\$ 2,829,545	\$ 1,658,379	\$ 1,409,176	\$ 1,381,048	\$ 1,381,048	\$ 1,381,048
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 6,949,821	\$ 7,104,970	\$ 6,533,314	\$ 6,903,957	\$ 7,100,384	\$ 7,100,384	\$ 7,100,384

And that \$7,100,384 be raised from Water Enterprise Receipts; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 13 Explanation: This Water Enterprise Budget was established pursuant to a vote under Article 29 at the October 2014 Annual Fall Town Meeting. This budget will be funded by water user fees. The line-item budget is arranged to show the actual expenditures for three prior fiscal years, the current budget and the proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

ARTICLE 14 - FISCAL YEAR 2027 SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$9,889,971, to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53 F ½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027; with the following sums being appropriated as follows:

	FY2023 EXPENDED	FY2024 EXPENDED	FY2025 EXPENDED	FY2026 BUDGETED	FY 2027 DEPT REQ	FY2027 TM REC	FY2027 FIN COM REC
Sewer Enterprise Budget							
<i>Personnel Services</i>							
Full Time	\$ 1,203,921	\$ 1,256,748	\$ 1,340,865	\$ 1,393,903	\$ 1,462,891	\$ 1,462,891	\$ 1,462,891
Part Time/Seasonal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Overtime	\$ 170,000	\$ 158,131	\$ 161,600	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000
Contractual Obligations	\$ 54,075	\$ 54,075	\$ 35,800	\$ 40,900	\$ 40,900	\$ 40,900	\$ 40,900
Total	\$ 1,427,996	\$ 1,468,954	\$ 1,538,266	\$ 1,604,803	\$ 1,673,791	\$ 1,673,791	\$ 1,673,791
<i>Expenses</i>							
Supplies and Expenses	\$ 992,959	\$ 868,619	\$ 884,478	\$ 996,324	\$ 1,008,332	\$ 1,008,332	\$ 1,008,332
Contract Services/Leases	\$ 1,192,070	\$ 1,443,866	\$ 1,480,991	\$ 1,561,000	\$ 1,702,829	\$ 1,702,829	\$ 1,702,829
Utilities	\$ 38,992	\$ 42,021	\$ 47,806	\$ 215,000	\$ 333,500	\$ 333,500	\$ 333,500
Capital Outlay Reserve				\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000
Total Expenses	\$ 2,224,021	\$ 2,354,506	\$ 2,413,275	\$ 2,855,324	\$ 3,127,661	\$ 3,127,661	\$ 3,127,661
<i>Debt Service</i>							
Short - Term Interest	\$ 962,496	\$ 112,478	\$ 68,879	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Long - Term Principal	\$ 4,257,224	\$ 4,162,375	\$ 4,119,464	\$ 4,063,756	\$ 4,063,756	\$ 4,063,756	\$ 4,063,756
Long - Term Interest	\$ 1,036,792	\$ 1,044,726	\$ 959,814	\$ 874,763	\$ 874,763	\$ 874,763	\$ 874,763
Total Debt Service	\$ 6,256,512	\$ 5,319,580	\$ 5,148,157	\$ 5,088,519	\$ 5,088,519	\$ 5,088,519	\$ 5,088,519
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 9,908,529	\$ 9,143,040	\$ 9,099,697	\$ 9,548,646	\$ 9,889,971	\$ 9,889,971	\$ 9,889,971

And that \$7,850,000 be raised from Sewer Enterprise Receipts and \$2,039,971 be raised from the tax levy; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 14 Explanation: This Sewer Enterprise Budget was established pursuant to a vote under Article 30 at the October 2014 Annual Fall Town Meeting. This budget will be funded by general tax revenue and sewer user fees. The line-item budget is arranged to show the actual expenditures for three prior years, the current budget and the proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year. It is summarized by Town agency, function and/or program including any proposed capital expenditures. The Town Manager’s detailed budget and all explanatory information are available to the Town Meeting Representatives and the general public for inspection in the Town Manager’s Office, the Public Library and the Town Clerk’s Office. This information is also available in the Town Meeting Book and on the Town Manager’s Page: <http://www.town.billerica.ma.us/365/Budget-Information>. This article is a placeholder.

ARTICLE 15 - TO ALLOW THE TOWN MANAGER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE TO TRANSFER FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town Manager, upon request of a Department Head, Board or Commission, to make a transfer of funds between budget line items not-to-exceed a difference of \$5,000 from the amount voted at Town Meeting per line item for Fiscal Year 2027, with the exclusion of travel accounts, within the same department. Transfers within department line items in excess of \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2027 must be approved by the Finance Committee. A written report from the Town Manager on all transfers of \$5,000 and under must be provided to the Finance Committee on the first Tuesday of each month; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 15 Explanation: This article gives the Town Manager the authority to transfer funds between budget line items within a particular department, not-to-exceed \$5,000 per fiscal year. If the amount exceeds \$5,000, the article gives the authority to make such a transfer with the Finance Committee's approval.

ARTICLE 16 - TO AUTHORIZE DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Subsection 53E1/2, as most recently amended, to set Fiscal Year 2027 spending limits for revolving funds as follows:

<u>REVOLVING FUND</u>	<u>FY 2027 SPENDING LIMIT</u>
Wetlands By-Law	\$30,000
C.O.A. Programs	\$100,000
BEAM Program	\$2,000,000
Respite Care	\$120,000
Flu Shot Program	\$50,000

Or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board and School Committee

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 16 Explanation: Revolving Funds are allowed under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ and must be established by By-Law. Under the statute, as most recently amended, Town Meeting must authorize the funding limit of Revolving Funds each year.

ARTICLE 17 - TO FUND PEG ACCESS CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$213,892.64, from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund to be provided to BATV for support of PEG Access Cable Television Services; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 17 Explanation: Mass General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ³/₄ requires that PEG Access Funds need to be appropriated at Town Meeting. The Town created the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund as part of Article 35 at the May 2019 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 18 - COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BUDGET

To see if the Town will act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2027 community preservation budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies the sum of \$1,150,000 from community preservation fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the community preservation committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of community preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, as follows, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:	Administrative Fund	\$ 55,000
	Debt Service	\$ 937,428
Reserves:	Community Housing Special Fund Balance	\$ 115,000
	Historic Preservation Special Fund Balance	<i>Debt Service</i>
	Open Space and Recreation Special Fund Balance	<i>Debt Service</i>
	Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 42,572

And further, to determine whether the Town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund or otherwise fund for community preservation purposes the sum of \$ 483,067 shown below for the referenced projects; with sums appropriated hereunder to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager:

<u>Community Housing</u>		
Project	Funding Source	Amount
Habitat For Humanity Construction	Community Housing	\$ 120,000
NMCOG Regional Housing	Community Housing	\$ 36,067
	Total	\$ 156,067
<u>Historic Preservation</u>		
Project	Funding Source	Amount
Bennet Library Association	Undesignated FB	\$ 47,000
<u>Open Space & Recreation</u>		
Project	Funding Source	Amount
BMX Track Association	Undesignated FB	\$ 30,000
Recreation Dept Phase 2	Undesignated FB	\$ 250,000
	Total	\$ 280,000
	TOTAL	\$ 483,067

Or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 19 - TO RESCIND PRIOR BORROWING AUTHORIZATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following borrowing authorizations previously approved at Town Meeting:

TM SPRING 2024 ARTICLE 24	I&I Removal Project	\$ 250,000
TM FALL 2024 ARTICLE 19	TREATMENT AIR BLOWER	\$ 800,000
Total		\$1,050,000

Or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 19 Explanation: This article rescinds previous borrowing authorizations:

At Spring 24 Town Meeting Article 24 an appropriation of \$1,600,000 was approved for construction to reduce Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) from the Town's wastewater collections system. This article proposes rescinding \$250,000 of the approved funding.

