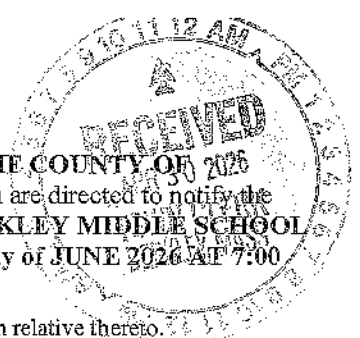




## 2026 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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  |    |    |    |
| ...                 |    |    |    |
| 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. McCroffart, Member

  
 Mark Horsfall, Member

BRISTOL, SS:

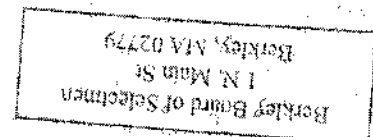
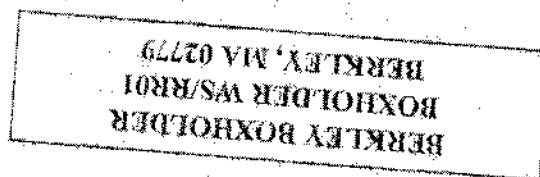
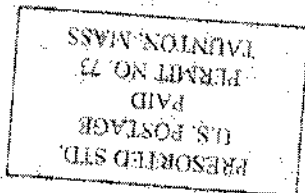
Berkley, Apr. 30, 2026

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





# Town of Berkley

## Annual Town Meeting

June 1, 2026

Handbook



## **REPORT OF THE BERKLEY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Fiscal Year 2027

The Berkley Finance Committee respectfully submits the following report regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 operating budget.

The FY2027 budget was developed during a period of significant financial pressure facing both Berkley and municipalities across Massachusetts. Rising fixed costs, regional assessments, inflationary pressures, debt obligations, and limited revenue growth continue to place increasing strain on the Town's long-term financial stability.

The proposed FY2027 budget includes approximately \$29.1 million in projected revenue and \$27.7 million in operating expenditures, compared to approximately \$26.8 million in revenue and \$25.5 million in expenditures in FY2026. A substantial portion of this increase is attributable to Berkley Community School construction debt exclusion funding, which significantly impacts both sides of the budget.

Despite this, the Town continues to face structural financial pressures that extend beyond the current fiscal year.

Several major budget drivers continue to outpace recurring revenue growth, including:

- Pension obligations, which increased approximately 6%
- Regional school assessments, which increased between 3% and 18%
- Continued debt service obligations
- Inflationary operational costs
- Capital and infrastructure needs

While health insurance costs came in lower than initially projected, overall costs still increased Town-wide and continue to represent a significant long-term budget pressure.

The Committee also recognizes that current multi-year financial forecasts project continued budget challenges through at least FY2031, with future budget models indicating the likelihood of continued departmental reductions absent meaningful changes to the Town's long-term financial structure.

Berkley remains heavily reliant on residential taxation, while limited commercial and industrial growth continues to restrict long-term revenue flexibility. The Committee believes the Town must continue exploring sustainable approaches to economic development, operational

efficiency, long-range planning, and responsible capital investment in order to improve long-term fiscal stability.

The Committee believes continued focus should be placed on:

- Long-range financial forecasting
- Responsible reserve and stabilization management
- Strategic capital planning
- Sustainable economic development and revenue growth
- Transparent public communication regarding municipal finances

Additional financial details, trend information, and fiscal indicators are included within the FY2027 Financial Dashboard accompanying this report.

The Berkley Finance Committee recommends adoption of the proposed FY2027 operating budget as presented by the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Berkley Finance Committee

MOTIONS FOR THE MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, HELD AT 7:00 P.M.

**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.

Explanation: The report of the Finance Committee serves to begin each Town Meeting as required by the Town of Berkley's bylaws. It helps inform citizens as to the meaning of the budget articles to follow. This motion requires a simple majority vote.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

Explanation: The Capital Improvement Planning Committee lacks quorum and the report required by the Town of Berkley's bylaws doesn't need to be produced.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

**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.

From Free Cash:

- |                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1. Snow and Ice Account     | \$ 181,758 |
| 2. Personnel Reserve        | \$ 50,000  |
| 3. Well system improvements | \$110,000  |

- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| 4. Police Cruiser   | \$ 85,000  |
| 5. Criminal Justice Information Systems hardware upgrades | \$ 45,000  |
| 6. Highway Dump Truck                                     | \$ 100,000 |
| 7. BMS Bell and PA system                                 | \$ 120,731 |
| 8. Past due bills:  | \$ 1,275   |
| 9. Planning Board Revolving Fund:                         | \$ 650     |

**Explanation:**

The Snow and Ice Account appropriation of \$181,758 provides funding for winter storm response operations, including snow plowing, sanding, salting, overtime, contracted services, and other weather-related public safety and roadway maintenance expenses incurred during the fiscal year.

