



TOWN OF HAWLEY
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Hawley
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Monday, May 11, 2026**

FRANKLIN SS:

To Chris Tirone & Tinky Weisblat, Constables of the Town of Hawley,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn said inhabitants of the Town of Hawley qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Hawley Town Office in said Hawley on **Monday, the eleventh day of May.**

At **seven o'clock in the evening** the meeting will convene to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To act on the reports of the Town Officers, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of the following offices of the Town as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Salaries to be voted on are as follows:

Chairman of Selectboard	2,180.00
Selectboard members (2)	1,953.00
Town Clerk	10,016.00
Chairman of Assessors	1,578.00
Assessors' Members (2)	1,347.00
Auditor	144.00
Moderator	144.00

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following non-school general operation appropriations, or take any other action in relation thereto. Total for Article 3 is **\$714,896**. (This article will be voted on by Department, or by line. Any balances remaining in these appropriations will close to Surplus Revenue at the end of the year).

line #	Department/Acct Name	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed
1	Moderator	140.00	144.00
2	Salaries & wages	140.00	145.00
3	Board of Selectmen	28,330.00	28,979.00
4	Salaries & wages	22,280.00	22,904.00
5	Expenses	4,400.00	4,325.00
6	Drug & Alcohol testing	400.00	500.00
7	Town Reports	750.00	750.00
8	Board of Health expenses	500.00	500.00
9	Finance Committee	150.00	150.00
10	Expenses	150.00	150.00
11	Town Auditor	140.00	144.00
12	Salaries & wages	140.00	144.00
13	Board of Assessors	14,505.00	29,527.00
14	Salaries & wages	4,155.00	19,577.00
15	Expenses	10,350.00	9,950.00
(Assessors salaries and wages will now include the compensation for the Assessors Clerk - previously covered by the Treasurer.)			
16	Treasurer	47,665.00	33,910.00
17	Salaries & wages	44,665.00	30,610.00
18	Expenses	3,000.00	3,300.00
(Treasurer salaries and wages will no longer include the compensation for the Assessors Clerk.)			
19	Collector	12,102.00	12,455.00
20	Salaries & wages	7,422.00	7,630.00
21	Expenses	4,680.00	4,825.00
22	Technology/Internet	2,675.00	2,675.00
23	Expenses	2,675.00	2,675.00
(Includes proposed changes to website/ domain hosting/ email server.)			
24	Town Clerk	10,494.00	10,766.00
25	Salaries & wages	9,744.00	10,016.00
26	Expenses	750.00	750.00
(Election compensation and expenses are in a separate article.)			

27	Town Buildings	8,775.00	9,775.00
28	Purchased Services	750.00	750.00
29	Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00
30	Expenses	8,025.00	9,025.00
31	Employee Benefits	85,000.00	96,307.00
32	Insurance	42,450.00	52,000.00
33	Retirement	42,550.00	44,307.00
34	Police Department	1,586.00	1,624.00
35	Salaries & wages	1,336.00	1,374.00
36	Expenses	250.00	250.00
37	Fire Department	48,918.00	49,598.00
38	Salaries & wages	10,568.00	10,648.00
39	Purchased Services	3,100.00	3,000.00
40	Repairs & Maintenance	9,750.00	10,250.00
41	Expenses	7,500.00	7,700.00
42	EMS	13,000.00	13,000.00
43	Capital outlay	5,000.00	5,000.00
44	Emergency Management	1,820.00	1,902.00
45	Salaries & wages	1,170.00	1,202.00
46	Purchased Services	150.00	200.00
47	Expenses	500.00	500.00
48	Franklin Reg Co of Govts	11,193.00	11,783.00
49	FRCOG Assessments	11,193.00	11,783.00
50	DPW - Highway	308,360.00	339,150.00
51	Salaries & wages	171,000.00	194,600.00
52	Repairs & Maintenance	57,500.00	62,000.00
53	Expenses - Roads	74,500.00	77,500.00
54	Expenses - Garage	5,360.00	5,050.00
55	DPW Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00
56	Solid Waste	28,652.00	27,852.00
57	Expenses	28,652.00	27,852.00
58	Animal Inspector	200.00	200.00
59	Expenses	200.00	200.00
60	Animal Control Officer	200.00	200.00
61	Expenses	200.00	200.00
62	Veterans Services	3,300.00	3,400.00
63	District assessment	1,100.00	1,200.00

