

TOWN OF COLRAIN
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Fiscal Year 2023

FRANKLIN SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Colrain in the County of Franklin.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote on town affairs, **to meet at the Colrain Town Office grounds, located at 55 Main Road at 5:30 PM in said town on Tuesday the fourteenth day in June, 2022, there and then to act on the following articles:**

Moderator Megan McDonough opened the meeting at 5:30pm and acknowledged the warrant had been served correctly.

ARTICLE #1. To see if the Town will instruct the Town Clerk to report on the election of officers and ballot questions as follows:

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

Town Clerk report as follows:

Select Board member	Benjamin Eastman	3 years
Assessor	Nick Anzuoni	3 years
Town Clerk	Anna Lavarreda	3 years
Library Trustees	Betsy Browning	3 years
Library Trustees	Martin Lydgate-Driggs	3 years
Constable	Tim Slowinski	3 years
Mohawk Trail RSD School Committee Member	John Shivers	3 years

Ballot Question 1: Passed with 194 YES, 75 NO, and 29 BLANK

ARTICLE #2. To hear reports of various Town Officers and act thereon, or pass any vote or votes thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of **Compensation of Elected Officers of the Town**, as provided by MGL Chapter 41, section 108 as amended; the salaries or compensations for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 are as follows, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

	Voted	Proposed
	FY 2022	FY 2023
Select Board, Chair	\$3,297.00	\$3,461.00
Select Board, Clerk	\$3,297.00	\$3,461.00
Select Board, Member	\$3,297.00	\$3,461.00
Moderator	\$105.00	\$110.00
Town Clerk	\$23,000.00	\$24,150.00
Board of Assessors, Chair	\$3,283.00	\$3,447.00
Board of Assessors, Member	\$3,283.00	\$3,447.00
Board of Assessors, Member	\$3,283.00	\$3,447.00

Michael Slowinski moved Article 3 “as read”, seconded by Benjamin Eastman.

**Howard Phelps made a motion to amend Article 3, seconded by Betty Ringwood.
Motion did not pass. (see attached amendment worksheet)**

**Michael Slowinski moved the original Article 3 “as read”, seconded by Ben Eastman.
Motion passed in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #4. To see if the Town will vote to make the following appropriations to fund the **Town Operating Budget** and raise by taxation, or otherwise provide, the required amounts, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

	VOTED	PROPOSED
	FY 2022	FY 2023
Attorney Expense	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Moderator	\$105.00	\$110.00
Moderator’s Expenses	\$60.00	\$60.00
Select Board's Stipend	\$9,890.00	\$10,384.00
Administrative Assistant Wages	\$28,705.00	\$30,141.00
Select Board's Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Town Accountant	\$20,904.00	\$21,949.00
Town Accountant Expense	\$3,619.00	\$3,970.00
Assessors’ Stipends	\$9,849.00	\$10,341.00
Director of Assessing	\$46,642.00	\$44,188.00
Assessors’ Expenses	\$17,055.00	\$17,130.00
Treasurer/Collectors Salary	\$59,570.00	\$63,630.00
Treasurer/Collector Expenses	\$19,903.00	\$18,764.00
Annual Financial Audit	\$.00	\$16,000.00
Tax Foreclosure Custodian	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Election Workers	\$2,200.00	\$4,431.00
Town Clerk Salary	\$23,000.00	\$24,150.00

