

**WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF LANESBOROUGH  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
FISCAL YEAR 2019**

BERKSHIRE, ss.

May 29, 2018

To any of the Police Officers of the Town of Lanesborough:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Lanesborough, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lanesborough Elementary School, 188 Summer Street in said Lanesborough on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following Articles of business, Articles 2 through 26 and action on Article 1, will take place on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at the Town Hall at 83 North Main Street, Lanesborough and the polls will be open at noon and close at 8:00 P.M.

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect the necessary Town Officers on one ballot;  
One Selectman for three years;  
Two Finance Committee member for three years;  
One Lanesborough Elementary School Committee member for three years;  
One Planning Board member for five years;  
One Planning Board member for two years;  
One Library Trustee for three years;  
One Moderator for one year;

**ARTICLE 2.** To fix the compensation of all elected Town Officers as provided by M.G.L. c. 41, s. 108, as amended, and to hear the budget, act thereon and raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to defray charges and expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)  
(The Finance Committee Vote on the Budget was 3-2)*

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the operation of the Ambulance Enterprise **\$37,110.00** for salaries and expenses, to be raised as follows: Departmental Receipts - **\$37,110.00**; or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)  
(Recommended 5-0 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the operation of the Sewer Enterprise **\$45,302.00** for expenses and budgeted surplus and that **\$45,302.00** be raised from user fees, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)  
(Recommended 5-0 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from funds to be received from the Baker Hill Road District, the sum not to exceed **\$241,525.00** to the Baker Hill Road District Police Salaries and Expenses Account for Fiscal Year 2019 pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer **\$50,000.00** from Free Cash into the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$50,000.00**, or any other sum, to pay the Town's contribution to the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$46,000.00** for the purchase and equipping of a Police Vehicle, with or without a trade, and further to transfer from the Baker Hill Road District Fund the sum of **\$23,000.00** and transfer from Free Cash **\$23,000.00** for said appropriation; or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to make expenditures from the Transportation Bond Bill for the repair and maintenance of roadways in Lanesborough in anticipation of revenue and allow for the carry over of the funds from year to year until expended, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash **\$45,000.00** to be used by the Assessor to reduce the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$5,000.00** for repair, design and professional services and any costs incidental thereto for the improvement of roads around and near Pontoosuc Lake, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$8,000.00** for General Code Publishing for professional services and any costs incidental thereto for the organization and updating of the Town's Bylaws, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 2-2-1 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to declare **Lanesborough to be a Pollinator-Friendly Community.**

**Resolution Declaring Lanesborough to be a Pollinator-Friendly Community**

The purpose of this advisory, non-binding resolution is to encourage awareness, education and voluntary action in support of pollinators. Bees, butterflies, and other pollinators are vital parts of our ecosystem, provide essential services for valued crops, and thus contribute to our local agricultural economy.

Whereas, bees, and other pollinators are an essential component of a healthy ecosystem and a vital link in our food system, providing pollination to grow vegetables, herbs, and fruits;

Whereas, locally grown crops such as apples, blueberries, strawberries, squash, and tomatoes depend on pollinators and thus are at risk; and

Whereas, pollinator populations are in sharp decline due to human land use practices that are causing ongoing habitat loss and fragmentation, the expansion of pesticide use by consumers and professionals, and the spread of pathogens and parasites; and

Whereas, extensive research has documented that neonicotinoids and other systemic pesticides have been correlated with illness and death to bees, butterflies, moths, and other beneficial pollinators, and

Whereas, guidelines for Integrated Pest Management practices are available which allow residents, businesses, farms, and towns to manage their land in ways that dramatically increase pollinator forage and nest sites while decreasing maintenance costs; and

Whereas, the monetary and social costs of maintaining pollinator-friendly landscapes can be less expensive than costs associated with maintaining chemically-treated mono-crop landscapes;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Town Meeting of the Town of Lanesborough that the Town of Lanesborough is hereby declared a Pollinator-Friendly Community and that the Town encourages the adoption of policies and practices that support pollinator health by minimizing the use and sale of pesticides and encouraging property owners, residents, town departments, and business owners to adopt pollinator-friendly best practices including:

- Delaying the mowing of fields to allow fall-blooming asters and goldenrods to bloom to provide an important food resource for pollinators getting ready to over-winter.
- Avoiding the planting of flowering plants which are treated with systemic insecticides and avoiding the use of seeds coated with systemic neonicotinoids.
- Planting diverse grass mixes for lawns that include low flowering ground covers such as clover while welcoming the presence of naturally occurring, low-growing wildflowers.
- Reducing lawn mowing schedules so as to allow these flowering ground covers to bloom to provide an important food resource for pollinators throughout the seasons and to reduce overall maintenance costs.
- Avoiding homeowner applications of pesticides that require a neighbor notification flag by the state of Massachusetts about the risks to children and animals, and avoiding non-agricultural homeowner usage of glyphosate products (e.g. RoundUp).
- Where possible, replacing portions of grassed areas with low maintenance flowering perennial shrubs, wildflower corridors, and trees.
- Allowing fallen leaves to remain along property borders under trees and shrubs as overwintering sites for insects (and birds).

The Town Clerk is requested to send copies of this resolution to Governor Charles Baker, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner John Lebeaux, State Senator Adam Hinds, and State Representative John Barrett, or to take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 2-0-3 by the Finance Committee)*  
*(Recommended 3-0 by the Agricultural Commission)*

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$49,000.00** for the purchase and equipping of a Highway Pick-up Truck and related equipment, with or without a trade, and to meet this appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of **\$49,000.00** under applicable sections of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and to issue bonds and notes therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

*( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote required)*  
*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by amending the "Zoning Map of Lanesborough, Massachusetts," dated November 13, 2012 as follows;

Rezoning the "Limited Business" district on both sides of North Main Street (US ROUTE 7) running from Parcel 102-3 (495 North Main St) to Parcel 217-88 (120 Williamstown Rd) to "Business".