The Personnel Reserve appropriation of \$50,000 is intended to provide flexibility for personnel-related obligations that may arise during the fiscal year, including collective bargaining impacts and as a financial backstop for unemployment-related expenses.

The Capital Improvement Program appropriation of \$460,731 funds several critical infrastructure and equipment needs across municipal and school operations, including the installation of a second well to provide redundancy for the municipal campus water system, replacement of a Police Department cruiser, CJIS system upgrades for the Police Department, purchase of a medium-sized dump truck for the Highway Department, and replacement of the failed bell and intercom system at Berkley Middle School.

The appropriation also corrects the accounting treatment of a deposit associated with a Planning Board special permit application for signage, as well as paying a previous year's bill.

***Vote Required:*** Four-fifths majority  
 Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

**Explanation:** Currently, Berkley Fire/Rescue operates two vehicles that have reached the end of their useful service lives, and their continued operation, even in a reserve capacity, is becoming increasingly impractical. Maintenance and repair costs are expected to rise substantially, and replacement parts or servicing may become difficult to obtain altogether. Given the extended lead times associated with the manufacturing and delivery of fire apparatus, proactive authorization is necessary to ensure continuity of emergency response services for the Town of Berkley.

***Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

**Explanation:** In the event of passage of the override ballot question, Article 5 would have both established an Override Stabilization Fund and appropriated funds raised through taxation to support the future operations of municipal government and the school district. As the ballot question failed at the Annual Town Election, the Berkley Board of Selectmen supports passing over this article at Annual Town Meeting.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

**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.

*See attached Operating Budget*

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| from taxation            | \$ 7,334,515        |
| from certified free cash | \$ 140,000          |
| from Ambulance User Fees | \$ 535,000          |
| <b>Totaling</b>          | <b>\$ 7,869,515</b> |

Explanation: This article will fund all town departments, boards and commissions, for the upcoming fiscal year.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

As follows:

RETIREMENT OF DEBT

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Town Office Building         | \$180,000 |
| SBRSD High School            | \$400,949 |
| Bristol Plymouth High School | \$163,850 |

# FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET (BY DEPARTMENT)

Year over  
Year  
percentage

FY2026 Appropriation

**Selectmen  
FY2027**

## Article #6

### DEPARTMENT NAME      RESERVE FUND

ACCOUNT NAME

|              |               |           |               |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
|              |               |           |               |
| Expense      | 25,000        | 0%        | <b>25,000</b> |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>25,000</b> | <b>0%</b> | <b>25,000</b> |

### DEPARTMENT NAME      MODERATOR

ACCOUNT NAME

|              |              |            |              |
|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|              |              |            |              |
| Personnel    | 102          | 980%       | <b>1,102</b> |
| Expense      | 3,200        | 63%        | <b>5,200</b> |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>3,302</b> | <b>91%</b> | <b>6,302</b> |

### DEPARTMENT NAME      SELECTMEN

ACCOUNT NAME

|                  |                |             |               |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
|                  |                |             |               |
| Salaries Elected | 12,000         | -100%       | <b>0</b>      |
| Salaries         | 88,589         | -2%         | <b>86,500</b> |
| Expense          | 12,350         | -21%        | <b>9,700</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>112,939</b> | <b>-15%</b> | <b>96,200</b> |

### DEPARTMENT NAME      FINANCE COMMITTEE

ACCOUNT NAME

|              |              |             |            |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
|              |              |             |            |
| Expense      | 1,330        | -53%        | <b>630</b> |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,330</b> | <b>-53%</b> | <b>630</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                |         |     |                |
|----------------|---------|-----|----------------|
|                |         |     |                |
| Salaries       | 75,368  | 8%  | <b>81,368</b>  |
| Expense        | 47,600  | 42% | <b>67,600</b>  |
| Capital Outlay | 0       | 0%  | <b>0</b>       |
| Total          | 122,968 | 21% | <b>148,968</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      ASSESSORS**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                  |         |     |                |
|------------------|---------|-----|----------------|
|                  |         |     |                |
| Salaries Elected | 12,546  | 0%  | <b>12,546</b>  |
| Salaries         | 76,736  | 4%  | <b>79,500</b>  |
| Expense          | 44,015  | -3% | <b>42,698</b>  |
| Capital Outlay   | 0       | 0   | <b>0</b>       |
| Total            | 133,297 | 1%  | <b>134,744</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      TOWN Treasurer/Collector**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                  |         |       |                |
|------------------|---------|-------|----------------|
|                  |         |       |                |
| Salaries Elected | 5,867   | -100% | <b>0</b>       |
| Salaries         | 149,553 | -4%   | <b>143,010</b> |
| Expense          | 36,700  | 0%    | <b>36,700</b>  |
| Capital Outlay   | 0       | 0%    | <b>0</b>       |
| Total            | 192,120 | -6%   | <b>179,710</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      TOWN COUNSEL**

