

TOWN OF OTIS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN ♦ BOARD OF HEALTH
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Berkshire SS:

To Russell Loring, Constable of the Town of Otis in the County of Berkshire,

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 in Town Affairs to meet in the Otis Town Hall/Community Center, One North Main Road, in said Town on **Tuesday May 24, 2022**, for the election of the following Town Officers and terms thereof:

- 1 SELECTPERSON FOR 3 (THREE) YEARS
- 1 TOWN CLERK FOR 3 (THREE) YEARS
- 1 MODERATOR FOR 1 (ONE) YEAR
- 1 TREE WARDEN FOR 1 (ONE) YEAR
- 1 FINANCE BOARD MEMBER FOR 3 (THREE) YEARS
- 1 ASSESSOR FOR 3 (THREE) YEARS
- 1 CEMETERY COMMISSIONER FOR 3 (THREE) YEARS
- 1 LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR 3 (THREE) YEARS
- 1 PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR 5 (FIVE) YEARS
- 1 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR 3 (THREE) YEARS

And the Selectmen give notice that the polls shall open for the Election of Officers at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday, May 24, 2022 in the Otis Town Hall and may be closed at 7 o'clock in the evening of that day; and that the laws governing elections in the Commonwealth shall be enforced, and the Australian system of voting shall be used with the voting machine.

You are also required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet at the Otis Town Hall, One North Main Road, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1: Town Reports

To receive the reports of the various Town Officers and act thereon.

ARTICLE 2: General Fund Operating Budget

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate such money as may be necessary to defray the Town's expenses for this fiscal year. See appropriations list attached at end of Warrant.

ARTICLE 3: Revolving Funds

There are hereby established in the Town of Otis pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Ch. 44, 53E 1/2, the following Revolving Funds:

Plumbing/Gas	Fees & Charges for Plumbing/Gas Inspections
Wire Inspector	Fees & Charges for Wire Inspections
Fire Department Inspections	Fees & Charges for Fire Inspections
Sanitation Inspector	Fees & Charges for Sanitation Inspections
Recreation Commission	Fees & Charges for Recreation Programs
Demolition Debris Removal	Fees & Charges for Transfer Station Demolition Debris
Cemetery	Fees & Charges for Cemetery Commission Expenses
Tax Title	Fees & Charges for Tax Title Expenses

Section II: Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. Ch. 44, 53E 1/2 .

Plumbing & Gas Inspector	\$15,000.00
Wire Inspector	\$15,000.00
Fire Department Inspections	\$6,000.00
Sanitation Inspector	\$9,000.00
Recreation Commission	\$5,000.00
Demolition Debris Removal	\$25,000.00
Cemetery	\$2,000.00
Tax Title	\$10,000.00

ARTICLE 4: Waste Water Enterprise Fund

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$68,400.00 or any other sum for the operation and maintenance of the municipal sewer system and to meet the appropriation, and further to provide for said appropriation transfer funds from the sewer user fees; or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE 5: Debt Service

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$174,540.00 or any other sum for the purpose of paying the principal and interest due in fiscal 2023 for the John Deere Grader and the KME Fire Truck, to provide for said appropriation, take said sum from Free Cash; or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE 6: Wind Debt Service

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$430,572.50 or any other sum in fiscal 2023 for paying the principal and interest for the Wind Project Bond; funds to be transferred from the Wind Municipal Light Plant; or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE 7: Broadband Debt Service

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$212,000.00 or any other sum for paying the principal and interest due in fiscal 2023 on funds borrowed for the Otis Fiber Bond; funds to be transferred from the Wind Municipal Light Plant; or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE 8: Road Repair and Paving

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 or any other sum for the purpose of repairing and paving portions of Reservoir Road and Algeria Road including costs incidental and related thereto, and further to provide for said appropriation, take said sum equally from Free Cash (\$250,000) and Stabilization (\$250,000); or take any other action thereon.

