

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Alford
Annual Town Meeting
Fire House
86 North Egremont Road
May 14, 2024
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 Fire House in said Town on Tuesday May 14, 2024, at 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 and any member of the 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 2025, beginning on July 1, 2024, 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 to take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer	FY 2025 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 raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$150,000.00, or any other sum of money, to pay costs of repairs and improvements to Alford Highways, and for payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to defray the charges and expenses of the Town as described in the Feature Accounts on these Pages, including the salaries of the Town Officers and Employees for fiscal year 2025; or to take any other action relative thereto.

		<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>
1	SBRSD-Operating/Transp.	456,306	458,985
2	SBRSD-Capital	10,066	10,190
3	SBRSD-bond	10,436	9,943
4	Insurance	40,000	40,000
5	Community Health Program	1,000	1,000
6	Mental Health & Addiction Services	329	329
7	Health services	625	625
8	Debt Service	119,575	119,050
9	Veteran's Service	2,611	3,114
10	Berkshire Regional Retirement	60,178	61,529
11	Berkshire Regional Planning	894	1,250
12	Veteran's Benefits	14,000	14,000
13	Insect Pest Control	1,000	1,000
14	Emergency Reserve	16,000	20,000
15	Town Buildings	75,000	75,000
16	Street Lighting	800	900
17	Sanitation	72,000	80,000
18	Overtime	20,000	20,000
19	Public Works Highway	75,000	85,000
20	Seekonk Marsh Trail Maint	5,000	5,000
21	Rd. Superintendent Salary	71,663	75,544
22	Employee Benefits	107,060	120,000
23	Public Works Employee 2	55,472	58,464
24	Public Works Employee 3	50,663	52,952
25	Public Works Snow & Ice	60,000	60,000

26	Machinery & Maintenance	25,000	25,000
27	Fire Department	17,000	18,000
28	Alford firefighter stipends	22,000	22,000
29	Fire Chief Expense	400	400
30	Police Department	35,000	35,000
31	Emergency MGMT Coordinator	1,050	1,100
32	Board of Health Agent	6,050	6,350
33	Board of Health Expense	1,500	1,500
34	911	10,080	10,382
35	Reverse 911	2,500	2,500
36	Medicare	6,500	6,500
37	Division of Employment	1,000	1,000
38	Eagle Fund	1,000	-
39	Grant Writer	2,000	2,000
	TOTAL	1,456,758	1,505,607
		<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
40	Assessor's Expense	22,500	22,500
41	Assessor's Clerk Salary	12,600	13,230
42	Selectmen's Expense	5,000	5,500
43	Admin Assts Salaries	35,207	36,827
44	Accountant's Expense	1,000	1,000
45	Treasurer/Collector Expense	5,200	5,400
46	Town Clerk's Expense	3,200	3,300
47	Board of Registration Expense	2,600	2,600
48	Board of Appeals Expense	500	500
49	Planning Board Expense	4,000	5,000
50	Moderator's Expense	50	500
51	SBRSD-Rep Expense	800	800
52	Council on Aging Expense	950	950
53	Building Inspector Expense	3,470	4,000
54	Con Com Agent Salary	4,725	4,960
55	Conservation Commission Expense	2,000	3,000
56	Library Services	2,600	2,600
57	Hazardous Waste Center	1,050	1,050
58	Town Counsel Expense	1,500	1,500
59	Town Counsel	15,000	40,000
60	Animal Control Officer Salary	3,150	3,305

61	Animal Control Officer Expense	500	500
62	Finance Committee	150	150
63	Tree Warden Salary	3,675	3,860
64	Tree Warden's Expense	15,000	17,500
65	Historic Commission	8,050	7,400
66	Southern Berkshire Ambulance	27,276	37,016
67	IT Maintenance	30,000	37,065
68	Senior services	5,000	5,000
	TOTAL	216,753	267,013
		<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>
	TOWN OFFICER'S SALARY		
69	Assessor, Chairman	3,255	3,420
70	Assessor	3,255	3,420
71	Assessor	3,255	3,420
72	Animal Inspector	2,100	2,205
73	Building Inspector	16,607	17,440
74	Alternate Building Insp.	525	525
75	Constable	250	250
76	Librarian	855	900
77	Moderator's	210	225
78	Clerk of Registrars	400	450
79	Selectmen, Chairman	4,620	4,850
80	Selectmen	2,575	2,700
81	Selectmen	2,575	2,700
82	Accountant	12,600	13,230
83	Tax Collector/Treasurer	25,200	26,460
84	Town Clerk	14,000	15,200
85	Asst. Town Clerk	1,680	1,680
86	Police Chief	3,825	4,015
	TOTAL	97,787	103,090
	TOTALS	1,771,298	1,875,710

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$ 150,000.00, or any other sum of money to purchase a Compact Wheel Loader and attachments or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$25,000.00 or any other sum of money to pay for repairs to the John Deere tractor and mower, or to take any other action relative thereto. (If Article 6 does not pass)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, \$40,000.00 to the 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 transfer \$80,000.00 from Retained Earnings of the Alford Link Enterprise Fund 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 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; or to take any other action relative thereto.

	<u>Alford Link Enterprise fund</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>
1	ISP Subscription Fees	160,000	155,000
2	Salaries	10,000	10,000
3	Repairs, Maintenance	40,000	40,000
4	Contracted Services	45,000	45,000
5	CAF II Fees	1,500	1,500
6	Poles Fees	10,000	15,000
7	Insurance	25,000	15,000
8	Debt Service	108,000	118,738
9	Capital Replacement/Improvements	40,000	40,000
10	Reserve Fund	20,000	20,000
11	Tree Warden Expense	0	10,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES	459,500	470,238

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, to fix the term of office of constables at three (3) years, which term shall be effective commencing with the 2025 annual town election; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 39 of the General Laws, to discontinue the electing of a moderator for a one-year term and to fix the term of moderator at three (3) years commencing with the 2025 annual town election; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. (Citizen Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9500.00 for the purpose of supporting the 250th Alford Celebration Committee in creating

events throughout 2024, including a summer square dance celebrating 250 years since the Town of Alford was incorporated and anything 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