ACCOUNT NAME

|         |        |     |               |
|---------|--------|-----|---------------|
|         |        |     |               |
| Expense | 65,000 | -8% | <b>60,000</b> |
| Total   | 65,000 | -8% | <b>60,000</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      DATA PROCESSING**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                |         |    |                |
|----------------|---------|----|----------------|
|                |         |    |                |
| Salaries       | 0       | 0% | <b>0</b>       |
| Expense        | 101,618 | 7% | <b>108,870</b> |
| Capital Outlay | 0       | 0% | <b>0</b>       |
| Total          | 101,618 | 7% | <b>108,870</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      TOWN CLERK**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                  |        |     |               |
|------------------|--------|-----|---------------|
|                  |        |     |               |
| Salaries Elected | 40,000 | 13% | <b>45,000</b> |
| Salaries         | 31,307 | 5%  | <b>32,985</b> |
| Expense          | 8,000  | 0%  | <b>8,000</b>  |
| Capital Outlay   | 0      | 0   | <b>0</b>      |
| Total            | 79,307 | 8%  | <b>85,985</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                |        |       |               |
|----------------|--------|-------|---------------|
|                |        |       |               |
| Salaries       | 11,500 | 83%   | <b>21,000</b> |
| Expense        | 14,700 | 0%    | <b>14,700</b> |
| Capital Outlay | 10,000 | -100% | <b>0</b>      |
| Total          | 36,200 | -1%   | <b>35,700</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      Planning Board**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                |       |    |              |
|----------------|-------|----|--------------|
|                |       |    |              |
| Salaries       | 1,200 | 0% | <b>1,200</b> |
| Expense        | 0     | 0% | <b>0</b>     |
| Capital Outlay | 0     | 0% | <b>0</b>     |
| Total          | 1,200 | 0% | <b>1,200</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      Town Buildings**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                |        |      |               |
|----------------|--------|------|---------------|
|                |        |      |               |
| Salaries       | 18,305 | 0%   | <b>18,305</b> |
| Expense        | 30,336 | -10% | <b>27,300</b> |
| Capital Outlay | 0      | 0%   | <b>0</b>      |
| Total          | 48,641 | -6%  | <b>45,605</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      Public Safety Building**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                |        |     |               |
|----------------|--------|-----|---------------|
|                |        |     |               |
| Expense        | 79,400 | -4% | <b>75,850</b> |
| Capital Outlay | 0      | 0%  | <b>0</b>      |
| Total          | 79,400 | -4% | <b>75,850</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      POLICE DEPT.**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                |           |     |                  |
|----------------|-----------|-----|------------------|
|                |           |     |                  |
| Salaries       | 1,475,492 | -1% | <b>1,463,479</b> |
| Expense        | 131,775   | 4%  | <b>136,662</b>   |
| Capital Outlay | 0         | 0%  | <b>0</b>         |
| Total          | 1,607,267 | 0%  | <b>1,600,141</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      FIRE DEPARTMENT**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                |         |     |                |
|----------------|---------|-----|----------------|
|                |         |     |                |
| Salaries       | 191,270 | 0%  | <b>190,500</b> |
| Expense        | 82,760  | 0%  | <b>82,760</b>  |
| Capital Outlay | 14,000  | 0%  | <b>8,478</b>   |
| Total          | 288,030 | -2% | <b>281,738</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

ACCOUNT NAME

|  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|

|                |         |    |                |
|----------------|---------|----|----------------|
| Salaries       | 709,600 | 1% | <b>717,942</b> |
| Expense        | 92,600  | 2% | <b>94,000</b>  |
| Capital Outlay | 39,000  | 0% | <b>35,000</b>  |
| Total          | 841,200 | 1% | <b>846,942</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                |        |       |                |
|----------------|--------|-------|----------------|
|                |        |       |                |
| Salaries       | 52,629 | 89%   | <b>99,216</b>  |
| Expense        | 1,790  | 2067% | <b>38,790</b>  |
| Capital Outlay | 1,000  | 0%    | <b>1,000</b>   |
| Total          | 55,419 | 151%  | <b>139,006</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      COMMUNICATIONS DEPT.**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                |         |      |                |
|----------------|---------|------|----------------|
|                |         |      |                |
| Salaries       | 396,837 | -20% | <b>317,854</b> |
| Expense        | 22,431  | -63% | <b>8,297</b>   |
| Capital Outlay | 0       | 0%   | <b>0</b>       |
| Total          | 419,268 | -22% | <b>326,151</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      Animal Control Officer**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                |        |    |               |
|----------------|--------|----|---------------|
|                |        |    |               |
| Salaries       | 25,242 | 0% | <b>25,242</b> |
| Expense        | 2,777  | 0% | <b>2,777</b>  |
| Capital Outlay | 0      | 0% | <b>0</b>      |
| Total          | 28,020 | 0% | <b>28,020</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      FORESTRY**

