Town of Savoy

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

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 Wednesday the 24th of June 2026, at 7:00pm and then and there to act on the following articles:

Meeting opened at 7:06pm, with 55 registered voters in attendance.

Article 1: Elected Salaries:

To see if the Town will vote to set and raise and appropriate the sum of **$26,250.00** for the annual salaries of elected officials as displayed in the supplemental budget document who receive compensation from the Town as provided in M.G.L. c. 40, section 108, to be effective from July 1, 2026, as follows or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

No change from prior year.

Motion: Mrs. Markland
Second: Mrs. Boody
Discussion: None
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 2: General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$258,305.00** for the operation of the General Government, including Selectmen's expenses, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessor, Town Clerk, and other related expenses as displayed in the supplemental budget document or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason for changes: Reductions in Assessor expenses and communications; increases in IT services and utilities.

Motion: Mr. Lambert
Second: Mr. Krutiak
Discussion: COA is fully funded by a grant this year, so $0 expenses for it.

Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 3: Highway Department

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$477,400.00** for the maintenance and operation of the Highway Department, including road maintenance, equipment repairs, and personnel costs as displayed in the supplemental budget document or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason for changes: Decrease in training and part-time help; modest increase in hourly pay.

Motion: Mr. Kunzmann
Second: Mrs. Schaffrick
Discussion: None
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 4: Snow and Ice

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$136,000.00** for the continued operational expenses of the fiscal year 2027 Winter season or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason for changes: Increase of $16,000 to reduce reliance on stabilization transfers.

Motion: Mr. Lambert
Second: Mr. LaBonte
Discussion: Is $16,000 enough? Looked at previous years and took a 6 year average.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 5: Schools -Savoy School/Hoosac Valley

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$845,854.00** for educational expenses, including Savoy School Budget, Hoosac Valley School Budget and School Transportation as displayed in the supplemental school budget documents or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason for changes: Savoy School budget decreased; transportation costs increased.

Motion: Mr. Pease
Second: Mr. Belisle
Discussion: None
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 6: Schools – C.H. McCann Technical

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$281,680.00** for educational expenses, as deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of C.H. McCann Technical School or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason for changes: Increase in students from 13 to 15.

Motion: Mr. LaBonte
Second: Mrs. Schaffrick
Discussion: None
Opposed: Majority rules, motion carries.

Article 7: Schools – Smith Vocational

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$22,559.00** for educational expenses, as deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of Smith Vocational tuition or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason for changes: Small increase of $59.

Motion: Mrs. Krutiak
Second: Mr. Lambert
Discussion: 2 more years for current student enrolled. If McCann doesn't offer program, can choose Taconic or Smith Vocational. Same distance to both schools. Looking for possibility to join other towns for transportation. Transportation not covered by state because we are not part of a regional school system.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 8: Schools – Alternative Transportation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$34,000.00** for educational expenses, as deemed necessary for all charges and expenses of Alternative Transportation (Smith Vocational) or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason for changes: Increase of $1,240.

Motion: Mrs. Krutiak
Second: Mr. Lambert
Discussion: Dufour does the transportation.
Opposed: Majority rules, motion carries

Article 9: Health & Sanitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$65,496.00** for landfill operation, animal control, and health services as displayed in the supplemental budget document or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason for changes: Minor adjustments; reduction in sanitation facility costs.

Motion: Mr. Lambert
Second: Mrs. Boody
Discussion: All employees got a 2% raise this year. Animal control is contracted from Adams.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 10: Protection of Persons & Property

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$51,010.00** for public safety, including police, fire, and inspection services as displayed in the supplemental budget document or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason for changes: Removal of Berkshire County Communications expense; reduction in building inspector expenses.

Motion: Mrs. Schaffrick
Second: Mr. Krutiak
Discussion: None
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 11: Unclassified Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$421,026.00** for general expenses including insurance, county retirement, reserve funds, and miscellaneous town services as displayed in the supplemental budget document or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason for changes: Increase in county retirement and school health insurance; decrease in municipal health insurance and reserve fund.

Motion: Mr. LaBonte
Second: Mr. Pease
Discussion: None
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 12: Veteran’s 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.

Amount same as prior year.

