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TOWN OF COLRAIN **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Special Town Meeting Warrant **Fiscal Year 2027**

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 Central School, located at 22 Jacksonville Road at 6:00 PM in said town on Tuesday the twentieth day of October 2026, there and then to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the demolition of the partially collapsed former schoolhouse located at 101 Heath Road, and all costs incidental and related thereto, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to transfer the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) from the General Stabilization Fund and appropriate said sum for the demolition of the partially collapsed former schoolhouse at 101 Heath Road, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

2/3 vote required.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Explanation: This will fund demolition of the partially collapsed former schoolhouse at 101 Heath Road, which is owned by the Town, and any associated costs.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Town of Colrain's share of the cost to replace the fire alarm control panel at Colrain Central School, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to transfer the sum of Eleven Thousand, Six Hundred, Ninety-Three Dollars (\$11,693) from the General Stabilization Fund and appropriate said sum for the

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Town of Colrain's share of the replacement of the fire alarm control panel at Colrain Central School, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

2/3 vote required.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Explanation: This appropriation will pay Colrain's share of replacing the fire alarm control panel at Colrain Central School.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Colrain Central School Weatherization Project, said amount representing the Town-funded portion of the project after application of the Eversource/Mass Save incentive and available Green Communities grant funds, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to transfer the sum of Eight Thousand and Seven Hundred Dollars (\$8,700) from the General Stabilization Fund and appropriate said sum for the Town-funded portion of the Colrain Central School Weatherization Project, after application of the Eversource/Mass Save incentive and available Green Communities grant funds.

2/3 vote required.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Explanation: Total project cost is approximately \$47,587. This appropriation will fund the Town's remaining share of the school weatherization project after applying available utility incentives of \$5,376 and Green Communities grant funds of \$33,511.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money to provide the Town's contribution toward implementation of the FY27 Service Incentive Grant (SIG) Field Demonstration Project for Nutrition, including costs associated with program implementation, said project having received \$20,000.00 in grant funding from the Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Aging & Independence, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to provide the Town's contribution toward implementation of the FY27 Service Incentive Grant (SIG) Field Demonstration Project for Nutrition, including related implementation costs.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Explanation: This appropriation will provide the Town's contribution toward implementing the FY27 nutrition (a/k/a/ Communities Connections) project. The project has been awarded \$20,000 in grant funding through the Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Aging & Independence; the amount in this motion is the Town's contribution, not

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the grant award. This will allow the Town to provide meals and other older adult services through the winter until June 30, 2027.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for costs associated with the removal or demolition of the unsafe structure located at 6 Greenfield Road, including demolition, removal and disposal, site work, professional services, and all other costs incidental and related thereto, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to transfer the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) from the General Stabilization Fund for professional services associated with the proposed demolition of the unsafe structure located at 6 Greenfield Road, including an asbestos inspection, survey, testing, and preparation of any associated reports necessary to determine the scope and estimated cost of demolition.

2/3 vote required.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Explanation: The Town is seeking to address the unsafe structure located at 6 Greenfield Road. Before obtaining a reliable estimate for demolition, an asbestos survey must be completed to determine whether hazardous materials are present and what abatement or special disposal requirements may apply.

The requested funding of \$3,000 will allow the Town to retain a qualified professional to conduct the necessary asbestos assessment once legal access to the property has been secured.

The results will assist the Town in determining the appropriate demolition procedures and developing a more accurate cost estimate. Any additional funding necessary for demolition will be brought before Town Meeting at a future date.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purchase, implementation, configuration, and related costs of an electronic permitting system for the Town, including software, setup, training, integration, and other costs incidental and related thereto, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOTION: Move to Pass Over this Article.

Explanation: This funding will come from the Building Department's FY27 expense budget and the Building Department Revolving Fund. Therefore, no additional funding is needed.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money to fund additional costs associated with the Town's transition from its physical server environment to a cloud-based server environment, including migration,

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configuration, licensing, professional information technology services, and other costs incidental and related thereto, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to transfer the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from the Technology Stabilization Fund and appropriate said sum to fund the Town server to cloud conversion project.

Recommended by Finance Committee.

Explanation: This appropriation will be added to the amount voted in Article 10 at FY27 Annual Town Meeting to cover additional costs of moving the Town's server environment to a cloud-based system.

Funding Sources:

General Stabilization: \$41,393

Raise & Appropriate: \$6,000

Technology Stabilization: \$5,000