



2026 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF BERKLEY, IN THE COUNTY OF BRISTOL, GREETING: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Berkley qualified to vote in elections to meet at the **BERKLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**, 21 North Main Street., in said Berkley on **MONDAY, the First day of JUNE 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.** then and there to act the following articles viz:



- ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Financial Committee, or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available FY26 funds a sum of money to various departments, and for capital expenditures and for any unpaid bills of prior years, or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$900,000, for the purpose of purchasing a fire apparatus and any incidental and related costs, and to meet this appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum under MGL c. 44, § 7, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL c. 40, § 5B, to establish a special purpose stabilization fund to be known as the "Override Stabilization Fund," for the purpose of funding the future operating costs of the Berkley Public Schools and the Town of Berkley, to be funded from available funds, including but not limited to proceeds from a Proposition 2½ override, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from said fund for such purposes, and further to raise and appropriate a sum of money into the Fund; or take any other action relative thereto
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to fix salaries and compensation of elected / appointed officers / employees, and to see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for the payment of said salaries and compensation, for a reserve fund, and for the charges, expenses and outlays of the several Town departments for the twelve (12) month period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the necessary monies for the following governmental accounts for Debt Service: *Exempt Debt Service*: Somerset Berkley Regional School Debt Service; Bristol Plymouth Debt Service; Town Office Building Debt Service; Berkley Community School Debt Service; or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer the necessary monies for the following governmental accounts: School Committee Salaries; Berkley School Department; Bristol County Agricultural High School and Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District; or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will approve the Somerset/Berkley Regional School District budget for FY27 of \$3,123,111 and raise and appropriate or transfer said sum from the Somerset/Berkley Regional School District stabilization fund; or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize expenditure limitations for the following revolving funds pursuant to G.L. c. 44, § 53E½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, 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, \$60,000; Police Department, \$200,000; School Department, \$60,000; or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any funds allocated by the Commonwealth and/or federally aided programs for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads, or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors, in accordance with MGL, c. 41, § 4A, 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 the Annual Tax Maintenance Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will 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 100% of said exemption for which they qualify in FY27, or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Health in accordance with MGL c. 41, § 4A, to appoint one or more of its members as agent(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, \$150.00 per sanitation inspection, \$75.00 per food service inspection, \$75.00 per pumper truck inspection, \$75.00 for other miscellaneous inspections when a license or certificate is required, or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the "Town of Berkley Zoning Map," as referenced and incorporated in Section 2.2 of the Berkley Zoning By-Law, being Article 21 of the Town's General By-Laws, by rezoning the following land as part of and to be included in the General Business District: 31 Padelford Street (Map 10, Lot 59), in its entirety, and portions of 33 Padelford Street (Map 10, Lot 36-01), 35 Padelford Street (Map 10, Lot 60), and 35R Padelford Street (Map 10, Lot 61), as shown on a plan entitled "Proposed Commercial/General Business Zone – Berkley Assessors Map 10, Lots 36-01, 60, 61; 33, 35, and 35R Padelford Street, Berkley, Massachusetts," said plan being on file with the Town Clerk; or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL c. 200A, § 9A, to allow the Town to utilize an alternative procedure for the disposition of abandoned or unclaimed funds, as specified in said statute; or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the gross receipts that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under MGL c. 59, § 5, Clause 41A, from \$20,000 to 100% of the amount established annually by the Commissioner of Revenue as the income limit for single seniors who are not heads of household to qualify for the 'circuit breaker' state income tax credit, so-called, for the preceding tax year annually, and to reduce the interest rate for repayment from 8% to 6%, said adjustments to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2026, or to take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Berkley Zoning By-Law, being Article 21 of the Town's General Bylaw, by deleting from Section 3.2 there, entitled "Table of Use Regulations," Item D.11, which presently states:

USE	R	GB	SB
D. COMMERCIAL USES			
...			
11. Bed & Breakfast	N	Y	Y

and substituting the following therefor:

USE	R	GB	SB
D. COMMERCIAL USES			
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11. Bed & Breakfast	PB	PB	PB

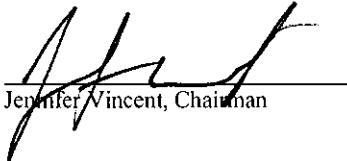
ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B Section 16 and any other applicable authority, to sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of certain parcels of Town-owned surplus property located at 34 Green Street (Map 12, Lot 63) and 44RR Green Street (Map 12, Lot 62) on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town, including but not limited to sale by public auction, sealed bid, or negotiated disposition; and further to authorize the Board to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate such sale or disposition; or take any other action relative thereto.

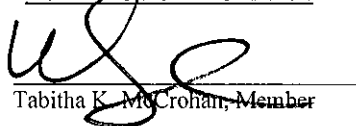
ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B Section 16 and any other applicable authority, to sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of certain parcels of Town-owned surplus property, including but not limited to those located at: 11R Algerine Street (Map 18, Lot 10), 35R Algerine Street (Map 18, Lot 30); 28R Anthony Street (Map 17, Lot 55); 64 Bay View Avenue (Map 13, Lot 13); 15 Burt Street (Map 2, Lot 45); 60 Elm Street (Map 4, Lot 32); 118R South Main Street (Map 13, Lot 31); 30 Thomas Road (Map 13, Lot 7-10); 32 Thomas Road (Map 13, Lot 9-1); 9 Tide Meadows Drive (Map 1, Lot 23-17); on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town, including but not limited to sale by public auction, sealed bid, or negotiated disposition; and further to authorize the Board to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate such sale or disposition; or take any other action relative thereto.

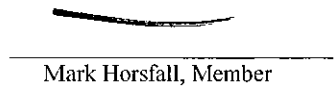
...and you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Old Town Hall, Public Library, Common Crossing – 11 North Main St., and the Public Safety Building Lobby, Fire Station #2 at 6 Grove Street, in addition to The Town Hall, all in said Berkley fourteen days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. Said Warrant shall also be distributed by the Board of Selectmen by bulk-rate mailing to every residence in the Town in accordance with the Town of Berkley by-law Article 2, Section 1. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this, the 29th day of April, in the year two thousand twenty six.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


 Jennifer Vincent, Chairman


 Tabitha K. McCrohan, Member


 Mark Horsfall, Member

BRISTOL, SS:

Berkley, April 30, 2026

I have served the above Warrant by posting up attested copies, one at each of the above-named places in said Berkley, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

ATM WARRANT FY27

Constable of Berkley 