Motion: Mrs. Markland
Second: Mr. Pease
Discussion: None
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 13: Town Audit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$9,000.00** for Town Audit or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason for changes: No change; part of three-year audit cycle.

Motion: Mrs. Boody
Second: Mr. Lambert
Discussion: Under audit right now for last year, 2025. Audit done every three years and cost spread over that time. First time audit done since 2014.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 14: Cyclical DOR Assessor Review

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$3,000.00** for Cyclical DOR Assessor review or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason for changes: Regular five-year cycle funding.

Motion: Mr. Lambert
Second: Mrs. Luczynski
Discussion: Money goes to assessor assistant to get certified for assessors to certify property values.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 15: Capital Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **$52,000.00** for primarily a new roof on the Town office building and other items as general maintenance for town buildings indicated on the as funds allow or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason: This will be added to the Building Maintenance account specifically for roof replacement on the town office and if funds remain toward next items on the capital improvement list.

Motion: Mr. Kunzmann
Second: Mrs. Bushika
Discussion: Improvements on town pavilion is in their maintenance for parks, not on this building maintenance list. Will go out to bid. Last year estimate was $49,000. All town buildings/equipment are on capital improvement list.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 16: Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund

The Town hereby establishes a Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 5B. The purpose of this fund is to accumulate and reserve financial resources for future capital improvement projects, including but not limited to buildings, infrastructure, equipment and related debt service. Creation of this fund requires a 2/3's vote of town meeting. The fund shall be administered in accordance with the Town's adopted financial policies and Capital Improvement Plan or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Motion: Mrs. Markland
Second: Mr. LaBonte
Discussion: Financial policies will be put on the website. Policy will explain how money in fund can be used. Example: 50% has to remain in free cash fund for the next year. Gives guidance to select board for spending and saving. Finance committee made recommendations to select board for more fiscal responsibility.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 17: Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund Reclass

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from General Stabilization the sum of **$100,000.00** to the Capital Stabilization fund or take any vote or votes in relation thereto. This requires a 2/3rd vote.

Reason: This keeps the General Stabilization fund in compliance with financial reserves policy adopted by the select board on May 13,2026, while giving a good start to the Capital Stabilization fund toward meeting its goal (Target 5-7% Current Yr General Fund Budget – this starts us at 4%).

Motion: Mrs. Markland
Second: Mrs. Schaffrick
Discussion: $257,000 will be left in Stabilization fund.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 18: Anonymized Voting System

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard and Town Clerk to obtain an anonymized voting system for future Town meeting votes.

Motion: Mr. Krutiak
Second: Mrs. Schaffrick
Discussion: Cost approximately $9980. Explanation of system. Major cost to buy, yearly service after. Can be shared with other towns. Minimum of 200 to buy for the system. Looking into sharing with other towns. People with feel more comfortable voting against an article if its anonymized. Won't add too much time.
Opposed: Majority not met, motion denied

Article 19: Free Cash Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of **$68,842.00** for the following purposes:

$9,980.00 Anonymized Voting System

$58,861.78 Snow and Ice Short Fall from Fiscal year ending 2026.

or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Reason: This follows the Financial Reserves Policy adopted by the Select board on 5/13/2026, leaving close to 50% of the certified free cash balance on the books toward next year.

Motion to amend: Mr. Pease
Second: Mr. Lambert
Discussion: None
Opposed: Unanimous and motion carries
Article now reads:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of **$58,861.00** for the following purposes:

$58,861.78 Snow and Ice Short Fall from Fiscal year ending 2026.

or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Motion: Mr. Boody
Second: Mrs. Krutiak
Discussion: None
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 20: Grant Applications - General

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**.**

Motion: Mrs. Glynn
Second: Mrs. Schaffrick
Discussion: This must be voted on every year to apply for grants.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 21: Grant Applications – MassDOT Chapter 90

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**.**

Motion: Mr. Lambert
Second: Mrs. Bushika
Discussion: Different people to write the grants. No grants pending. Blackbrook project is in the state hands. 2028 projection. State has taken over the Rte 116 bridge project and is in the design phase. Old Main 4 grant to replace culvert. Often have to put up money first to apply for grant. Applied for Bog Brook bridge, but was denied in the first round. Can apply for the second round.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 22: Treasurer – Compensating Balance Agreements

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.

