

**TOWN OF TYRINGHAM
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

May 27, 2025

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Berkshire SS.**

To any of the Constables of the Town of Tyringham in said County

GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Tyringham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Tyringham Town Hall, 116 Main Road in said Town on Tuesday May 27, 2025 at 7 pm, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Town Committees.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to have its Selectmen act as its agents in any suit of law for or against the Town.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote \$144,400.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of lowering the tax rate for fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) or take any other action in respect there to.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to take 65,000.26 from Stabilization or any other amount to fund a portion of the Road construction/maintenance budget (6.2 – b line #4) for the highway department or take any other action in respect there to.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 & 7 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or, otherwise provide, the following sums of money or any other sums as listed under:

- 6.1 Town Administration;**
- 6.2 Roads, Buildings and Grounds;**
- 6.3 Education**
- 6.4 Fire and Safety**
- 6.5 Committees, Commissions and Reserves**

6.1 Town Administration

(a) Select Board

1	Selectman - Chairman	4,000
2	Selectman - Clerk	3,500
3	Selectman - Member	3,000
4	Selectman Expenses	3,700

Sub-total Select Board: 14,200

(b) Town Hall Offices

1	Town Administrator	73,120
2	Administrative Assistant	48,092
3	Cleaning Services	10,400
4	Town Clerk salary	12,128
5	Town Clerk expenses	2,000
6	Accounting, Payroll & Treasury software support	12,000
7	IT Specialist	2,500
8	Building Inspector	5,400
9	Town Report printing	1,300
10	Website management and e-mail	4,400
11	Blackboard Connect (Robocall system)	1,200
12	Moderator	250
13	Moderator expenses	200
14	Board of Registrars	400
15	Election of Officers	2,500
16	Town counsel	5,500
17	Professional Services (consulting, legal, other)	10,000
18	Office supplies	2,100
19	Town Administration expenses	2,000
20	Supply Purchase Agreement	800

Sub-total Town Offices: 196,290

(c) Financial Management Expenses

1	Assessor Chairman/Certified (Elected)	2,000
2	Assessor Clerk/Certified (Elected)	1,800
3	Assessor Member/Certified (Elected)	1,800
4	Assistant Assessor	18,000
5	Assessor Revaluation Consultant	0
6	Assessor expenses	4,000
7	Total Software and Services	25,000
8	Revaluation expenses	0
9	Tax Collector salary	17,250
10	Tax Collector certification	1,000
11	Asst. Tax Collector salary	2,200
12	Tax Collector expenses	7,000
13	Treasurer	16,750
14	Treasurer expenses	5,000
15	Interest Account	2,000
16	Accounting Officer expenses	1,300

Sub-total Financial Management: 105,100

(d) Employee/Retiree Benefits & Other Expenses

1	Berkshire County Retirement	91,350
2	Employee Family Health (4)	95,400
3	Employee Single Health (2)	17,802
4	Retiree Health (4)	12,285
5	Employee & Retiree Dental	3,150
6	Compensation for Health Waivers (1)	4,451
7	Employee Salary Increases & Incentives	41,000

8	Medicare	8,500
9	Animal Inspector/ Control Officer	3,000
10	Asst. Animal Inspector / Control Officer	600
11	Animal Inspector/ Control Officer Expenses	1,000
12	Berkshire Regional Planning	373
13	Veterans Services	3,309
14	Mental Health Services	250
15	Women's Service Center (Freeman Ctr)	250
16	Gift and Flowers	450
Sub-Total Other Expenses:		283,170
Total Town Administration:		598,760

6.2 Roads, Buildings and Grounds

(a) Highway Team

1	Road Superintendent	78,083
2	Foreman	63,066
3	Laborer	56,160
4	Uniforms	2,000
5	Division of Employment Security	700
Sub-total Highway Team:		200,009

(b) Roads and Bridges

1	Snow and sand (and overtime)	55,000
2	Summertime overtime	2,500
3	Bridges & Culverts	-
4	Road construction/maintenance	55,000
5	Highway Superintendent expenses	2,000
6	Removal of dead trees	21,500
7	Tree planting	1,000
8	Street lights	1,900
9	Highway environmental	5,000
10	Highway debris disposal	10,000
11	Highway police detail	2,500
12	Highway Building Committee	500
Sub-total Roads and Bridges:		156,900

(c) Equipment

1	Machinery maintenance and fuel	60,000
2	Loan Payments	-
3	Equipment Committee	500
Sub-Total Equipment:		60,500

(d) Town Grounds and Buildings

1	Post Office Staff	31,670
2	Grounds & Buildings (utilities, maintenance, improvements)	54,000
3	Insurance (property, auto, workman's comp.)	37,000
4	Alarm monitoring	2,000
5	Elevator maintenance	5,000
6	Librarian	3,225
7	Library Staff	4,680
8	Library Trustees (2)	200

9	Library expenses	5,370
10	Park and swimming	2,000
11	Cemetery mowing and maintenance	17,500
12	Transfer Station salary	13,078
13	Transfer & disposal of refuse	60,000
14	Hazardous waste collection	1,046
Sub-Total Town Grounds and Buildings:		236,769
Total Roads, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance:		654,178

6.3 Education

(a) Support and Transportation

1	Support of Public Schools	214,741
2	Public School Transportation	110,525
3	Special Needs	251,918
Sub-Total Support and Transportation:		577,184

(b) School Committee

1	School Committee - Chair	1,000
2	School Committee - Clerk	500
3	School Committee - Member	500
Sub-Total School Committee:		2,000
Total Education:		579,184

