

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Alford
Annual Town Meeting
Fire House
May 10, 2022
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 10, 2022 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 2023, beginning on July 1, 2022, 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 2023 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 or transfer from available funds \$9,500.00, or any other sum of money, to pay costs of purchasing a new 52 inch commercial walk behind lawn mower, and for payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$40,000.00 from available funds 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 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$ 50,000.00 to the pay the cost of debt service on the 7 Alford Road Property or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$25,000.00 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 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$29,100.00 from Retained Earnings of the Alford Link Enterprise Fund to pay the cost of debt service on the Alford Link Broadband borrowing; 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.

	Alford Link Enterprise Fund	FY 2022	FY 2023
1	ISP Subscription Fees	160,000	160,000
2	Salaries	10,000	10,000
3	Repairs, Maintenance	40,000	40,000
4	Contracted Services	32,400	45,000
5	CAF II Fees	1,500	1,500
6	Poles Fees	10,000	10,000
7	Insurance	10,000	25,000
8	Debt Service	110,000	95,000
9	Capital Replacement/Improvements	14,000	20,000
10	Reserve Fund	20,000	20,000

	TOTAL EXPENSES	407,900	426,500
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ARTICLE 11. 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 2023; or to take any other action relative thereto.

		FY2022	FY2023
1	SBRSD-Operating/Transp.	430,713	432,854
2	SBRSD-Capital	8,873	8,360
3	SBRSD-bond	8,952	8,390
4	Insurance	40,000	40,000
5	Community Health Program	1,000	1,000
6	Berkshire Mental Health	177	177
7	Public Health	625	625
8	Debt Service	122,000	120,500
9	Veteran's Service	1,880	2,026
10	Berkshire Regional Retirement	44,004	54,991
11	Berkshire Regional Planning	894	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	70,000
16	Street Lighting	450	500
17	Sanitation	60,000	60,000
18	Overtime-Highway	15,000	20,000
19	Public Works Highway	65,000	75,000
20	Seekonk Marsh Trail Maint		5,000
21	Rd. Superintendent Salary (1)	70,667	68,250
22	Employee Benefits	114,115	106,000
23	Public Works Employee (2)	53,729	52,830
24	Public Works Employee (3)	45,760	48,250
25	Public Works Snow & Ice	60,000	60,000
26	Machinery & Maintenance	15,000	20,000
27	Fire Department	15,500	15,500
28	Alford firefighter stipends	18,000	18,000
29	Fire Chief Expense	300	300
30	Police Department	31,000	25,000
31	Emergency MGMT Coordinator	1,000	1,000
32	Board of Health Agent Salary	5,760	5,760

33	Board of Health Expense		1,500
34	911	9,501	9,786
35	Reverse 911	2,500	2,500
36	Medicare	5,500	6,000
37	Division of Employment	4,000	1,000
38	Eagle Fund	1,000	1,000
39	Grant Writer	2,000	2,000
	TOTAL	1,336,700	1,366,793
		FY 2022	FY 2023
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
40	Assessor's Expense	22,815	22,815
41	Assessor's Clerk Salary	10,600	12,000
42	Selectmen's Expense	5,000	5,000
43	Admin Assts. Salaries	31,076	33,530
44	Accountant's Expense	1,000	1,000
45	Tax Collector's Expense	3,000	3,050
46	Town Clerk's Expense	2,200	3,000
47	Treasurer Expense	2,000	2,050
48	Board of Registration Expense	2,000	2,200
49	Board of Appeals Expense	300	500
50	Planning Board Expense	2,000	2,500
51	Moderator's Expense	50	50
52	SBRSD-Rep Expense	800	800
53	Council on Aging Expense	950	950
54	Building Inspector Expense	2,470	2,470
55	Conservation Agent Salary		4,500
56	Conservation Commission expense	2,000	2,000
57	Library Trustee's Expense	700	700
58	Hazardous Waste Center	1,070	1,050
59	Town Counsel Expense	1,500	1,500
60	Town Counsel Salary	11,000	15,000
61	Animal Control Officer Salary	3,000	3,000
62	Animal Control Officer Expense	500	500
63	Finance Committee	150	150
64	Tree Warden Salary	3,500	3,500
65	Tree Warden's Expense	10,000	15,000
66	Historic Commission	8,050	8,050
67	GB-Library	1,700	1,900
68	IT Maintenance	26,285	27,000

69	Senior Services	5,136	5,000
	TOTAL	160,852	180,765
		FY 2022	FY 2023
	TOWN OFFICER'S SALARY		
70	Assessor	2,800	3,100
71	Assessor	2,800	3,100
72	Assessor	2,800	3,100
73	Animal Inspector	2,000	2,000
74	Building Inspector Salary	15,355	15,816
75	Alternate Building Insp.	500	500
76	Constable	250	250
77	Librarian Salary	815	815
78	Moderator's Salary	200	200
79	Clerk of Registrars Salary	200	300
80	Selectmen. Chair	4,000	4,400
81	Selectmen	2,200	2,450
82	Selectmen	2,200	2,450
83	Accountant's Salary	11,395	12,000
84	Tax Collector /Treasurer	19,200	24,000
85	Town Clerk	9,600	12,000
86	Asst. Town Clerk	1,400	1,600
87	Police Chief	3,445	3,645
	TOTAL	81,160	91,726
	TOTALS	1,578,712	1,639,284

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$25,000 for the purpose of and to be expended on researching, accumulating, preserving and digitizing the records of the Town of Alford; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Alford by adding a new Bylaw entitled "Hunting," as follows:

Hunting

1. No person shall hunt on any town owned or private property in the town without written permission of the owner of the land upon which hunting will take place, obtained in advance. The written permission must be carried on one's person while hunting; and, further, shall be renewed on an annual basis.
2. For failure to comply with the foregoing requirement a violator shall be subject to a fine for the first offense of \$100.00, and, for the second and each subsequent offense, \$200.00 each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

3. This Bylaw shall be enforced by state and local police departments and such other local enforcement officials as may be designated by these departments from time to time, and shall be administered in accordance with M.G.L. c.40, §21D.”

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