TOWN OF BECKET

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

SATURDAY, June 6, 2020

3:00 P.M.

Becket Center Ballfield
Adjacent to Town Hall
Or
If social distancing measures have been lifted
BECKET WASHINGTON SCHOOL
12 MAPLE STREET
BECKET, MASSACHUSETTS

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Town of Becket
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Becket in said County of Berkshire,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Becket, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the **BECKET CENTER BALL FIELD or** if social distancing measures are lifted **BECKET WASHINGTON SCHOOL, 12 Maple Street, Becket, on the 6th Day of June 2020, at 3:00 P.M.**, for the following purposes:

ARTICLE 1 **COMPENSATION**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 41, section 108 of the General Laws, to fix the compensation of the Board of Selectmen at $2,175 each and pursuant to Chapter 41, section 4A of the General Laws, to allow the following boards to employ their members at the listed hourly rates.

Board of Health at the rate of $15.84 per hour for the performance of their duties as Board of Health members that is in excess of their meeting time.

Cemetery Commission at the rate of $15.84 per hour for the performance of their duties as Cemetery Commission members in maintaining the cemeteries that is in excess of their meeting time; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Move that the Town set wage and salary rates for municipal boards and commissions as presented in Article 1 of the Warrant for the June 6, 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE 2 **FY 2021 OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be needed to defray the expense of the Town for the 2021 Fiscal Year; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Move that the Town raise and appropriate $6,969,766 for the General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021).

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommended

	General Government	FY2019 Actual Expenditures	FY2020 ATM Approved	FY2021 TA Recommendations	Dollar Increase (Decrease)	Percent Increase/Decrease
1	Advertising	1,587	4,000	4,000	-	0.0%
2	Selectmen's Salaries	5,547	6,365	6,525	160	2.5%
3	Selectmen's Expenses	10,715	1,900	2,200	300	15.8%
4	Town Mtg. Expenses	1,881	6,000	6,000	-	0.0%
5	Town Admin. Salary	67,262	78,000	80,000	2,000	2.6%
6	Town Admin. Expense	2,954	2,200	2,200	0	0%
7	Staff Coverage	1,064	3,000	4,000	1,000	33.3%
8	Clerk of Committees	31,915	34,356	22,000	(12,356)	-36.0%
9	Finance Committees	135	600	600	-	0.0%
10	Town Acct. Salary	23,895	24,478	25,478	628	2.5%
11	Payroll Service	4,483	5,100	5,200	100	2.0%

12	Town Accountant Exp.	390	400	400	-	0.0%
13	Assessors Salaries	48,334	65,000	68,000	3,000	4.6%
14	Assessors Expense	57,415	68,522	71,000	2,478	3.6%
15	Town Treasurer Sal.	45,111	46,456	47,387	931	2.5%
16	Town Treasurer Exp.	5,279	5,000	5,000	-	0.0%
17	Tax Collector Salary	56,285	57,852	59,070	1,218	2.1%
18	Assist. Collector Sal.	46,842	48,146	49,161	1,015	2.1%
19	Tax Collector Exp.	4,831	8,180	8,280	100	1.2%
20	Tax Title Expense	29,893	25,000	30,000	5,000	20.0%
21	Town Admin. Assist.	45,240	46,503	47,502	999	2.1%
22	Town Counsel	23,928	20,000	20,000	2,000	0.0%
23	Audit Expenses	19,000	18,500	23,000	4,500	24.3%
24	Postage	12,409	12,000	12,000	-	0.0%
25	Town Report	3,101	3,500	3,500	-	0.0%
26	Town Clerk Salary	28,616	29,188	29,918	730	2.5%
27	Town Clerk Expense	2,291	2,145	2,145	-	0.0%
28	Election-Registration	12,315	16,678	19,580	2,902	17.4.%
29	Conservation Comm.	14,552	19,894	22,410	2,516	12.6%
30	Planning Board Exp.	3,027	2,225	2,500	275	12.4%
31	ZBA	629	1,500	1,500	-	0.0%
32	Berkshire RPC	1,383	1,383	1,900	517	37.4%
33	Muni. Buildings Sal.	47,965	49,301	50,288	987	2.0%
34	Municipal Utilities	46,756	58,000	57,000	(1,000)	-1.7%
35	Municipal Building Exp.	32,161	31,975	31,975	-	0.0%
36	Wired West	1,000	3,500	2,500	(1,000)	-28.6%
37	Muni Building Repairs	7,257	35,000	35,000	-	0.%
38	Technology	25,175	25,134	35,000	9,866	39.3%
39	Reserve Fund	-	50,000	50,000	0	0.%
40	**General Gov't Total**	**766,615**	**917,353**	**944,219**	**26,815**	**2.9%**
41						
42	**Public Safety**					
43	PD Salaries	322,626	338,328	347,278	8,950	2.6%
44	PD Expense	18,245	18,880	20,000	1,120	5.9%
45	Emergency Mgmt Exp.	942	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
46	Em. Mgmt. Training	-	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
47	Constable Expense	-	300	300	-	0.0%
48	FD Chief Salary	4,248	7,300	7,483	-	2.5%
49	Firefighter Stipends	9,800	14,000	14,000	-	0.0%
50	FD Expenses	12,198	32,000	37,000	5,000	15.6%
51	E911 Communication	12,313	12,683	13,064	381	3.0%
52	Building Insp. Sal.	53,431	55,160	55,000	(160)	-0.3%
53	Building & Code Insp.Sal	2,216	2,215	2,215	-	0.0%
54	Animal Control Sal.	8,202	5,500	5,638	-	2.5%
55	Animal Control Exp	-	2,500	2,500	-	0.0%
56	Harbor Master	366	1,474	1,474	-	0.0%
57	Demolition Fund	106,999	22,000	25,000	3,000	13.6%
58	**Public Safety Total**	**551,222**	**514,339**	**532,814**	**18,292**	**3.6%**
59						
60	**Education**					
61	CBRSD Assessment	2,134,520	2,308,156	2,318,893	12,424	0.5%
62	Vocational Tuition	141,965	175,000	185,000	7,440	5.7%
63	Vocational Transp.	40,866	70,000	75,000	5,000	7.1%
64	**Education Total**	**2,317,351**	**2,553,156**	**2,578,893**	**185,623**	**1.1%**
65						
66	Forestry					
67	Tree Account	2,900	15,300	15,300	-	0.0%
68	Forestry	-	500	500	-	0.0%

69	Forestry Total	2,900	15,800	15,800	-	0.0%
70						
71	**Highway**					
72	Salaries and Wages	198,003	230,897	241,000	9,103	3.9%
73	Summer Labor	-	16,800	16,800	16,800	-
74	**Sal. & Wage Subtotal**	**198,003**	**247,697**	**257,800**	**9,103**	**3.7%**
75	*General Maintenance*					
76	Mowing		-	6,000	6,000	
77	Line Painting		10,900	11,200	300	2.8%
78	Gravel/Stone		50,000	50,000	-	0.0%
79	Hot Mix Patch		16,250	16,500	250	1.5%
80	Rental Equipment		2,000	2,000	-	0.0%
81	Signs		3,300	3,300	-	0.0%
82	Culverts		3,100	3,100	-	0.0%
83	Beaver Maintenance		2,850	2,900	50	1.8%
84	Guardrail		1,750	1,750	-	0.0%
85	Crack Seal		16,000	16,500	500	3.1%
86	Catch Basin Cleaning		4,900	4,900	-	0.0%
87	Sweeping		7,800	8,000	200	2.6%
88	Hand Tools		730	730	-	0.0%
89	Misc.		1,600	1,600	-	0.0%
90	Road Improvement		51,000	51,000	-	0.0%
91	**General Maintenance Subtotal**	**154,709**	**172,180**	**179,480**	**7,300**	**4.2%**
92	*Machinery*					
93	Inspections		1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
94	Tires		9,250	9,250	-	1.6%
95	Oil/Lubricants		3,550	3,550	-	1.4%
96	Repairs/Equipment		19,750	20,000	250	1.3%
97	Parts/Supplies		28,600	29,000	400	1.4%
98	Welding Supplies		2,000	2,000	-	0.0%
99	Radios		1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
100	Scanner Updates		850	850	-	0.0%
101	Fleet Software Maintenance/Updates		2,200	2,200	-	0.0%
102	Tools/Safety		3,075	3,100	-	0.8%
103	**Machinery Subtotal**	**88,365**	**71,275**	**71,950**	**675**	**0.9%**
104	*Fuel*					
105	Fuel		87,750	87,750	-	0.0%
106	Operator Contract		1,850	1,850	-	0.0%
107	Maintenance/Repair		1,500	1,500	-	0.0%
108	DEF Fluid		2,000	2,000	-	0.0%
109	Reg. Compliance		2,000	2,000	-	0.0%
110	Fuel System		400	400	-	0.0%
111	**Fuel Subtotal**	**71,061**	**95,500**	**95,500**	**-**	**0.0%**
112	*Highway Garage*					
113	Legal Ads		500	500	-	0.0%
114	Drug Testing		425	600	175	41.2%
115	License Reimbursement		600	600	-	0.0%
116	Repairs/Supplies		2,800	2,800	-	0.0%
117	Berkshire County Purchasing		600	800	200	33.3%
118	Office Supplies		650	650	-	0.0%
119	Education & Training		1,600	1,700	100	6.3%
120	Meeting/Dues Expenses		600	600	-	0.0%
121	Compliance/First Aid		2,000	2,000	-	-
122	Safety Gear		5,800	5,900	100	1.7%
123	**Highway Garage Subtotal**	**7,547**	**15,575**	**16,150**	**575**	**3.7%**