Town Clerk Expense	\$3,626.00	\$6,365.00
Planning Board Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Town Administrator Salary	\$84,563.00	\$89,250.00
Town Administrator Expense	\$500.00	\$500.00
General Highway Maintenance	\$115,000.00	\$121,300.00
Highway Department Salaries	\$307,953.00	\$267,682.00
Machinery Maintenance	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00
Bridges	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Gasoline, Diesel & Oil	\$51,550.00	\$65,800.00
CDL Drug Testing	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Winter Roads	\$86,401.00	\$86,401.00
Street Lights	\$5,300.00	\$5,500.00
Library Expenses	\$39,531.00	\$43,330.00
Library Salaries	\$47,135.00	\$50,582.00
Council on Aging Expenses	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Veterans Benefits	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Memorial Day	\$700.00	\$700.00
Cemeteries	\$750.00	\$800.00
Police Protection Wages	\$107,548.00	\$106,825.00
Police Office Expense	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Police Training	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Police Equipment	\$15,535.00	\$15,535.00
Police Cruiser Expense	\$10,820.00	\$10,820.00
Constables Stipends	\$200.00	\$0
Fire Protection Wages	\$65,356.00	\$70,950.00
Firehouse Maintenance	\$18,850.00	\$19,300.00
Fire Pumper Maintenance & Equipment	\$44,650.00	\$44,650.00
Emergency Management Expense	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
Emergency Manager Stipend	\$1,829.00	\$1,920.00
Building Inspector Salary	\$8,925.00	\$9,371.00
Building Inspector Expenses	\$200.00	\$200.00
Building Inspector Certification	\$870.00	\$870.00
Inspection Software	\$3,445.00	\$3,445.00
Inspector Of Animals Stipend	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
Inspector of Animals Expense	\$200.00	\$200.00
Tree Warden Stipend	\$53.00	\$56.00
Transfer Station Expense	\$69,837.00	\$74,598.00
Transfer Station Wages	\$20,592.00	\$21,622.00
Board of Health Expenses	\$3,500.00	\$6,500.00
Board of Health Wages	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Town Office Maintenance	\$14,400.00	\$15,400.00
Town Garage Maintenance	\$20,900.00	\$20,900.00
Town Building Custodian Wages	\$5,944.00	\$6,241.00
Property/Liability Insurance	\$57,800.00	\$59,250.00
Professional Development	\$500.00	\$500.00
Office Expense	\$28,496.00	\$29,376.00
Town Telephone	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00

Board/Committee Clerical Wages	\$2,274.00	\$2,387.00
Town Reports & Ballots Printing	\$800.00	\$800.00
Group Ins/Medi/SUI - Town Share	\$123,587.00	\$149,357.00
Personnel Committee Expenses	\$100.00	\$100.00
Finance Committee Expenses	\$330.00	\$330.00
School Committee Stipends	\$900.00	\$900.00
Reserve Fund	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Conservation Commission Expenses	\$100.00	\$100.00
Historic Commission Expenses	\$100.00	\$100.00
Long Term Debt - Principal	\$24,667.00	\$0.00
Long Term Debt - Interest	\$6,938.00	\$0.00
Total	\$1,757,139.00	\$1,794,262.00

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #5. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of Section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to **authorize the establishment of revolving funds for certain town departments** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 with specific receipts credited to each fund, the purposes for which each fund may be spent and the maximum that may be spent from each fund for the fiscal year as follows:

<u>Revolving Fund Title</u>	<u>Authorized to Spend Fund</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Use of Fund</u>	<u>FY23 Spending Limit</u>	<u>Disposition of FY22 Fund Balance</u>
Plumbing Inspector	Plumbing Inspector	Plumbing Permit Fees and Applications	Reimburse Inspector for Inspection Services	\$3,500.00	Balance Available for Expenditure in 2023
Health Inspector	Health Inspectors	Board of Health Permit Fees and Applications	Reimburse Inspectors for Inspection Services	\$5,000.00	Balance Available for Expenditure in 2023
Electrical Inspector	Electrical Inspector	Electrical Permit Fees and Applications	Reimburse Inspector for Inspection Services	\$3,500.00	Balance Available for Expenditure in 2023
Fire Inspector	Fire Department Inspectors	Fire Permit Fees and Applications	Reimburse Inspectors for Inspection Services	\$3,500.00	Balance Available for Expenditure in 2023
Dog Fund	Town Clerk, Dog Officer, and Select Board	Dog License Fees and Other Charges as Provided by Chapter 40, S 147A.	Offset Expenses Related to Administration of licenses and other Animal Control Matters	\$15,000.00	Balance Available for Expenditure in 2023

Demolition Fund	Board of Health and Building Inspector	Receipts from demolition liens, municipal abatement liens and related insurance reimbursements including court orders.	For purposes associated with demolition, boarding and securing, and abating public health nuisances related to abandoned properties as determined by the Board of Health or Building Inspector.	\$20,000.00	Balance Available for Expenditure in 2023
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Michael Slowinski moved “as read”, seconded by Benjamin Eastman. Passed unanimously in the affirmative.

ARTICLE #6. To see if the town will vote to **authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, and expend any state or federal grants that may become available**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Michael Slowinski moved “as read”, seconded by Benjamin Eastman. Passed unanimously in the affirmative.

ARTICLE #7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,835 to be used for **Interest and Fees on Short-Term Indebtedness**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Michael Slowinski moved “as read”, seconded by Benjamin Eastman. Passed unanimously in the affirmative.

