

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Hawley  
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**Town of Hawley  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
Monday, May 10, 2021**

As a precaution against COVID-19, we anticipate holding this meeting outdoors with 6ft of distance between residents. Per the guidance from the Governor's office and the Department of Public Health, attendees are requested to **wear masks or face coverings** with the exception of those suffering medical conditions which preclude wearing a mask.

FRANKLIN SS:

To George A. Rice, Constable of the Town of Hawley, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn said inhabitants of the Town of Hawley qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Hawley Town Office in said Hawley on **Monday, the tenth day of May, 2021 at seven o'clock** in the evening to act on the following articles:

**Article 1:** To act on the reports of the Town Officers, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of the following offices of the Town as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, or take any other action in relation thereto.  
Salaries to be voted on are as follows:

Chairman of Selectboard	1,900.00
Selectboard members (2)	1,700.00
Town Clerk	8,755.00
Chairman of Assessors	1,380.00
Assessors members (2)	1,175.00
Auditor	120.00
Moderator	120.00

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following non-school general operation appropriations, or take any other action in relation thereto. Total for Article 3

is \$537,478.00. (This budget can be voted on in its entirety; by Department; or by line. Any balances remaining in these appropriations will close to Surplus Revenue at the end of the year).

<b>line #</b>	<b>Department/Acct Name</b>	<b>FY21 Budget</b>	<b>FY22 Proposed</b>	<b>% change</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>120.00</b>	<b>120.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
2	Salaries & wages	120.00	120.00	0.00%
<b>3</b>	<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>25,950.00</b>	<b>25,325.00</b>	<b>-2.41%</b>
4	Salaries & wages	20,300.00	20,300.00	0.00%
5	Expenses	2,500.00	2,525.00	1.00%
6	Drug & Alcohol testing	500.00	500.00	0.00%
7	Legal Service	750.00	500.00	-33.33%
8	Town Reports	1,400.00	1,000.00	-28.57%
9	Board of Health expenses	500.00	500.00	0.00%
<b>10</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
11	Expenses	150.00	150.00	0.00%
<b>12</b>	<b>Town Auditor</b>	<b>120.00</b>	<b>120.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
13	Salaries & wages	120.00	120.00	0.00%
<b>14</b>	<b>Board of Assessors</b>	<b>9,080.00</b>	<b>10,780.00</b>	<b>18.72%</b>
15	Salaries & wages	3,730.00	3,730.00	0.00%
16	Expenses	5,350.00	7,050.00	31.78%
<b>17</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>41,700.00</b>	<b>40,870.00</b>	<b>-1.99%</b>
18	Salaries & wages	40,000.00	39,000.00	-2.50%
19	Expenses	1,700.00	1,870.00	10.00%
<b>20</b>	<b>Collector</b>	<b>8,677.56</b>	<b>8,055.00</b>	<b>-7.17%</b>
21	Salaries & wages	6,202.56	6,480.00	4.47%
22	Expenses	2,475.00	1,575.00	-36.36%
<b>23</b>	<b>Technology/Internet</b>	<b>3,550.00</b>	<b>2,300.00</b>	<b>-35.21%</b>
24	Expenses	3,550.00	2,300.00	-35.21%
<b>25</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>11,155.00</b>	<b>10,655.00</b>	<b>-4.48%</b>
26	Salaries & wages	10,255.00	9,755.00	-4.88%
27	Expenses	900.00	900.00	0.00%
<b>28</b>	<b>Town Buildings</b>	<b>12,650.00</b>	<b>9,175.00</b>	<b>-27.47%</b>
29	Purchased Services	1,000.00	800.00	-20.00%
30	Repairs & Maintenance	95.00	250.00	163.16%
31	Expenses	11,555.00	8,125.00	-29.68%

<b>32</b>	<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>67,168.00</b>	<b>66,474.00</b>	<b>-1.03%</b>
33	Insurance	30,500.00	26,500.00	-13.11%
34	Retirement	32,668.00	35,974.00	10.12%
35	Sick Pay fund	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00%
<b>36</b>	<b>Police Department</b>	<b>1,450.00</b>	<b>1,450.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
37	Salaries & wages	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00%
38	Expenses	250.00	250.00	0.00%
<b>39</b>	<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>34,625.00</b>	<b>30,375.00</b>	<b>-12.27%</b>
40	Salaries & wages	7,575.00	7,575.00	0.00%
41	Purchased Services	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00%
42	Repairs & Maintenance	5,500.00	6,250.00	13.64%
43	Expenses	8,150.00	8,150.00	0.00%
44	EMS	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
45	Capital outlay	7,200.00	2,200.00	-69.44%
<b>46</b>	<b>Emergency Mgmt</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
47	Salaries & wages	1,050.00	1,050.00	0.00%
48	Purchased Services	150.00	150.00	0.00%
49	Expenses	100.00	100.00	0.00%
<b>50</b>	<b>Franklin Reg Co of Govts</b>	<b>10,952.00</b>	<b>11,452.00</b>	<b>4.57%</b>
51	FRCOG Assessments	10,952.00	11,452.00	4.57%
<b>52</b>	<b>DPW - Highway</b>	<b>258,900.00</b>	<b>257,900.00</b>	<b>-0.39%</b>
53	Salaries & wages	140,000.00	142,000.00	1.43%
54	Repairs & Maintenance	41,500.00	43,500.00	4.82%
55	Expenses - Roads	70,000.00	65,000.00	-7.14%
56	Expenses - Garage	5,400.00	5,900.00	9.26%
57	DPW Capital Outlay	500.00	0.00	
58	Care of Cemeteries	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
<b>59</b>	<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>26,302.00</b>	<b>25,752.00</b>	<b>-2.09%</b>
60	Expenses	26,302.00	25,752.00	-2.09%
<b>61</b>	<b>Animal Inspector</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
62	Expenses	250.00	250.00	0.00%
<b>63</b>	<b>Veterans Services</b>	<b>2,850.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>5.26%</b>
64	District assessment	750.00	910.00	21.33%
65	Veterans Benefits	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
66	Veterans expenses	100.00	90.00	-10.00%

