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Berkshire, ss.

To either of the Constables, of the Town of Adams in the County of Berkshire in said Commonwealth:

Greetings:

*In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Adams qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the **Town of Adams Bowe Field, Rear Entrance, 371 Old Columbia Street, Adams, Massachusetts on Monday the 21st day of June 2021, at 6:00 P.M.**, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit.*

ANNUAL ARTICLES

- Article 1** To choose all other town officers not previously chosen by ballot.
- Article 2** To hear the reports of the Board of Selectmen and other town officers and act thereon.
- Article 3** To hear the reports of any committee and act thereon.
- Article 4** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended, and to see if any of said salaries and compensation shall be increased, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Chairman.....350
Member.....300

Board of Health

Chairman.....350
Member.....300

Board of Assessors

Full-Time.....73,172
Part-Time.....300

Cemetery Commissioners

Chairman.....350
Member.....300

Treasurer/Collector.....73,172

Moderator.....300

Town Clerk.....73,172

OPERATING OMNIBUS ARTICLE

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the ordinary expenses of the Town for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

	Personal Services		Operating Expenses	
	FY2021 Approved	FY2022 <i>Recommended</i>	FY2021 Approved	FY2022 <i>Recommended</i>
EXECUTIVE				
Selectmen	1,834	1,834	12,450	12,450
Town Administrator	174,197	192,176	28,100	28,100
Town Counsel	45,003	45,903		
Moderator	305	305	205	205
Town Report			2,100	2,100
FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY				
Finance Committee	528	528	1,980	1,980
Employee/Retiree Benefits	1,439,718	1,513,195		
Accountant	143,865	124,746	38,630	39,330
Technology	6,795	6,929	154,672	133,326
Insurance			210,300	233,300
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Assessor	134,467	136,220	10,125	10,125
Treasurer-Collector	128,032	125,513	33,450	33,150
Town Clerk	139,366	143,072	4,850	4,850
Elections			34,300	20,000
Registrar of Voters	1,268	1,268		
Codification			2,500	2,500
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
Community Development	116,222	138,889	115,425	115,425
Conservation Commission			1,625	1,625
Planning Board			4,600	4,600
Zoning Board			3,835	3,835
Historical Commission			450	450
Agricultural Commission			400	400
INSPECTION SERVICES				
Inspection Services	207,306	208,645	5,745	5,745
Weights/Measures Inspector			3,500	3,500
PUBLIC HEALTH				
Board of Health			11,550	11,550

	Personal Services		Operating Expenses	
	FY2021 Approved	FY2022 Recommended	FY2021 Approved	FY2022 Recommended
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police Department	1,727,364	1,756,991	107,693	107,693
Animal Control Officer	24,024	24,413	4,225	4,225
Parking Management	23,072	23,461	4,950	4,950
Emergency Management	2,111	2,111	3,775	3,775
Forest Warden	3,279	3,279	8,365	9,365
PUBLIC SERVICES				
Council on Aging	217,720	227,721	15,660	14,160
Veterans Services	16,600	13,000	182,055	172,055
Memorial Day Remembrances			1,450	1,450
Library	203,587	218,934	76,635	76,635
PUBLIC BUILDINGS/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE				
Police Station			28,450	28,450
Registry of Deeds			1,050	1,050
Town Hall			26,675	26,675
Community Center			400	400
Public Building/Property Maintenance	71,716	77,574	130,000	130,000
Adams Memorial Building			40,300	57,300
Visitor's Center			15,850	15,850
PUBLIC WORKS				
Tree Warden/Insect Pest			16,000	16,000
Public Works Administration	161,535	39,113	3,200	3,200
Department of Public Works	1,396,544	1,447,900		
Highways			76,450	76,450
Snow & Ice Control			246,000	246,000
Flood Control			600	600
DPW Garage/Equipment Maintenance			185,500	185,500
Transfer Station	20,500	16,360	59,455	59,455
Wastewater Treatment Plant			357,475	357,525
Wastewater Collection			4,700	4,700
Cemetery, Parks & Grounds			48,675	48,675
Celebrations - Seasonal			1,800	1,800
Totals		6,490,080		2,322,484