124	*Winter Roads*		-			
125	Wages - B/G		4,120	4,120	-	
126	Wages - Highway		152,534	156,000	3,466	2.3%
127	Sand		8,550	8,600	50	0.6%
128	Stone Chips		13,900	14,000	100	0.7%
129	Salt		48,850	50,000	1,150	2.4%
130	Plow Blades		4,375	4,375	-	0.0%
131	Cold Patch		1,200	1,200	-	0.0%
132	Parts		3,200	3,250	50	1.6%
133	Sander Chains		4,375	4,400	25	0.6%
134	**Winter Roads Total**	**276,178**	**236,984**	**241,825**	**3,727**	**2.0%**
135						
136	**Highway Department Total**	**795,863**	**839,211**	**862,705**	**22,494**	**2.7%**
137						
138	Streetlights	8,826	8,000	9,000	1,000	12.5%
140						
141	*Transfer Station*					
142	Transfer Station Labor	28,773	31,885	37,714	5,829	18.3%
143	Processing and Recycling			9,500	9,500	
144	Rental Compactor		7,200	13,200	6,000	83.3%
145	Rental Open Container (2)		2,700	4,500	1800	66.7%
146	Trucking Compactor		8,750	10,500	1750	20.0%
147	Trucking Open Container		7,500	8,250	750	10.0%
148	Trucking Cans & Bottles		5,775	6,300	525	9.1%
149	Trucking Scrap Metal		3,500	3,600	100	2.9%
150	Trucking Paper Cardboard		4,125	4,500	375	9.1%
151	Trucking Rigid Plastics		3,300	3,600	300	9.1%
152	Trucking Fuel Surcharge		1,400	1,400	-	0.0%
153	Disposal Solid Waste		27,600	28,200	600	2.2%
154	Disposal Bulky Waste		17,480	17,860	380	2.2%
155	Disposal Haz Mat		9,500	10,000	250	5.3%
156	Chemicals		300	300	-	0.0%
157	Permits		1,850	1,850	-	0.0%
158	MRF education		100	100	-	0.0%
159	Maintenance		1,500	1,500	-	0.0%
160	Inspections/Testing	-	2,500	2,500	-	0.0%
161	Total Expenses	99,903	105,080	127,660	22,580	21.5%
162	**Transfer Station Total**	**128,676**	**136,965**	**165,374**	**28,409**	**20.7%**
163						
164						
165	**Solid Waste**	**8,309**	**3,200**	**3,200**	**-**	**0.0%**
167						
168	*Cemeteries*					
169	Becket Ctr Cemetery	4,969	4,898	5,000	102	2.1%
170	North Cemetery	14,150	16,227	16,500	273	1.7%
171	West Cemetery	1,159	750	800	50	6.7%
172	**Cemeteries Total**	**20,278**	**21,875**	**22,300**	**425**	**1.9%**
173						
174	*Health and Comm.Serv.*					
175	BOH Salaries	4,969	9,500	9,500	-	0.0%
176	BOH Exp.	14,150	30,000	33,500	3,500	11.7%
177	Inspector of Animals	1,159	348	357	9	2.6%
178	Nursing Services	4,961	5,061	5,200	139	2.7%
179	Council on Aging	2,967	5,000	3,500	(1,500)	-30.0%
180	Outreach	-	500	500	-	0.0%

