

**CHESTERFIELD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 9, 2022**

ARTICLES RELATING TO FISCAL YEAR 2022

I certify that a legally called Town Meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Chesterfield was held on Monday, May 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm, at which time a quorum was present. The following business was transacted:

The moderator made a motion to consider articles 1 – 6 as relating to FY22 as one vote, The motion was seconded, and the voters then voted unanimously to approve all articles 1-6.

ARTICLE 1: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of **\$1,000** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to account 001-135-5300-0000 – Audit.

Select Board Note: This line was not budgeted to the correct amount at the last Annual Town Meeting. It was budgeted for \$13,500, but the bill for FY22 will be \$14,500.

ARTICLE 2: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of **\$19,330.96** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to account 001-423-5700-0000 - Highway Winter Expenses.

Select Board Note: This amount covers emergency winter spending (for salt, sand, gravel, etc.) over the budgeted amount.

ARTICLE 3: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of **\$3,948.35** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to account 001-423-5110-0000 - Highway Winter Wages.

Select Board Note: This amount covers highway winter wages over the budgeted amount.

ARTICLE 4: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of **\$2,400** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to purchase a laptop computer for the Emergency Management Director.

ARTICLE 5: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to transfer the sum of **\$14,000** from Free Cash now in the Treasury to pay the costs for line painting on Route 143 from the Williamsburg town line to the Worthington town line.

ARTICLE 6: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to rescind \$18,617.00 from the borrowing authorized at Town Meetings as listed below.

Item Description	Town Meeting Date/Year	Warrant Article #	Amount Authorized	Amount Remaining
Highway: One (1) Ton Truck	5/8/17	7	\$85,000	\$17,000
Highway: Bucket Loader	6/20/20	8	\$150,000	\$1,600
Police: Cruiser	6/20/20	9	\$50,000	\$17

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ARTICLE 7: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adopt the Capital Plan recommended by the Capital Planning Committee.

ARTICLE 8: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000**, in accordance with the Capital Plan attached herewith, for the School Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 9: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$180,000**, in accordance with the Capital Plan attached herewith, for the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 10: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) Liability Trust Fund.

ARTICLE 11: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow a sum, **\$65,000** for a period of five years or less, in accordance with the Capital Plan attached herewith, to fund the purchase of a Chief's vehicle for the Fire Department and to authorize the Treasurer to issue bonds and notes therefore, and further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

Select Board Note: The Chief's current vehicle, a 2013 truck, has been repurposed as a brush truck.

ARTICLE 12: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to borrow a sum of **\$240,000** for a period of ten years or less, in accordance with the Capital Plan attached herewith, to fund the purchase of an Excavator for the Highway Department and to authorize the Treasurer to issue bonds and notes therefore, and further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

Select Board Note: This excavator is a new piece of equipment for the Highway Department. This will eliminate the need for the annual rental of an excavator.

ARTICLE 13: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to borrow a sum of **\$300,000** for a period of ten years or less, in accordance with the Capital Plan attached herewith, to fund the purchase of a Ten-Wheel Dump Truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the Treasurer to issue bonds and notes therefore, and further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

Select Board Note: This truck will replace the existing Highway Department 2012 Ten-Wheel Dump Truck.

ARTICLE 14: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to fix the salaries and hourly rates of all compensated elected officers of the Town for Fiscal 2023, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended.

Salaries and hourly rates of all compensated elected officials be amended as follows:

Moderator	\$ 211
Select Board	\$ 6,000
Board of Assessors	\$ 1,766
Treasurer	\$26,811
Tax Collector	\$26,811
Town Clerk	\$26,811
Planning Board	\$ 529
Regional School Committee	\$ 528
Constables	\$ 15.87 per hour
Tree Warden	\$ 16.89 per hour for administrative work
Tree Warden	\$ 19.86 per hour for tree work
Board of Health	\$ 845

Plus \$25.77 per hour for a member of the Board of Health or their agent, but only one member or agent at a time, for witnessing a percolation test, conducting an inspection or follow-up test, or for conducting a mandated inspection.