ACCOUNT NAME

|          |        |    |               |
|----------|--------|----|---------------|
|          |        |    |               |
| Salaries | 4,120  | 0% | <b>4,120</b>  |
| Expense  | 21,000 | 0% | <b>21,000</b> |

|                |        |    |        |
|----------------|--------|----|--------|
| Capital Outlay | 0      | 0% | 0      |
| Total          | 25,120 | 0% | 25,120 |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                |           |      |                  |
|----------------|-----------|------|------------------|
|                |           |      |                  |
| Salaries       | 695,790   | -15% | <b>592,728</b>   |
| Expense        | 376,950   | 14%  | <b>430,550</b>   |
| Capital Outlay | 4,000     | 0%   | <b>5,000</b>     |
| Total          | 1,076,740 | -5%  | <b>1,028,278</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      VETERANS GRAVES**

ACCOUNT NAME

|         |       |    |              |
|---------|-------|----|--------------|
|         |       |    |              |
| Expense | 1,750 | 0% | <b>1,750</b> |
| Total   | 1,750 | 0% | <b>1,750</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      STREET LIGHTS**

ACCOUNT NAME

|         |       |      |              |
|---------|-------|------|--------------|
|         |       |      |              |
| Expense | 4,000 | 0%   | <b>3,500</b> |
| Total   | 4,000 | -13% | <b>3,500</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      CEMETERY**

ACCOUNT NAME

|          |       |    |              |
|----------|-------|----|--------------|
|          |       |    |              |
| Salaries | 600   | 0% | <b>600</b>   |
| Expense  | 3,000 | 0% | <b>3,000</b> |
| Total    | 3,600 | 0% | <b>3,600</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      COUNCIL ON AGING**

ACCOUNT NAME

|  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|

|                |        |     |               |
|----------------|--------|-----|---------------|
| Salaries       | 34,034 | 2%  | <b>34,715</b> |
| Expense        | 10,115 | -4% | <b>9,666</b>  |
| Capital Outlay | 0      | 0%  | <b>0</b>      |
| Total          | 44,149 | 1%  | <b>44,381</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME VETERANS DEPARTMENT**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                   |        |      |               |
|-------------------|--------|------|---------------|
|                   |        |      |               |
| Salaries          | 8,487  | 0%   | <b>8,487</b>  |
| Expense           | 4,200  | 0%   | <b>4,200</b>  |
| Veterans Benefits | 40,000 | -75% | <b>10,000</b> |
| Total             | 52,687 | -57% | <b>22,687</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                |         |      |                |
|----------------|---------|------|----------------|
|                |         |      |                |
| Salaries       | 140,411 | 0%   | <b>139,996</b> |
| Expense        | 33,873  | -23% | <b>26,118</b>  |
| Capital Outlay | 0       | 0%   | <b>0</b>       |
| Total          | 174,284 | -5%  | <b>166,114</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME PENSIONS**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                           |           |    |                  |
|---------------------------|-----------|----|------------------|
|                           |           |    |                  |
| BRISTOL COUNTY RETIREMENT | 1,015,532 | 6% | <b>1,074,666</b> |
| MEDICARE                  | 200,000   | 0% | <b>200,000</b>   |
| Total                     | 1,215,532 | 5% | <b>1,274,666</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME HEALTH INSURANCE**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                                |         |     |                |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----|----------------|
|                                |         |     |                |
| BLUE CROSS/ BLUE SHIELD HEALTH | 546,497 | -4% | <b>526,941</b> |
| FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN          | 0       | 0%  | <b>0</b>       |

|       |         |     |                |
|-------|---------|-----|----------------|
| Total | 546,497 | -4% | <b>526,941</b> |
|-------|---------|-----|----------------|

**DEPARTMENT NAME      LIABILITY INSURANCE**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                                |         |     |                |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----|----------------|
|                                |         |     |                |
| INS. PR. DIS.-FIRE-POL. ACC. H | 69,000  | 3%  | <b>70,768</b>  |
| Insurance Premiums             | 91,515  | 21% | <b>110,515</b> |
| Total                          | 160,515 | 13% | <b>181,283</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      WORKERS COMPENSATION**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                        |        |      |              |
|------------------------|--------|------|--------------|
|                        |        |      |              |
| FRINGE BENEFIT/CHARGES | 21,000 | -90% | <b>2,000</b> |
| Total                  | 21,000 | -90% | <b>2,000</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      UNEMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                        |        |      |                |
|------------------------|--------|------|----------------|
|                        |        |      |                |
| UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE | 60,000 | 233% | <b>200,000</b> |
| Total                  | 60,000 | 233% | <b>200,000</b> |

