Town of Savoy

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

7:00 pm at the Fire House 17 Center Rd.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire, SS

To either of the Constables of the Town of Savoy in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Savoy qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Savoy Fire House in said Savoy on Tuesday the 24th of June 2025, at 7:00pm and then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: Elected Salaries:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,250 for the annual salaries of elected officials who receive compensation from the Town as provided in M.G.L. c. 40, section 108, to be effective from July 1, 2025, as follows or take any vote or votes in relation thereto:

Selectmen: \$4,000.00 each for a total of \$12,000.00

Moderator: \$250.00

Assessors: \$3,000.00 each for a total of \$9,000.00

Town Clerk \$5,000.00

Article 2: General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$274,120.00 for the operation of the General Government, including Selectmen's expenses, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessor, Town Clerk, and other related expenses or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Major adjustments include:

- Treasurer Salary increase from \$8,500 to \$20,000 (+\$11,500).
- Town Office Building increase from \$10,000 to \$20,000 (+\$10,000).
- Addition of an Assessor Clerk (\$6,000) and Cyclical DOR funding (\$15,000).

Article 3: Highway Department

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$488,400.00 for the maintenance and operation of the Highway Department, including road maintenance, equipment repairs, and personnel costs or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Changes include:

- Increased part-time help from \$23,000 to \$46,000.
- Road Maintenance increased to \$110,000.
- Freightliner Payment of \$63,549.67 removed.

Article 4: Snow and Ice

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$120,000.00 for the continued operational expenses of the fiscal year 2026 Winter season or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 5: Schools and Libraries

ARTICLE #5A: To see if the Town will vote **to raise and appropriate** such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of the school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 or take any vote or votes in relation thereto. \$851836

ARTICLE #5B: To see if the Town will vote **to raise and appropriate** such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of C.H.McCann Technical High School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 or take any vote or votes in relation thereto. **\$222312**

ARTICLE #5C: To see if the Town will vote **to raise and appropriate** such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of Smith Vocational Tuition for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 or take any vote or votes in relation thereto. \$22,500

ARTICLE #5D: To see if the Town will vote **to raise and appropriate** such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of Alternative Transportation (Smith Vocational) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 or take any vote or votes in relation thereto. \$32,760

Article 6: Health & Sanitation

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$53,908.00 for landfill operation, animal control, and health services or take any vote or votes in relation thereto. Reductions include:

- Landfill Transfer Station expenses decreased by \$6,740.
- Concrete Pad and Landfill Cap Closure removed.

Article 7: Protection of Persons & Property

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$66,320.00 for public safety, including police, fire, animal control, and inspection services or take any vote or votes in relation thereto. Major changes:

- Police Chief salary increased to \$8,900.
- Building Inspector expense increased to \$8,700.

Article 8: Unclassified Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$398,400.00 for general expenses including insurance, county retirement, reserve funds, and miscellaneous town services or take any vote or votes in relation thereto. Adjustments include:

- Increased Insurance 32-B School from \$0 to \$163,000.
- Workman's Compensation reduced by \$6,563.58.

Article 9: Veterans' Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$22,000.00 for Veterans' Services or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 10: Capital Improvement \$20,000.00 for Capital Improvement Reserve or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 11: Group Purchasing

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$800 for Group Purchasing in order to follow through with procurement or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 12: Free Cash Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$224,994 to the Stabilization fund or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to commission a website in the interest of the Town of Savoy, enhancing communication with the residents in the interest of safety and transparency or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the initial construction and continued maintenance of the website based on the approval of Article 11 or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for state or federal grants, and to expend any monies received, as outlined in the appropriate grant application(s) or take any other action thereto or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept State Grants from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division pursuant to G.L. Ch. 90, and to expend those funds for the purpose of state-approved Chapter 90 projects, services and purchases, or any other enabling authority, or take any other action thereto or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 44, section 53F, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 18:

Revolving Fund Account Authorization and Bylaw:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the general bylaws of the Town of Savoy by adding a new section to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain town departments, boards,

committees, agencies or officers pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, section 53E 1/2, or take any other vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Bylaw to read as follows:

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DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

- 1. <u>Purpose.</u> This by-law establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by General Laws Chapter 44 § 53E1/2.
- 2. <u>Expenditure Limitations.</u> An authorized department or agency head, board, committee or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law without appropriation subject to the following limitations:
- A. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund (except for those employed as school bus drivers.)
 - B. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
- C. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by this by-law, or town meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the selectboard and finance committee.
- 3. <u>Interest.</u> Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this bylaw shall be credited to the general fund.
- 4. Procedures and reports. Except as provided in General Laws Chapter 44 §53E1/2 and this by-law, the laws, by-laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of town monies and the expenditure and payment of town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law. The town accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the town accountant provides the department, board, committee, agency or officer on appropriations made for its use.

