



WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Berkshire, ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Richmond in said County, Greetings:

In the name of said Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Richmond qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Consolidated School of said Richmond on May 16, 2018, at 7:30 PM, and then and there to act upon the following:

[Consent Calendar- Articles 1-4]

Article 1- To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to determine the manner of repairing the highways and caring for the cemeteries for the year.

Article 2- REVOLVING FUNDS. To see if the Town will vote to amend the general bylaw that established certain revolving funds pursuant to the provisions of Section 53E 1/2 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, which was adopted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 17, 2017 by making the changes to paragraph 5 shown below:

5. Authorized Revolving Funds. The Table establishes:

- A. Each revolving fund authorized for use by a Town department, board, committee, agency or officer,
- B. The department or agency head, board, committee or officer authorized to spend from each fund,
- C. The fees, charges and other monies charged and received by the department, board, committee, agency or officer in connection with the program or activity for which the fund is established that shall be credited to each fund by the Town Accountant,
- D. The expenses of the program or activity for which each fund may be used,
- E. Any restrictions or conditions on expenditures from each fund; and
- F. The fiscal years each fund shall operate under this by-law.

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorized User</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Allowed Expenses</u>	<u>Restrictions/Conditions</u>	<u>Fiscal Years</u>
Inspectional Services	Electrical, Plumbing, and Gas Inspectors	Fees charged and received by the Electrical, Plumbing, and Gas Inspectors	Wages of Inspectors performing electric, plumbing, and gas inspections	Salaries or wages of full-time employees shall be paid from the annual budget appropriation and not from the fund	Fiscal year 2019 and subsequent years
Council on Aging	Council on Aging	Program participation fees received and other donations	Elder transportation programs, events, and classes	Salaries or wages of full-time employees shall be paid from the annual budget appropriation and not from the fund	Fiscal year 2019 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Board of Health/Board of Health Agent	Fees received for the sale of composting and recycling bins	Costs associated with the purchase of composting and recycling bins	Salaries or wages of full-time employees shall be paid from the annual budget appropriation and not from the fund	Fiscal year 2019 and subsequent years
Wetland Protection	Conservation Commission	Fees charged for conservation commission applications	Education associated with conservation	Salaries or wages of full-time employees shall be paid from the annual budget appropriation and not from the fund	Fiscal year 2019 and subsequent years
Municipal Building or Property Rental	Town Administrator, Treasurer, or Tax Collector	Fees and rents received from the rentals of municipal buildings	Upkeep and maintenance of rented facility	Salaries or wages of full-time employees shall be paid from the annual budget appropriation and not from the fund	Fiscal year 2019 and subsequent years

Article 3- REVOLVING FUND LIMITS. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Section 53E 1/2 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, to authorize the spending limits of the revolving funds outlined below which were just approved. Expenditures from said funds shall not exceed the amount of funds received in the respective accounts or authorized below, shall come from any funds received by the respective boards and officers for performing

services, shall be used solely for the purpose of coordinating and carrying out the programs delineated and shall be approved by a majority vote of the respective boards or officers.

- Inspectional Services - \$20,000**
- Council on Aging - \$5,000**
- Board of Health - \$2,500**
- Wetland Protection - \$5,000**
- Municipal Building or Property Rental - \$10,000**

Article 4- To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and accept any monies appropriated for use by the Massachusetts Highway Department for Chapter 90 highway aid for maintenance and reconstruction of Town roads and to fund the appropriation by transferring said amounts from available funds. Said funds shall carry over from year to year until spent by the Town and shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 5- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for the upkeep and repair of the buildings, equipment, highways and cemeteries and for all other charges and expenses of the Town for the year and to set the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws. [Fiscal Year 2018 amounts are shown for comparative purposes. Please see the Explanations section following this warrant for more information] *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

[LINE ITEMS]

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Article 6- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$146,400** for a principal and interest payment on the school bond. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 7- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** to the reserve fund. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 8- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,329,279** for the support of the schools. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 9- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for the removal of trees and for monument repair/maintenance within town cemeteries. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 10- To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$100,000** to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, established under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 32B, Section 20. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 11- To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$10,000** for the Town Hall Repair Stabilization Fund, the purpose of which is to make repairs and upgrades to the Town Hall. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 12- To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund, the sum of **\$100,000** for maintenance and repairs to the Town Hall. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