ARTICLE 5 - AVAILABLE FUNDS TO BE USED

DEPARTMENT	FUND	AMOUNT
Parking Department	Parking Meter Fund	10,000
Council on Aging	Council on Aging Fund	23,000

CAPITAL OMNIBUS ARTICLES

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum or sums of money as may be necessary for the purchase, rebuilding and/or installation of certain departmental equipment; for the contracting for certain services; to pay interest and loans maturing during this period; for the repair, reconstruction and/or construction of streets, roadways, sidewalks, sewers, guard rails, retaining walls, buildings, and/or bridges within the Town; further, to authorize the trade-in of any presently owned equipment toward the purchase price thereof, or take any other action in relation thereto.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

	<i>FY2021</i> <i>Approved</i>	<i>FY2022</i> <i>Recommended</i>
ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE		
Technology	27,500	28,000
Debt Service	626,950	603,761
Total Recommendation		631,761

ARTICLE 6 - AVAILABLE FUNDS TO BE USED

DEPARTMENT	FUND	AMOUNT
Technology	Technology Fund	28,000

TECHNOLOGY – TOTAL

28,000

Technology

28,000

This request is for the Visitor Center and Library buildings technology needs. There are donated projectors that will be connected and set up for use along with new projecting screens. Also, these two building plus the Police Station need replacement UPS (battery back-ups) and new POE switches.

The above request is appropriated from the Technology fund for no impact to the Tax Rate.

DEBT SERVICE – TOTAL

603,761

PRINCIPAL ON MATURING DEBT

<i>Town Hall/ Police Station/Library Bond Issue</i>	
<i>This request represents the principal of Town Hall, Police Station & Library borrowing.</i>	160,000
<i>Adams Storm Damage Bond Issue</i>	
<i>This request represents the principal for the Storm Damage Bond.</i>	135,000
<i>Wastewater Treatment Plant</i>	
<i>This request represents the principal of the WWTP upgrade borrowing.</i>	<u>180,536</u>
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	475,536

INTEREST ON MATURING DEBT

<i>Town Hall/Police Station/Library Bond Issue</i>	
<i>This request represents the interest on the Town Hall/ Police Station/ Library borrowings.</i>	28,550
<i>Adams Storm Damage Bond Issue</i>	
<i>This request represents the interest on the Storm Damage Bond.</i>	75,050
<i>Wastewater Treatment Plant</i>	
<i>This request represents the interest on the WWTP borrowing.</i>	<u>4,625</u>
TOTAL INTEREST	108,225

Interest – Temporary Loans

<i>BAN's; GAN's; TAN's; and related fees</i>	20,000
<i>Temporary borrowing can occur for the following reasons: Anticipation of issuance of long-term debt (Bond Anticipation Notes), receipt of grants (Grant Anticipation Notes), or if the Town needs money to meet its financial obligations and the tax bills have yet to be issued (Tax Anticipation Notes). This request also represents fees associated with various loans. This request includes the interest on the borrowings for the September 2018 storms.</i>	

TOTAL INTEREST – TEMPORARY LOANS/FEES **20,000**

**Article 7 CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT OUTLAY
FROM FREE CASH**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, Free Cash, a sum or sums of money as may be necessary for the purchase, rebuilding and/or installation of certain departmental equipment; for the contracting for certain services; buildings within the Town; further, to authorize the trade-in of any presently owned equipment toward the purchase price thereof, or take any other action in relation thereto.

