

WARRANT  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE SS.

TO: James Olmsted, Constable of the Town of Egremont,  
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Egremont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the North Egremont Fire Station, 175 Egremont Plain Road, North Egremont, on Tuesday, the 9th day of May, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in the forenoon, and then and there to bring their ballots to the election officers for the election of the following Town and District Officers:

One Assessor for three years,  
One Cemetery Commissioner for three years,  
One Library Trustee for three years,  
One Moderator for three years,  
One member of the Planning Board for five years,  
One member of the Select Board three years,

and to choose such other officers as towns are required by law or have a right to choose.

All of the above named officers will be voted upon an official ballot to be furnished at the polling place by the election officers. The questions below will also be voted upon the official ballot to be furnished at the polling place by the election officers.

Shall the Town of Egremont be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a Highway Dump Truck?

Shall the Town of Egremont be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a Fire Truck?

The polls will open at 10:00 A.M, and shall close at 7:00 P.M.

And you are requested to warn said election by posting copies of this Warrant in four or more public places in said Town, fourteen days at least, before the time of holding same.

You are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Catamount Ski Area Lodge, Egremont MA, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of May, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. and then and there to act upon the following articles:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
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ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of any officers, committee or committees.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, monies, or any other amounts, to defray charges and expenses to the Town, to set the salaries of elected officials, including salaries of certain Town officers and employees, debt and interest, and to provide for a reserve fund, all beginning July 1, 2023 for the ensuing twelve months.

	<u>VOTED</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
<b>1. OFFICIALS AND BOARDS</b>	<b>\$ 482,172.00</b>	<b>\$ 513,387.00</b>
A. Accounting Officer Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00
B. Accounting Officer	14,966.00	16,104.00
C. Agricultural Commission	800.00	800.00
D. Assessors Clerical	3,602.00	3,886.00
E. Assessor's Consulting	38,000.00	39,000.00
F. Assessor's Expense	2,250.00	2,000.00
G. Assessor #1 Salary	5,128.00	5,128.00
H. Assessor #2 Salary	5,128.00	5,128.00
I. Assessor #3 Salary	5,128.00	5,128.00
J. Board of Appeals Expense	100.00	100.00
K. Board of Health Expense	4,500.00	3,800.00
L. Board of Health Director	39,866.00	43,096.00
M. Health Alliance Services	11,500.00	11,730.00
N. Building Inspector Salary	34,211.00	36,812.00
O. Asst. Building Inspector	1,500.00	1,500.00
P. Conservation Comm. Expense	2,520.00	1,520.00
Q. Conservation Agent	1,000.00	400.00
R. Conservation Comm. Clerical	3,500.00	3,784.00
S. Constable's Salary	706.00	706.00
T. Finance Committee Expense	400.00	400.00
U. Grant Administrator	10,000.00	16,675.00
V. Inspectors' Expenses	2,130.00	2,130.00
W. Personnel Director	13,004.00	13,993.00
X. Planning Board Expense	3,575.00	3,650.00
Y. Sel. Office Administrator	73,952.00	79,573.00
Z. Selectmen Office Expense	13,200.00	13,200.00
AA. Selectman #1 Salary	5,729.00	5,729.00
BB. Selectman #2 Salary	5,316.00	5,316.00
CC. Selectman #3 Salary	5,316.00	5,316.00
DD. Green Committee Expenses	381.00	381.00
EE. Town Clerk Expense	7,000.00	8,500.00
FF. Town Clerk Salary	15,513.00	16,460.00