(2/3 vote required)

Article 13- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,500** for the conservation land fund. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 14- To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of **\$225,000** to operate the sewer enterprise, as follows:

Salaries	\$21,218
Expenses	\$28,306
Emergency Reserve	\$4,000
Debt Payment	\$171,476
Total	\$225,000

And that **\$225,000** to be raised as follows:

Department receipts	<u>\$225,000</u>
Total	\$225,000

(Approved by the Finance Committee)

Article 15- To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$45,000** from the ambulance receipts account to the ambulance expense account for the operation of the Richmond Ambulance service, the maintenance of the town ambulance, and for payments to Comstar and to other ambulance services providing backup and advanced life support to the Richmond Ambulance service, with any unexpended balance to be returned to the ambulance reserve account. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 16- To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$5,400** for the purchase of new voting equipment. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 17- To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$7,200** for the purchase of solar powered radar speed signs for the Richmond Consolidated School zone on Route 41. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 18- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** for the treatment of weeds in Richmond Pond. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 19- To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$20,000** for playground upgrades at the Richmond Consolidated School. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 20- To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of **\$100,000** for the replacement of the Town Storage Barn. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

(2/3 vote required)

Article 21- To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the sum of **\$2,800** to fund the remainder of a Fire Department mini-pumper acquired by a Federal grant. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 22- To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** for the purpose of hiring consultants and technical assistance related to long range planning, master planning, sustainability, affordable housing, and marketing, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen. *(Approved by the Finance Committee)*

Article 23- To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Richmond Library to proceed with a feasibility study to examine the options for building a new library facility.

Article 24- To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Trustees of the Richmond Library to apply for, accept, and expend any State or other public or private grants, which may be available, for a library planning and design project.

Article 25- To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5 (54) and exempt from taxation those personal property accounts with less than \$3,000 in fair cash value beginning in Fiscal Year 2019.

Article 26- To see if the Town will vote to charge each written demand issued by the Collector, a fee of \$30.00 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 15, effective for fiscal year 2018.

Article 27- To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Richmond's Zoning By-Laws by adding a new section 4.8, SHORT-TERM RENTAL BUSINESS, as proposed below and further amend the Table of Contents to add Section 4.8, "SHORT-TERM RENTAL BUSINESS":

Definitions:

Short-Term Room Rental Business: The rental of a dwelling, or rooms within a dwelling, or the rental of an accessory structure, or rooms within an accessory structure, by an absentee owner or investor-owner where the rental period is 1 to 30 nights and while the owner is also not dwelling on site.

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Add a new section as follows:

SECTION 4.8 TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS

SECTION 4.8 A. PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES

DISTRICTS

RA-A

Continued:_____

RA-C SR COMM

13. Short-Term Room Rental Business
provided that:

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- a. The business passes an annual safety inspection by the Inspector of Buildings
- b. The business shall comply with all Town regulations and bylaws and Commonwealth of Massachusetts law, including all health and safety regulations
- c. The Board of Appeals finds that the lot size, buildings structures, off-street parking and other facilities and equipment are adequate for the proposed use and that the operation of the business will not be detrimental to the neighborhood.

(2/3 vote required)

You are also directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Richmond qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at 11:00 AM, to bring in votes for the following Town Officers:

- One Member of the Board of Selectmen- 3-year term
- Two Members of the Board of Health- 3-year terms
- Two Members of the Finance Committee- 3-year terms
- One Member of the School Committee- 3-year term
- One Member of the Board of Library Trustees- 3-year term
- One Member of the Planning Board- 3-year term
- Town Moderator- 1-year term

And the polls may close at 7:00 PM.

And you will serve the warrant by posting up true and attested copies hereof, one at the Richmond Town Hall, one at the Richmond Post Office, one at the Bartlett's Orchard bulletin board and one at the Richmond Shores Civic Association bulletin board, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 11th day of April, 2018.

Alan Hanson, Chairman

Roger Manzolini

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Board of Selectmen

I have posted up true and attested copies hereof, one at the Richmond Town Hall, one at the Richmond Post Office, one at the Bartlett's Orchard bulletin board, and one at the Richmond Shores Civic Association bulletin board.

Constable

Date