64	Veterans Benefits	2,000.00	2,000.00	
65	Veterans expenses	200.00	200.00	
66	Boards, Committees	4,650.00	8,150.00	
67	Conservation Comm Expenses	1,400.00	3,300.00	
68	Planning Board Expenses	400.00	2,000.00	
69	Zoning Bd of Appeals Expenses	50.00	50.00	
70	Council on Aging - Grant match	400.00	400.00	
71	Tyler Memorial Library	2,400.00	2,400.00	
72	Unclassified	41,200.00	41,200.00	
73	Prop & Liability insurance	33,000.00	33,000.00	
74	Surety bonds	900.00	900.00	
75	Mass. Unemployment	500.00	300.00	
76	FICA/Medicare	7,000.00	7,000.00	
87	TOTAL	661,055.00	714,896.00	8.14%

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following school general operation appropriations, or take any other action in relation thereto. Total for Article 4 is **\$676,165**. (This budget can be voted on in its entirety, by Department, or by line. Any balances remaining in these appropriations will close to Surplus Revenue at the end of the year).

<u>line #</u>	<u>Department/Acct Name</u>	<u>FY26 Budget</u>	<u>FY27 Proposed</u>	
88	School - Vocational	70,000.00	190,000.00	
89	Transportation	20,000.00	55,000.00	
90	Tuition	50,000.00	135,000.00	
91	School - Hawlemont	256,079.00	234,221.00	
92	Operating assessment	243,531.00	222,941.00	
93	Transportation	12,548.00	11,280.00	
94	Capital outlay	0.00	0.00	
95	School - MTRSD	243,681.00	251,944.00	
96	Operating assessment	217,164.00	227,045.00	
97	Transportation	21,811.00	20,395.00	
98	Capital outlay	4,706.00	4,504.00	
	(note: Transportation included in FY25 Operating)			
99	TOTAL	569,760.00	676,165.00	18.68%

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to carry forward any balance in the FY26 Vocational Tuition and Vocational Transportation accounts to the FY27 respective accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Continuing Education for Town Officials account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the Legal Services account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to the Assessors Revaluation account, to be used for the FY2030 revaluation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the Internet Access (installation and equipment) account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the Website/Domain Hosting account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,225 for Election Expenses (\$3,500 for Election Officers Compensation; \$725 for Election Expenses) with any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year to be carried into future years, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750 for the Town Building Repair and Maintenance account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the Accrued Sick Pay Fund account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$220 for the Accrued Vacation Pay Fund account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums for the Fire Station Building Improvements account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the DPW Employment Expenses Account, with any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year to be carried into future years, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the Care of Cemeteries Account, under the oversight of the Historical Commission, with any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year to be transferred into the Care of Cemeteries Trust, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of up to \$36,000 from Highway Stabilization Fund to cover FY26 Snow Roads overage, and to return any sum unexpended back to Highway Stabilization, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum for the Highway Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 for the Independent Audit account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$10,000 from the General Stabilization Fund, to be spent at the discretion of the Selectboard for the purposes of grant match or procurement of services to aid in the development of grant proposals, with any funds unexpended or uncommitted by contractual agreement as of June 30 to be returned to the General Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the General Stabilization Fund to cover interest expenses on short term borrowing, with any unexpended funds to be returned to the General Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, section 53E ½, for which revenues from fees or fines related to licensing and care of dogs will be deposited into the fund and expended to purchase dog tags; pay for various expenses in relation to licensing, care, and other related dog-control expenses, under the direction of the Town Clerk, and total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, will be limited to \$2,000, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum in Chapter 90 road funds available subject to conditions detailed by Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue or grant reimbursement for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, section 4, and to renew any note or notes for the period of less than two years in accordance with provisions of MGL Chapter 44, section 17, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,069 from Free Cash to cover the overage in FY26 Health Insurance account, or take any other action in relations thereto.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of up to \$10,000 from Fire Stabilization Fund to cover the heater replacement at the Fire Station, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 29: To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of April 2026.

The Hawley Selectboard

Will Cosby

Hussain Hamdan

Bob MacLean