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	<u>VOTED</u> <u>2022-2023</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>2023-2024</u>
GG. Town Hall Office Clerk	31,816.00	34,237.00
HH. Treasurer/Collector Expense	11,545.00	11,545.00
II. Treasurer/Collector Salary	64,860.00	69,790.00
JJ. Web Administrator	42,530.00	44,370.00
<b>2. TOWN EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 339,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 300,554.00</b>
A. Animal Control Officer	2,790.00	2,961.00
B. Animal Control Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00
C. Audit	8,717.00	9,217.00
D. Board of Registrars Salary	50.00	50.00
E. Broadband Backup Operations	3,000.00	0.00
F. Compactor Operation	117,495.00	108,995.00
G. Compactor Substitute Wages	16,596.00	1,591.00
H. Computer Expenses	99,816.00	97,513.00
I. Computer Administrator	5,700.00	2,580.00
J. Drug and Alcohol Tests	360.00	360.00
K. Egremont Newsletter	3,500.00	3,500.00
L. Election Wages	4,500.00	4,500.00
M. Group Purchasing	1,310.00	1,310.00
N. Geographic Information System	4,400.00	5,300.00
O. High Speed Internet	2,871.00	2,871.00
P. Historical Commission Expense	2,050.00	2,050.00
Q. Inspector of Animals	500.00	500.00
R. Legal Expenses	2,000.00	1,500.00
S. Legal Fees	18,000.00	19,000.00
T. Litigation	7,000.00	7,000.00
U. Moderator	344.00	365.00
V. Public Health Services	2,469.00	2,470.00
W. School Committee	2,272.00	2,411.00
X. School Crossing Guard	500.00	0.00
Y. So. Berk. Chamber Commerce	260.00	260.00
Z. Town Engineer	4,450.00	4,450.00
AA. Town Report	300.00	300.00
BB. Town Telephone	7,500.00	8,400.00
CC. Veteran's Benefits	20,000.00	10,000.00
DD. Zoning Bylaws	0.00	100.00
<b>3. TOWN MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 261,511.00</b>	<b>\$ 280,747.00</b>
A. Bldg Maint. General Exp.	22,235.00	25,300.00
B. Bldg Maint. Utility Exp.	34,650.00	41,937.00
C. Building Maintenance Wages	14,574.00	15,682.00

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	<u>VOTED</u> 2022-2023	<u>PROPOSED</u> 2023-2024
D. Maintenance Superintendent	62,640.00	67,714.00
E. Cemetery Maintenance	1,100.00	200.00
F. French Park Maintenance	3,000.00	3,270.00
G. French Park Trail/Forest	2,460.00	5,960.00
H. French Park Overtime Wages	5,950.00	5,000.00
I. French Park Wages	13,758.00	14,304.00
J. Public Lighting	6,500.00	6,900.00
K. Building Improvements	24,500.00	14,900.00
L. Tree Work	40,000.00	40,000.00
M. Tree Warden	7,144.00	7,580.00
N. Cemetery Exp & Maint	23,000.00	32,000.00
<b>4. HIGHWAYS</b>	<b>\$ 619,475.00</b>	<b>\$ 655,469.00</b>
A. Const. & Maint. Wages	5,000.00	5,000.00
B. Construction & Maintenance	202,300.00	206,300.00
C. Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs	62,100.00	62,100.00
D. Highway Union	179,454.00	205,700.00
E. Superintendent Salary	75,621.00	81,369.00
F. Snow & Ice Removal	70,000.00	70,000.00
G. Snow & Ice Removal Wages	25,000.00	25,000.00
<b>5. LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$ 41,264.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,664.00</b>
A. Expenses	14,475.00	14,725.00
B. Librarian's Salary	25,754.00	27,841.00
C. Library Substitute Wages	1,035.00	1,098.00
<b>6. POLICE</b>	<b>\$ 485,658.00</b>	<b>\$ 521,621.00</b>
A. Chief Expenses	4,500.00	3,500.00
B. Chief Salary	90,761.00	97,659.00
C. Collective Bargaining	350,351.00	386,630.00
D. Department Expenses	11,500.00	10,000.00
E. Police Wages-Secretary	19,046.00	10,832.00
F. Vehicle Expenses	9,500.00	13,000.00
<b>7. FIRE AND EMERGENCY</b>	<b>\$145,991.00</b>	<b>\$ 204,296.00</b>
A. Dispatch Facilities	11,960.00	12,317.00
B. Emergency Management	1,600.00	1,600.00
C. Emergency Management Wages	2,820.00	2,820.00
D. Fire Department Expense	57,400.00	66,000.00