181	Veterans Agent Sal.	2,140	2,140	2,194	54	2.5%
182	Veterans Benefits	43,611	37,200	38,500	1,300	3.5%
183	Veterans Agent Exp	-	100	100	-	0.0%
184	Becket Arts Center			10,000	10,000	
185	**Health & Community Services Total**	**80,666**	**89,849**	**103,351**	**13,501**	**15.0%**
187	Library	49,065	50,292	51,550	1,258	2.5%
188	Children Holiday Party	500	500	500	-	0.0%
189	**Library Total**	**49,565**	**50,792**	**52,050**	**1,258**	**2.5%**
190						
192	Weed Ctrl Ctr Pond	1,380	2,500	3,000	500	20.0%
193	Parks and Rec.	21,086	30,610	30,610	-	0.0%
194	Parks & Recreation Total	23,586	33,110	33,610	-	0.0%
195						
197	Historical Commission	844	2,017	2,000	-	0.0%
198	Historical Commission Total	844	2,017	2,000	-	0.0%
199						
201	Memorial/Veterans	1,380	1,500	1,500	-	0.0%
202	Memorial/Veterans Day Total	1,380	1,500	1,500	-	0.0%
203						
204	Benefits					
205	Health/Life Insurance	379,573	412,600	425,000	12,400	3.0%
206	County Retirement	218,821	219,163	237,932	18,769	8.6%
207	Payroll Tax Acct.	22,931	27,136	27,700	564	2.1%
208	Unemployment Exp	5,089	5,000	5,000	-	0.0%
209	General Liability Ins.	107,358	118,814	123,000	4,186	3.5%
210	OPEB		-	15,000	15,000	
211	**Benefits Total**	**733,772**	**782,713**	**833,632**	**50,919**	**6.5%**
213	**Total Operating Budget**	**5,734,140**	**5,689,839**	**6,160,448**	**191,020**	**3.2%**
214	**Debt Service**	**$347,123**	**$294,487**	**$504,318**	**$45,805**	**10.0%**
215	**Ambulance**	**$270,574**	**300,574**	**305,000**	**15,000**	**5.2%**
216	**Overall Budget**	**$6,751,837**	**$6,718,394**	**$6,969,766**	**$251,825**	**3.7%**

ARTICLE 3 **DEBT SERVICE**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $504,318.02 to fund debt service due in Fiscal Year 2021 for the following previously approved borrowings:

Debt	FY2021 Amount	Maturity Date
Becket Washington School	$95,879	FY2025
Wahconah RHS Doors	$5,883	FY2029
Wahconah Sidewalks	$674	FY2022
Kittredge School MSBA Windows	$295	FY2022
Craneville Roof	$151	FY2023
Craneville Air Handler	$38	FY2022
Wahconah RHS New Construction	$110,000	FY2047
District Security	$893	FY2025
Dump Truck (Highway Department)	$49,152	FY2021
Town Hall Roof	$24,129.02	FY2021

Ambulance	$85,799	FY2021
Rescue Pumper (Fire Department)	$115,425	FY2021
Interest on Short Term Debt	$16,000.00	-

MOTION: Move that the Town raise and appropriate $504,318.02 to pay principal and interest on school and Town debt for Fiscal 2021.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee Recommended

ARTICLE 4 **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds including free cash (FC) and overlay surplus (OS), or borrow the sum of $364,932, or any other sum, to be used to fund the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Plan for the Town of Becket. This plan consists of the following items:

Project	Amount
USDA Grant Match Cruiser	$17,500 (FC)
Athenaeum Repairs and Maintenance	$7,500 (FC)
Arts Center Painting	$2,432 (FC)
Town Hall Renovations and HVAC	$30,000 (FC)
Highway Pickup Truck #1	$52,500 (OS)
Highway Truck #2	255,000 (Borrow)

MOTION: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $52,500 from Overlay Surplus, $57,432 from Free Cash, and borrow up to $255,000, for a total of $364,932 to be used in the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Plan.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **2/3 Vote Required**
Finance Committee Recommended