At Fall 24 Town Meeting Article 19 an appropriation of \$800,000 was approved to fund the replacement of one of three Secondary Treatment Aeration Blowers. This article proposes rescinding the approved funding due to anticipated costs coming lower. The replacement of the aeration blower has been a multi-stage process over the years.

ARTICLE 20 - TO TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATE A SUM OF MONEY FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT STABILIZATION FUND TO FUND VARIOUS OPIOID-RELATED ITEMS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$40,000 from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to fund the position of a Crisis Clinician in the Police Department.

Or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 20 Explanation: Since approximately 2016, the Billerica Police has been working with its contiguous communities to provide a master's level Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) to assist its police officers in crisis response. These clinicians have been critical in assisting our officers in the process of crisis de-escalation, especially for those suffering from some form of psychosis, substance use disorder, emotional challenge, or other symptoms impacting their ability to self-regulate. As we have seen nationwide, police are asked to respond to a vast array of emergency calls that require a complex set of skills. Having a Crisis Clinician as part of our team significantly improves outcomes for all involved, especially those in need of emergency assistance.

ARTICLE 21 - 250TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from the General Fund Free Cash, the sum of \$35,000, for public safety, equipment and sanitation protocols in preparation for the celebration of the Town of Billerica's 250th Anniversary, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Billerica 250th Anniversary Committee; or act in relation thereto.

Certification of Vote: This petition was approved by vote of the Billerica 250th Anniversary Committee at a duly posted meeting held on 3/10/26. The Motion passed with 8 votes in favor, 0 opposed and 3 members not present.

Submitted by the Billerica 250th Anniversary Committee

Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 22 - TO FUND A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON BEHALF OF THE SHAWSHEEN VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

To see if the Town of Billerica will transfer \$554,002 from General Fund Free Cash, for Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District, for the sole purpose of paying costs of a Feasibility Study on behalf of the Shawsheen Valley Technical High School, located at 100 Cook Street, Billerica, MA 01821, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee for Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Study costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Study shall be as set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Shawsheen Valley Technical High School Committee

Finance Committee does not recommend approval.

ARTICLE 23 - TO FUND DPW EQUIPMENT

To transfer and appropriate from various funds the sum of \$305,000 for the purchase and equipping of the following department vehicles/equipment:

To transfer and appropriate from General Fund Free Cash the sum of \$30,000 for the purchase and equipping of the following department Equipment

Varitech 500 Gallon Liquid Tank w/Spray Bar	\$30,000
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To transfer and appropriate from Water Retained Earnings Enterprise Fund the sum of \$230,000 for the purchase and equipping of the following department vehicles:

2026 Chevrolet 5500 Crane Truck (addition to fleet):	\$230,000
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To transfer and appropriate from Cemetery Sale of Lots the sum of \$45,000 for the purchase of the following department vehicle:

2026 Walker Z997M Mower	\$45,000
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Or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 23 Explanation: This article proposes to appropriate money from this source to fund the purchasing of vehicles. The 2026 Walker Z997M Mower will replace a 2019 Walker MT25i Mower.

ARTICLE 24 - TO FUND THE LOWELL STREET AND CONCORD RIVER CROSSING SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, including borrowing from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, \$3,100,000, for the purposes of designing and constructing the Lowell Street and Concord River Crossing Sewer Rehabilitation Project, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow \$3,100,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78, including from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c.78; and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust and otherwise to contract with the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Select Board is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project costs/expenses; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 24 Explanation: This article proposes to appropriate money to fund the design, rehabilitation and replacement of deteriorating sewer infrastructure along Lowell Street, including approximately 2,300 feet of 10-inch, 12-inch, and 14-inch sewer pipe. Immediately downstream, the sewer crosses the Concord River via 300 feet of 14-inch cast iron pipe to the Ilford Pump Station. These pipes exhibit known structural defects and capacity restrictions that compromise the efficiency and reliability of the Town's Sewer Collection System.

ARTICLE 25 - TO FUND INSPECTION AND SMOKE TESTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SEWER SYSTEM EVALUATION SURVEY (SSES)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,100,000 from Sewer Enterprise Fund, Retained Earnings to fund the CIP Project 1 Smoke Testing & Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES); or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 25 Explanation: The proposed work will systematically evaluate the condition and performance of targeted portions of the sewer collection system through engineering analysis, field investigation and data assessment. The project will identify structural deficiencies, capacity bottlenecks and operational limitations that can be addressed through rehabilitation or targeted improvements. The resulting recommendations will allow the Town to strategically invest in infrastructure upgrades that increase usable capacity and extend the service life of existing assets. This work is a result of the Flow Monitoring Program performed in 2025.

ARTICLE 26 - TO FUND THE INFLOW AND INFILTRATION REMOVAL PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from Sewer Enterprise Fund, Retained Earnings for the rehabilitation and construction of the Town's sewer system to reduce Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) from the Town's Sewer Collections System; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 26 Explanation: This article proposes to approve funding for rehabilitation and construction to reduce Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) from the Town's Sewer Collections System as determined by closed-circuit television inspection performed by Sewer Division Staff.

ARTICLE 27 - TO FUND REPLACEMENT OF A SECONDARY TREATMENT AERATION BLOWER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$175,000 from Sewer Enterprise Fund, Retained Earnings, to fund the replacement of a Secondary Treatment Aeration Blower including any costs incidental; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 27 Explanation: This article proposes to approve funding for the replacement of one of three Secondary Treatment Aeration Blowers that is 12+ years old (2012), and unable to obtain replacement parts.

ARTICLE 28 - TO FUND CONVERSION OF EMULSION STYLE POLYMER TO A DRY POLYMER USED IN THE COAGULATION/MAGNETITE (COMAG) TREATMENT PROCESS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from Sewer Enterprise Fund, Retained Earnings, to fund conversion of Emulsion Style Polymer to a Dry Polymer used in the Coagulation/Magnetite (CoMag) Treatment Process; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 28 Explanation: The Sewer Resource Recovery Facility (SRRF) has experienced issues with Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing, which is required by the EPA and Massachusetts DEP. After two years of testing and consultation with experts, it was determined that the emulsion-based polymer currently used at the plant is contributing to these issues. Switching to a dry polymer will eliminate polymer as a potential source of WET test failures, reduce operating costs (currently about \$17,000 per year) and eliminate leftover emulsifying agents that must otherwise be managed and disposed of.

ARTICLE 29 - TO FUND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC HEADSTONES

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from Cemetery Sale of Lots the sum of \$15,000 for the preserving, repairing and restoring the historic monuments within Town cemeteries; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager, authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 29 Explanation: This article proposes to clean, repair and reset approximately 71 damaged historic markers/headstones, each representing a vital piece of our community's history.