5. Authorized Revolving Funds. The Table establishes:

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- A. Each revolving fund authorized for use by a town department, board, committee, agency or officer.
- B. The department or agency head, board, committee or officer authorized to spend from each fund.
- C. The fees, charges and other monies charged and received by the department, board, committee, agency or officer in connection with the program or activity for which the fund is established that shall be credited to each fund by the Town Accountant.
 - D. The expenses of the program or activity for which each fund may be used.
 - E. Any restrictions or conditions on expenditures from each fund.
 - F. Any reporting or other requirements that apply to each fund, and
 - G. The fiscal years each fund shall operate under this by-law.

Revolving Fund	Entity Authorized to Spend	Fee, Charges, or Receipts	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses	Other Requirements or	Fiscal Years
	from Fund	Credited to Fund	Fund	Payable from Fund	Reports	
Plumbing and Wiring	Plumbing Inspector	Fees Collected for	Compensation For Inspections	Limit of \$1,500.00		Fiscal Year 2025 and
inspections	Wiring Inspector	Inspections				Subsequen Years

And you are directed to service this warrant, by posting attested copies of the same on the bulletin board at the Savoy Town and on the notice board at the Savoy Transfer Station at least (7) SEVEN days 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 a place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 10th day of Jone, in the year TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE (2025).

Justin Kaczowski

Marie Saucier

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I have posted true and attested copies hereof, on at the Town of Savoy and on at the Savoy Transfer Station.

Constable:

Date: / -/2 - Z=

TOWN OF SAVOY APPROPRIATION WORKSHEET FISCAL YEAR 2026

APPROPRIATION	FY25	FY26	Difference
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ELECTED SALARIES:			
Selectmen Salary	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
Moderator	250.00	250.00	0.00
Assessors Salary	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
Town Clerk	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
	26,250.00	26,250.00	0.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Tax Collector	7,500.00	8,500.00	1,000.00
Selectmen's Expense	1,300.00	2,300.00	1,000.00
Town Council	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Treasurer Expense	4,700.00	4,700.00	0.00
Treasurer Salary	8,500.00	20,000.00	11,500.00
Bank Charges	50.00	50.00	0.00
Collector Expense	9,000.00	9,500.00	500.00
Tax Taking /Tax Title	1,100.00	1,600.00	500.00
Town Clerk Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Election & Reg.	4,500.00	5,800.00	1,300.00
Planning Board Expense	500.00	500.00	0.00
Historical Comm. Expense	50.00	50.00	0.00
Moderator Expense	100.00	100.00	0.00
Electric	16,080.00	16,000.00	(80.00)
Town Office Building	10,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00
Town Hall Custodian	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
Telephone	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
Gas/Heating	19,000.00	20,000.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00
Postage	2,600.00	2,600.00	0.00
Assessor's Software	13,151.00	0.00	(13,151.00
Assessor's Expense	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
Assessor Clerk	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Cyclical DOR	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Printing	900.00	900.00	0.00
Legal Notice	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Admin. Asst.'s	23,920.00	23,920.00	0.00
Accountant Salary	50,900.00	31,500.00	(19,400.00
Surety Bonds	600.00	1,200.00	600.00
Council on Aging	4,000.00	1,500.00	(2,500.00
Accountant Expense	200.00	200.00	0.00
Accountant Software	14,321.92	16,000.00	1,678.08
Librarian Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIbrarian Expense	300.00	300.00	0.00
Plumbing Insp. Expenses	500.00	500.00	0.00
Tax Collector Software	18,000.00	1,000.00	(17,000.00
Veteran's Service Off. Salary	1,750.00	2,000.00	250.00
	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
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Town Audit IT Services	10.000.00	11.000.00	1.000.00
IT Services VOIP Project	10,000.00	11,000.00 3,000.00	1,000.00 3,000.00