ARTICLE #8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$361,048 and transfer from the Quintus Allen Fund the sum of \$2,696 for a total sum of \$363,744 to be used for the **Franklin County Technical School District’s annual operating assessment**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Michael Slowinski moved “as read”, seconded by Benjamin Eastman. Passed unanimously in the affirmative.

ARTICLE #9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$5,057 to be used for the **Franklin County Technical School District’s annual capital assessment**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$2,161,062 to be used for the **Mohawk Trail Regional School District’s annual operating assessment**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$46,638 to be used for the **Mohawk Trail Regional School District’s annual capital assessment**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$9,913 for its share of the **Statutory Charges and Core Service Assessment of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$2,669 for its share of the **Cooperative Purchasing Program Service Assessment of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$150 for its share of the **Emergency Planning Committee Service Assessment of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$11,920 for its share of the cost of the **Franklin Regional Council of Government’s Cooperative Public Health Service**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$5,703 for its share of the cost to pay for a **Regional Animal Control Officer**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$118,262 for its share of the cost to maintain the **Franklin Regional Retirement System**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$6,201 to pay the town’s allocated share of the cost of the **Franklin County Solid Waste Management District**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,717 to pay the town’s allocated share of the cost of membership in the **Upper Pioneer Valley Veteran’s Service District**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$350 to pay for its share of the **Operating and Capital Costs of the Franklin County Regional Dog Control and Adoption Center**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide the sum of \$743,123 to pay for the operation and maintenance of the **Colrain Broadband Network** (an enterprise fund), or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$2,000 to be used for the **Police Administration account** (any amount expended will be 100% reimbursed), or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$2,000 toward the cost of **restoration and preservation of town records**, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #24. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Mohawk Trail Regional School District to borrow a sum of money, not to exceed \$278,400 for repair work to the Colrain Central School, located at 22 Jacksonville Road in Colrain, Massachusetts, to include rebuilding or resurfacing of parking lots and certain walkways; brick masonry repairs and re-pointing and other capital items, 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. This borrowing shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½), or take any action relating thereto.

**Kathryn Barrows moved “as read”,
seconded by John Chivers.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #25. To see if the Town will vote to amend the MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – REGIONAL DISTRICT AGREEMENT by **striking** the following language contained in **Section III (B) – Pupils Entitled to Attend Regional Elementary Schools:**

The pre-K-12 Member Towns are defined as Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Plainfield, Heath, and Shelburne. Subject to the provisions of this section, it is intended that elementary students residing in the member towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Plainfield and Shelburne will receive their education in facilities located in the District and will be assigned as follows: Ashfield and Plainfield residents to Sanderson Academy; Colrain residents to Colrain Central School; and Buckland and Shelburne residents to Buckland Shelburne Elementary School. Elementary students residing in Heath will receive their education in the

Hawlemont Regional School District pursuant to a tuition agreement between the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and the Hawlemont Regional School District through no longer than June 30, 2023. During the period of such tuition agreement, the Town of Heath shall seek in good faith to negotiate with the Hawlemont Regional School District regarding joinder of the Town of Heath into the Hawlemont Regional School District for elementary education. The tuition agreement shall constitute a binding financial obligation of the District. Heath may withdraw from the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for grades PK-6 in accordance with the "Withdrawal" section of this Agreement. Heath shall remain responsible for its outstanding indebtedness, if any, including but not limited to OPEB, to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District despite such withdrawal in accordance with the terms of the Regional Agreement.

If, upon the expiration of such tuition agreement, as may be extended, Heath and the Hawlemont Regional School District have failed to reach agreement as to the joinder of Heath into the Hawlemont Regional School District, elementary students residing in Heath will receive their education in facilities located in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, the specific location(s) to be decided as provided herein. The Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee will offer at least two (2) facilities located in the District as options for educating the elementary students of Heath and the Heath members of the Committee will determine which one (1) facility to recommend to the Committee for the placement of all Heath resident elementary students. No facility will be approved by the Committee without the affirmative votes of both Heath Committee representatives, provided however that in the event of a tie vote between such Heath representatives, or in the event that there are vacancies in the positions of Heath representatives, a majority vote of the Committee will prevail. The determination must occur no later than November 1st of the school year prior to the change.

and replacing said language with the following:

The pre-K-12 Member Towns are defined as Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Plainfield, Heath, and Shelburne. Subject to the provisions of this section, it is intended that elementary students residing in the member towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Heath, Plainfield and Shelburne will receive their education in facilities located in the District and will be assigned as follows: Ashfield and Plainfield residents to Sanderson Academy; Colrain and Heath residents to Colrain Central School; and Buckland and Shelburne residents to Buckland Shelburne Elementary School.