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	<u>VOTED</u> 2022-2023	<u>PROPOSED</u> 2023-2024
E. Firefighters Stipend	35,000.00	38,000.00
F. Forest Fires	1,000.00	1,000.00
G. Fire Dept Admin/Train	12,000.00	12,000.00
H. Fire Chief pay	21,361.00	22,664.00
I. Street Number 911	100.00	0.00
J. Reverse 911 system	2,250.00	2,250.00
K. So Berk Reg Emergency Plan	500.00	500.00
L. So. Berk. Ambulance Squad	0.00	45,145.00
<b>8. DEBT AND INTEREST</b>	<b>\$269,378.00</b>	<b>\$225,428.00</b>
A. Interest Short Term Debt	10,000.00	10,000.00
B. Highway Truck	61,081.00	57,444.00
C. Mt. Washington Rd Eng	59,029.00	90,849.00
D. Rescue Truck	67,999.00	0.00
E. Fire Truck	71,269.00	67,135.00
<b>9. HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 96,116.00</b>	<b>\$106,568.00</b>
A. Brien Center/Mental Health	2,203.00	2,203.00
B. Berk South Community Center	2,000.00	2,000.00
C. Community Health Programs	1,000.00	1,000.00
D. Berk. Comm. Action Council	1,000.00	1,000.00
E. Construct, Inc.	2,000.00	2,000.00
F. Eagle Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
G. Council on Aging	14,950.00	20,090.00
H. Egremont Garden Club	350.00	350.00
I. Elizabeth Freeman Center	500.00	500.00
J. Fairview Hospital	1,500.00	1,500.00
K. Housatonic Valley Assoc	300.00	500.00
L. Hospice Care	750.00	750.00
M. Railroad Street Youth Project	2,500.00	2,500.00
N. Public Transport	60,663.00	65,775.00
O. Literacy Network of So. Berk.	400.00	400.00
P. Friends of Prospect Lake	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>10. INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$713,563.00</b>	<b>\$777,448.00</b>
A. Health/Dental/Life	334,062.00	349,238.00
B. Pension	214,966.00	252,750.00
C. Property & Casualty	126,810.00	134,435.00
D. Social Security/Medicare	19,000.00	22,000.00
E. Unemployment	10,000.00	10,000.00

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	<u>VOTED</u> 2022-2023	<u>PROPOSED</u> 2023-2024
F. Longevity Pay	3,725.00	4,025.00
G. Sick/Vacation leave	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>11. RESERVE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>
<b>12. SCHOOLS</b>	<b>\$1,957,732.00</b>	<b>\$2,103,064.00</b>
A. Operating & Transport	1,878,250.00	2,006,131.00
B. Capital Costs	36,275.00	44,253.00
C. Bond Payment	36,407.00	45,880.00
D. Vocational Education	6,800.00	6,800.00
<b>TOTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,437,610.00</b>	<b>\$5,757,246.00</b>

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Egremont Water Department, said sums to be expended under the direction of the Water Commissioners, or take any other action thereto.

That the following sums be appropriated for/to the Water Enterprise Fund:

**WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

	<u>VOTED</u> 2022-2023	<u>PROPOSED</u> 2023-2024
A. Water Debt	\$ 0.00	\$134,000.00
B. Water Operating Exp	27,500.00	27,500.00
C. Salaries/Wages	81,250.00	102,382.00
D. Utilities	12,500.00	15,000.00
E. Office Expenses	5,500.00	6,000.00
F. Water System Maint., Repair, Replacement, Upgrade	37,500.00	37,500.00
G. Audit	4,500.00	4,750.00
H. Insurance	9,486.00	39,516.00
I. Software	2,100.00	2,500.00
J. Truck/sander/plow	48,474.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$228,810.00</b>	<b>\$369,148.00</b>

and that the necessary funds be raised as follows:

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
Water Department Revenues	\$231,000.00	\$345,800.00
Retained earnings	0.00	35,000.00
Tax Levy subsidy	0.00	0.00

(Finance Committee recommend will make a recommendation at the town meeting.)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to have its Selectboard act as Water Commissioners as allowed by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Sections 21, 69A, and 69B, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$285,000.00, or any other amount, to purchase a new dump truck for the Highway Department, including the payment of all other costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, s.7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, or to take any other action relative thereto.  
(Secret Ballot 2/3 vote required)

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 55C, allowing the establishment of a housing trust to be known as the Egremont Municipal Housing Trust, whose purpose shall be to provide for the creation and preservation of workforce and/or affordable housing in the Town of Egremont for the benefit of low and moderate income households, substantially in a form which is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection during regular business hours or to take any action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee makes no recommendation.)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws by adding a new Bylaw 21 entitled the Egremont Municipal Housing Trust, as follows, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Bylaw 21

**EGREMONT MUNICIPAL HOUSING TRUST**

Pursuant to M.G.L, c. 44, section 55C there is hereby created a local municipal housing Trust fund to be known as the Egremont Municipal Housing Trust.

**ARTICLE I: Name of the Trust**

The Trust shall be called the "Egremont Municipal Housing Trust Fund" (the "Trust").

