

# TOWN OF BERKLEY

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Moderator: John D. Blake

Town Clerk: Deborah Pereira

Berkley Community School

Attendance: 192

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

Mr. Blake started with The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the veterans and those that were not with us tonight. He motioned to the exits in the event of an emergency. He also pointed out the guests that were in attendance.

The Moderator entertained a motion and it was seconded, to dispense with the reading of the warrant in its entirety. The Moderator declared the motion carried by majority.

### ARTICLE 1.

A motion was made by George Miller and seconded to hear the report of the Finance Committee.

Joe Freitas, Chairman Finance Committee, reads report and states that the Finance Committee unanimously supports this budget and urges the approval of the Capital Improvement recommendations.

Moderator closes Article 1

### ARTICLE 2.

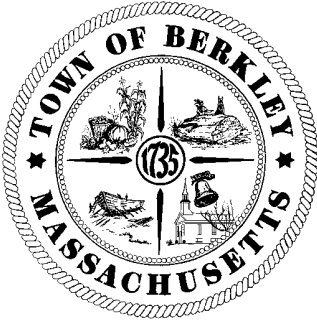
A motion was made by Wendy Cochrane and seconded to hear the report of the Capital Improvement

Planning Committee. Richard Moroff, Chairman of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, explains the recommendations for items listed on the supplement for Article 3. He explained that the town has extra free cash from an audit and feels this is the time to play catch up

Moderator closes Article 2

### ARTICLE 3.

A motion was made by Heather Martin-Sterling and seconded that the Town transfer and appropriate from Free Cash the following amounts. Before the article is presented, Dean Larabee, member of Regional School Committee, suggests that the electronic sign, \$48, 000, be put on hold. Motion was made to hold and seconded by the voters.



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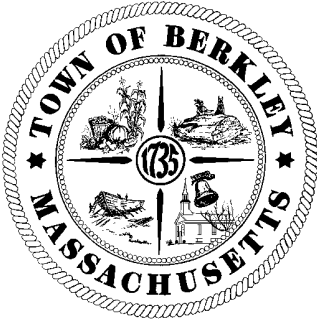
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## ARTICLE 3 SUPPLEMENT AS PRESENTED

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>
Snow and Ice	Snow Removal	\$75,000.00
Highway	Pick Up with Plow	\$39,000.00
	Garage door	\$6,800.00
	Bailer	\$20,000.00
Police	EZEC Trailer	\$6,495.00
	Suspended Ceiling Repair	\$5,190.00
	Scan Machine	\$21,000.00
Town Hall	Generator	\$50,000.00
	Electronic Sign	\$48,000.00
	IT Upgrades	\$25,000.00
School Department	English Language Arts Program	\$90,000.00
	Security improvements	\$12,000.00
Fire Department	Plymovement station 2	\$26,900.00
	FitTest Mach	\$13,940.00
	Radio update	\$10,000.00
Library	Computer Upgrades	\$1,700.00
	Window AC units600	\$600.00
	Alarm Upgrades	\$2,500.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$454,125.00</b>
<b>And Transfer to Stabilization</b>		<b>\$642,612.00</b>
<b>For a total of:</b>		<b><u>\$1,096,737.00</u></b>



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Marge Ghilarducci approached the floor to express her concerns about an electronic sign in the town and the affect it would have on the historical atmosphere in the Town. After a round of applause, motion was made to c all for vote and it was seconded.

Article 3 as amended:      Table Electronic sign \$48, 000.00  
                                 Subtotal of all transfers and appropriations \$406,125.00  
                                 And transfer to Stabilization \$690,612.00  
                                 For a total of \$1,096,737.00

Vote Quantum, simple majority  
VOTE, PASS, UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 4.                      A motion was made by George Miller and it was seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, and transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for the payment of the outlays of the following town departments for the ensuing twelve (12) month period through June 30, 2020 all as set forth in the budget presented by the Finance Committee:

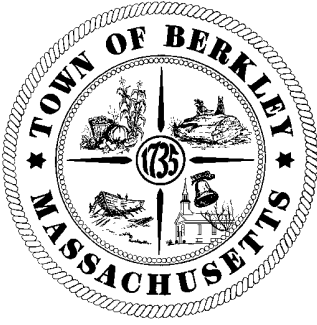
FULL REPORT ATTACHED

For a total from taxation of	\$ 5,205,121.00
From Ambulance User Fees	\$ 225,000.00
<b>Totaling</b>	<b>\$ 5,430,121.00</b>

No discussion  
Vote Quantum, simple majority  
VOTE, PASS, UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 5.                      A motion was made by Wendy Cochrane and it was seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide for the payment of the outlays of the following town governmental accounts for Debt Service for the ensuing twelve (12) month period through June 30, 2020 all as set forth in the budget presented by the Finance Committee:

ACCOUNT NAME	RETIREMENT OF DEBT
MIDDLE SCHOOL	1,080,000
SCHOOL RENO DEBT 2	10,000
TOWN WELL	20,000
MULTI-USE LAND	75,000
TOWN OFFICE BLDG	150,000
SBRSD HIGH SCHOOL	337,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,672,500</b>



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ACCOUNT NAME	INTEREST
MIDDLE SCHOOL	43,200
SCHOOL RENO INT. 2	900
TOWN WELL	1,800
MULTI-USE LAND	6,600
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING	93,300
SBRSD HIGH SCHOOL	242,623
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>388,423</b>

For a total from taxation of \$2,060,923.00

No discussion  
Vote Quantum, simple majority  
VOTE, PASS, UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE 6.