ARTICLE 30 - TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECT BOARD TO LAYOUT AND ACCEPT ROADS AS PUBLIC WAYS

To see if the Town will vote to layout and accept the following listed roads as public ways in accordance with the layouts adopted by the Select Board and on file with the Town Clerk; and to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, such interests in land as are necessary to provide for the use and maintenance of said ways for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Billerica; and further, to authorize the Select Board to execute any documents or instruments necessary to effectuate the purpose of this article; or act in relation thereto.

Cady Street, from Friendship Street to dead end, approximate length 265' and 30' width right of way, as depicted on the plan entitled '*Cady Street, Billerica, Massachusetts - Street Layout and Acceptance Plan Prepared for the Town of Billerica*', dated March 18, 2026, prepared by GCG Associates, Inc. (Engineering Division Plan B-5-223, Sheet 1)

Islington Street, from Fourth Avenue to Second Avenue, approximate length 1,240' and 40' width right of way, as depicted on the plan entitled '*Islington Street, Billerica Massachusetts - Street Layout and Acceptance Plan Prepared for the Town of Billerica*', dated January 27, 2026, prepared by GCG Associates, Inc. (Engineering Division Plan B-5-224, Sheet 1)

Rhodes Street, from Lake Street 610' north and from Friendship Street to dead end, approximate length 282' and 30' width right of way, as depicted on the plan entitled '*Rhodes Street, Billerica, Massachusetts - Street Layout and Acceptance Plan Prepared for the Town of Billerica*', dated March 18, 2026, prepared by GCG Associates, Inc. (Engineering Division Plan B-5-225, Sheet 1)

Silversmith Way, from Village Lane to cul-de-sac, approximate length 415' and 50' width right of way, as depicted on the plan entitled '*Silversmith Way, Billerica, Massachusetts - Street Layout and Acceptance Plan Prepared for the Town of Billerica*', dated January 27, 2026, prepared by GCG Associates, Inc. (Engineering Division Plan B-5-226, Sheet 1)

Village Lane, from High Street to cul-de-sac, approximate length 990' and 50' width right of way, as depicted on the plan entitled '*Village Lane, Billerica Massachusetts - Street Layout and Acceptance Plan Prepared for the Town of Billerica*', dated January 27, 2026, prepared by GCG Associates, Inc. (Engineering Division Plan B-5-227 Sheet 1)

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 30 Explanation: The Town is committed to continuing the acceptance of previously unaccepted roadways. This list of roads was developed from citizen requests.

ARTICLE 31 - TO GRANT AN EASEMENT TO NATIONAL GRID FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FOR THE NEW NORTH BILLERICA FIRE STATION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to grant an easement to National Grid to set poles and attachments for the purpose of providing power and maintaining same located at 176 Boston Road (new North Billerica Fire Station), Plate 15, Parcel 131; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 31 Explanation: This article authorizes the Select Board to establish a permanent easement for Electric Service to the new North Billerica Fire Station.

ARTICLE 32 - THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN

ARTICLE 33 - GENERAL BY-LAW - CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND LABOR LAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by adopting a new By-Law establishing contractor and subcontractor responsibility standards for taxpayer-funded construction projects subject to M.G.L. c. 149; or act in relation thereto.

Proposed By-Law – Article XXVI Construction Contractor Responsibility and Labor Law**Section 1. Authority and Purpose**

This By-Law is adopted pursuant to the Town's authority under M.G.L. c. 30B, M.G.L. c. 149, and other applicable laws governing municipal construction procurement.

The purpose of this By-Law is to ensure that contractors and subcontractors performing taxpayer-funded construction work for the Town are responsible bidders, comply with applicable labor and wage laws, and meet minimum standards of integrity and performance as permitted under state law.

Section 2. Responsibility Determination Based on Final Labor Law Violations

For purposes of eligibility to bid on or perform work on Town construction contracts subject to M.G.L. c. 149, a contractor or subcontractor shall be deemed non-responsible for a period of three (3) years if the contractor or subcontractor has been the subject of a final, non-appealable determination issued by:

- The Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards,
- The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, or
- A court of competent jurisdiction finding a violation of Massachusetts labor laws, including but not limited to:
 - Prevailing wage violations under M.G.L. c. 149 §§ 26-27H,
 - Wage theft or failure to pay wages due,
 - Willful employee misclassification, or
 - Failure to maintain or produce certified payroll records as required under M.G.L. c. 149.

Section 3. Applicability

This By-Law shall apply to all Town construction contracts subject to M.G.L. c. 149, including general contracts and filed sub-bid contracts pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149 §§ 44A-44H.

This By-Law shall apply to both general contractors and subcontractors, including all filed sub-bidders.

No contractor or subcontractor deemed non-responsible under this By-Law shall be eligible to be awarded a contract, listed as a filed sub-bidder, or perform work on a Town construction project during the period of ineligibility.

Section 4. Bid Submission and Certification Requirements

As a condition of bid submission under M.G.L. c. 149, all bidders and sub-bidders shall:

1. Disclose any final determinations described in Section 2;
2. Certify compliance with all applicable Massachusetts labor, wage, and payroll reporting laws; and
3. Certify that all information submitted in connection with eligibility and responsibility is true and complete.

Failure to provide required disclosures or submission of false or misleading information shall constitute grounds for rejection of the bid or sub-bid, or termination of any resulting contract, to the extent permitted by law.

Section 5. Administration

This By-Law shall be administered by the Town Manager or their designee for Town contracts and the School Superintendent or their designee for School Department contracts, who shall be responsible for:

- Reviewing bidder and sub-bidder disclosures,
- Determining responsibility consistent with this By-Law and applicable law, and
- Maintaining records of determinations.

Any determination under this By-Law shall be made consistent with M.G.L. c. 149 responsibility standards and applicable public procurement law.

Section 6. Consistency with State Law

This By-Law is intended to supplement, and shall be interpreted consistently with, M.G.L. c. 149 and all other applicable state procurement and public construction laws.

Nothing in this By-Law shall be construed to conflict with or expand beyond the requirements or limitations of M.G.L. c. 149 or applicable regulations governing public construction procurement.

Section 7. Severability

If any section, provision, or portion of this By-Law is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

Section 8. Effective Date

This By-Law shall take effect upon approval by the Attorney General pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 32 and publication as required by law.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This By-Law is not expected to require a direct appropriation of funds.

Any administrative costs associated with implementation, including review of contractor disclosures and maintenance of responsibility determinations, are anticipated to be minimal and absorbed within existing procurement staffing and procedures.

To the extent the By-Law improves compliance with M.G.L. c. 149 prevailing wage and payroll requirements, it may provide indirect fiscal benefits by:

- Reducing risk of construction delays, corrective work, and change orders,
- Limiting exposure to wage enforcement actions and procurement disputes, and
- Supporting fair competition among responsible bidders and filed sub-bidders.

The Town retains full authority under M.G.L. c. 149 to award contracts in the public interest. The anticipated fiscal impact is neutral to positive over time.

Submitted by John Burrows, Select Board Member

Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 34 - TO AMEND GENERAL BY-LAW, SECTION 20.4, TOWN MANAGER SCREENING COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Law, Section 20.4 Town Manager Screening Committee, by inserting the bold underlined text and deleting the strike through text as follows, or act in relation thereto:

Procedure to fill a vacancy for the Town Manager – Whenever a vacancy occurs in the position of Town Manager or when a vacancy can be anticipated, the **Select Board** ~~Board of Selectmen~~ shall forthwith notify in writing the Town Clerk, the School Committee, the Planning Board, the Finance Committee, the Personnel Board, the Chairmen of the Precinct Delegations and the Committee on Rules. ~~Forthwith~~ Following said notification **within 10 business days**, members of these agencies shall meet in separate sessions to choose persons to serve as members of a committee to screen applicants for the office of Town Manager. Members of the TMSC shall be appointed as follows:

Select Board Board of Selectmen	two (2) members
School Committee	two (2) members
Planning Board	two (2) members
Finance Committee	two (2) members
Committee on Rules	one (1) member
Personnel Board	one (1) member
Chairmen of the Precinct Delegations	three (3) members

Persons chosen by each of the said agencies may, but need not be members of the agency by which they are selected to serve. Not more than ~~fourteen (14)~~ **ten (10)** days following the date of said notification to the Town Clerk, the thirteen (13) members of the Screening Committee, chosen as provided above, shall meet to organize and to plan for a process for the solicitation by appropriate means to attract suitable candidates for the position of Town Manager.

The Screening Committee shall review all applications for the position of Town Manager as may be received by it, screen all applications, and provide for interviews to be conducted with such number of candidates for the position as it may deem to be necessary or desirable.

~~Not more than~~ **The Screening Committee will have their first meeting within 7 days of the final appointment. Within** one hundred and fifty (150) days following the date of **the appointment of the full Screening Committee** ~~said notification to the Town Clerk~~, the Screening Committee shall submit to the **Select Board** ~~Board of Selectmen~~ the names of not less than three (3) and not more than five (5) candidates whom it believes to be best suited to perform the duties of the office. Within thirty (30) days following the date the list of nominees is submitted to it, the **Select Board** ~~Board of Selectmen~~ shall choose one of the said nominees to serve as Town Manager. In the event the **Select Board** ~~Board of Selectmen~~ shall fail to act on such appointment

within the said thirty (30) days, the first name on the list as submitted by the Screening Committee shall be deemed to have been appointed.

Thirty (30) days following the date the Town Manager is sworn in by the Town Clerk, the Screening Committee will be disbanded. The above provisions shall be applicable at any time a vacancy occurs or when by reason of retirement or a vacancy can be anticipated in the position of Town Manager.

Submitted by Michael S. Rosa, Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 35 - PROHIBITION OF CRYPTOCURRENCY ON AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by adding a new Section XXVII establishing a prohibition of cryptocurrency on automated teller machines:

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this By-Law is to protect the residents of the Town of Billerica from financial fraud, consumer deception, and other illicit activities associated with the use of cryptocurrency automated teller machines (also known as “crypto kiosks” or “virtual currency ATMs”). These machines have been identified by the Billerica Police Department as a frequent means by which individuals, often elderly, are victimized in financial scams and other criminal activities. The Town finds that prohibiting such devices serves the public interest, promotes consumer protection, and enhances community safety.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purposes of this By-Law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Cryptocurrency – A digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank, including but not limited to Bitcoin, Ethereum, Litecoin, and similar forms of digital currency.

Cryptocurrency Automated Teller Machine (Crypto ATM or Crypto Kiosk) – Any self-service physical terminal, stand-alone machine, or device installed in a publicly accessible location, that allows a person to:

- a. Insert cash or use a debit/credit card to purchase cryptocurrency;
- b. Convert cryptocurrency to cash or other forms of payment; or
- c. Otherwise exchange a currency for cryptocurrency or vice versa.

Section 3. Prohibition

No person, business, corporation, partnership, or other entity shall install, operate, lease, maintain, or make available any cryptocurrency automated teller machine or cryptocurrency kiosk within the geographic boundaries of the Town of Billerica.

Section 4. Enforcement and Penalties

1. This By-Law shall be enforced by the Billerica Police Department.
2. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.
3. Any violation of this By-Law shall be punishable by a fine of:

First Offense: \$300

Each Subsequent Offense: \$300 per day

Enforceable under non-criminal disposition pursuant to **M.G.L. c. 40 s 21D.**

Section 5. Severability

If any section, paragraph, or provision of this By-Law shall be held invalid for any reason, the remainder shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective Date

This By-Law shall take effect upon approval by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its subsequent posting and publication as required by law.

Or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Select Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 35 Explanation: This article proposes banning cryptocurrency ATMs in the Town of Billerica to protect residents from fraud and scams, which local police reports are frequently associated with these machines. The By-Law prohibits the installation and operation of crypto ATMs town-wide, assigns enforcement to the Billerica Police Department and establishes a \$300 per day fine for violations. This proposed article is intended to enhance consumer protection and public safety.

ARTICLE 36 - TO VOTE TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW SECTION 11.11, MBTA COMMUNITIES MULTIFAMILY OVERLAY DISTRICT (MCMOD)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 11.11, MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District (MCMOD), of the Billerica Zoning By-Law by deleting the strike-through text and inserting the bold text as follows; or act in relation thereto:

11.11.D.3. Accessory Uses. The following uses are considered accessory as of right to any of the permitted uses in Section 11.11.D.

- a. Parking, **in accordance with Section 10.1 and** including surface parking and parking within a structure such as an above ground or underground parking garage or other building on the same lot as the principal use.

And to further amend

11.11.G.2.d. Location of Parking. Parking, either surface or structured, is not allowed between a building and the front yard lot line. On a corner lot, parking is not allowed between the building and **either street frontage** ~~the front and side yard lot lines.~~

And to further add

11.11.G.2.i. Green Strips and Screening. The site design shall comply with Green Strips and Screening requirements, as found in Section 8.3.E.

Submitted by Planning Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 36 Explanation: The Planning Board has completed their review of the first project within the newly adopted MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District. In doing so, they believe these three edits to the standards will help them apply the same quality and predictability of design standards to all sites in town, regardless of zone. Specifically,

Referencing Section 10.1's parking lot standards makes townwide standards like minimum parking space dimensions and landscaping visibly applicable.

Altering the Location of Parking restriction from front and side "yards" to "either street frontage" clarifies the intent to place parking areas behind buildings as it relates to public ways (the area known as "side yards" on corner lots according to Section 8.3.C.1).

Referencing Section 8.3.E's green strips and screening requirements makes townwide standards like landscaped areas around lot perimeters and building perimeters visibly applicable.

ARTICLE 37 - TO VOTE TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW SECTION 4.7

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.7 Site Plan Approval of the Zoning By-Laws (Fall 2025) by deleting the strike through text and inserting the underlined text as follows; or act in relation thereto:

4.7 Site Plan ~~Approval~~ Review

- A. Purpose. ~~This section of the By-Law encourages well-planned site developments that are~~ The purpose of site plan review is to ensure that development occurs in a manner that is harmonious with established land uses, circulation systems, and the natural environment in the Town, in addition to being efficient in function and maintaining or improving public health and safety. This section provides requirements for three tiers of review to provide an objective, efficient, predictable, and equitable review process.
- B. Objectives. The objectives of Site Plan Review include:
1. Protection of adjoining premises on the site;
 2. Convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and in relation to adjacent streets, property, or improvements;
 3. Adequacy of the methods for disposal of sewage, refuse, and other waste resulting from the uses permitted or permissible on the site;
 4. Adequacy of surface water drainage including protection of groundwater;
 5. Adequacy of ingress and egress;
 6. Adequacy of off-street loading and unloading of vehicles, goods, products, and materials incidental to the uses permitted or permissible on the site;
 7. Adequacy of lighting such that all lighting and other sources of illumination, whether interior or exterior, and all intense light emanating from operations or equipment shall be shielded from direct view at normal eye level from adjacent properties;
 8. Adequacy of landscaping and open space to screen, buffer, and separate adjoining uses;
 9. Compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood including size and character of the proposed buildings and site improvements; well-designed site planning which acts to enhance and highlight site features and the surrounding neighborhood; and buildings which not only relate functionally and aesthetically to each other but also which are sensitive to the context of the surrounding area.
 10. Preservation of historic buildings and sites including their renovation, conversion and alteration.
- C. ~~Site Plan Review Special Permit Granting Authority. The SPGA for Section 4.7 shall be the Board designated in Table 1, the Table of Use Regulations.~~

Applicability. Site plan review is required for the construction, exterior alteration, or change of use of any nonresidential, mixed-use, or multi-family building or structure, and for certain site improvements as defined in the Planning Board's Rules and Regulations.