**DEPARTMENT NAME      MISCELLANEOUS**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                             |         |     |                |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----|----------------|
| TOWN FUEL                   | 100,000 | 13% | <b>113,000</b> |
| SRPEDD                      | 1,434   | 0%  | <b>1,434</b>   |
| Stormwater Reporting        | 25,000  | 0%  | <b>25,000</b>  |
| IN-LINE OF DUTY INJURY FUND | 3,000   | 0%  | <b>3,000</b>   |
| UNFUNDED LIABILITY          | 20,000  | 0%  | <b>20,000</b>  |
| Total                       | 149,434 | 9%  | <b>162,434</b> |

For a total of :

**7,869,515**

**Article #7**

**DEPARTMENT NAME                      RETIREMENT OF DEBT**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                              |         |       |                  |
|------------------------------|---------|-------|------------------|
| Bristol Plymouth High School | 18,923  | 766%  | <b>163,850</b>   |
| Berkley Community School     | 0       | 0%    | <b>675,000</b>   |
| Multiple Use of Equipment    | 250,000 | -100% | <b>0</b>         |
| TOWN OFFICE BLDG             | 175,000 | 3%    | <b>180,000</b>   |
| SBRSD HIGH SCHOOL            | 387,878 | 3%    | <b>400,949</b>   |
| Total                        | 831,801 | 71%   | <b>1,419,799</b> |
|                              |         |       |                  |

**DEPARTMENT NAME                      INTEREST**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                              |           |       |                  |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------------|
| Bristol Plymouth High School | 543,148   | -21%  | <b>429,881</b>   |
| Berkley Community School     | 245,839   | 630%  | <b>1,795,776</b> |
| Multiple Use of Equipment    | 4,988     | -100% | <b>0</b>         |
| TOWN OFFICE BUILDING         | 64,500    | -8%   | <b>59,250</b>    |
| SBRSD HIGH SCHOOL            | 166,234   | -2%   | <b>162,634</b>   |
| Total                        | 1,024,709 | 139%  | <b>2,447,541</b> |

For a total of: **3,867,340**

**Article #8**

**DEPARTMENT NAME                      SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS 3325**

ACCOUNT NAME

|                                       |                   |           |                          |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
|                                       |                   |           |                          |
| Berkley (K-8) School                  | 9,180,000         | -3%       | <b>8,924,952</b>         |
| Salaries Elected                      | 1,200             | -100%     | <b>0</b>                 |
| K-8 Out of District Special Education | 190,702           | 28%       | <b>245,000</b>           |
| K-8 Transportation and Insurances     | 1,971,505         | 4%        | <b>2,047,580</b>         |
| B.P. Regional High School             | 1,353,780         | 3%        | <b>1,395,482</b>         |
| Bristol Aggy. Assesment               | 176,743           | 18%       | <b>208,257</b>           |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>12,873,930</b> | <b>0%</b> | <b><u>12,821,271</u></b> |

**Article #9**

|                             |           |    |                         |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----|-------------------------|
| S/B/ High School Assessment | 3,013,899 | 4% | <b><u>3,123,111</u></b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----|-------------------------|

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Berkley Community School | \$675,000          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>\$1,419,799</b> |

INTEREST

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Town Office Building         | \$ 59,250           |
| SBRSD High School            | \$ 162,634          |
| Bristol Plymouth High School | \$ 429,881          |
| Berkley Community School     | \$ 1,795,776        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>\$ 2,447,541</b> |
|                              |                     |

**from taxation            \$ 3,867,340**

**Totaling                    \$ 3,867,340**

Explanation:            This article will fund the obligation of the Town’s borrowing debt, and interest.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

As follows:

**School, Departments**

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| <b><u>Berkley (K-8) School Spending</u></b>         | <b>\$ \$8,924,952</b> |
| <b><u>K-8 Out of District Special Education</u></b> | <b>\$ \$245,000</b>   |
| <b><u>K-8 Health Insurance</u></b>                  | <b>\$ \$1,104,917</b> |
| <b><u>K-8 Transportation</u></b>                    | <b>\$ \$808,931</b>   |
| <b><u>K-8 Workers Compensation Insurance</u></b>    | <b>\$ \$51,000</b>    |
| <b><u>K-8 Liability Insurance</u></b>               | <b>\$ \$82,732</b>    |
| <b><u>Bristol Plymouth Reg. Voc. H.S.</u></b>       | <b>\$ \$1,395,482</b> |
| <b><u>Bristol Aggie. H.S. Assessment</u></b>        | <b>\$ \$208,257</b>   |

**For a total from taxation of :** \$12,821,271  
**Totaling** \$12,821,271

Explanation: This article provides the funding necessary for the Berkley K-8, Bristol Plymouth H.S., and Bristol Aggie H.S. for the upcoming fiscal year.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