**Kathryn Barrows moved "as read",
seconded by John Chivers.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #26. To see if the Town will vote to amend the MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – REGIONAL DISTRICT AGREEMENT by **striking** the following language contained in **Section IV (E) – Apportionment of Capital Costs Grades pre-K–6:**

(3) The Heath Elementary School Building shall be returned to the Town of Heath on July 1, 2017, and the Lease between the parties shall terminate as of said date. In exchange for termination of the lease, the District shall pay to the Town of Heath a total sum of \$240,000.00, such payment to be made in no fewer than three (3) annual installments. The amounts and timing of such installments shall be as agreed upon in writing by the School Committee and the Town of Heath, provided however that the final installment shall be due no later than June 30, 2020. Any outstanding debt payments associated with the Heath Elementary School shall remain the responsibility of the Town of Heath, and the Town of Heath shall continue to be assessed for said debt in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(4) Capital costs representing payments of principal and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations as issued by the Committee to finance expenses in the nature of capital outlay for the purpose of construction at the site of, or reconstruction to, the Colrain Central School or upon any premises as may be leased to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District by the Town of Colrain, shall be borne by the Town of Colrain.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the member towns from amending this Agreement and modifying and/or altering the above designated schedules of apportionment of capital costs in the event subsequent school construction or reconstruction results in a change of grade level or town assignments to the District schools.

and replacing said language with the following:

(3) Colrain, Heath

Effective commencing with Fiscal Year 2023, new capital costs incurred by the committee and associated with grades pre-Kindergarten to six, inclusive, of the District school or schools serving the pupils from the Towns of Colrain and Heath shall be apportioned to the Towns of Colrain and Heath as follows:

To Colrain: A portion of the total of all principal and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations as issued by the Committee consistent with the above, expressed as a percentage of the total to the nearest one-hundredth of one percent calculated as follows: By (1), computing the ratio which the sum of the enrollments of pupils at the Colrain Center School, resident in the Town of Colrain as determined by the census of pupils at said district school each October 1 for the five most recent years, bears to the sum of enrollments of pupils at said district school, resident in the Towns of Heath and Colrain, as determined by the census of pupils each October 1 for the five most recent years (note: pre-K enrollment will be included in the calculation); and by (2) expressing such ratio as a percentage. Until five years of data becomes available, the most recent years of data shall be used to determine said ratio.

To Heath: A portion of the total of all principal and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations as issued by the Committee on or after July 1, 2022 consistent with the above, expressed as a percentage of the total to the nearest one-hundredth of one percent calculated as follows: By (1), computing ratio which the sum of the enrollments of pupils at the Colrain Central School, resident in the Town of Heath, as determined by the census of pupils at said district school each October 1 for the five most recent years, bears to the sum of enrollments of pupils at the said district school, resident in the Towns of Colrain and Heath, as determined by the census of pupils each October 1 for the five most recent years (note: pre-K enrollment will be included in the calculation); and by (2) expressing such ratio as a percentage. Until five years of data becomes available, the most recent years of data shall be used to determine said ratio.

(4) The Heath Elementary School Building was returned to the Town of Heath on July 1, 2017, and the Lease between the parties terminated as of said date. In exchange for termination of the lease, the District paid to the Town of Heath a total sum of \$240,000.00. Any outstanding debt payments associated with the Heath Elementary School shall remain the responsibility of the Town of Heath, and the Town of Heath shall continue to be assessed for said debt in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(5) Capital costs representing payments of principal and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations as issued by the Committee to finance expenses in the nature of capital outlay for the purpose of construction at the site of, or reconstruction to, the Colrain Central School or upon any premises as may

be leased to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District by the Town of Colrain, shall be borne by the Towns of Colrain and Heath, as provided in Section E. (3), above.

(6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the member towns from amending this Agreement and modifying and/or altering the above designated schedules of apportionment of capital costs in the event subsequent school construction or reconstruction results in a change of grade level or town assignments to the District schools.

**Kathryn Barrows moved “as read”,
seconded by John Chivers.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #27. To see if the Town will vote to amend the MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – REGIONAL DISTRICT AGREEMENT by **striking** the following language contained in **Section XV Effective Date:**

This amended Agreement shall take full effect in accordance with its terms on July 1, 2018 and shall supersede the prior District Agreement, including any prior amendments.

and replacing said language with the following:

This amended Agreement shall take full effect in accordance with its terms on July 1, 2022 and shall supersede the prior District Agreement, including any prior amendments

**Kathryn Barrows moved “as read”,
seconded by John Chivers.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$145,000 to pay for the purchase of a new Highway Department backhoe, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$60,000 to pay for the purchase of a new Police Department cruiser, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$5,500 to pay for upgrades to the Town’s computer network, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #31.