A copy of the Amended Map is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

*( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote required)*  
*(Recommended 2-0-1 the Board of Selectmen)*

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, amending SECTION VIII – SPECIAL PROVISIONS, B. PARKING REQUIREMENTS by changing the parking requirements for 5. to read as follows;

One space for each ~~200~~350 square feet or fraction thereof of any retail, wholesale, or service establishment.

or take any other action relative thereto.

*( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote required)*  
*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, by amending SECTION IX - PERMITS, D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, 2. DIMENSIONAL VARIANCES, by adding the underlined language to the existing text;

Dimensional variances shall comply with the review procedures of Section IX-B.3 and shall only be granted upon the written finding that each of the following statutory requirements contained in GL c. 40A, s. 10 as amended, have been met by the applicant, as follows:

or take any other action relative thereto.

*( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote required)*  
*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*

**ARTICLE 18. REPEAL GENERAL BYLAW #27.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws by deleting Chapter 27, entitled "Revolving Funds", in its entirety.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 19. CREATE LOCAL ACCESS TELEVISION ENTERPRISE FUND.** To see if the Town will vote to create a Local Access Television Enterprise Fund per M.G.L. 44 53 F ½, which establishes an enterprise fund for cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of cable franchise agreement(s), the fund to begin operation for fiscal year 2019, which begins on July 1, 2018, and further to transfer existing funds from the Cable TV Revolving Account into said Local Access Television Enterprise Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 20. ACCEPTANCE OF EVELYN AVENUE.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the roadway known as Evelyn Avenue, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled “Survey of Land in Lanesborough, Massachusetts Prepared for Town of Lanesborough for the Purpose of Taking Easements ‘Evelyn Avenue’,” dated April 25, 2018, prepared by Taconic Land Consultants, and on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain the fee to and/or easements in Evelyn Avenue for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Lanesborough, and any drainage, utility, access, and/or other easements related thereto, all as shown on the plan, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 by the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Planning Board)*

**ARTICLE 21. ACCEPTANCE OF ORCHARD STREET.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the roadway known as Orchard Street, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled “Survey of Land in Lanesborough, Massachusetts Prepared for Town of Lanesborough for the Purpose of Taking Easements ‘Orchard Street’,” dated April 5, 2018, prepared by Taconic Land Consultants, and on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain the fee to and/or easements in Orchard Street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Lanesborough, and any drainage, utility, access, and/or other easements related thereto, all as shown on the plan, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 by the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Planning Board)*

**ARTICLE 22. ACCEPTANCE OF GLASSWORKS ROAD (PORTION).** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the roadway known as Glassworks Road (Portion), as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled “Survey of Land in Lanesborough, Massachusetts Prepared for Town of Lanesborough for the Purpose of Taking Easements ‘Glassworks Road’,” dated April 10, 2018, prepared by Taconic Land Consultants, and on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain the fee to and/or easements in Glassworks Road (Portion) for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Lanesborough, and any

drainage, utility, access, and/or other easements related thereto, all as shown on the plan, or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 by the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Planning Board)*

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the operation of the Local Access Television Enterprise Fund **\$15,000.00** for salaries and expenses, to be raised as follows: Departmental Receipts - **\$15,000.00**; or take any other action relative thereto.

*(Recommended 3-0 the Board of Selectmen)*  
*(Recommended 5-0 by the Finance Committee)*

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by amending the "Zoning Map of Lanesborough, Massachusetts," dated November 13, 2012 as follows;

Rezoning the "Limited Business" district on the western side of North Main Street (US ROUTE 7) from Parcel 105-58 (The Olde Forge Restaurant) to Parcel 104-2 (First set of power lines) and the eastern side of Town Brook to "Business".

A copy of the Amended Map is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

*( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote required)*  
*(Recommended 2-0-1 the Board of Selectmen)*

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by amending the "Zoning Map of Lanesborough, Massachusetts," dated November 13, 2012 as follows;

Rezoning the "Limited Business" district on Parcels 242-9 through 11 and Parcels 235 - 17 through 19 to "Business".

A copy of the Amended Map is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

*( $\frac{2}{3}$  vote required)*  
*(Recommended 2-0-1 the Board of Selectmen)*

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by adding the following new Section 31 as follows:

The number of Recreational Marijuana Retailers permissible to be located in the Town shall be limited to two (2), which number is more than twenty percent (20%) of the number of licenses issued within the Town for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold pursuant to G.L. c.138 §15.

*(Recommended 2-0 the Board of Selectmen)*

The business meeting at which Articles 2 through 26 will be acted upon will commence at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at the Lanesborough Elementary School, 188 Summer Street in said Lanesborough. The election, or action on Article 1, will take place on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at the Town Hall, 83 North Main Street, Lanesborough and the polls will be open at noon and close at 8:00 p.m.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting True Attested copies thereof in three public places and convenient places in the Town, at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Date signed:

TOWN OF LANESBOROUGH  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

5/29/18

*John Goerlach*

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John Goerlach, Chair

*Robert Ericson*

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Robert Ericson

*Henry Sayers*

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I have posted true and attested copies of said Warrant at the Lanesborough Post Office, the Lanesborough Town Hall and the Bob's Country Kitchen.

*Timothy Sorrell*

6/4/18

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POLICE OFFICER

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DATE

*Ruth Knysk*

6/4/18

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TOWN CLERK

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