**From Somerset/Berkley Regional School District stabilization fund: \$ 3,123,111**

**Totaling** \$ 3,123,111

Explanation: This article will provide funding for the Somerset Berkley Regional High School District for the upcoming fiscal year. For the second

consecutive year, this appropriation from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund will include support for out-of-district special education expenses, helping to ease financial pressure on the Berkley K-8 district's operating budget. The proposed appropriation also represents one of the first instances in which the amount appropriated from the fund will slightly exceed the amount raised through taxation for that purpose.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

Explanation: This article provides for the authorization of expenditure limits for the listed department accounts for the upcoming fiscal year. Revolving Funds allow certain collected fees to remain with a department, rather than flowing to the General Fund, so those revenues can supplement or fully support the cost of providing the related service

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

Explanation: The article allows for the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for any funds received from the Commonwealth and or any federally aided programs for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of town roads. The town regularly receives Ch 90 funding for roads which the Selectmen need to accept.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

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.

Explanation: The article will allow the Assessors to appoint one or more of its members to do the annual tax maintenance on real and personal property that needs to be completed during the year.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

Explanation: This article provides for an increase in property tax exemptions for certain qualifying individuals, including surviving spouses, low-income elderly residents, individuals who are blind, and disabled veterans. These additional exemptions must be reauthorized annually and have traditionally appeared on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

Explanation: This will set the rate of pay for each inspection that the Board of Health Inspectors are required to complete.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

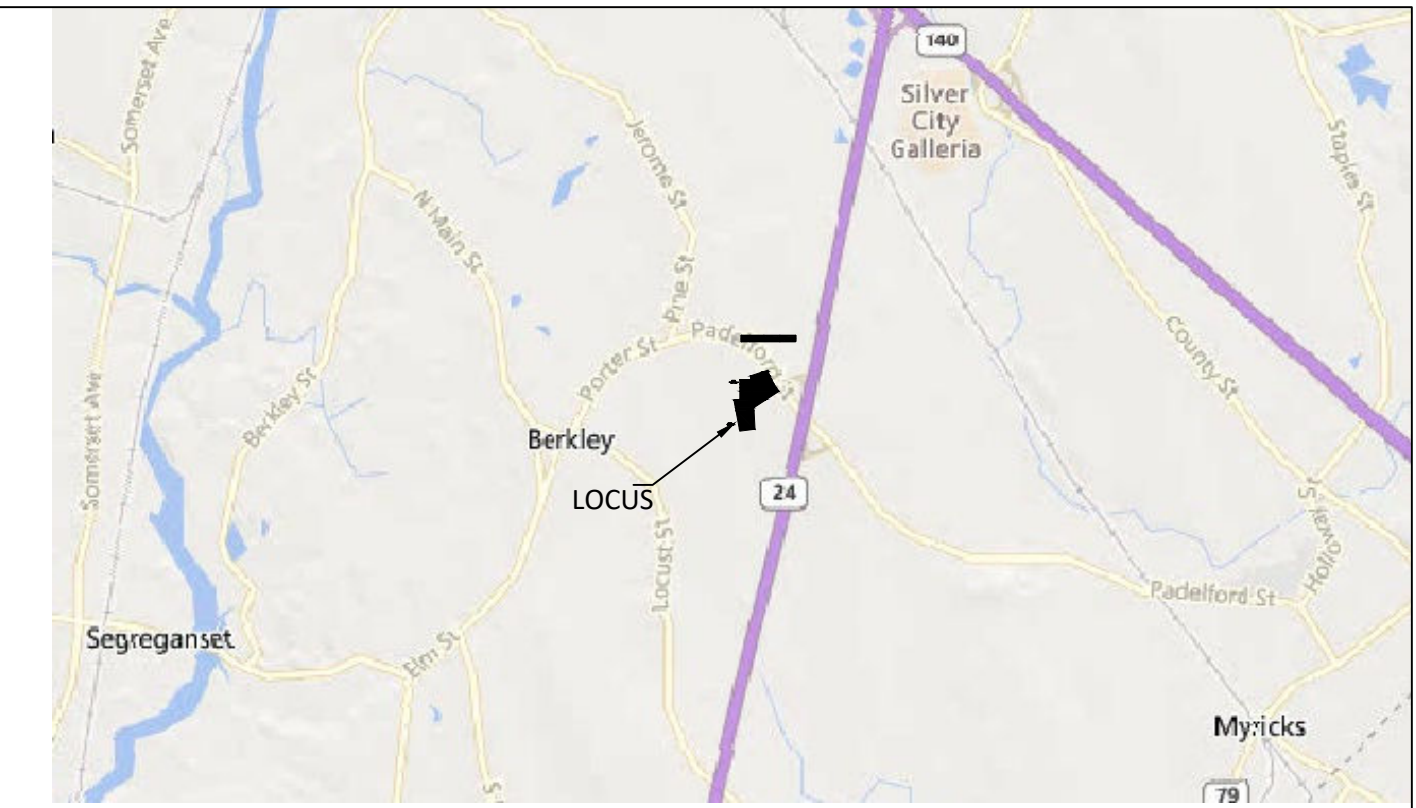
**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the "Town of Berkley Zoning Map," as referenced and incorporated in Section 2.2 of the Berkley Zoning By-Law, being Article 21 of the Town's General By-Laws, by rezoning the following land as part of and to be included in the General Business District: 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.