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money for the stabilization funds as shown in the chart below:

2/3 vote required

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
General Stabilization	General Stabilization	102,362	Free Cash
Highway	Highway Stabilization	25,000	Free Cash
Fire Department	Fire Department Stabilization	20,000	Free Cash
Library	Griswold Library Capital Stabilization	15,000	Free Cash
Total	Total	162,362	

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
2/3 Vote required.
Passed in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #32.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MA General Law Chapter 59, Section 57C for the purpose of establishing a quarterly tax payment system to be effective beginning on July 1, 2023 (Fiscal Year 2024), or take any other action relative thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #33. To amend the Town's general bylaws and zoning bylaw as follows:

Change the name of the Board of Selectmen to the "Select Board," and to amend each of the Town's General and Zoning By-laws to substitute the term "Select Board" for the term "Board of Selectmen;" to substitute the word "Select persons" for the word "Selectmen"; and to substitute the word "Select person" for the word "Selectman"; and further affirm that upon the effective date of such amendment, the term "Board of Selectmen" shall be taken to mean "Select Board" and the term "Selectmen" shall be taken to mean "Select persons" and the term "Selectman" shall be taken to mean "Select person" for the purposes of all laws, regulations, contracts, agreements or other documents that refer to or are applicable to the Town of Colrain and further to authorize the Town Clerk to make any non-substantive, ministerial revisions to ensure that gender and numerical issues in related text are revised properly to reflect such change in title; or take any action related thereto.

2/3rd vote required.

**Benjamin Eastman moved “as read”,
seconded by Michael Slowinski.
2/3 Vote required.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #34 To see if the Town will **authorize the Select Board to accept and expend, as an available fund, any of the bond issue or operating budget monies** (also called “Chapter” monies) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #35. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town’s General By-laws, Colrain Dog Bylaw, by deleting Sections 1 through 4 in their entirety and creating a *new Animal Control Bylaw* to read as written in Attachment A of this warrant, or take any action relating thereto.

**Michael Slowinski moved “as read”,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.**

ARTICLE #36. (by petition) To see if the Town will vote to support the following nonbinding resolution:
Colrain Resolution In Support of the Fair Share Amendment

WHEREAS, Massachusetts needed new investments in our transportation and public education systems even before the COVID-19 pandemic, and those investments are needed more than ever to lift our economy into an equitable and long-lasting recovery;

WHEREAS, The best way to help working families and rebuild a strong economy for all of us is to make sure that we have quality public schools for our children, affordable higher education, and a reliable transportation system; and

WHEREAS, for Massachusetts to compete against other regions around the nation and the globe, we need modern, reliable transportation: safer roads and bridges, public transportation that works, and safe ways to walk and bike around town; and

WHEREAS, Colrain has several structurally deficient bridges and several overdue road repair and replacement projects; and

WHEREAS, students need a well-rounded education, founded on a rich and varied curriculum that includes science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), music, art, and athletics; and

WHEREAS, major investments in public education are needed to help students recover academically, socially, and emotionally from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, tuitions and fees at our public colleges are among the highest in the country, forcing students to take on enormous debt to receive a degree; and

WHEREAS, new state revenue is necessary to rebuild crumbling roads and bridges, improve our public schools from Pre-K through college, expand access to vocational and technical training invest in fast and reliable public transportation, make public higher education affordable again, and expand opportunities for healthy walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, wealthy Massachusetts residents saw their investments grow during the pandemic while working families struggled, and Massachusetts’ wealthiest residents should pay their fair share to support our communities and grow our economy,

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that Colrain supports the proposed Fair Share Amendment that would create an additional tax of four percentage points on annual income above one million dollars and dedicate the funds raised by this tax to quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation.

**David Greenberg moved “as read”,
seconded by John Shivers.
Passed in the affirmative.**

**Motion to dissolve Annual Town Meeting by Michael Slowinski,
seconded by Benjamin Eastman.
Passed unanimously in the affirmative.
Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm on Tuesday June 14th, 2022.**

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at two usual places in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this tenth day of May two thousand twenty two.

Michael Slowinski, Chair

W. Thomas Griffin

Benjamin Eastman

Colrain Select Board

A TRUE COPY.

Attest: _____
Constable