67	<b>Boards, Committees</b>	<b>1,825.00</b>	<b>1,825.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
68	Conservation Comm Expenses	125.00	125.00	0.00%
69	Planning Board Expenses	50.00	50.00	0.00%
70	Zoning Bd of Appeals Expenses	50.00	50.00	0.00%
71	Council on Aging - Grant match	400.00	400.00	0.00%
72	Tyler Memorial Library	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00%
<b>73</b>	<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>27,200.00</b>	<b>29,150.00</b>	<b>7.17%</b>
74	Prop & Liability insurance	19,500.00	21,000.00	7.69%
75	Surety bonds	900.00	900.00	0.00%
76 (*)	Massachusetts unemployment	1,200.00	1,750.00	45.83%
77	FICA/Medicare	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00%
<b>78</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$546,874.56</b>	<b>\$537,478.00</b>	<b>-1.72%</b>

(\*) line 76 – FY21 budget figure includes the amount, if approved, in article 19 of this warrant.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following school general operation appropriations, or take any other action in relation thereto. Total for Article 4 is **\$525,880.00**. (This budget can be voted on in its entirety; by Department; or by line. Any balances remaining in these appropriations will close to Surplus Revenue at the end of the year).

<u>line #</u>	<u>Department/Acct Name</u>	<u>FY21 Budget</u>	<u>FY22 Proposed</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>79</b>	<b>School - Vocational</b>	<b>82,500.00</b>	<b>65,000.00</b>	<b>-21.21%</b>
80	Transportation	22,500.00	25,000.00	11.11%
81	Tuition	60,000.00	40,000.00	-33.33%
<b>82</b>	<b>School - Hawlemont</b>	<b>262,041.00</b>	<b>258,958.00</b>	<b>-1.18%</b>
83	Operating assessment	253,770.00	250,536.00	-1.27%
84	Capital outlay	8,271.00	8,422.00	1.83%
<b>85</b>	<b>School - MTRSD</b>	<b>184,532.00</b>	<b>201,922.00</b>	<b>9.42%</b>
86	Operating assessment	179,581.00	197,600.00	10.03%
87	Capital outlay	4,951.00	4,322.00	-12.70%
<b>88</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$529,073.00</b>	<b>\$525,880.00</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Vocational Stabilization Fund to the FY22 Vocational Tuition account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward any balance in the FY21 Vocational Tuition and Vocational Transportation accounts to the FY22 respective accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 7:** To see if the town will vote to allow the Mohawk Trail Regional School District to borrow a sum of money, not to exceed \$665,000 for work at Mohawk Trail Regional School in Buckland, Massachusetts, to include replacement of the heating boiler control system; resealing of parking lots; replacement of the fire alarm control panel and related sensors; replacement of/upgrades to certain domestic hot water heaters, condenser units, heating system hot water control valves, and freeze prevention system; construction of a second means of egress from the main electrical switchgear room; installation of additional safety railings to sections of the outside bleachers; replacement of the movable gymnasium partition; and replacement of floor covering in the library; and including costs incidental or related thereto, which purpose of the projects will materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve the asset capable of supporting the required educational program. Said sum is to be expended under the approval of the School Committee's Building Subcommittee, and to meet said appropriation, the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Chair, is authorized to borrow said sum under MGL Ch. 44 or any other enabling authority, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to accept \$163,535 in Chapter 90 road funds available subject to conditions detailed by Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Highway Department Stabilization to the Highway Department Equipment Purchase account to purchase a new power angle plow, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Highway Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Fire Department Stabilization the sum of \$2,000 for Fire Station Building Improvements (to replace door opener motor in W Hawley), or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town vote to will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum up to \$7,500 to pay for ambulance service provided by Charlemont Ambulance during Fiscal Year 2022, contingent upon Charlemont signing a contract governing the terms of this relationship satisfactory to the Selectmen and Town Counsel, or take any other action in relative thereto.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash to the Highway Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash to the General Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash to the Fire Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Free Cash to the Vocational Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

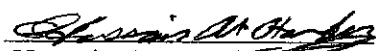
**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, section 53E ½ for which revenues from fees or fines related to licensing and care of dogs will be deposited into the fund and expended to purchase dog tags; pay for various expenses in relation to licensing, care and other related dog control expenses, under the direction of the Town Clerk, and total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 will be limited to \$2,000, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

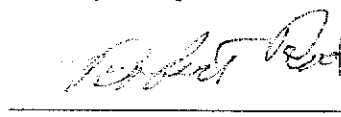
**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$900 from Free Cash to the FY21 Massachusetts Unemployment account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

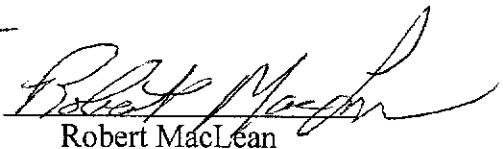
**Article 20:** To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the West Hawley Town Garage, one at the Hawley Town Office, and one at the Hawley Fire Station, seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of April, 2021.

  
Hussain A. Hamdan, Chair

  
Robert W. Root

  
Robert MacLean

**Selectboard, Town of Hawley**

A true copy. Attest:

George A. Rice, Constable

(month, day, year)