6.4 Fire and Safety

(a) Fire Department

1	Fire Chief	1,500
2	Deputy Fire Chief	500
3	First Assistant to Fire Chief	500
4	Second Assistant to Fire Chief	500
5	Fire Warden	1,500
6	Deputy Fire Warden	500
7	Fire Fighter stipends	28,000
8	Workers comp for Fire Dept.	6,211
9	Fire Protection expenses	9,850
10	Fire Company Rent	14,000
11	Forest Fire	270
12	Hearing Officer/city of Pittsfield	200
13	Fire Company equipment	7,900
Sub-total Fire Dept:		71,431

(b) Police Department

1	Full-time Officer/Chief	76,066
2	Workers Comp Police	4,378
3	Part-time Officer	5,000
4	Fuel and expenses	21,000
5	Berkshire County Sheriff's Office	1,515
Sub-total Police Dept:		107,959

(c) Emergency Management

1	Emergency Management Director	2,000
2	Emergency Management expenses	500

3	SBREPC		500
4	Public Health Nurse		2,975
5	Lee Ambulance Service		27,422
	Sub-total Emergency Management:	33,397	
	Total Fire and Safety:	212,787	

6.5 Committees, Commissions and Reserves

(a) Board of Health

1	Chairman/Certified		600
2	Clerk/Uncertified		100
3	Member/Uncertified		100
4	Expenses		3,200

Sub-Total Board of Health: 4,000

(b) Planning Board

1	Chairman		1,000
2	Members (4)		2,000
3	Expenses		750

Sub-Total Planning Board: 3,750

(c) Conservation Commission

1	Chairman		1,000
2	Members (4)		800
3	Expenses		450

Sub-Total Conservation Commission: 2,250

(d) Cemetery, Park, Historical & Cultural

1	Cemetery Committee Members (3)		600
2	Veterans Grave Officer		200
3	Park Commission Members (3)		600
4	Cultural Commission (Chair)		200
5	Historical Commission expenses		1,500

Sub-Total Cemetery, Park, Cultural & Historical: 3,100

(e) Board of Appeals

1	Chairman		600
2	Alternates (2)		200
3	Members (4)		800
4	Expenses		100

Sub-Total Board of Appeals: 1,700

(f) Finance Committee

1	Chairman		1,000
2	Members (2)		1,000
3	Expenses		100
4	Reserve Fund (Extraordinary/Unforeseen Exp.)		20,000

Sub-Total Finance Committee: 22,100

Total Committees, Commissions & Reserves: 36,900

Article 6 Grand Total: 2,081,809

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept any monies that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - Mass Highway/Executive Office of Transportation appropriates to the town under the provisions of Chapter 90 or any other lawful provision of the 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 take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to allow: Police Detail rate of \$45.00 per hour; members of the Board of Health to witness Title V inspections or perc tests at \$45.00 per hour; a member of the Library Trustees to be employed as Librarian at \$3,225.00 per year; and a member of the Cemetery Committee to be employed as Cemetery Sexton at \$200.00 per year, pursuant to MGL c. 268A s 21 A and C. 41, s. 4A.

ARTICLE 9. The following Revolving Funds and expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitations established by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c44, 53E1/2.

Board of Appeals	\$1,000.00	Fees & Charges for hearings
Board of Health	\$3,000.00	Fees & Charges for inspections
Conservation Comm.	\$5,000.00	Fees & Charges for hearings
Con Com. (local fees)	\$5,000.00	Fees & Charges for hearings
Gas Inspector	\$1,000.00	Fees & Charges for Gas Inspection
Park Commission	\$1,000.00	Fees & Charges for Park equipment
Planning Board	\$1,000.00	Fees & Charges for hearings
Plumbing Inspector	\$1,000.00	Fees & Charges for inspections
Wiring Inspector	\$2,500.00	Fees & Charges for inspections
Cemetery Committee	\$1,000.00	Fees & Charges for burial expenses
Fire Co. False Alarm	\$500.00	Fees & Charges for false alarms
Fire Company Fees	\$500.00	Fees & Charges for inspections
Police Detail	\$5,000.00	Fees & Charges for Police Details

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to close portions of Webster, Fenn, Brace, and Breakneck Roads and or any other roads at certain times of the year as the Highway Superintendent and Selectmen deem necessary.

- 1.) Webster Road – From Janine Gauhtt’s driveway to Becket town line.
- 2.) Fenn Road – Road to be closed after Yo Yo Ma’s garage driveway.
- 3.) Brace Road – From Thomas Canfield driveway to Monterey town line.
- 4.) Breakneck Road – To be closed at bottom of the “big hill” to Jerusalem Road.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4A of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with other cities, town and political subdivisions for the group purchasing of supplies, commodities and services that the Town is authorized by law to purchase and to appropriate funds voted under Article 6.1(b)18 as the Town’s share of the expenses for the administration of the program for Fiscal Year 2026.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept \$400.00 for the interest thereon to be used for the perpetual care of the William & Elizabeth Bean plot in the Tyringham Cemetery (plot number 56).

AND YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO serve this Warrant by posting copies thereof at the Post Office, Union Church, Town Hall and Bulletin Board at Goose Pond, in said Town, not less than seven (7) days before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of this Warrant with your doings there on unto our Town Clerk on or before said day and hour.

Given under our hands at Tyringham, Massachusetts this 20th day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

Respectfully,
Tyringham Board of Selectmen,


James Consolati, Chairman


Matthew Puntin, Clerk


Michael Curtin, Member



TRUE COPY ATTEST:

 Heather Ketchen, Town Clerk

05/20/25
(date)

Town Seal

I have served this Warrant by posting attested copies at the Post Office, Union Church, Town Hall and Bulletin Board at Goose Pond, seven (7) days at least before holding said meeting.

, Michael Curtin, Constable 05/20/25 date