**ARTICLE II: Purpose**

The purpose of the Trust shall be to provide for the preservation and creation of workforce and affordable housing in the Town of Egremont for the benefit of low and moderate income households. In furtherance of this purpose, the

Trustees are hereby authorized, in accordance with the procedures set forth herein, to acquire by gift, purchase or otherwise real estate and personal property, both tangible and intangible, of every sort and description; to use such property, both real and personal, in such manner as the Trustees shall deem most appropriate to carry out such purpose, provided however, that all property held by the Trust and the net earnings thereof shall be used exclusively for the preservation and creation in the Town of Egremont of workforce and affordable housing for the purposes for which this Trust was formed.

**ARTICLE III: Trustees**

There shall be a Board of Trustees (the "Trust Board") composed of five (5) Trustees, appointed by the Select Board. To the extent possible, the Trust Board should include members with experience in banking, real estate, real estate law, residential development and workplace and/or affordable housing. At least one (1) member of the Trust Board shall be a member of the Select Board. The term of a Trustee shall be three (3) years, except that in order to stagger the terms of the Trustees, three (3) members of the initial Trust Board shall serve for a term of two (2) years. If a vacancy shall occur among the Trustees, it shall be filled by appointment of the Select Board for the unexpired term. A Trustee may be removed by a majority vote of the Select Board. Any Trustee who ceases to be a resident of the Town of Egremont shall cease to be a Trustee hereunder and shall promptly provide a written notification of the change in residence to the Trust Board and to the Town Clerk. Any Trustee may resign by written instrument signed and acknowledged by such Trustee and duly filed with the Town Clerk. Upon the appointment of any succeeding Trustee and the filing of such appointment the title to the Trust estate shall thereupon and without the necessity of any conveyance be vested in such succeeding Trustee jointly with the remaining Trustees. Reference to the Trustee shall mean the Trustee or Trustees for the time being hereunder.

**ARTICLE IV: Meetings of Trust Board**

The Trust Board shall meet at least quarterly at such time and at such place as the Trustees shall determine. Notice of all meetings of the Trust Board shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law. A quorum at any meeting shall be a majority of the Trustees.

**ARTICLE V: Powers of the Board**

The Trust Board shall have the following powers which shall be carried out in accordance with and in furtherance of the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 55C and inclusive of any future amendments to that section and shall include the following:

- 1) To accept and receive real property, personal property or money, by gift, grant, contribution, devise or transfer from any person, firm, corporation or other public or private entity, including but not limited to money, grants of funds or other property tendered to the Trust in connection



with any ordinance or by-law or any general or special law or any other source, including money from Chapter 44B;

2) To purchase and retain real or personal property, including without restriction investments that yield a high rate of income or no income;

3) To sell, lease, exchange, transfer or convey any personal, mixed, or real property at public auction or by private contract for such consideration and on such terms as to credit or otherwise, and to make such contracts and enter into such undertaking relative to Trust property as the Trust Board deems advisable notwithstanding the length of any such lease or contract;

4) To execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds, assignments, transfers, pledges, leases, covenants, contracts, promissory notes, releases and other instruments sealed or unsealed, necessary, proper or incident to any transaction in which the Trust Board engages for the accomplishment of the purposes of the Trust;

5) To employ advisors and agents, such as accountants, appraisers and lawyers as the Trust Board deems necessary;

6) To pay reasonable compensation and expenses to all advisors and agents and to apportion such compensation between income and principal as the Trust Board deems advisable;

7) To apportion receipts and charges between incomes and principal as the Trust Board deems advisable, to amortize premiums and establish sinking funds for such purpose, and to create reserves for depreciation, depletion or otherwise necessary;

8) To participate in any reorganization, recapitalization, merger or similar transactions; and to give proxies or powers of attorney with or without power of substitution to vote any securities or certificates of interest; and to consent to any contract, lease, mortgage, purchase or sale of property, by or between any corporation and any other corporation or person;

9) To deposit any security with any protective reorganization committee, and to delegate to such committee such powers and authority with relation thereto as the Trust Board may deem proper and to pay, out of Trust property, such portion of expenses and compensation of such committee as the Trust Board may deem necessary and appropriate;

10) To carry property for accounting purposes other than acquisition date values;

11) To borrow money on such terms and conditions and from such sources as the Trust Board deems advisable, to mortgage and pledge Trust assets as collateral;

12) To make distributions or divisions of principal in kind;

13) To comprise, attribute, defend, enforce, release, settle or otherwise adjust claims in favor or against the Trust, including claims for taxes, and to accept any property, either in total or partial satisfaction of any indebtedness or other obligation, and subject to the provisions of this

act, to continue to hold the same for such period of time as the Trust Board may deem appropriate;

14) To manage or improve real property; and to abandon any property which the Trust Board determines not to be worth retaining;

15) To hold all or part of the Trust property uninvested for such purposes and for such time as the Trust Board may deem appropriate; and

16) To extend the time for payment of any obligation to the Trust.