Motion: Mr. Lambert
Second: Mr. Pease
Discussion: Allows the treasurer to establish an account if bank requires it for short term borrowing. This has been done before.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 23: Revolving Fund Bylaw

To see if the town will vote to amend the Town's Revolving Fund Bylaw by removing Board of Health Agent Inspections revolving fund or take any votes in relation thereto. Requires 2/3's vote.

Full copy of this bylaw in its entirety can be obtained at Town Hall, on the website and at town meeting.

Motion: Mr. Lambert
Second: Mrs. Schaffrick
Discussion: Contracting out now for BOH services.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Article 24: Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Short Term Rentals

To see if the Town will vote to **amend the Zoning Bylaw of the town of Savoy by adding a section entitled Short-Term Rentals of Residential Properties** as fully set forth in the town meeting hand out, or take any action relative there to. Requires 2/3's vote.

Summary of proposed amendment:

This article proposes to adopt a new zoning bylaw to regulate short-term rentals (defined as rentals of 31 days or fewer) to balance private property rights with neighborhood character, public safety, and municipal interests.

Key provisions include:

- **Registration Requirement:** All short-term rentals must be registered annually with the Town and comply with state tax registration requirements.
- **Owner-Occupied vs. Non-Owner-Occupied:**
    - Owner-occupied rentals are allowed by right, subject to compliance with the bylaw.
    - Non-owner-occupied rentals require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- **Operational Standards:** Establishes requirements related to safety inspections, parking, occupancy limits, guest records, and prohibition of large commercial events
- **Neighborhood Protections:** Includes quiet hours, complaint tracking, and enforcement provisions to address properties that generate repeated disturbances ("problem properties").
- **Inspections and Enforcement:** Authorizes inspections by Town officials and establishes penalties for violations, including fines and potential suspension or revocation of registration or permits.
- **Administration:** Assigns the Selectboard authority to administer registrations and the Zoning Board of Appeals as the Special Permit Granting Authority.

The intent of this bylaw is to allow limited and regulated short-term rental activity while preserving the residential character and safety of the Town.

Full copy of this bylaw in its entirety can be obtained at Town Hall, on the website and at town meeting.

Motion: Mr. Krutiak
Second: Mrs. Krutiak
Discussion: Nothing currently in by-laws pertaining to short term rentals. Town counsel said any STR currently is illegal. Spent 2 years putting together potential by-law for 2-teired option: owner occupied or non owner occupied. Allows for an in depth process to approve STR in town. No vote continues to have STR illegal in town. Town required STR to get a business license. Illegal use? Home rule town, so need special usage for property. Counsel advised that it's illegal because it's not in our by-law. Building inspector requires a sprinkler system for STR. Who can afford that with no city water? Can ask for a waiver, but nobody has gotten one yet. Select board member stated that they don't want Savoy to become like south county with many STR. Not likely to happen

in Savoy. Building inspector suggested – Don't ask, don't tell? Building code exists regardless of by-law. Building inspector may have misspoke about sprinklers. STR is 20 days or less. LTR does not have the same rules. One STR runs to keep the cabin used and not abandoned. No other possibilities for fire suppression system was mentioned. Modeled this after minimum state regulations. Paying state tax. State is accepting tax because money is being earned on current STR. A no vote will make them illegal. Town can't issue a license. Town could be libel if something happens since they would be illegal with a no vote. We have nothing in writing from town counsel. Will insurance companies cover STR if they're illegal?
Opposed: 2/3 not met, motions denied

Article 25: General Bylaws

To see if the town will vote to adopt the amendment, re-organization and typographical corrections of the bylaws as presented at town meeting in the full text hand out and summarized below, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto. Majority vote required.