Explanation: This article differs slightly from previous iterations in that it includes the rezoning of an additional parcel located across from the existing gas station on Padelford Street and reflects a revised configuration of the previously proposed district boundaries. Under the proposed plan, portions of the affected properties closest to the existing residential neighborhood would remain residential in character, while areas nearer to Padelford Street would be rezoned to General Business, as depicted on the surveyed plan supplied as a handout.

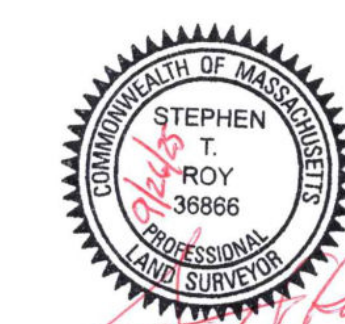
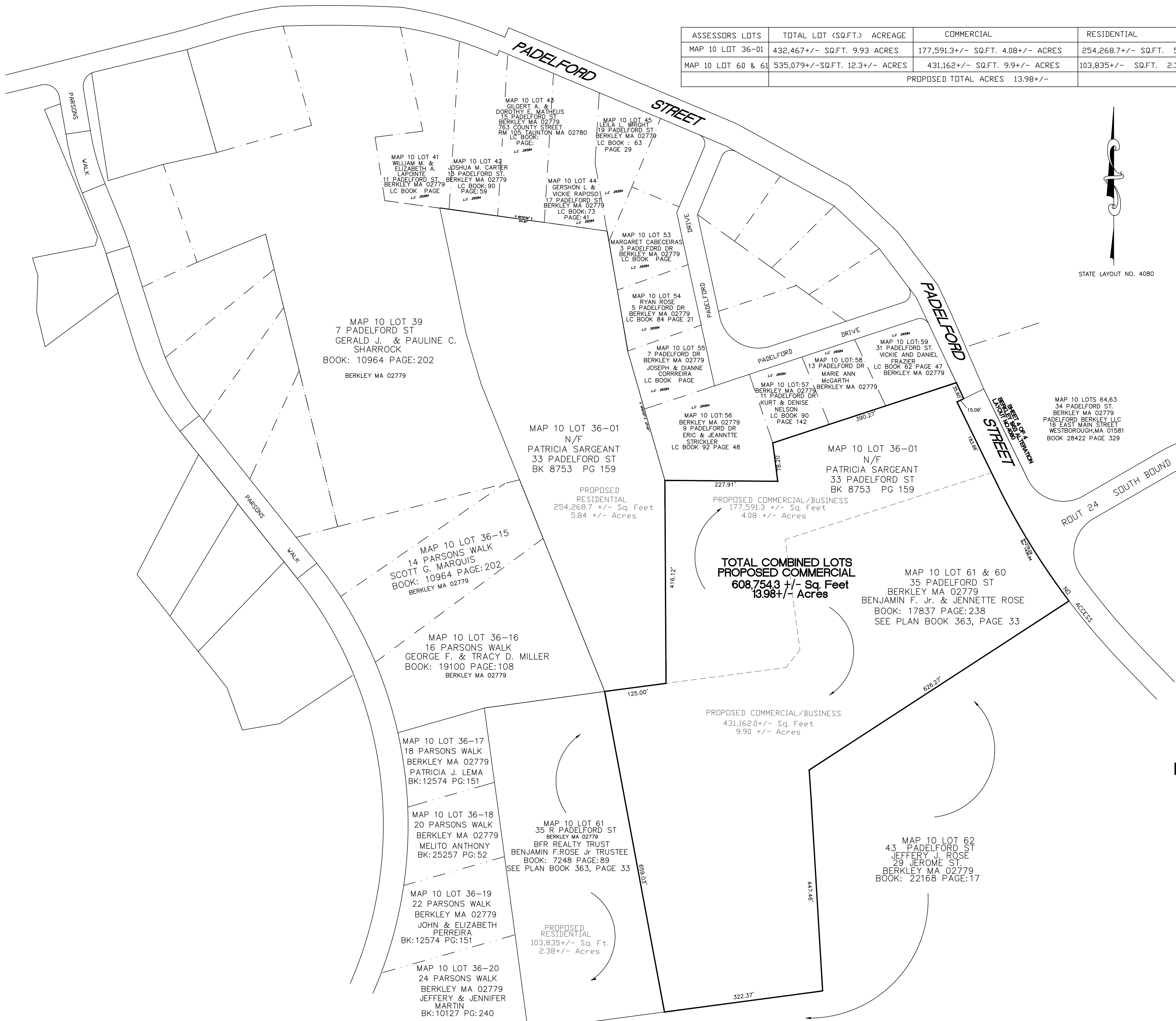
***Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

