

TOWN OF COLRAIN
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Fiscal Year 2027

FRANKLIN SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Colrain in the County of Franklin.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote on town affairs, to meet at the Colrain Central School, located at 22 Jacksonville Road at 6:00 PM in said town on Tuesday the fifth day in May 2026, there and then to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to **hear and act upon the report of the Select Board and other offices, departments, committees, or other agencies of said Town**, or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$15.35 for the **payment of invoice incurred in a prior fiscal year to Aztec for copier expenses**, or take any action relative thereto.

4/5 Vote Required.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to **set the compensation of elected officials** as provided by G.L. c. 41, §108, to be made effective from July 1, 2026, as presented below, or take any action relative thereto.

	Voted	Proposed
	FY 2026	FY 2027
Select Board, Chair	\$3,600	\$3,600
Select Board, Clerk	\$3,600	\$3,600
Select Board, Member	\$3,600	\$3,600
Moderator	\$120	\$120
Town Clerk	\$26,516	\$27,258
Board of Assessors, Chair	\$3,600	\$3,600
Board of Assessors, Member	\$3,600	\$3,600
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ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds sums of money for the **FY2027 Omnibus Budget items**, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$364,161 and transfer from the Quintus Allen Fund the sum of \$1,850 for a total sum of \$366,011 to be used for the **Franklin County Technical School District's annual operating assessment**, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,808 to be used for the **Franklin County Technical School District's annual capital assessment**, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,782,901 to be used for the **Mohawk Trail Regional School District's annual operating assessment**, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,379 to be used for the **Mohawk Trail Regional School District's annual capital assessment**, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$7,500 from the Assessors' Stabilization Fund to fund the **purchase of upgraded assessment software** to make it compatible for work with outside assessors and to meet current industry standards, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the Technology Stabilization Fund to fund the **Town server to cloud conversion project**, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$75,000 from Free Cash to pay down the **Bond Anticipation Note for the Fire Vehicle**, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to **transfer from Free Cash to the OPEB Trust Fund** the sum of \$30,000 to meet the Town's cost of other post-employment benefits (OPEB), or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to **transfer from Free Cash to the General Stabilization Fund** the sum of \$185,000, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from the Highway Vehicle Stabilization Fund, or borrow a sum of money, for the **purchase of a new Highway Department grader**, said funds to be used in addition to any funds granted by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) through its Grant Central program, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take all necessary actions to accept and expend such grant funds, provided that a local match is authorized by this vote; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Highway Vehicle Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$85,000 for the **rehabilitation and restoration of 2001 International Chassis for use as a highway vehicle**, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$10,000 for the **purchase of an Everest CK 640 Snowplow**, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to **create a special purpose stabilization fund** pursuant to G.L. c.40, §5B for the design, construction, reconstruction, and major repair of Town-owned buildings and facilities; or take any action relative thereto.

2/3 Vote Required.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to **operate the Broadband Enterprise Fund** by raising and appropriating or transferring from available funds, the total sum of \$744,618, or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote Town to **approve annual spending limits for Revolving Funds** established in the Town Bylaws, pursuant to G.L. c.44, §53E½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, or take any action relative thereto.

Authorized Revolving Funds	Department, Board/Committee Agency or Officer	Fiscal Year Expenditure Limit
Plumbing Inspections	Plumbing Inspector	\$3,500
Electrical Inspections	Electrical Inspector	\$3,500
Fire Inspections	Fire Chief	\$3,500
Building Department	Building Commissioner	\$15,000
Dog Fund	Town Clerk	\$15,000

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to **authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, and expend state or federal grants that may become available**, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to **authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for construction and/or maintenance of highways** or other permissible expenditures from the Transportation Bond monies (Chapter 90) and authorize the Select Board to accept any monies from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for highway construction and/or maintenance related work, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to **authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds** for road repair projects, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to **authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements** during Fiscal Year 2027 as permitted by G.L. c.44, §53F, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to **amend the Town of Colrain Zoning Bylaws to substitute the term “Select Board” for the term “Board of Selectmen”**; to substitute the word “Selectpersons” for the word “Selectmen”; and to substitute the word “Selectperson” for the word “Selectman”; and further affirm that upon the effective date of such amendment, the term “Board of Selectmen” shall be taken to

mean "Select Board" and the term "Selectmen" shall be taken to mean "Selectpersons" and the term "Selectman" shall be taken to mean "Selectperson" for the purposes of all laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, or other documents that refer to or are applicable to the Town of Colrain Zoning Bylaws, or take any action relative thereto.

2/3 Vote Required.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to approve the warrant article, "Resolution in Support of an 'Act Establishing Medicare for All'", or take any action relative thereto.

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at two usual places in said town, seven days at least, 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 place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 21st day of April two thousand twenty-six.

Colrain Select Board


Emily Thurber, Chair


Catherine Korby, Member


Benjamin Eastman, Member

A TRUE COPY:

Attest: 
Constable