	FY2022
	<i>Recommended</i>
PUBLIC SERVICE	
Library Building	10,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Cruiser Replacement	55,000
PUBLIC WORKS	
DPW Garage/Equipment Maintenance	10,000
Public Buildings Replacement Small Equip	3,050
Cemetery, Parks & Grounds	5,000
TOTAL REQUESTED	83,050

PUBLIC SERVICE	10,000
<i>Library</i>	
<i>This request is for multiple capital maintenance items on the building.</i>	<i>10,000</i>
PUBLIC SAFETY	55,000
<i>Police Department</i>	
<i>This request is for a cruiser replacement.</i>	<i>55,000</i>
PUBLIC WORKS	15,000
<i>Equipment Maintenance</i>	
<i>This request is for a re-fit of the John Deere Bucket Loader.</i>	<i>10,000</i>
<i>Public Buildings</i>	
<i>This request is for the purchase of small equipment.</i>	<i>10,000</i>
<i>Cemetery, Parks & Grounds</i>	
<i>This request is for purchase of small mobile equipment.</i>	<i>5,000</i>

REGIONAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT ARTICLES

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum or sums of money as may be necessary for the operating and capital assessments of the Hoosac Valley Regional School District for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

	<i>FY2021 Approved</i>	<i>FY2022 Recommended</i>
<i>Hoosac Valley Regional SD</i>	5,925,327	6,137,745

The above assessment consists of five parts:

- 1) State Department of Elementary & Secondary Education Minimum Municipal Contribution (Foundation Budget), \$ 3,658,276
 - 2) Additional Operating Assessment (above Foundation), \$ 1,319,582
 - 3) Other Expenditures (Non-foundation Budget-Transportation), \$ 455,990
 - 4) Capital Assessment (Capital Budget), \$ 36,471
 - 5) Capital Assessment – **HVHS Project Debt Exclusion** \$ 667,426
- \$ 6,137,745

The total Hoosac Valley Regional School District FY2022 budget is \$20,228,715.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum or sums of money as may be necessary for the operating and capital assessments of the Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District (NBVRSD) for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or take any other action in relation thereto.

	<i>FY2021 Approved</i>	<i>FY2022 Recommended</i>
<i>No Berkshire Vocational RSD</i>	1,071,858	1,055,418

The above assessment consists of four parts:

- 1) State Department of Elementary & Secondary Education Minimum Municipal Contribution (Foundation Budget), \$ 843,384
 - 2) Additional Operating Assessment (above Foundation), \$ 151,980
 - 3) Additional Operating Assessment (Non-Foundation-Transportation), \$ 56,069
 - 4) Capital Assessment (Capital Budget) \$ 3,985
- \$1,055,418

The FY2022 total Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District budget is \$10,308,889.

TRANSFERS TO SPECIAL FUNDS

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to be used to lower the tax rate, or take any other action in relation thereto.

It is proposed that \$250,000 of Free Cash be utilized to offset this year's Tax Rate.

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

This article will transfer the balance of the Reserve Fund, currently \$135,000, to the Stabilization Fund.

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to provide for extraordinary and/or unforeseen expenditures to be known as the Reserve Fund account, transfer from which may be made from time to time only by the Finance Committee, or take any other action in relation thereto.

This is an annual item that allows the Town the flexibility to meet operational difficulties, through the Finance Committee, and will eliminate the expense of calling a Special Town Meeting. Request: \$175,000.

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to pay unpaid bills of current or prior fiscal years, or take any other action in relation thereto.

At this time, there are no outstanding bills.

ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION ARTICLES

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Board of Selectmen to apply for and receive funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

This article will allow the Town to apply for and expend Community Development Block Grants.

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Board of Selectmen to apply for and receive funds from the United States Department of Agriculture under the Community Facilities Grant program, or take any other action in relation thereto.

This article will allow the Town to apply for and expend Community Facilities Grants.

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to accept certain perpetual care funds that were received during the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for the care and maintenance of cemetery lots, such funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer, or take any other action in relation thereto.

This article will allow the Town to accept the \$2,300 deposited with the Town for the care and maintenance of cemetery lots.