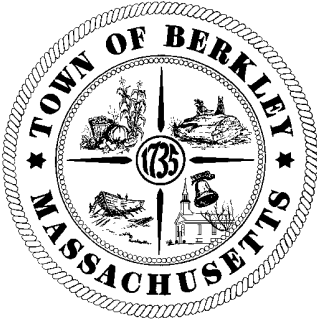
A motion was made by Heather Martin-Sterling that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, and transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for the payment of the outlays of the following Town School related expenses for the ensuing twelve (12) month period through June 30, 2020 all as set forth in the budget presented by the Finance Committee:

**Berkley School Department**

Berkley School Spending	\$ 7,834,360
Salaries Elected School Committee	\$ 924
K-8 Health Insurance	\$ 875,211
K-8 Transportation	\$ 544,288
K-8 Workers Comp. Insurance	\$ 45,150
K-8 Liability Insurance	\$ 65,824
B/P Regional Vocational High School	\$848,918
Bristol Agricultural High School Assessment	\$ 27,804

**For a total from taxation of** **\$ 10,242,479.00**

No discussion  
Vote Quantum, simple majority  
VOTE, PASS, UNANIMOUS



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### ARTICLE 7.

A motion was made by George Miller that the Town transfer from the Somerset/Berkley Regional School District stabilization fund the sum of \$2,581,970. 00 to pay its assessed share of the Somerset/Berkley Regional School District Budget for fiscal year 2020.

No discussion  
Vote Quantum, simple majority  
VOTE, PASS, UNANIMOUS

### ARTICLE 8.

A motion was made by Wendy Cochrane that the Town vote to authorize expenditure limitations for the following revolving funds pursuant to G.L. c. 44, § 53E½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, to be expended in accordance with Article 35 of the General Bylaws: wiring inspector, \$10,000; gas inspector, \$10,000; plumbing inspector, \$10,000; Board of Appeals, \$5,000; Planning Board, \$10,000; Soil Conservation Board, \$5,000; Board of Health, \$48,300; Police Department, \$60,000; School Department, \$60,000.

No discussion  
Vote Quantum, simple majority  
VOTE, PASS, UNANIMOUS

### ARTICLE 9.

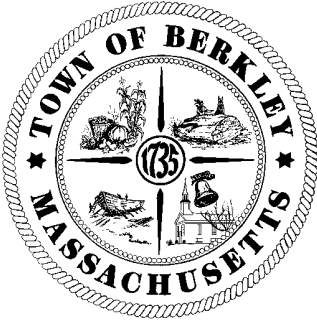
A motion was made by Heather Martin-Sterling that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allocated by the Commonwealth and/or federally aided programs for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town Roads.

No discussion  
Vote Quantum, simple majority  
VOTE, PASS, LITTLE OPPOSITION

### ARTICLE 10.

A motion was made by George Miller and it was seconded the Town vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to hire one or more of its members to do annual tax maintenance on real and personal property and to set the fee paid to said members at \$15.00 per parcel, said funds to be paid from Annual Tax Maintenance Account.

No discussion  
Vote Quantum, simple majority  
VOTE, PASS, UNANIMOUS



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### ARTICLE 11.

A motion was made by Wendy Cochrane and it was seconded that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Ch. 126 of the Acts of 1988, amending Sec. 4 of Ch. 73 of the Acts of 1986, to allow an additional exemption which shall be for all exemptions and none of which shall exceed 25% of said exemption for which they qualify in Fiscal Year 2019.

No discussion  
Vote Quantum, simple majority  
VOTE, PASS, UNANIMOUS

### ARTICLE 12.

A motion was made by Heather Martin- Sterling that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Health to appoint one or more of its members as agents(s) of the Board of Health as well inspectors and sanitation inspectors and to set the dollar amount for said agents Inspector fees as follows: \$75.00 per perc hole, \$100.00 per well inspection, \$150 per sanitation inspection, \$75.00 per food service inspection, \$50.00 per pumper truck inspection, \$75.00 for other miscellaneous inspections when a license or certificate is required.

No discussion  
Vote Quantum, simple majority  
VOTE, PASS, UNANIMOUS

### ARTICLE 13.

A motion was made by George Miller and it was seconded that the Town vote to approve the Planning Board's appointment, pursuant to G.L.c. 268A, sec. 21A, of Donna Leary as Master Plan Administrator or Coordinator, under the supervision of said Board, while she is also serving as a member of said Board.

No discussion  
Vote Quantum, simple majority  
VOTE, PASS, UNANIMOUS

Moderator John Blake makes a motion to adjourn and it is seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM

A True Record Attest,

Deborah Pereira, Town Clerk



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