2/3 vote required

ARTICLE 9: Town Ways and Bridges-CH90

To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Transportation (Mass DOT), under provisions of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts 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 thereon.

ARTICLE 10: Maintenance Truck

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$70,000 or any other sum for the purpose of purchasing a truck for the maintenance department, and further to provide for said appropriation, take said sum from Free Cash, or to take any other action relative thereon.

ARTICLE 11: Waste Water/Water Operator Truck

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 or any other sum for the purpose of purchasing a truck for the Waste Water/Water Operator, and further to provide for said appropriation, take said sum from Free Cash, or to take any other action relative thereon.

ARTICLE 12: Fire Proof File Cabinet

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 or any other sum for the purpose of purchasing the Town Clerk a fire proof file cabinet, and further to provide for said appropriation, take said sum from Free Cash, or to take any other action relative thereon.

ARTICLE 13: Mass Historic Grant Matching Funds

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,488 or any other sum for the purpose of matching the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund Grant awarded for the East Otis School House in the amount of \$101,500.00, and further to provide for said appropriation, take said sum from Free Cash; or take any other action thereon. In addition to the Town's contribution, The Otis Preservation Trust will transfer \$15,000 to the Town.

ARTICLE 14: St. Paul's Building Use

To see if the Town will vote to accept the use of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which was transferred to Town ownership in November, 2019 as a center for the community's use for social, cultural and educational purposes or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: Sandisfield Citizen Petition

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following petition which amends the Regional School District Agreement by adding the following provision: "All motions on Committee business shall be decided by a majority vote of the quorum in attendance, unless otherwise required by law, provided that at least one Committee member from each town votes on the prevailing side of any such motion. This should apply to setting the agendas for future meetings as well."

This article is not supported by the Selectboard

ARTICLE 16: Resolution In Support of the Fair Share Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to support the following petition;

WHEREAS, In June of 2021, with a vote of 159 in favor and 41 opposed, the Massachusetts Legislature's Constitutional Convention voted to place the Fair Share Amendment on the November, 2022 state wide ballot; and

WHEREAS, To help all families and build a stronger economy for everyone, we must have quality public education, including our public colleges and universities; and safe and reliable public transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, We must make long term investments in public education to help students academically, socially, and emotionally, especially in light of the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, We must reduce tuition and fees charged in our public education institutions in order to make higher education affordable and reduce student debt; and

WHEREAS, We have a backlog of neglected and substantially impaired public transportation infrastructure in need of repair and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, We must have safe, modern, and reliable public transportation infrastructure including roads, bridges, trains, buses, and trail ways for biking and walking; and

WHEREAS, Additional state revenue is needed to improve public schools, Pre-K through 12, and make higher public education more affordable, and reinvest in our public transportation infrastructure; and

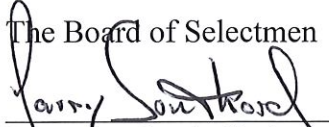
WHEREAS, Even before the Covid-19 pandemic, Massachusetts needed additional investment in public education and transportation infrastructure to ensure a more equitable and long lasting economy for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Our highest income residents pay a lower share of their income in state and local taxes than the majority of taxpayers;

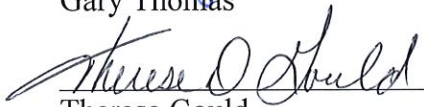
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That during the 2022 Otis Annual Town Meeting residents of Otis discuss and show support for the adoption of the proposed Fair Share Amendment that would create an additional tax of four percentage points on annual income above one million dollars and dedicate these funds raised by this tax for quality public education and affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of public roads, bridges and public transportation.