Summary of Changes & Highlights of significant ones:

Grammar/Spelling	11
Usage	1
Location / Reorg.	14
New Material	1
Deleted Material	1
Terminology Update	3
Substantive Legal	3
No Change (shown for reference)	9

Location	Proposed Changes	Existing Bylaw	Change Type	Notes
Art. I, Sec. 3	*Splits notice: a) Not less than 7 days before Annual Town Meeting; b) Not less than 14 days before any special town meeting*	*Single 7-day notice period for all meetings, annual and special*	**Substantive Legal**	Proposed Changes adds explicit 14-day requirement for special meetings, correcting a legal defect (MGL c.39 requires 14 days for special town meetings). Existing Bylaws retains only the 7-day period for all meetings.
	Subdivided into: a) 7 days annual; b) 14 days special	*Not subdivided — single paragraph*	**New Material**	Proposed Changes adds formal sub-paragraphs. Existing Bylaws omits this structural improvement.
Art. V, Sec. 1 — Tax Collector	*'appointed by the Select Board'*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 1.1: 'elected pursuant to Section One, Chapter Forty-one'*	**Substantive Legal**	Critical difference: Proposed Changes says appointed; Existing Bylaws says elected. Change voted in 2025.
Art. VI, Sec. 5 — Ch. 268 citation	*'chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A, Section 1(e)' — correct citation*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 6.1, v: 'chapter two hundred and sixty-eight' — incorrect, missing 'A'*	**Substantive Legal**	Ch. 268 is the Perjury statute. Ch. 268A is the Conflict of Interest law. Proposed Changes corrects this critical citation error. Existing Bylaws retains the wrong citation.

Art. III, Secs. 1–4 (Junk/Littering)	*Marked with &&& — retained with note re: supersession by Zoning By-Laws (1974)*	*Removed — not present in Existing Bylaws*	**Deleted Material**	Existing Bylaws eliminates the 1971 junk/nuisance/littering provisions as superseded by Zoning By-Laws. Proposed Changes retains them with a supersession notice.

A full copy of the clean reorganized bylaws in their entirety as well as a provision-by-provision comparison can be obtained at Town Hall, on the website and at town meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Glynn
Second: Mrs. Schaffrick
Discussion: Why is this meeting not being held on the by-law date? Not ready until now. Changed date every year. Can make an amendment to change date of ATM? Proposing to amend date change of ATM. Need to get current changes first. Cannot amend a by-law before having a written version to present to the town. Amendment denied.
Opposed: Motion unanimous and carries

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.
Motion to adjourn: Mrs. Boody
Second: Mr. Lambert

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 26th day of May, in the year TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX (2026).

Justin Kaczowski | Marie Saucier | Brenda Smith

Date: 5/26/26

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

Constable:

Date: 5/27/26

A True Copy

Attest

Valerie Reiner, Savoy Town Clerk

Budget Supplemental – FY2027

This document contains budget tables for the 2026 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Tables are organized by article for clarity.

Article 1: Elected Salaries

Account	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	Change
Selectmen Salary	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
Moderator Salary	250.00	250.00	-
Assessors Salary	9,000.00	9,000.00	-
Town Clerk	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
	26,250.00	**26,250.00**	**-**

Article 2: General Government

Account	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	Change
Accountant Salary	31,500.00	33,075.00	1,575.00
Accountant Software	16,000.00	16,000.00	-
Accountant Expense	200.00	200.00	-
Total Accountant	**47,700.00**	**49,275.00**	**1,575.00**
Printing	900.00		(900.00)
Assessor's Expense	12,000.00	8,000.00	(4,000.00)
Assessor Clerk	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
ATM 25 Assessor Software	13,151.00	7,580.00	(5,571.00)
Total Assessor	**32,051.00**	**21,580.00**	**(10,471.00)**

Town Hall Custodian	3,600.00	3,600.00	-
Electric	16,000.00	17,500.00	1,500.00
Gas/Heating	20,000.00	23,000.00	3,000.00
Postage/Supplies	5,400.00	5,000.00	(400.00)
Town Building - Communications	15,000.00	8,500.00	(6,500.00)
Town Office Building	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
Total Buildings	**80,000.00**	**77,600.00**	**(2,400.00)**
Tax Collector	8,500.00	9,000.00	500.00
Collector Expense	9,500.00	9,500.00	-
Tax Taking /Tax Title	1,600.00	1,600.00	-
Tax Collector Software	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Total Tax Collector	**20,600.00**	**21,100.00**	**500.00**
IT Services	11,000.00	19,000.00	8,000.00
Town Computer Expenses	3,300.00		(3,300.00)
Total IT	**14,300.00**	**19,000.00**	**4,700.00**
Admin. Asst.'s	23,920.00	24,400.00	480.00
Group Purchasing	800.00	800.00	-
Selectmen's Expense	2,300.00	2,800.00	500.00
Legal Notice	2,000.00		(2,000.00)
Total Selectman	**29,020.00**	**28,000.00**	**(1,020.00)**
Election & Reg.	5,800.00	5,300.00	(500.00)
Town Clerk Expense	1,000.00	1,200.00	200.00
Total Town Clerk	**6,800.00**	**6,500.00**	**(300.00)**