The powers and duties enumerated above are intended to encompass all powers and duties of the Trust Board.

**ARTICLE VI: Funds Paid to the Trust**

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all moneys paid to the Trust in accordance with any Zoning Ordinance or by-law, exaction fee, or private contributions shall be paid directly into the Trust and need not be appropriated or accepted and approved into the Trust. General revenues appropriated into the Trust become Trust property and to be expended these funds need not be further appropriated. All moneys remaining in the Trust at the end of any fiscal year, whether or not expended by the Trust Board within one year of the date they were appropriated into the Trust, remain Trust property.

**ARTICLE VII: Acts of the Trust Board**

A majority of the Trust Board may exercise any or all of the powers of the Trust Board hereunder and may execute on behalf of the Trust Board any and all instruments with the same effect as though executed by all the Trustees. No Trustee shall be required to give bond. No license of court shall be required to confirm the validity of any transaction entered into by the Trustees with respect to the Trust Estate.

**ARTICLE VIII: Liability**

Neither the Trustees, collectively or individually, nor any agent or officer of the Trust shall have the authority to bind the Town, except in the manner specifically authorized herein. The Trust is a public employer and the Trustees are public employees for the purposes of G.L. Chapter 268A. The Trust shall be deemed a municipal agency and the Trustees special municipal employees for the purposes of G.L. Chapter 268A.

**ARTICLE IX: Taxes**

The Trust is exempt from G.L. Chapter 59 and 62, and from any other provisions concerning payment of taxes based upon or measured by property or income imposed by the Commonwealth or any subdivision thereto.

**ARTICLE X: Custodian of Funds**

The Town Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Trust. The books and records of the Trust shall be audited annually by an independent auditor in accordance with accepted accounting practices for municipalities.

**ARTICLE XI: Governmental Body**

The Trust is a governmental body for purposes of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

**ARTICLE XII: Board of the Town**

The Trust Board is a board of the Town for the purposes of G.L. Chapter 30B and Section 15A of G.L. Chapter 40; but agreements and conveyances between the Trust and agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, departments and public instrumentalities of the Town shall be exempt from said Chapter 30B.

**ARTICLE XIII: Duration of the Trust**

This Trust shall be of indefinite duration, until terminated in accordance with applicable law. Upon termination of the Trust, subject to the payment of or making provisions for the payment of all obligations and liabilities of the Trust and the Trust Board, the net assets of the Trust shall be transferred to the Town and held for workforce and/or affordable housing purposes. In making any such distribution, the Trustees may, subject to the approval of the Select Board, sell all or any portion of the Trust property and distribute the net proceeds thereof or they may distribute any of the assets in kind. The powers of the Trustees shall continue until the affairs of the Trust are concluded.

**ARTICLE XIV: Authorization**

The Trust Board is authorized to execute, deliver, and record with the Registry of Deeds any documents required for any conveyance authorized hereunder.

**ARTICLE XV: Rules and Regulations**

The Trust Board may adopt such rules and regulations as required to conduct its affairs, and in keeping with the provisions and intent of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 55C.

**ARTICLE XVI: Titles**

The titles to the various Articles herein are for convenience only and are not to be considered part of said Articles nor shall they affect the meaning or the language of any such Article.

**ARTICLE XVII: Records**

The Trust Board shall keep a record of its doings and at the close of every fiscal year, make a report thereof to the Select Board. The report shall include a description and source of funds received and expended and the type of workforce and/or affordable housing programs or properties assisted with the funding. The Trust Board shall also provide the Select Board with a copy of the Trust's annual audit.

**ARTICLE XVIII: Amendment**

This Trust may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of Town Meeting, provided however, that no such amendment shall violate the purposes of this Trust, nor of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 55C.

**ARTICLE XIX: Validity**

If any provision of this Trust shall be deemed illegal or unenforceable by final Judgment, order or decree by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Trust shall not be affected thereby.