Respectfully submitted:

The Board of Selectmen

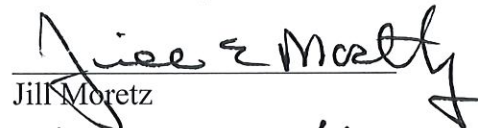

Larry Southard, Chair


Gary Thomas


Therese Gould

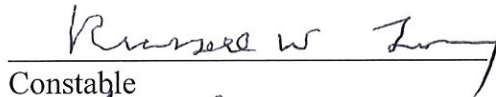
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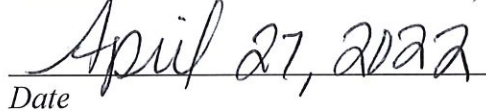

Therese Gould, Chair


Jill Moretz


Heather Gray

I have this day posted three true attest copies in three designated places in the Town of Otis.


Constable


Date

General Fund Operating Budget, Article 2 Appropriation List

Account number	Description	FY22	FY23
122	Board of Selectmen	\$ 16,865.00	\$16,865.00
123	Town Administrator	\$ 122,720.00	\$133,371.20
131	Finance	\$ 2,035.00	\$2,035.00
132	Reserve Fund	\$ 13,000.00	\$13,000.00
135	Accountant	\$ 22,514.85	\$23,351.44
136	Audit	\$ 15,000.00	\$15,000.00
141	Assessors	\$ 80,070.00	\$81,580.00
145	Treasurer	\$ 30,514.85	\$31,601.44
146	Town Collector	\$ 66,500.00	\$69,504.00
150	Office Supplies	\$ 8,500.00	\$8,500.00
151	Legal	\$ 34,500.00	\$34,500.00
155	Technology	\$ 55,040.00	\$63,478.28
161	Town Clerk	\$ 50,879.40	\$54,130.73
162	Elections	\$ 11,650.00	\$17,820.00
171	Conservation	\$ 15,440.28	\$15,440.28
175	Planning Board	\$ 7,800.00	\$7,800.00
176	Zoning Board	\$ 7,000.00	\$7,000.00
190	Safety	\$ 9,500.00	\$9,500.00
192	Town Hall	\$ 39,300.00	\$14,300.00
195	Town Report	\$ 4,000.00	\$3,000.00
210	Police	\$ 163,563.08	\$197,426.24
215	Emergency Services	\$ 220,000.00	\$262,000.00
220	Fire	\$ 72,925.00	\$74,175.00
241	Building Inspector	\$ 69,550.00	\$72,104.40
291	Emergency	\$ 30,000.00	\$30,200.00
292	Animal Control	\$ 6,200.00	\$6,200.00
294	Tree Warden	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
300	Schools	\$ 2,398,013.00	\$2,399,972.00
422	Highway	\$ 449,114.96	\$460,403.37
423	Snow & Ice	\$ 202,160.00	\$202,160.00
425	Gas & Diesel	\$ 42,700.00	\$42,700.00
429	Maintenance	\$ 397,685.60	\$424,762.49
433	Health & Sanitation	\$ 291,931.32	\$293,833.41
440	WWTP		\$-
491	Cemetery	\$ 10,700.00	\$10,700.00
520	Community Health	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00
522	Visiting Nurse	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,000.00
523	Construct	\$ 800.00	\$800.00
541	Council on Aging	\$ 18,970.00	\$20,510.00
543	Veterans	\$ 47,516.56	\$47,516.56
610	Library	\$ 70,212.50	\$71,967.81
630	Recreation	\$ 62,372.55	\$62,746.26
691	Historical	\$ 10,250.00	\$11,000.00
692	Celebrations	\$ 9,000.00	\$9,500.00
699	Cultural Council	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00
820	Berkshire Regional Plan	\$ 1,284.40	\$1,357.15
911	Berkshire County Retirement	\$ 201,494.00	\$212,466.00
912	Unemployment	\$ 14,000.00	\$14,000.00
914	Health Insurance	\$ 264,202.00	\$287,954.00
916	Medicare	\$ 18,000.00	\$18,000.00
945	Insurance	\$ 110,000.00	\$110,000.00
		\$ 5,807,974.35	\$5,978,732.06