Applications shall be reviewed at one of three tiers, determined by the following thresholds. If a site plan application meets the qualifications of multiple tier categories, the highest applicable tier shall govern.

1. Administrative Site Plan Review. An administrative site plan review is required for any of the following types of improvements:
 - a. New nonresidential, mixed-use, or multi-family construction of less than 1,000 square feet gross floor area;
 - b. Additions between 500 and 999 square feet gross floor area to an existing nonresidential, mixed-use, or multi-family structure;
 - c. A change of use with no increase in parking or traffic demand;
 - d. Construction or expansion of a commercial parking lot by up to four parking spaces;
 - e. The restriping of an existing parking area;
 - f. Any plan resulting in a site disturbance of less than 2,500 square feet;
 - g. Installation of a solar energy system when site plan review is required; or

Modifications to properties with prior site plan approval that have been determined to be a minor change, and the plan has yet to be built out.

2. Minor Site Plan Review. A minor site plan review is required for any of the following types of improvements:
 - a. New nonresidential, mixed-use, or multi-family construction between 1,000 square feet and 4,999 square feet gross floor area;
 - b. Additions between 1,000 square feet and 2,499 square feet gross floor area to an existing nonresidential, mixed-use, or multi-family structure;
 - c. A change of use that increases traffic or parking demand;
 - d. A commercial parking lot that adds between 5 and 14 new parking spaces, either through new construction or expansion;
 - e. Any plan resulting in a site disturbance between 2,500 square feet and 9,999 square feet; or

Modifications to properties with prior site plan approval that have been determined to be a significant change, and the plan has yet to be built out.

3. Major Site Plan Review. A major site plan review is required for any of the following types of improvements:
 - a. New nonresidential, mixed-use, or multi-family construction of 5,000 square feet gross floor area or larger;
 - b. Additions of 2,500 gross floor area or more to an existing nonresidential, mixed-use, or multi-family structure;
 - c. Any project requiring a special permit from the Planning Board;

- d. Construction or expansion of a commercial parking lot or structure by 15 or more parking spaces;
- e. Any plan resulting in a site disturbance of 10,000 square feet or more;
- f. Any plan resulting in site alterations that make changes to public sidewalks;
- g. Any plan resulting in site alterations that require new curb cuts or traffic generating uses;

Modifications to properties with prior site plan approval that have been determined to be a significant change, and the plan has been built out.

4. Exemptions. The following shall be exempt from site plan review:

- a. Any additions to an existing nonresidential, mixed-use, or multi-family structure of less than 500 square feet gross floor area;
- b. Temporary uses; and

Single family homes.

D. ~~Applicability. Site Plan Review approval is required for all uses listed as subject to site plan approval as set forth in the Table of Use Regulations.~~

Review Authority and Coordination with Other Permits.

Upon review the Site Plan Review application for completeness, the Planning and Community Development Department staff shall determine the tier of review and whether review by the Zoning Board of Appeals is required. Staff may consult with the Building Commissioner in this determination.

- 1. Review authority: There shall be administrative site plan review, minor site plan review, and major site plan review. Administrative procedures and details related to these tiers of review are outlined in §4.7.F.
- 2. Special permit and site plan review. Where an activity or use requires both site plan review and one or more special permits the Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority. When both a special permit and site plan review are required, they shall be considered together under the provisions of §4.7.
- 3. Variances and site plan review. Where a project requires both a variance and site plan approval, the variance shall be obtained from the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to submission of an application for Site Plan Review to the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall not accept or act upon a site plan that depends upon zoning relief not yet granted. The Planning Board may submit comments and recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to their public hearing.

E. ~~Application Requirements. The applicant shall file the following information together with an Application and the required filing fee as set forth in the rules of the SPGA:~~

- A. ~~Form: A Civil Engineer, registered in Massachusetts, shall prepare and certify the site plan, which shall be clearly and legibly drawn on mylar to a maximum scale of 1" = 40'.~~

- B. ~~Size of Plan: All sheets that make up the original plan shall be 24" x 36".~~
- C. ~~Number of Copies: The applicant shall provide copies of each plan for purposes of review by other boards, agencies, officers, and outside consultants, as designated in the SPGA Rules. The number of copies to be provided shall be set forth in the SPGA Rules.~~
- D. ~~Contents: A site plan and supporting documents shall at a minimum show the following information:~~
- ~~a. Metes and bounds of the property, area of the property, north point, scale, and date;~~
 - ~~b. Name, address, and signature of the person preparing the site plan stamped with that person's Massachusetts Registration number and seal;~~
 - ~~c. Name and address of the record owner or owners of the property and street address of the property with street number, if one exists at the time of application;~~
 - ~~d. Names of all abutters to the property as they appear in the most recent certified tax list;~~
 - ~~e. The existing topography of the land at two (2) foot contour intervals, Mean Sea Level Datum;~~
 - ~~f. Location, width, and names of all existing and proposed streets that affect the property and are within 100 feet of the property;~~
 - ~~g. Location and width of all existing and proposed easements that affect the property;~~
 - ~~h. Existing and proposed carrying capacity and level of service of the streets that serve the property;~~
 - ~~i. Location and outline of all existing and proposed buildings and structures on the property;~~
 - ~~j. The basement and first floor elevations, the height, and use of all existing and proposed buildings on the property;~~
 - ~~k. Location and outline of cesspools, septic tanks, leaching areas, and wells on the property;~~
 - ~~l. Location and outline of existing public sewers available to serve the site;~~
 - ~~m. Location and outline of proposed access to trunk lines, capacity of the trunk lines, and available increases in flow;~~
 - ~~n. The location of all present and proposed utility systems, including sewage disposal; water supply lines; and telephone, cable, and electrical lines;~~
 - ~~o. Location, size, and type of all existing and proposed storm drains, culverts, catch basins, headwalls, invert elevations and depths, endwalls, hydrants, manholes, drainage swales, percolation tests, storm drainage, and drainage facilities, including adjacent existing waterways and drainage ditches to serve the site and with all calculations for the proposed drainage system;~~
 - ~~p. Profiles of the proposed drainage system together with details of all proposed structures.~~
 - ~~q. An illumination plan showing the location, height, intensity, and bulb type (e.g., fluoresceent, sodium, incandescent) of all external lighting fixtures, and including the direction and illumination and methods proposed to eliminate glare onto adjoining properties;~~
 - ~~r. The location, height, size, and design of all proposed signage;~~
 - ~~s. The location, type of surface, and type of screening of rubbish collection areas and type of container(s);~~

