

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Alford
Annual Town Meeting
May 11, 2021
6 pm**

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Alford, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Alford Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday May 11, 2021 6 P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health to appoint any member of the Board of Selectmen, or Board of Health, respectively, to another office or position for the term provided by law, if any, otherwise for a term not to exceed one year, in accordance with Section 4A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass DOT), under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2022, beginning on July 1, 2021, for the revolving funds established in the Town's by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies and officers in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer	FY 2022 Spending Limit
Inspectional Services		
	Fire Inspector	\$10,000
	Sanitation Inspector	\$10,000
	Electrical Inspector	\$10,000
	Plumbing Inspector	\$10,000

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$150,000.00, or any other sum of money, to pay cost of repairs and improvements to Alford Highways and to determine whether this

appropriation shall be raised by taxation, transferred from available funds or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (Free Cash and/or Stabilization) the sum of One hundred and ninety-five thousand 00/100 (\$195,000) to purchase a Single Axle Dump Truck and Snow Plowing Equipment , or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, \$ 50,300.00 to the pay the cost of debt service on the 7 Alford Road Property or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$3,500.00 for Emergency Medical Services or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Retained Earnings of the Alford Link Enterprise Fund, \$ 30,000.00 to the Alford Link Enterprise Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$17,000 to pay the cost of debt service on the Alford Link Broadband borrowing and to transfer the amount from the Retained Earnings of the Alford Link Enterprise or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from receipts of Alford Link the following sums to operate the Alford Link Enterprise fund.

	Alford Link Enterprise Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022
1	ISP Subscription Fees	150,000	160,000
2	Salaries	10,000	10,000
3	Repairs, Maintenance	40,000	40,000
4	Contracted Services	32,400	32,400
5	CAF II Fees	1,500	1,500
6	Poles Fees	10,000	10,000
7	Insurance	10,000	10,000
8	Debt Service	90,000	110,000
9	Capital Replacement/Improvements	14,000	14,000
10	Reserve Fund	20,000	20,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES	377,900	407,900

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the charges and Expenses of the Town described in the Feature Accounts on these Pages, including the salaries of the Town Officers and Employees for FY 2022

		FY2021	FY2022
1	SBRSD-Operating/Transp.	444,966	430,713
2	SBRSD-Capital	9,490	8,873
3	SBRSD-bond	9,677	8,952
4	Insurance	39,910	40,000
5	Community Health Program	1,000	1,000
6	Berkshire Mental Health	177	177
7	Visiting Nurse Association	600	625
8	Debt Service	117,000	122,000
9	Veteran's Service	1,894	1,880
10	Berkshire Regional Retirement	45,423	44,004
11	Berkshire Regional Planning	904	894
12	Veteran's Benefits	4,800	4,800
13	Insect Pest Control	1,000	1,000
14	Emergency Reserve	16,000	16,000
15	Town Buildings	60,000	60,000
16	Street Lighting	350	450
17	Sanitation	58,000	60,000
18	Overtime-Highway	12,500	15,000
19	Public Works Highway	60,000	65,000
20	Rd. Superintendent Salary (1)	72,007	74,167
21	Employee Benefits	72,640	114,115
22	Public Works Employee (2)	52,164	53,729
23	Public Works Employee (3)	37,584	45,760
24	Public Works Snow & Ice	60,000	60,000
25	Machinery & Maintenance	15,000	15,000
26	Fire Department	15,500	15,500
27	Alford firefighter stipends	17,200	18,000
28	Fire Chief Expense	300	300
29	Police Department	31,000	31,000
30	Emergency MGMT Coordinator	1,000	1,000
31	Board of Health Agent	3,000	5,760
32	911	9,224	9,501
33	Reverse 911	2,500	2,500
34	Medicare	4,500	5,500
35	Division of Employment	3,500	4,000
36	Eagle Fund	1,000	1,000
37	Grant Writer	2,000	2,000

	TOTAL	1,283,810	1,340,200
		FY 2021	FY 2022
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
38	Assessor's Expense	23,230	22,815
39	Assessor's Clerk Salary	10,292	10,600
40	Selectmen's Expense	5,000	5,000
41	Admin Assts. Salaries	30,170	31,076
42	Accountant's Expense	1,000	1,000
43	Tax Collector's Expense	3,400	3,000
44	Town Clerk's Expense	2,000	2,200
45	Treasurer Expense	2,000	2,000
46	Board of Registration Expense	2,900	2,000
47	Board of Appeals Expense	250	300
48	Planning Board Expense	2,000	2,000
49	Moderator's Expense	50	50
50	SBRSD-Rep Expense	800	800
51	Council on Aging Expense	950	950
52	Building Inspector Expense	2,455	2,470
53	Conservation Commission expense	2,000	2,000
54	Library Trustee's Expense	700	700
55	Hazardous Waste Center	1,002	1,070
56	Town Counsel Expense	1,500	1,500
57	Town Counsel Salary	11,000	11,000
58	Animal Control Officer Salary	3,000	3,000
59	Animal Control Officer Expense	500	500
60	Finance Committee	150	150
61	Tree Warden's Expense	10,000	10,000
62	Historic Commission	4,000	8,050
63	GB-Library	1,500	1,700
64	IT Support Salary	3,480	-
65	IT Maintenance	20,500	26,285
66	Senior Services	5,136	5,136
	TOTAL	150,965	157,352
		FY 2021	FY 2022
	TOWN OFFICER'S SALARY		
67	Assessor	2,800	2,800
68	Assessor	2,800	2,800
69	Assessor	2,800	2,800
70	Animal Inspector	2,000	2,000

71	Building Inspector Salary	14,907	15,355
71A	Alternate Building Insp.	500	500
72	Constable	250	250
73	Librarian Salary	815	815
74	Moderator's Salary	200	200
75	Clerk of Registrars Salary	200	200
76	Selectmen. Chairman	4,000	4,000
77	Selectmen	2,200	2,200
78	Selectmen	2,200	2,200
79	Accountant's Salary	11,062	11,395
80	Tax Collector	8,387	9,600
81	Treasurer	8,387	9,600
82	Town Clerk	8,387	9,600
82A	Asst. Town Clerk	2,000	1,400
83	Police Chief	3,343	3,445
	TOTAL	77,238	81,160
	TOTALS	1,512,013	1,578,712

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to change to position of Town Clerk from an elected position to an appointed under M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 1B.

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to combine the positions of the Treasurer and Tax Collector and make said position an appointed position under M.G.L Chapter 41, Section 1B.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Alford Center Historic District By-law according to M.G.L 40C section 4, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Alford Center Historic District By-law to expand the Historic District to include Botham Park, the Triangle and the Parsonage property, also known as 9 Alford Road, all integral and contiguous pieces of this small-town center to maintain the integrity of the quintessential New England town feature, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) for the purpose of supporting the work of the Regional School District Planning Board in its study of the financial and educational advisability of options for consolidating the Southern Berkshire Regional School District and the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are required to serve this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Town on or before the time of said Meeting.

POSTED: _____ **DATE:** _____

Constable

SELECTMEN TOWN OF ALFORD

Charles F. Ketchen, Chairman

Peter Puciloski

Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson