

WARRANT FOR THE SAVOY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BERKSHIRE, SS

To either of the Constables of the Town of Savoy in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Savoy qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the SAVOY FIRE HOUSE in said Savoy on Wednesday the 8th of May 2024, at 7:00pm and then act on the following articles:

ARTICLE #1: To see if the Town will vote to participate in the activities of the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership (also known as the "Woodlands Partnership of Northwest Massachusetts" per the Board's October 2022 vote to recommend a name change*) as provided for in Section 91 of Chapter 209 of the Actos of 2018, an Act Promoting Climate Change Adaptations, Environmental and Natural Resource Protections, and Investment in Recreational Assets and opportunity (the 'Environmental Bond Bill") or take any other action related thereto. *(This article was tabled last year.)*

ARTICLE #2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for state or federal grants, and to expend any monies received, as outlined in the appropriate grant application(s) or take any other action thereto. *(The Select Board recommends this article as written.)*

ARTICLE #3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept State Grants from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division pursuant to G.L. Ch. 90, and to expend those funds for the purpose of state-approved Chapter 90 projects, services and purchases, or any other enabling authority, or take any other action thereto. *(The Select Board and the Finance Committee recommend this article as written.)*

ARTICLE #4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of the school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. [Fiscal year 2024 amounts are shown for comparative purposes. – Schedule A]. *(The School Board recommends this article as written.)* **\$1,193,610.00**

ARTICLE #5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and to vote to set the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town. [Fiscal year 2024 amounts are shown for comparative purposes. – Schedule A]. *(The Select Board and the Finance Committee recommend this article as written.)* **\$1,222,316.06**

ARTICLE #6: General By-Laws Amendment to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds: To see if the Town will vote to amend the general by-laws of the Town of Savoy by adding a new section to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority vote to adopt or amend the general Town by-laws.

ARTICLE (24) (of Savoy Town By-laws)

DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

1. **Purpose.** This by-law establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by Town departments, boards, committees, agencies, or officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

2. **Expenditure Limitations.** An authorized department or agency head, board, committee or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law without appropriation subject to the following limitations:

- A. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund (except for those employed as school bus drivers.)
- B. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the funds.
- C. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by this by-law or Town Meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the Selectboard and Finance Committee.

3. **Interest.** Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this by-law shall be credited to the general fund.

4. **Procedures and Reports.** Except as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 and this by-law, the laws, by-laws, rules, regulations, policies, or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of Town monies and the expenditure and payment of Town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law. The Town Accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the Town Accountant provides the department, board, committee, agency or officer on appropriations made for its use.

5. **Authorized Revolving Funds.** The Table establishes:

- A. Each revolving fund is authorized for use by a Town department, board, committee, agency, or officer.
- B. The department or agency head, board, committee, or officer authorized to spend from each fund.
- C. The fees, charges and other monies charged and received by the department, board committee, agency, or officer in connection with the program or activity for which the fund is established shall be credited to each fund by the Town Accountant.

- D. The expenses of the program or activity for which each fund may be used.
- E. Any restrictions or conditions on expenditures from each fund.
- F. Any reporting or other requirements that apply to each fund, and
- G. The fiscal years each fund shall operate under this by-law.

Revolving Fund	Entity Authorized to Spend from Fund	Fee, Charges, or Receipts Credited to Fund	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund	Other Requirements or Reports	Fiscal Years
Plumbing and Wiring Inspections	Plumbing Inspector Wiring Inspector	Fees Collected for Inspections	Compensation For Inspections	Limit of \$1,500.00		Fiscal Year 2025 and Subsequent Years
Board of Health Agent Inspections	Board of Health Agent	Fees Collected for Inspections	Compensation For Inspections	Limit of \$1,500.00	<i>Not needed if we sign BRPC contract for Comprehensive Inspectional Services</i>	Fiscal Year 2025 and Subsequent Years

(Council recommends the table above. Comment from Council: Once this bylaw is adopted you only need to vote each year for the Revolving Account named and limit. Sections 1 and 5, unless amending the by-laws by adding more accounts or deleting accounts.)

ARTICLE #7: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 64G, section 3A, and impose a local excise tax upon the transfer of occupancy of any room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house, short term rental, or motel located within the Town at a rate of 6%, said excise tax to take effect on the first day of the calendar quarter commencing at least thirty days after such vote of the Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto. ***(Zoning Board and Planning Board recommend this article as written.)***

Majority vote required

ARTICLE #8: To see if the Town shall vote to have its Elected Treasurer become an Appointed Treasurer of the Town or take any action in relation thereto: ***(Ballot question to be voted on next year's Annual Town Election, May 2025)***

ARTICLE #9: To see if the Town will authorize, pursuant to Section 23A of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Select Board to appoint a Town Administrator or take other actions in relation thereto. ***(Note: No funding for this position in budget)***

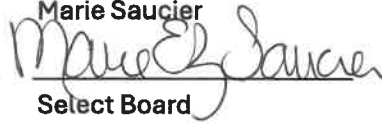
And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies of the same on the bulletin board at the Savoy Town and on the notice board at the Savoy Transfer Station at least (7) SEVEN days before the time of holding said meeting. HEREOF, fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and a place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 23 day of APRIL, in the year TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FOUR (2024).

Justin Kaczowski

Marie Saucier

Date



4/23/24

Select Board, Chair

Select Board

I have posted up true and attested copies hereof, one at the Town of Savoy and one at the Savoy Transfer Station.

Constable: _____ Date: _____