- t. ~~The location of existing major site features, such as rock ridges, ledge outcroppings, wetlands, water retention or detention areas, brooks, bodies of water, waterways or canals, tree lines, and isolated trees to be cleared that are of a 12-inch diameter or greater;~~
- u. ~~A landscape plan showing all buffer areas and the size and type of plant materials to be provided and indicating all proposed changes to existing major site features.~~
- v. ~~The proposed finished topography of the site at two (2) foot contour intervals, Mean Sea Level Datum;~~
- w. ~~The location and description of a permanent type bench mark on or adjacent to the property;~~
- x. ~~The location and description of the bench mark used in establishing the topography;~~
- y. ~~Zoning classification for the property and zoning district lines if the property lies in one or more zoning districts or abuts a zoning district;~~
- z. ~~Where applicable, the location of wetlands and flood plain protection district boundaries;~~
- aa. ~~Description of plans to prevent erosion of soil during and after construction, excessive run-off, and flooding of other properties, if applicable;~~
- bb. ~~The location and type of surface of all existing and proposed parking areas, loading areas, maneuvering areas, driveways, fire lanes, accesses, and walkways, which shall include wheelchair ramps and crosswalks;~~
- cc. ~~The delineation of each parking space, showing the size of a typical parking space for domestic and imported cars, block totals for number of spaces, with the final number of parking spaces noted on the plan in an obvious place;~~
- dd. ~~Traffic flow patterns within site entrances and exits and existing and proposed daily and peak traffic and street capacity levels of ingress and egress streets and drives; site distances of ingress and egress streets and drives onto adjacent streets; loading and unloading areas on the site; and curb cuts on the site and within 100 feet of the site;~~
- ce. ~~For new construction or alterations to any existing building or structure, the area of the building or structure to be used for the proposed use or uses; maximum number of employees; and where applicable, maximum seating capacity; and identification of any federal or state permits required for the project.~~
- ff. ~~A description of the hours of operation of the proposed use.~~
- gg. ~~Deed: A copy of the owner's deed giving a legal description of the site or other evidence of authority or interest of the applicant, whenever the applicant is not the owner of the subject property, such as an executed purchase and sales agreement or appointment as agent of the owner.~~
- hh. ~~Other Permits: Copies of existing variances or special permits applicable to the property, including the book and page reference with the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds.~~

Site Plan Review of Exempt Religious, Educational, Child Care Uses, and Large-Scale Solar Energy Uses.

1. Applicability. Religious and educational uses, Day Care Centers, and school age childcare programs, and Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems, as those uses are defined in this By-Law; which are partially excepted from local zoning regulation by M.G.L. Chapter 40A, §3, shall be

subject to a modified Site Plan Review process as specified by the rules and regulations outlined in this section. The thresholds for tiered site plan review shall apply to these uses.

2. Procedures.
 - a. Demonstration of Qualification. In order to qualify for the modified Site Plan Review standards in §4.7.H, an applicant must satisfy the Building Commissioner that the use is exempt under M.G.L. Ch. 40A, §3.

General Review Procedure. Site Plan Review for these uses shall be reviewed by the Planning Board, with specific review criteria specified in §4.7.H.

- ~~F. Approval Process. A site plan special permit shall be subject to the approval process set forth in the rules adopted by the SPGA. This may require a Technical Review performed by an engineer or other applicable consultant and may include an Architectural Review of those issues called out elsewhere in this section.~~

Procedures.

1. Applicants shall submit an application for site plan approval to the Planning Board in accordance with the Planning Board Rules and Regulations.
2. The Planning Board or its designee shall review and act upon the site plan, requiring such conditions as necessary to satisfy the Review Standards, and notify the applicant in writing of its decision.
 - a. Administrative Site Plan Review: the Planning Board's designee(s) shall render a decision within 45 calendar days of receipt of a complete accepted application, unless extended by mutual agreement. The Planning Board designee(s) may refer administrative site plan review projects to the Planning Board if it is the determination of the designee that the potential impacts of the project require review by the Planning Board. The applicant may also request Planning Board review.
 - b. Minor Site Plan Review: Conducted by the Planning Board at a regularly scheduled or special meeting. The Board shall render a decision within 60 calendar days of a complete accepted application unless extended by mutual agreement.
 - c. Major site plan review. Conducted by the Planning Board at a noticed and advertised public hearing in accordance with MGL c.40A, §11. The Planning Board may employ peer review services for major site plan review, in accordance with the Planning Board Rules and Regulations. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing within 65 calendar days of receipt of a complete accepted application, and shall render a decision within 150 calendar days from the date of submission of a complete application, unless extended by mutual agreement.
3. Security for Site Plan Approval. As a condition of granting site plan approval, the Planning Board may require that the performance of the conditions and observance of the safeguards and limitations imposed on the project be secured by a proper bond or a deposit of money or

- negotiable security sufficient in the opinion of the Planning Board to secure performance of the conditions and observance of the safeguards and limitations of such site plan approval.
4. Failure of the applicable body or its respective designee(s) to act within the required time periods shall be deemed constructive approval.
The applicant may request, and the Planning Board may grant by majority vote as constituted, an extension of the time limits set forth herein.

~~G. Review Criteria. In making its decision, the SPGA shall consider the following:~~

- ~~1. Buildings, Structures, and Site Character: All buildings, structures, and uses of the property shall comply with the use and special permit requirements and dimensional, parking and loading, and signs and lighting regulations of this By Law.. Any property subject to a variance shall comply with the provisions of the variance and need not comply with the section of the Zoning By Law that was varied. Unless otherwise provided by this By Law, any change, substantial extension of a use, reconstruction, extension, or alteration of a pre-existing nonconforming building, structure, or use that requires site plan approval shall comply with this section.~~
- ~~2. Traffic: Adequate access shall be provided to serve the proposed use, building, or structure. Adequate access shall include provision for emergency and fire access and convenient and safe vehicular and pedestrian movements within the site and in relationship to adjoining streets and surrounding properties.~~
- ~~3. Parking, Loading, and Lighting: Safe and adequate parking, lighting, internal traffic control, and off-street loading and unloading shall be provided to permit normal operation of the proposed use.~~
- ~~4. Storm Water and Site Drainage: All storm water and site drainage shall comply with the requirements of any Town By-Laws or rules and regulations pertaining to storm water and site drainage, other than Subdivision Rules and Regulations.~~
- ~~5. Utilities: All utilities shall comply with the requirements of any Town By-Laws or rules and regulations pertaining to utilities. Moreover, all utilities shall be designed in accordance with the requirements of the utility company to which they are associated.~~
- ~~6. Town Services: Unreasonable demands shall not be placed on Town services and infrastructure.~~
- ~~7. Vegetation and Landscaping: Whenever possible, existing vegetation and landscaping amenities shall be preserved to lessen the impact of the proposed use, building, or structure on surrounding properties, and the proposed use, building, and structure shall be integrated into the existing landscape through use of vegetative buffers, introduction of plant materials, slope protection, and retention of open space.~~

~~Wetlands: The issuance of a site plan approval special permit shall be conditioned on obtaining and complying with any Order of Conditions issued by the Billerica Conservation Commission under the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L., c. 131 and on the Rules and Regulations of the Billerica Board of Health.~~

Building Permit. An application for a building permit shall be accompanied by an approved site plan. The applicant shall satisfy or comply with all conditions of the site plan review decision prior to the issuance a building permit except for those conditions that by their terms are intended to be satisfied during construction or later. No building permit shall be issued by the Building Commissioner without the written approval of the site plan by the Planning Board.