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in the event of a revenue shortfall to allow the Treasurer to borrow via Revenue Anticipation Notes (RAN's), Tax Anticipation Notes (TAN's), Federal Aid Anticipation Notes (FAAN's), Grant Anticipation Notes (GAN's), and State Aid Anticipation Notes (SAAN's), in an amount not to exceed the anticipated revenue shortfall, or take any action in relation thereto.

The law requires that the Town annually grant this authority to the Town Treasurer.

Article 18 ***AUTHORIZE REVOLVING FUND SPENDING LIMITS***
To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Ch. 44, §53E ½ to establish limitations on expenditures from the revolving funds established by Chapter 50 of the General Bylaws, entitled, "Revolving Funds", as follows, or take any action in relation thereto:

Revolving Account	FY2022 Expenditure Limit
Bid Specification Revolving Fund	\$5,000
Sanitary Sewer Revolving Fund	\$30,000
Promotional Revolving Fund	\$5,000
Library Revolving Fund	\$7,000
Transfer Station Revolving Fund	\$60,000
Inspection Services Fund	\$25,000
Tax Title Revolving Fund	\$20,000
Adams Visitor Center	\$25,000
Adams Memorial Building	\$25,000

Article 19 AMEND COMPENSATION PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Compensation Plan as established by Section 10-5 of the Town of Adams Code of Laws or take any other action in relation thereto.

SALARY ADMINISTRATION PLAN - ANNUAL RATE TABLE - FISCAL YEAR 2022												
This represents a 2% Increase over Fiscal 2021												
Grade	Step 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	22,405	22,966	23,540	24,128	24,731	25,351	25,985	26,634	27,300	27,983	28,683	29,400
2	24,422	25,033	25,659	26,300	26,957	27,632	28,324	29,031	29,757	30,502	31,264	32,046
3	26,619	27,286	27,968	28,668	29,385	30,120	30,874	31,645	32,436	33,248	34,079	34,929
4	29,015	29,742	30,485	31,248	32,029	32,831	33,653	34,493	35,355	36,240	37,146	38,072
5	31,627	32,419	33,229	34,061	34,912	35,785	36,682	37,598	38,537	39,501	40,489	41,499
6	34,474	35,337	36,220	37,127	38,053	39,006	39,984	40,982	42,005	43,056	44,133	45,235
7	37,578	38,517	39,480	40,468	41,478	42,517	43,582	44,670	45,785	46,931	48,105	49,305
8	40,960	41,983	43,033	44,110	45,210	46,343	47,504	48,690	49,906	51,155	52,433	53,743
9	44,648	45,762	46,905	48,080	49,280	50,514	51,780	53,072	54,398	55,760	57,152	58,580
10	48,667	49,880	51,127	52,408	53,714	55,060	56,440	57,849	59,293	60,779	62,296	63,852
11	53,047	54,369	55,729	57,125	58,548	60,015	61,520	63,055	64,629	66,248	67,903	69,599
12	57,822	59,263	60,745	62,266	63,817	65,417	67,057	68,730	70,446	72,211	74,014	75,864
13	63,027	64,597	66,212	67,870	69,561	71,305	73,091	74,916	76,786	78,711	80,675	82,692
14	68,700	70,410	72,171	73,978	75,822	77,723	79,670	81,658	83,697	85,794	87,936	90,134
15	74,884	76,747	78,666	80,637	82,646	84,718	86,840	89,008	91,230	93,516	95,851	98,245
16	81,624	83,653	85,745	87,894	90,083	92,342	94,655	97,019	99,441	101,932	104,477	107,088