| ASSESSORS LOTS     | TOTAL LOT (SQ.FT.) ACREAGE        | COMMERCIAL                          | RESIDENTIAL                         |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| MAP 10 LOT 36-01   | 432,467 +/- SQ.FT. 9.93 ACRES     | 177,591.3 +/- SQ.FT. 4.08 +/- ACRES | 254,268.7 +/- SQ.FT. 5.84 +/- ACRES |
| MAP 10 LOT 60 & 61 | 535,079 +/- SQ.FT. 12.3 +/- ACRES | 431,162 +/- SQ.FT. 9.9 +/- ACRES    | 103,835 +/- SQ.FT. 2.38 +/- ACRES   |
|                    |                                   | PROPOSED TOTAL ACRES                | 13.98 +/-                           |



LOCUS VIEW - NOT TO SCALE



I CERTIFY THAT THIS SURVEY AND PLAN CONFORMS TO THE ETHICAL, PROCEDURAL, AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF LAND SURVEYING IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE  
STEPHEN T. ROY P.L.S MA 36866

I CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTERS OF DEEDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

*Stephen T. Roy*  
Preparer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
STEPHEN T. ROY 9-26-25

THIS PLAN AND ACCOMPANYING CERTIFICATIONS DO NOT CONSTITUTE A CERTIFICATION OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY DISPLAYED HERE ON, THE NAMES SHOWN AS OWNERS OF THE LOCUS AND ABUTTING PROPERTIES ARE TAKEN FROM THE CURRENT TAX ASSESSORS LIST.

**PROPOSED COMMERCIAL/GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE**  
**BERKLEY ASSESSORS MAP 10, LOT 36-01,60,61**  
**33,35,35R PADELDFORD STREET**  
**BERKLEY , MASSACHUSETTS**  
PREPARED FOR

PATRICIA J. SARGEANT & BENJAMIN ROSE

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DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2025  
SCALE: 1" = 100' AND AS NOTED



Planning Board Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

Explanation: Acceptance of this statute will allow the Treasurer/Collector's Office to recover certain abandoned or unclaimed funds owed back to the Town, including old or uncashed checks, through a simplified legal process established under state law.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

Explanation: Passage of this article would expand eligibility for the Town's existing senior property tax deferral program by increasing the allowable income threshold and reducing the interest rate charged on deferred taxes from 8% to 6%. Based on current state guidelines, the income limit for eligible single seniors would increase to approximately \$75,000 annually. The purpose of the article is to provide additional financial flexibility and emergency relief for seniors seeking to remain in their homes as living costs continue to

rise.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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  |    |    |    |
| ...                 |    |    |    |
| 11. Bed & Breakfast | PB | PB | PB |

Explanation: The proposed amendment to the Zoning Bylaw corrects an inconsistency within the existing Bylaw language. While one section of the Bylaw references a Special Permit from the Planning Board as a requirement for Bed and Breakfast establishments, the Table of Use Regulations currently suggests that these establishments are outright prohibited in the Residential district and allowable by-right, meaning without a special permit, in the General and Special Business districts. Passage of this article would correct the inconsistency in the Bylaw and formally require a Special Permit from the Planning Board for the operation of a Bed and Breakfast

establishment.

***Vote Required: Two-Thirds Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Planning Board Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

Explanation:

The Board of Selectmen is exploring the potential sale of several parcels of Town-owned land, totaling approximately 17 acres combined, which have been identified as a priority for review. Sale of the properties would provide a one-time source of revenue to the Town, with any future disposition anticipated to occur through a public process such as auction or sealed bid. The parcel located at 34 Green Street is the former site of the Animal Control Officer “cat trailer” prior to its demolition. The parcel identified as 44RR Green Street was previously subject to a 1996 tax taking. Approval of this article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to pursue the future sale or disposition of the properties, though no specific timeline for action is required or established by the vote. The authorization would remain in effect for future consideration and action by the Board as circumstances warrant.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

**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.

Explanation:

This article represents a broader group of Town-owned parcels identified by the Board of Selectmen as potentially actionable for future disposition, though at a lower priority than previously discussed properties. The listed parcels collectively represent some of the most marketable or potentially usable surplus properties currently held by the Town. Approval of the article would authorize the Board to continue evaluating and potentially pursue future sale or disposition of the properties; however, significant legal, title, access, wetlands, valuation, and other due diligence research would still be required before any individual parcel could realistically be offered for sale.

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: RECOMMENDED

Thank you for your attendance and participation in Berkley's Annual Town Meeting.  
Your engagement in local government is both valued and appreciated.

Goodnight, and thank you!