1. Unless specifically authorized by the terms of the site plan review decision, a final certificate of occupancy shall not be issued until the applicant has complied with or satisfied all conditions of the site plan review decision and the Building Commissioner has notified the Planning Board of such determination.

~~H. Security for Site Plan Approval Special Permits. The SPGA, as a condition of granting a site plan approval special permit may require that the performance of the conditions and observance of the safeguards and limitations imposed on the special permit be secured by a proper bond or a deposit of money or negotiable security sufficient in the opinion of the SPGA to secure performance of the conditions and observance of the safeguards and limitations of such special permit.~~

General Review Standards. The Planning Board in its regulations shall establish standards for site plan review of activities and uses that will at a minimum address the following:

1. Siting of facilities;
2. Open space, natural features, and the landscape;
3. Wetlands;
4. Circulation and connectivity;
5. Safe, effective and efficient transportation systems;
6. Protection of surface and ground water quality;
7. Signage; and
8. Public safety.

~~I. Effective Date. No site plan approval special permit or any modification, extension or renewal thereof shall take effect until a copy of the decision has been recorded in the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds. The decision shall bear the certification of the Town Clerk that 20 days has elapsed after the decision has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk and that no appeal has been filed, or if an appeal has been filed, it has been dismissed or denied.~~

Waivers. The Planning Board may, upon written request of the applicant, waive or modify strict compliance with the submission requirements or general review standards if it finds that such waiver is in the public interest and consistent with the intent and purposes of this section.

~~J. Time Limitation and Required Report on Site Plan Approval Special Permit. A site plan approval special permit shall lapse if a substantial use thereof has not commenced except for good cause or, in the case of a permit for construction, if construction has not commenced except for good cause within a period to be specified by the SPGA, not to exceed two years from the date of grant thereof.~~

Lapse. Site plan approval shall lapse if substantial use or construction has not commenced within the following time frames:

1. Administrative Site Plan Review: substantial use or construction has not commenced within two (2) years of the date of approval
2. Minor Site Plan Review: substantial use or construction has not commenced within three (3) years of the date of approval
3. Major Site Plan Review: substantial use or construction has not commenced within three (3) years of the date of approval, or if construction has not been substantially completed within six (6) years after such commencement except for good cause.

Approvals may, for good cause, be extended in writing by the Planning Board upon the written request of the applicant.

- K. Regulations. The Planning Board shall adopt and may amend Rules and Regulations consistent with this section to provide detailed submission requirements, application procedures, design standards, and review timelines.
- L. Effective Date. No site plan approval ~~special permit~~ or any modification, extension or renewal thereof shall take effect until the following a copy of the decision has been recorded in the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds. The decision shall bear the certification of the Town Clerk that 20 days has elapsed after the decision has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk and that no appeal has been filed, or if an appeal has been filed, it has been dismissed or denied.
- M. ~~Appeal. An appeal from a decision of the SPGA may be taken in accordance with G.L. c. 40A, § 17.~~ Any decision of the Planning Board or its designee(s) pursuant to this §4.7 shall be appealed in accordance with G.L. c. 40A, s. 17.

And to further amend the following sections to account for the changes in Section 4.7 Site Plan Approval

Section 6.2.E: Use Regulations, General

- E. Site plan review is required for the construction, exterior alteration, or change of use of any nonresidential, mixed-use, or multi-family building or structure, and for certain site improvements specified under Section 4.7. ~~Any non-residential building with an aggregate sum of 5,000 square feet gross floor area or greater per site shall require site plan approval special permit by the Planning Board. This includes any additions to an existing, non-residential building that increases the aggregate sum of the gross floor area to more than 5,000 square feet per lot.~~

Section 6.3.B Table of Use Regulations, DELETE:

~~SA — A use requiring a special permit and site plan approval from the Planning Board~~

Section 6.5.C.1.d.(i) Special Regulations for Solar Energy Conversion Systems (SECS), AMEND reference to:

~~“A, B, E (except subsection 1), G, I, J, and K”~~ to “Section 4.7”

Section 6.5.C.2.c.(i) Special Regulations for Solar Energy Conversion Systems (SECS), AMEND reference to:

~~“A, B, E (except subsection 1), G, I, J, and K”~~ to “Section 4.7”

Section 8.3 General Regulations, subsection E.7, Green Strips and Screening, AMEND reference to:

~~“Special Permit”~~ to “Review”

Section 11.7, Mill Conversion and Reuse Overlay District (MCROD), subsection D., AMEND:

Special Permit. Uses other than those allowed within the underlying zone(s) require a special permit pursuant to Section 4.3 by the Planning Board and a Site Plan approval by the Planning Board pursuant to Section 4.7 of this By-Law. No other uses or structures shall be permitted in conjunction with a project except as specifically stated herein.

Section 11.7, Mill Conversion and Reuse Overlay District (MCROD), subsection F.1.a AMEND:

(i) A site plan and all supporting documents, as set forth in Section 4.7 of this By-Law and pursuant to the Planning Board Rules and Regulations.

~~(ii) A plan at a scale of 1" = 40' showing the topography of the site at a minimum of two-foot contour intervals. The plan must use the Massachusetts State Plane (NAD 83) coordinate system and include vegetation and special features including wetlands, perennial streams and ponds, waterways, waterfalls, canals and dams, trees of more than 8 inches caliper, rock outcroppings, slopes in excess of fifteen percent (15%), existing and proposed trails and walkways, vistas, structures of historical importance, biological or wildlife habitats, and proposed and existing conservation or recreation easements.~~

~~(iii) A plan illustrating preliminary landscaping and architectural design, showing types, locations and layout of buildings and elevations as well as the general height, bulk and appearance of structures. Perspectives may be required at Board's discretion.~~

~~(iv)~~ ii) A floor plan to scale for each floor of each building indicating where applicable, the number of units by type, the number of bedrooms per dwelling unit, the proposed use(s) of floor space and the location of affordable dwelling units.

(viii) A plan for the care, custody and control of all dams, canals and water rights located on the site or owned or controlled by the applicant.

Section 11.8 Medical Marijuana Overlay District (MMOD), subsection F, AMEND:

Exemption from RMD Special Permit Requirement. RMDs that demonstrate they are protected pursuant to the agricultural exemption under G.L. c.40A §3 are not required to obtain a special permit but shall apply for Site Plan Review ~~Approval~~ pursuant to Section 4.7 of this By-Law.

Submitted by the Planning Board

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 37 Explanation: Current Site Plan regulations are triggered by one criteria: that a building be over 5,000sf. At that point, a public hearing with extensive review costs and a requirement for a special permit discretionary finding are imposed, regardless of how simple the scope may be, and if the use is otherwise permitted by right. This trigger does not account for significant site work alone, nor for buildings less than 5,000sf. It also does not address modifications to existing sites.

The Town contracted with Barrett Planning Group in 2024 for a Zoning Diagnostic Report, which provided two specific recommendations on this topic: to uncouple the requirement for a special permit in the Site Plan section (where special permits are already required or not based on the Table of Uses) and to consider adopting “tiers” of site plan review, such as a minor/administrative and a major which could better balance the intensity of review to the scope of the proposal.