SALARY ADMINISTRATION PLAN - HOURLY RATE TABLE - FISCAL YEAR 2022												
Grade	Step 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	12.26	12.57	12.88	13.21	13.54	13.88	14.22	14.58	14.94	15.32	15.70	16.09
2	13.37	13.70	14.04	14.40	14.75	15.12	15.50	15.89	16.29	16.70	17.11	17.54
3	14.57	14.94	15.31	15.69	16.08	16.49	16.90	17.32	17.75	18.20	18.65	19.12
4	15.88	16.28	16.69	17.10	17.53	17.98	18.42	18.88	19.35	19.84	20.33	20.84
5	17.31	17.74	18.19	18.64	19.11	19.59	20.08	20.58	21.09	21.62	22.16	22.71
6	18.87	19.34	19.82	20.32	20.83	21.35	21.88	22.43	22.99	23.57	24.16	24.76
7	20.57	21.08	21.61	22.15	22.70	23.27	23.85	24.45	25.06	25.70	26.33	26.99
8	22.42	22.98	23.55	24.14	24.75	25.37	26.00	26.65	27.33	28.01	28.70	29.42
9	24.44	25.05	25.67	26.32	26.97	27.65	28.34	29.05	29.77	30.52	31.28	32.06
10	26.64	27.30	27.98	28.69	29.40	30.14	30.89	31.66	32.45	33.27	34.10	34.95
11	29.04	29.76	30.50	31.27	32.05	32.85	33.67	34.51	35.37	36.26	37.17	38.09
12	31.65	32.44	33.25	34.08	34.93	35.81	36.70	37.62	38.56	39.52	40.51	41.52
13	34.50	35.36	36.24	37.15	38.07	39.03	40.01	41.00	42.03	43.08	44.16	45.26
14	37.60	38.54	39.50	40.49	41.50	42.54	43.61	44.70	45.81	46.96	48.13	49.33
15	40.99	42.01	43.06	44.14	45.24	46.37	47.53	48.72	49.93	51.19	52.46	53.77
16	44.68	45.79	46.93	48.11	49.31	50.54	51.81	53.10	54.43	55.79	57.19	58.61

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 125-35, “Licensed Marijuana Establishments,” of the Adams Zoning Bylaws, Paragraph C (2), to read as follows, or take any other action in relation thereto.

1. Change Paragraph C (2), “Designated Locations for Marijuana Establishments” to read:

(2) Marijuana retailers, as defined in this bylaw, may be sited in the Business (B-2) District as shown on the Zoning Map pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, §4, if granted a Special Permit and subject to site plan approval. Marijuana cultivators and product manufacturers, as defined by this bylaw, may be sited in the Industrial Park (IP) District if granted a Special Permit and subject to site plan approval. The Special Permit Granting Authority is the Adams Planning Board.

2. Change Section 125-50, Attachment 1, “Business Uses” and “Accessory Uses” by adding to Footnote 9 of the Use Regulation Schedule as follows:

Business Uses	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	B-1	B-2	B-3	IP	I	OS	SPR
Licensed Marijuana Establishments ^{8,9}	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	SP	NO	SP	YES	NO	YES

Notes:

⁹Marijuana Cultivators, Product Manufacturers, and Independent Testing Laboratories may be allowed in the IP District only if granted a Special Permit. No other licensed Marijuana Establishment is permitted in IP.

The proposed changes to the Town’s Zoning Bylaws will expand the types of marijuana establishments allowed in the Industrial Park (IP) Zoning District by Special Permit. The Planning Board has recommended approval of the bylaw amendments to expand the locations for certain marijuana businesses while still providing careful review of any potential impacts to surrounding properties.

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

HOOSAC VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Article 21 To see if the Town of Adams will vote to appropriate \$17,879 from Free Cash to fund one-third of an appropriation deficit to the Hoosac Valley Regional School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

A miscalculation was made between amounts owed by the Towns of Adams and Cheshire for two (2) fiscal years and this will be payment 2 of 2 to repay the Town of Adams’ share.

COURT JUDGEMENT

- Article 22** To see if the Town of Adams will vote to appropriate \$86,391.80 from Free Cash to fund a court judgement that was mandated to be paid to Arrowwood Indemnity Insurance Company by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Appeals Court, or take any other action relative thereto.

