

TOWN OF DALTON
BERKSHIRE COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WAHCONAH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
150 OLD WINDSOR ROAD, DALTON, MA
THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.

MOTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

- ARTICLE 1. I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,631,083 to fund the Police Department operating budget for Fiscal Year 2026, of which \$173,339 shall be for expenses and \$1,457,744 shall be for salaries.

Explanation: This amount is \$33,841 less than the amount originally requested in Article 3 of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting for salaries and expenses.

- ARTICLE 2. I move that the Town amend its vote taken on the motion for Article 3 of the warrant for the May 5, 2025 Annual Town Meeting, by reducing the amount appropriated for the FY 2026 operating budget in the following accounts:

Account #139 (Town Audit)	\$22,500
<u>Account #449 (Sewer Treatment)</u>	<u>\$68,000</u>
TOTAL REDUCTION	\$90,500

Explanation: This includes reduced amounts discovered after the FY26 operating budget was approved at the Annual Town Meeting on May 5, 2025.

- ARTICLE 3. I move that the Town amend the second vote taken on the motion for Article 22 of the warrant for the May 5, 2025 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriated the sum of \$250,000 to purchase and equip a truck with sewer flushing equipment for the Department of Public Works, by transferring from Free Cash an additional sum of \$20,000.

Explanation: This would appropriate the sum of \$20,000, based on a firm quote, for the new sewer truck and flusher that was recently approved for purchase in the amount of \$250,000 at the May 5, 2025 Annual Town Meeting under Article 22, and includes lighting and lettering.

- ARTICLE 4. I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$40,391 for the purpose of funding a deficit in the Fiscal Year 2025 "Snow and Ice" account, of which \$23,461 shall be for salaries and \$16,930 shall be for expenses.

Explanation: The "Snow and Ice" account is the only Town account that is allowed to be overspent. This year, the DPW spent \$40,391 more than was in the original budget, which was \$169,170.

ARTICLE 5. I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$59,000 for the purpose of funding professional and technical work to ensure the compliance of the Berkshire Concrete Corporation with the conditions of their special permit and with Town orders.

Explanation: This would appropriate funds to pay for legal and engineering work, and any other professional or technical work necessary, to help ensure the compliance of the Berkshire Concrete Corporation with all Town requirements.

ARTICLE 6. I move that the Town rescind its vote taken on the motion for Article 10 of the warrant for the May 5, 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

The motion for Article 10 appropriated the sum of \$34,116 from the Sewer Stabilization Account to pay the City of Pittsfield for additional costs of sewage treatment. It has since been determined that the Town does not need this appropriation because the amount appropriated in the original budget is sufficient to cover the revised invoice from the City of Pittsfield, which reduced the amount owed by \$141,292. This complements the reduction in the operating budget requested in Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting warrant.