ARTICLE 15: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds now in the Treasury the sum of \$3,709,252 as outlined in the Finance Committee’s Report and Recommendations to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting document for the **Fiscal 2023 budget** for Town General Fund expenditures.

ARTICLE 16: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY pursuant to Section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws to establish the following limitations on expenditures from the Revolving Funds established by Article 17 of the Town of Chesterfield General By-laws, entitled, “Departmental Revolving Funds”.

Revolving Account	Fiscal Year 2023 Expenditure Limit
Board of Health (BOH)	\$3,000, but in no event may it exceed the current balance
Planning Board	\$5,000, but in no event may it exceed the current balance
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$3,000, but in no event may it exceed the current balance
Dog Control Revolving Fund	\$3,000, but in no event may it exceed the current balance
Wetlands Protection	\$3,000, but in no event may it exceed the current balance

ARTICLE 17: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY Town will appropriate from receipts of the Chesterfield Municipal Light Department, money for the operation and maintenance of the

Municipal Light Department for the 12-month period commencing July 1, 2022, pursuant to sections 57 and 57A of chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

MLP Manager Note: The MLP's Broadband Network Operational Budget is included in the Finance Committee's line item budget, which can be seen in the Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee booklet. The full budget may be reviewed at www.townofchesterfieldma.com on the MLP page.

ARTICLE 18: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to amend the Town of Chesterfield General Bylaw, Article 3, Elected Town Boards by deleting: "A representative to the Hampshire Council of Governments for a three-year term."

Select Board Note: This position is no longer needed as the Hampshire Council of Governments has been dissolved.

ARTICLE 19: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to amend the Town of Chesterfield General Bylaw, Article 4, Appointed Boards, Committees and Officers, Section 1, by adding "A Municipal Light Plant Board of five citizens each for an overlapping term of three years, per M.G.L. Chapter 164, with the Board to consist of one Select Board member, one Finance Committee member, one member with technical expertise and two members-at-large".

Select Board Note: This Board was created at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, and this article will update the Town General Bylaws to reflect the composition of this Board.

ARTICLE 20: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to amend the Town of Chesterfield General Bylaw, Article 4, Appointed Boards, Committees and Officers, Section 1, by deleting "An Industrial Development Authority, as provided by M.G.L. Chapter 40D".

Select Board Note: This M.G.L. was accepted in 1968 at the Annual Town Meeting giving the authority of the Select Board to appoint "an Industrial Development Authority." No such Authority has ever been appointed. The acceptance of the M.G.L. will still allow this possibility, but this article will remove the requirement from the General Bylaw as it is not a "yearly appointment."

ARTICLE 21: Voted to adjourn at 7:55pm

44 voters attended the town meeting which equals 5% of the 970 registered voters.

A true copy. Attest:

Sandra L. Wickland

CAPITAL PLAN FY 2023

#NAME?	MODEL YEAR	YEARS OF SERVICE	INTEREST RATE	LENGTH OF LOAN	TOTAL COST	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT										
Bucket Loader	2020	15	3%	10	\$150,000	P \$15,000	P \$15,000	P \$15,000	P \$15,000	P \$15,000
						I \$4,050	I \$3,600	I \$3,150	I \$2,700	I \$2,250
F-550	2019	5	3%	5	\$85,000	P \$17,000	P \$17,000	P \$17,000	P \$17,000	P \$17,000
						I \$510	I \$2,550	I \$2,040	I \$1,530	I \$1,530
2nd- 10 Wheel Dump Truck	2017	10	3%	10	\$200,000	P \$20,000	P \$20,000	P \$20,000	P \$20,000	P \$20,000
						I \$3,000	I \$2,400	I \$1,800	I \$1,200	I \$600
Backhoe	2016	10	3%	5	\$70,000	P	P	P	P	P
						I	I	I	I	I
Rep. 1st- 10 Wheel Dump Truck	2022	10	3%	10	\$300,000	P	P \$30,000	P \$30,000	P \$30,000	P \$30,000
						I	I \$9,000	I \$8,100	I \$7,200	I \$6,300
Grader	2003	30	3%	10	\$310,000	P	P	P	P	P
						I	I	I	I	I
Excavator	2022	20	3%	10	\$240,000	P	P \$24,000	P \$24,000	P \$24,000	P \$24,000
						I	I \$7,200	I \$6,480	I \$5,760	I \$5,040
Mower Attachment (Shared with Worthington)		15	3%	10	\$60,000	P	P \$6,000	P \$6,000	P \$6,000	P \$6,000
						I	I \$1,800	I \$1,620	I \$1,440	I \$1,260
Highway Pick-up Truck	2019	7	3%	5	\$40,000	P	P \$8,000	P \$8,000	P \$8,000	P \$8,000
						I	I \$480	I \$240	I	I \$1,350
FIRE DEPARTMENT										
Midi Pumper (E1)	2010	20	3%	15	\$250,000	P	P	P	P	P
						I	I	I	I	I
Fire Truck Pumper/Tanker(E2)	2013	20	3%	10	\$135,980	P	P \$13,586	P	P	P
						I	I \$412	I	I	I
Rescue 1	2004	20	3%	10	\$150,000	P	P	P \$15,000	P \$15,000	P \$15,000
						I	I	I \$4,500	I \$4,050	I \$3,600
Chiefs Vehicle	2022	10	3%	5	\$65,000	P	P \$13,000	P \$13,000	P \$13,000	P \$13,000
						I	I \$1,950	I \$1,560	I \$1,170	I \$780
POLICE DEPARTMENT										
AWD Crusier	2020	10	3%	5	\$50,000	P	P \$10,000	P \$10,000	P \$10,000	P \$10,000
						I	I \$1,200	I \$900	I \$600	I \$300
AWD Cruiser	2018	10	3%	5	\$45,000	P	P	P	P	P
						I	I	I	I	I
OTHER DEPARTMENTS										
Board of Health- Trash Compactor		20	3%	5	\$45,000	P	P	P	P	P
						I	I	I	I	I
BUILDINGS										
Replacement Salt Shed		30	3%	15	\$220,000	P	P \$39,109	P \$39,109	P \$39,109	P
						I	I \$3,520	I \$2,347	I \$1,173	I
Public Safety Complex 8,500sqft @ \$350psf	X	40	4.25%	40	\$2,975,000	P	P	P	P \$29,760	P \$31,026
						I	I	I	I \$127,500	I \$126,235
Town Offices 7,500 sqft @ \$225psf	X	40	4.25%	40	\$1,687,500	P	P	P \$16,864	P \$17,681	P \$18,328
						I	I	I \$72,250	I \$71,533	I \$70,786
Broadband		50	2.32%	10	\$750,000	P	P \$65,000	P \$65,000	P \$70,000	P \$70,000
						I	I \$11,308	I \$23,319	I \$21,207	I \$19,013
SCHOOL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE STABILIZATION FUND (HRMS & NHRES)										
Prior Balance	\$170,548.16									
						\$75,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS STABILIZATION FUND										
Prior balance	\$703,418.14									
						\$180,000	\$160,000	\$90,000	\$20,000	\$30,000
FUTURE LAND ACQUISITION STABILIZATION FUND										
Prior Balance	\$1181.23									
SUB TOTAL:					\$7,828,480	\$409,975	\$492,685	\$515,783	\$536,067	\$539,642
Free Cash	\$921,882									
Capital Projects Stabilization Fund										
Stabilization	\$163,872.16									
CAF II Funds							\$58,445	\$58,445	\$58,445	\$58,445
Regular Budget						\$409,975	\$434,240	\$467,338	\$477,622	\$481,197
TOTAL:						\$409,975	\$434,240	\$467,338	\$477,622	\$481,197

X Note, The sequence and timing of these capital projects are unknown at this time!