The Town contracted with Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG) through a grant for District Local Technical Assistance to address these issues and recommendations. The proposed By-Law is a result of this work and will streamline the site plan review process, reduce unnecessary delays for small projects, reinforce Billerica as a business-friendly community, and align the Town with best practices in zoning and land use regulation.

ARTICLE 38 - ESSA FOSTER CARE TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT

To see if the Town of Billerica will vote to authorize the Superintendent of the Billerica Public Schools to enter into Memoranda of Understanding (“MOUs”) with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (“EOHHS”), Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (“DESE”), and/or the Department of Children and Families (“DCF”) in order for the Billerica Public Schools to receive Federal reimbursements for transportation of students in foster care under the Federal Title IV-E Claiming of Transportation Expenditures for Children in Foster Care Program and to authorize that payments for foster care transportation under the MOUs will be made from the reimbursement(s) recovered as a result of the foster care transportation services being performed without appropriation of such reimbursements pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 70; and to authorize the Superintendent to otherwise act in accordance with the MOUs and M.G.L. c. 44, § 70 relative to foster care transportation and reimbursement therefore; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Billerica School Committee

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 38 Explanation: Following the School Committee’s affirmative vote on January 20, 2026, and the Select Board’s vote on February 2, 2026, this Article ensures the Billerica Public Schools can enter into said agreements with EOHHS, DESE and DCF, so that the School District can be eligible to receive Federal Title IV-E reimbursements for transporting children in foster care to their school or origin, which transportation is required by the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (“ESSA”).

ARTICLE 39 - TO VOTE TO DEED CERTAIN TOWN-OWNED PARCELS TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, Subsection 15A, to transfer the following parcels of land from the Select Board to the Conservation Commission for active and passive recreation, open space and conservation purposes, provided, however, that use of the parcels for the installation, maintenance, repair and operation of utilities including, but not limited to, water, sewer and stormwater, and supporting infrastructure, both above and below ground, shall be permitted, and whereby such parcels shall be subject to the protections of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and G.L. Chapter 3, Subsection 5A;

Land to be Transferred (Assessor's Map and Parcel):

Map 100 parcel 162-0, 163-0, 164-0, 168-0, 169-0, 170-0, 171-2, 172-0, 174-0, 176-0, 178-0, 179-0, 182-0, 185-0, 186-0, 188-0, 190-0, 191-0, 192-0, 29-0, 30-0, 32-0, 34-0, 35-0, 36-0, 38-0, 39-0, 40-0, 41-1, 41-3, 44-0, 46-0, 48-0, 50-0, 51-0, 52-0, 53-0
Map 99 parcel 516-0, 518-0, 519-0
Map 106 parcel 3-0

or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Michael S. Rosa, Select Board Member, on behalf of the Open Space and Recreation Committee.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 39 Explanation: This article is seeking to transfer forty-two (42) Town-owned parcels from the Select Board to Conservation for protection. These parcels are in the floodplain of Shawsheen River tributaries and are predominantly wetlands. The deed will include language allowing the DPW to install infrastructure such as, but not limited to, water, sewer and stormwater and supporting infrastructure if needed. This article serves the same purpose as 2025 Fall Town Meeting Warrant Article 31, which passed with 133 votes in favor and 9 opposed. The Open Space and Recreation Committee voted unanimously to submit this article.

ARTICLE 40 - TO VOTE TO DEED CERTAIN TOWN-OWNED PARCELS TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, Subsection 15A, to transfer the following parcels of land from the Select Board to the Conservation Commission for active and passive recreation, open space and conservation purposes, provided, however, that use of the parcels for the installation, maintenance, repair and operation of utilities including, but not limited to, water, sewer and stormwater, and supporting infrastructure, both above and below ground, shall be permitted, and whereby such parcels shall be subject to the protections of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and G.L. Chapter 3, Subsection 5A;

Land to be Transferred (Assessor's Map and Parcel):

Map 59 parcel 80-0 & 85-0
Map 90 parcel 119-0, 121-0 & 218-0
Map 102 parcel 1-0

Or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by Michael S. Rosa, Select Board Member, on behalf of the Open Space and Recreation Committee

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Article 40 Explanation: This article is seeking to transfer six (6) Town-owned parcels from the Select Board to Conservation for protection. These parcels were removed from Warrant Article 31 of the 2025 fall Town Meeting because the DPW requested more time to review them. The DPW is now in favor of transferring these properties because there will be language in the deed allowing the DPW to install infrastructure such as, but not limited to, water, sewer and stormwater and supporting infrastructure if needed. This article serves the same purpose as 2025 Fall Town Meeting Warrant Article 31, which passed 133 votes in favor and 9 opposed. The Open Space and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to submit this article.

ARTICLE 41 - TO TRANSFER A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS CIDERMILL PROPERTY TO THE SELECT BOARD FOR ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION PURPOSES

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, Subsection 15A, to transfer a certain parcel of land known as the Cidermill Property, located off of Andover Road, containing 41.03 acres, more or less, and described in a deed recorded with the Middlesex Registry of Deeds in Book 35347, Page 53, and also shown on Assessors Map 51 as Parcels 75-0, 60-27 and 54-3, to the Select Board for active and passive recreation, open space, and conservation purposes, including, but not limited to, the construction and installation of playground equipment, seating, bleachers, and buildings containing bathrooms, meeting space, and equipment-storage, as well as the installation of utilities and facilities necessary to support the uses allowed on the site, and whereby such parcel shall be subject to the protections of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and G.L. Chapter 3, Subsection 5A; or act in relation thereto.

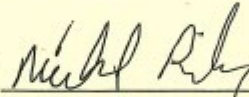
Submitted by Daniel Darris-O'Connor, Select Board Member

Finance Committee recommends approval.

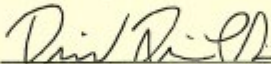
And you are hereby directed to serve this Final Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof, one copy at Augusta Market, 599 Boston Road, one copy at Belly Buster Restaurant, 306 Boston Road, one copy at the Billerica Center Police Station, 6 Good Street, one copy at the Billerica Center Post Office, 460 Boston Road, one copy at the Billerica Public Library, 15 Concord Road, one copy at the Billerica Town Hall, 365 Boston Road, one copy at the East Billerica Fire Station, 295 Salem Road, one copy at Market Basket, Towne Plaza, 700 Boston Road, one copy at the Ninety-Nine Restaurant, 160 Lexington Road, one copy at the North Billerica Fire Station, 21 Lowell Street, one copy at the North Billerica Post Office, 95 Boston Road, one copy at the Nutting Lake Post Office, 612 Middlesex Turnpike, one copy at the Pinehurst Fire Station, 832 Boston Road, one copy at the Pinehurst Post Office, 880 Boston Road, one copy at Sal's Pizza, 328 Boston Road, one copy at Stelio's Family Restaurant, 293 Boston Road and one copy at the West Billerica Fire Station, 359 Treble Cove Road.

Given under our hands this 5th day of May 2026.

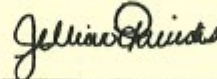
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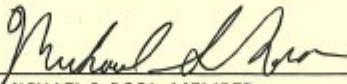
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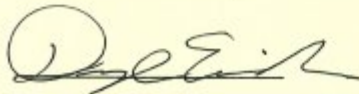


MICHAEL S. ROSA, MEMBER



DINA M. FAVREAU, MEMBER

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Constable, Town of Billerica