ARTICLE 5 **TRANSFER TO THE STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of $88,000 to be deposited into the Stabilization Fund for Fiscal Year 2021; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Move that the Town transfer $88,000 from certified Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.
Board of Selectmen: Recommended **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE 6 **ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 90 FUNDS**

To see if the Town will accept any monies appropriated by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for Chapter 90 use; these funds to be used for maintenance and reconstruction of Town roads and to fund the appropriation by transferring said amounts from available funds with any unspent funds to carry over from year to year until spent by the Town; these sums to be reimbursed to the Town by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Move that the Town accept the grant of Chapter 90 funds for Fiscal 2021 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE 7 **AMBULANCE BUDGET**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $425,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Ambulance Enterprise; and to fund said appropriation, to raise and appropriate $305,000 and to transfer $120,000 from Fiscal Year 2020 Ambulance Receipts; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Move that the Town to raise and appropriate $305,000 and to transfer $120,000 from Ambulance Receipts to fund operations of the Ambulance Enterprise in Fiscal 2021.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE 8 AMBULANCE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of $19,100 from Ambulance Retained Earnings for capital expenditures with the remaining retained earnings moving to the ambulance stabilization account, or act in relation thereto.

MOTION: Move that the Town appropriate the sum of $19,100 from Ambulance Retained Earnings for capital expenditures with the remaining retained earnings of $21,142 moving to the ambulance stabilization account, or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE 9 REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of the following revolving funds for departmental operations which shall not exceed the noted sums for each fund, which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately, and to which shall be credited only the receipts received in connection with the departmental operations supported by the revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for the revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for said fund or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Move that the Town will vote to authorize the use of the following revolving funds for departmental operations which shall not exceed the noted sums for each fund, which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately, and to which shall be credited only the receipts received in connection with the departmental operations supported by the revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for the revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for said fund:

Program or Purpose	FY 2021 Spending Limit
Ambulance Training	$10,000
Ambulance Details	$15,000
Plumbing Inspector	$10,000
Wiring Inspector	$15,000
Gas Inspector	$10,000
Police Details	$20,000

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE 10 FY 2021 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION AUTHORIZATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2021 estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for Committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2021, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, all as set forth below:

Appropriations:
Committee Administrative Expenses $500

Reserves:
Historical Resources Reserve $4,259

Community Housing Reserve $4,259

Open Space Reserve $4,259

Undesignated Reserve $29,316

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

MOTION: Moved that the Town appropriate or reserve from Fiscal 2021 Community Preservation estimated annual revenues the amounts set forth in Article 10 of the Warrant for the June 6, 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **Majority Vote Required**
CPA Committee: Recommended
Finance Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE 11 USE OF STABILIZATION TO OFFSET DEBT PAYMENTS

To see if the Town will transfer from stabilization a sum of money, $100,000 to reduce the tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Move that the Town will vote to transfer from stabilization, $100,000, to reduce the tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **2/3 Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE 12 PAYMENT OF PRIOR YEAR BILL

To see if the Town will transfer from Free Cash a sum of $600 to pay a prior year bill for the salary of the Harbormaster, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Move that the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of $600 to pay the prior year Harbormaster salary.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **Majority Vote Required**
Finance Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE 13 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDING FOR THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $15,000 ($12,000 from Historical Preservation and $3,000 from Undesignated Fund) for the restoration and stabilization of the historic First Congregational Church of Becket; or take any other action relative thereto.
Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

MOTION: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $15,000 ($12,000 from Historical Preservation and $3,000 from Undesignated Fund) for the restoration and stabilization of the historic First Congregational Church of Becket.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **Majority Vote Required**
CPA Committee: Recommended for ATM Warrant
Finance Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE 14 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $25,000 from the Community Housing Fund for the renovation and completion of an affordable housing unit.

Sponsored by the Community Preservation Committee

MOTION: Move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $25,000 from the Community Housing Fund for the renovation and completion of an affordable housing unit.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **Majority Vote Required**
CPA Committee: Recommended
Finance Committee: Recommended

ARTICLE 15 BYLAW AMENDMENT TO CHANGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SELECT BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General and Zoning Bylaws of the Town by deleting, in each instance in which they appear, all references to "Board of Selectmen," "Selectmen" and "Selectman" and inserting in their place the words, "Select Board" or "Select Board member" or "Select Board members", as appropriate, and further to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive, ministerial revisions to ensure that gender and numerical issues in related text are revised to properly reflect such change in title; or to take any action related thereto.