TOWN OF SAVOY APPROPRIATION WORKSHEET FISCAL YEAR 2026

APPROPRIATION	FY25	FY26	Difference
HIGHWAY DEPT. EXPENSES:			
Hourly Pay	199,680.00	200,000.00	320.00
Repairs & Supplies	119,920.00	110,000.00	(9,920.00)
Road Maintenance	100,000.00	110,000.00	10,000.00
Highway Building Maint.	4,000.00	10,000.00	6,000.00
Part Time Help	23,000.00	46,000.00	23,000.00
Vacation	2,997.60	0.00	(2,997.60)
FRCOG	1,975.00	2,400.00	425.00
Freightliner Payment	63,549.67	0.00	(63,549.67)
Training	5,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
Highway Dept Expenses	520,122.27	488,400.00	(31,722.27)
Snow & Ice	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00
SCHOOL and LIBRARIES:			
Savoy Elementary			
Adams/Cheshire Reg.			
Savoy School Budget	898,595.88	905,576.00	6,980.12
School Insurance moved to line 115		(163,000.00)	(163,000.00)
School Transportation	88,430.00	109,260.00	20,830.00
McCann School	174,508.00	218,687.00	44,179.00
McCann Transportation	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	3,625.00	3,625.00
Smith Vocational Tuition	20,076.00	22,500.00	2,424.00
Smith Transportation	12,000.00	32,760.00	20,760.00
Simul Transportation	1,193,609.88	1,129,408.00	(64,201.88)
HEALTH & SANITATION:			
Animal Inspector	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Landfill Transfer Station Expenses	43,740.00	37,000.00	(6,740.00)
Landfill Attendant's Salary	10,296.00	10,868.00	572.00
N. Berk. Solid Waste	2,500.00	2,800.00	300.00
Waste Sanitation Facilities	1,896.00	2,040.00	144.00
Concrete Pad	7,500.00	0.00	(7,500.00)
Landfill Cap Closure	3,000.00	0.00	(3,000.00)
Landin Cap Globare	70,132.00	53,908.00	(16,224.00)
PROTECTION/PERSONS & PROP.	4 000 00	0.000.00	7 000 00
Police Chief Salary	1,600.00	8,900.00	7,300.00
Police Public Safety Salary Account	6,200.00	0.00	(6,200.00
Police Expense	4,850.00	4,850.00	0.00
Fire Chief Salary	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Fire Equip. & Maint.	25,360.00	25,360.00	0.00
Building Insp. Expense	625.00	8,700.00	8,075.00
Building Inspector Salary	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
Board of Health Agent	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
Animal Control Officer Expense	600.00	600.00	0.00
Animal Control Officer Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Health Care Agent (DPH BPRC)	2,310.00	2,310.00	0.00
	57,145.00	66,320.00	9,175.00

TOWN OF SAVOY APPROPRIATION WORKSHEET FISCAL YEAR 2026

APPROPRIATION	FY25	FY26	Difference
UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES:			
Insurance General	61,000.00	51,000.00	(10,000.00)
Insurance 32-B	64,000.00	70,000.00	6,000.00
Insurance 32-B School	0.00	163,000.00	163,000.00
County Retirement	54,374.00	52,200.00	(2,174.00)
Berkshire County Communications	10,843.45	12,000.00	1,156.55
Workman's Comp	14,563.58	8,000.00	(6,563.58)
Unemployment	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
B.C.R.P.C.	562.84	600.00	37.16
Short Term Interest Exp.	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
F.I.C.A.	11,500.00	14,500.00	3,000.00
Cemeteries Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Veteran's Graves	300.00	300.00	0.00
Reserve Fund	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00
Wire Insp. Exp.	500.00	500.00	0.00
Conservation Commission	750.00	750.00	0.00
Agricultural Commission	50.00	50.00	0.00
Town Park Comm.	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
	243,943.87	398,400.00	154,456.13
	000.00	202.00	0.00
Group Purchasing	800.00	800.00	0.00
Capital Improvement Reserve	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Veteran's Services	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00
OPERATING BUDGET:	2,525,925.94	2,599,606.00	73,680.06
FREE CASH	0.00		0.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	2,525,925.94	2,599,606.00	73,680.06