SPECIAL ARTICLES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

- Article 23** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Economic Development Fund, a sum of money to be used for Fiscal Year 2022 expenses: \$45,000 for an Economic/Community Development Consultant, \$34,000 for retention of Community Development staff and \$10,000 for marketing, downtown infrastructure, engineering or other studies related to economic development, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Town is asking for \$89,000 to be spent with the approval of the Town Administrator for Fiscal 2022.

- Article 24** To see if the Town of Adams will vote to 1) ratify and approve a payment in lieu of tax agreement, executed as of January 19, 2021, by and among the Town, Adams Grove Street Solar, LLC (“Project Owner”), and John D. Duquette, Jr. (“Property Owner”), pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), requiring annual payments in lieu of real and personal property taxes over a 20-year period in connection with an approximately 5.6056 MW (DC) solar facility to be constructed and operated by Project Owner on an approximately 15.61+/- acre parcel of leased land owned by Property Owner and located at 101 Grove Street, Adams, MA, and 2) authorize the Board of Selectmen to cause the Town to enter into any amendment of such agreement as the Board of Selectmen may deem necessary or advisable, or take any action in relation thereto.

This article would ratify and approve the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement with Adams Grove Street Solar, LLC, which was reviewed by Town Counsel and approved by the Board of Selectmen earlier this year, and authorize the Selectmen to amend the agreement if they deem necessary. The Adams Grove Solar Project has obtained all Town permits and is currently under construction.

- Article 25** To see if the Town will vote to temporarily re-appropriate \$310,000 of the unused portion of the \$2.5 million-dollar 2018 Storm Damage funds for the purpose of engineering on the Wastewater Treatment Plant in order to retain the Town’s position with the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The American Rescue Plan Act funds will be utilized to replenish the Storm Damage funds, or take any action in relation thereto.

This article would authorize the Town to borrow temporarily from unused funds of the 2018 Storm Damage bond funds (about \$500,000 of the bond is currently reserved to “match” a pending \$1.7 million FEMA grant to reconstruct the collapsed culvert on Jordan

Street) and use up to \$310,000 to immediately begin the engineering design of critical improvements to the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant. This will allow the Town to meet the October 15, 2021 application deadline for the 2021 State Revolving Fund (SRF). Securing our position on the 2021 SRF will guarantee the especially favorable terms (low interest rate, extended loan payout, and a portion of the principle forgiven upfront – see below) for critically important capital improvements to the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant that are focused on compliance and operations safety.

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to be used to complete capital improvements to the Adams Wastewater Treatment Plant.

This article would authorize the Town to borrow the necessary funding to complete capital improvements to the Adams Wastewater Treatment Plant for an anticipated project cost of \$5,049,500. The Town is listed on the Final 2021 Intended Use Plan for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. To retain its position on the 2021 SRF, the Town must demonstrate commitment to the project and provide bond authorization no later than June 30, 2021, in advance of the formal loan application to DEP this October. If the loan is approved, it could provide a term as long as thirty (30) years and a low interest rate at or below 2%, with some 9.9% of the overall loan amount forgiven (final loan amount to be forgiven is determined by the number of municipalities applying to the SRF, community need, and other factors; the above was recommended by DEP preliminarily). The Town's annual debt service for the resulting loan is expected to begin in summer of 2023 – however, the Town would hope to structure bond payments so that payment on the new loan would begin at the time the current plant debt is retired. The Town and Tighe & Bond are also pursuing available grant funding that, if successful, would further reduce the necessary debt service for this project.

In accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 7, approval of this article requires a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting.