MOTION: Move that the Town vote to amend the General and Zoning Bylaws of the Town by deleting, in each instance in which they appear, all references to "Board of Selectmen,"

"Selectmen" and "Selectman" and inserting in their place the words, "Select Board" or "Select Board member" or "Select Board members", as appropriate, and further to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive, ministerial revisions to ensure that gender and numerical issues in related text are revised to properly reflect such change in title.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **2/3 Vote Required**

ARTICLE 16 ACT FOR SPECIAL LEGISLATION REGARDING NAME BOARD OF SELECTMEN CHANGE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation, as set forth below, to amend the Town Charter by deleting, in each instance in which they appear, all references to "Board of Selectmen," " Selectmen" and "Selectman" and inserting in their place the words, "Select Board" or "Select Board member" or "Select Board members", as appropriate, and further, to insert a new sentence at the end of Section 3 as follows:

> Said Select Board shall, except as otherwise provided herein, have all the powers, duties and responsibilities of a Board of Selectmen as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, as well as those set forth by this Charter.

provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IN THE TOWN OF BECKET

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive body of the town of Becket, previously known as the board of selectmen, shall be known as the select board, and shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special laws; and the charter of the town of Becket, as established by chapter 662 of the acts of 1989, and as it has been amended from time to time, and is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the words "select board", and by striking the words "selectman" and "selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the words "select board member" or "select board members", as appropriate.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of said charter shall be amended to add the following to the end of section3:

> Said Select Board shall, except as otherwise provided herein, have all the powers, duties and responsibilities of a Board of Selectmen as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, as well as those set forth by this Charter.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

MOTION: I move article 16 as printed in the warrant.

Board of Selectmen: Recommended **Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 17 ANNUAL ELECTION

You are also required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Becket who are qualified to vote in Town elections, to meet at Precinct 1 in Becket Town Hall at 557 Main Street, Becket on Saturday, June 13, 2020 then and there to bring in their votes for the election of the following Town Officers:

To cast their votes in the ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION for the election of candidates for the following offices on June 13, 2020 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm:

1 MEMBER, BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3-year term) **Vote for One**

1 MEMBER, BOARD OF HEALTH (3-year term) **Vote for One**

1 CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (3-year term)	**Vote for One**
1 MEMBERS, FINANCE COMMITTEE (3-year term)	**Vote for One**
1 MEMBER, PLANNING BOARD (5-year term)	**Vote for One**
Moderator (3-year term)	**Vote for One**
Town Clerk (3-year term)	**Vote for One**

Ballot Question:

Wahconah Regional High School

Shall the Town of Becket be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for its share of the bonds or notes issued by the Central Berkshire Regional School District in order to pay for the engineering, design, construction and equipping of a new Wahconah Regional High School and costs related thereto including demolition of the former high school and borrowing costs associated with said project and all other costs incidental or related thereto?

Yes_____ No_____

All of said officers and the ballot question to be voted for on the official ballots furnished at the polls. The polls will be opened at 12:00 PM and closed at 4:00 PM.

And you are further directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies of the same at the usual places designated by the Town at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this _____ day of April 2020

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William H. Elovirta, Chair

Michael S. Lavery, Vice-Chair

Christopher Swindlehurst, Clerk

I have served this warrant as directed above.

Attest_____ Becket, Massachusetts _____

Constable (Date)

ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BECKET, MASSACHUSETTS
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020

TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

MEMBER, BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(3-year term) Vote for One

MICHAEL S. LAVERY
223 Silver Leaf Dr. Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in)

MEMBER, BOARD OF HEALTH

(3-year term) Vote for One

(Write-in)

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

(3-year term) Vote for One

DEAN WILLIAMS
1255 Bancroft Rd. Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in)

MEMBERS, FINANCE COMMITTEE

(3-year term) Vote for One

(Write-in)

MEMBER, PLANNING BOARD

(5-year term) Vote for One

ROBERT T. RONZIO
88 Nottingham Court Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in)

MODERATOR

(3-year term) Vote for One

ETHAN KLEPETAR
148 Hopkins Lane Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in)

TOWN CLERK

(3-year term) Vote for One

GEORGE E. ROBERTS
1014 Main Street Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in)

BALLOT QUESTON

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YES
NO