(Finance Committee makes no recommendation.)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote as follows:

(a) Authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, permanent and/or temporary easements in certain parcels of land within, adjacent to, and/or contiguous with Mount Washington Road in the locations more or less depicted on a plan entitled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Mount Washington Road in the Town of Egremont, Berkshire County, Preliminary Right-of-Way," dated 2/28/2023, as it may be amended, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Town Clerk, and permanent and temporary easements located within 200 feet of said parcels, as such additional areas may be shown on said plan, for public way purposes, including, without limitation, drainage, utility, slope, grading, and construction of improvements and structures, and other related purposes, to enable the Town to undertake the Mount Washington Road Reconstruction Project and for any and all purposes incidental or related thereto;

(b) Raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, and/or to borrow, the sum of \$105,000.00, or any other amount, to fund the foregoing and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of legal fees, appraisals and any land/easement acquisitions, ; and, further

(c) Authorize the Selectboard to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing purposes.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee will make a recommendation at the town meeting.)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40, §5B, to create a new special purpose stabilization fund, to be known as the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, which may be expended for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid-litigation settlement documents, a document prepared by the Substance Abuse Bureau of the Commonwealth's Office of Health and Human Services Department, found at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-abatement-terms/download> entitled "Abatement Strategies", and consistent with any state guidelines or

regulations further clarifying allowable uses of opioid litigation settlement funds; and further, to adopt the last paragraph of said \$5B and dedicate to such fund, without further appropriation, 100% of the opioid litigation settlement funds received by the Town; and further, to transfer from available funds a sum of money equal to that received or to be received by the Town from opioid litigation settlements resulting from the Town's participation in the national Opioid Multi-District Litigation into said Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund; or take any other action related thereto.  
(2/3 vote required)

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund all funds being dedicated to said fund to Rural Recovery Resources & South County Recovery Center, or take any other action relative thereto.  
(2/3 vote required)

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,500, or any other amount, to purchase a new sander for the Water Department truck, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer, the sum of \$5,000.00, or any other amount, to the Police Road Detail Revolving account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Hillside Cemetery Perpetual Care, the sum of \$15,000.00, or any other amount, for expansion and repairs at the Town's Cemeteries, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$9,500.00, or any other amount, to make repairs at French Park, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends - 5 in favor, 0 against.)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,000.00, or any other amount, to update a portion of the town's MACRIS historic listings, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 5 in favor, 0 against.)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,500.00, or any other amount, to restore historic books and documents in the Archives Room, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 5 in favor, 0 against.)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000.00, or any other amount, to pay for tree removal on town property (other than town roads), or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$27,500.00, or any other amount, to blacktop the parking lot at the Library, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$22,000.00, or any other amount, for half the costs of a new air compressor for the Fire Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,500.00, or any other amount, to replace the Police Department pistols, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,900.00, or any other amount, to purchase a new Automatic Electronic Defibrillator for the Police Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$90,000.00, or any other amount, to replace the roof at Town Hall, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$200,000.00, or any other amount, to make road repairs to Town roads, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to accept funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 90 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 to take any other action relative thereto.

(Current estimate \$150,058.13)

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000.00, or any other amount, to the special GASB 45 stabilization fund (for future retiree benefits other than pension), or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 5 in favor, 0 against.)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2024 beginning on July 1, 2023 for the revolving funds established in Egremont General Bylaw 24 for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or other officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, as follows:

<b>A Revolving Fund</b>	<b>B Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 24 Spending Limit</b>
French Park	Board of Selectmen and Buildings & Grounds	\$4,000.00
Home Compost Bins	Board of Selectmen and Board of Health	\$2,000.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$4,000.00
Dog License & donations fund	Town Clerk	\$5,000.00
Inspector Wages	Wiring, Plumbing & Gas Inspectors, Fire	\$60,000.00
Compostable Materials	Green Committee and Board of Health	\$500.00
Recycling Proceeds	Board of Selectmen and Board of Health	\$30,000.00
Planning Board	Planning Board	\$2,500.00
French Park Dog Park	Board of Selectmen and Trustees of French Park	\$5,000.00
Wetlands	Conservation Commission	\$5,000.00
Police Road Details	Police road details	\$10,000.00
Transportation	Van service - transportation	\$20,000.00

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 4 in favor, 1 absent.)

And you are requested to warn said meeting by posting copies of this Warrant in four or more public places in said Town, fourteen days at least, before the time of holding same.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon at or before the time of holding said meeting.



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
Town of Egremont  
May 2, 2023

Given under our hands this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

Selectmen:



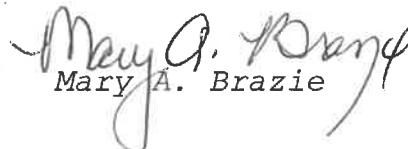
George McGurn,  
Chairman



Lucinda Fenn-Vermeulen  
Vice-Chairman

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

James Olmsted,   
Constable

  
Mary A. Brazie

Date: 4-14-23