Article 27 To 1) see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (total project cost) and costs related thereto for the purpose of developing an Asset Management Plan for the Town's Wastewater and Stormwater systems; \$60,000 (grant amount) will be appropriated, transferred from existing Town Funds, provided the Town first obtains a grant reimbursement commitment in the same amount; the remaining \$40,000 in match will be from a combination of in-kind services valued in the amount of \$28,000 and existing Community Development funds in the amount of \$12,000; and 2) authorize the Board of Selectmen to file on behalf of the Town of Adams any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the MassDEP Division of Municipal Services and/or any other in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to the effectuate the foregoing project, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The purpose of the project is to develop an Asset Management Plan for the Town's Wastewater and Stormwater systems to improve operations and maintenance activities associated with these assets and to realize more favorable terms for Town participation in

state grant/loan programs. The transfer of Town Funds will be rescinded upon receipt of grant funds in the amount of \$60,000 from the Clean Water Trust and approval of in-kind services valued at \$28,000. The Town will be contributing \$12,000 in cash towards the Asset Management Plan, from existing Community Development funds.

VOTE A HOME RULE PETITION FOR AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ALCOHOL LICENSES

Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to present to the General Court a Home Rule Petition to read substantially as set forth below and to request its representatives in the General Court to introduce legislation seeking a special act to read substantially as set forth below to increase the number of licenses to sell all alcoholic beverages, or to sell wine and malt beverages only, to be drunk on the premises pursuant to M.G.L. c.138, Section 12 that may be granted in the Town and to authorize the General Court with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to make constructive changes in perfecting the language of the proposed legislation in order to secure passage, or to take any other action related thereto.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ADAMS TO GRANT ADDITIONAL LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND FOR THE SALE OF WINE AND MALT BEVERAGES ONLY TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES

SECTION 1.

(a) Notwithstanding Sections 12 and 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Adams may grant a total of up to six (6) additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, or the sale of wine and malt beverages only, all to be drunk on the premises pursuant to M.G.L. c.138, Section 12, subject to the conditions set forth in this act.

(b) The additional licenses authorized in this act shall be subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c.138, Section 12 concerning fees for original issuance of licenses and renewal of licenses.

(c) Prior to the granting of a license pursuant to this act, the Board of Selectmen shall determine whether an applicant or licensee meets the criteria set forth in this act and consistent with any rules and regulations governing the granting of alcoholic beverages licenses promulgated by the Board of Selectmen and all other applicable laws.

(d) If a license granted under this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, such license shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen may then grant that license to a new applicant who meets the criteria set forth in this act.

(e) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any alcohol license in the Town of Adams whether pursuant to this act or otherwise, that is not in active use and is not being used to serve the public for a period of time of six months measured from the date the licensee stops serving the public, (and not measured from the time of notice from the Board of Selectmen) shall be considered cancelable and revocable at the six month mark by action of the Board of Selectmen after a

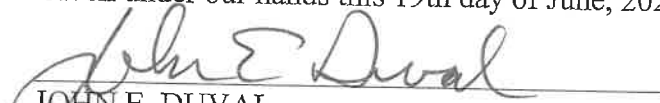
hearing all in furtherence of the implementation of Section 77 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

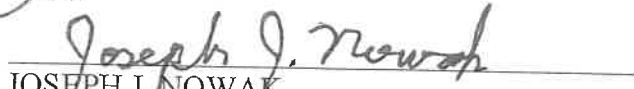
Article 29 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant by posting in three or more public places in said Town of Adams, true and attested copies thereof, seven days before the holding of said voting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of June, 2021.



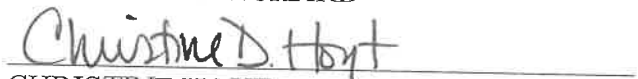
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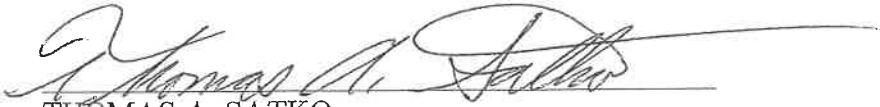
HOWARD ROSENBERG

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Adams, Massachusetts

Date: June 2, 2021

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting in three places in the said Town of Adams true and attested copies thereof, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.



THOMAS A. SATKO
Constable of the Town of Adams

ATTESTED TO BE A TRUE COPY:



THOMAS A. SATKO
Constable of the Town of Adams