Treasurer Salary	20,000.00	20,400.00	400.00
Bank Charges	50.00	100.00	50.00
Surety Bonds	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
Treasurer Expense	4,700.00	5,600.00	900.00
Total Treasurer	**25,950.00**	**27,300.00**	**1,350.00**
Council on Aging	1,500.00		(1,500.00)
Conservation Commission	750.00	750.00	-
Moderator Expense	100.00	100.00	-
B.C.R.P.C.	600.00	600.00	-
Planning Board Expense	500.00	500.00	-
Town Council	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
Total Other	**9,450.00**	**7,950.00**	**(1,500.00)**
Total General Government	**265,871.00**	**258,305.00**	**(7,566.00)**

Article 3: Highway Department

Account	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	Change
Hourly Pay	200,000.00	211,000.00	11,000.00
Training	10,000.00	2,500.00	(7,500.00)
Part Time Help	46,000.00	34,500.00	(11,500.00)
Highway Building Maint.	10,000.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Road Maintenance	110,000.00	110,000.00	-
Repairs & Supplies	110,000.00	112,000.00	2,000.00
FRCOG	2,400.00	2,400.00	-
Total Highway	**488,400.00**	**477,400.00**	**(11,000.00)**

Article 4: Snow & Ice

Account	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	Change
Snow & Ice	120,000.00	136,000.00	16,000.00

Article 5: Schools – Savoy/Hoosac Valley

(Accounts	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	Change
Savoy School Budget	742,576.00	720,907.00	(21,669.00)
School Transportation	109,260.00	124,947.00	15,687.00
	851,836.00	**845,854.00**	**(5,982.00)**

Article 6: Schools – C.H. McCann Technical

Accounts	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	Change
McCann School	218,687.00	273,863.00	55,176.00
Roof/windows Capital Assessment		3,014.00	3,014.00
McCann Transportation	3,625.00	4,803.00	1,178.00
	222,312.00	**281,680.00**	**59,368.00**

Article 7: Schools – Smith Vocational

Accounts	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	Change
Smith Vocational Tuition	22,500.00	22,559.00	59.00

Article 8: Schools – Alternative Transportation

Accounts	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	Change
Alternative Transportation (Smith)	32,760.00	34,000.00	1,240.00

Article 9: Health & Sanitation

Accounts	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	Change
Transfer Station Attendant's Salary	10,868.00	11,096.00	228.00
Transfer Station Expenses	37,000.00	37,000.00	-
N. Berk. Solid Waste	2,800.00	3,300.00	500.00
Waste Sanitation Facilities	2,040.00	300.00	(1,740.00)
Animal Control Officer Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Animal Inspector	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
Animal Control Officer Expense	600.00	600.00	-
Board of Heath Inspections Svc	9,810.00	11,000.00	1,190.00
Total Health & Sanitation	**65,318.00**	**65,496.00**	**178.00**

Article 10: Protection of Persons & Property

Accounts	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	Change
Police Chief Salary	8,900.00	9,150.00	250.00
Berkshire County Communications	12,000.00	-	(12,000.00)
Police Expense	4,850.00	5,550.00	700.00
Fire Chief Salary	3,500.00	3,500.00	-
Fire Equip. & Maint.	25,360.00	25,360.00	-
Building Inspector Salary	3,600.00	3,700.00	100.00
Building Insp. Expense	8,700.00	2,750.00	(5,950.00)
Plumbing Insp. Expenses	500.00	500.00	-
Wire Insp. Exp.	500.00	500.00	-
Total Protection	**67,910.00**	**51,010.00**	**(16,900.00)**

Article 11: Unclassified Expenses

Accounts	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	Change
Cemeteries Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Veteran's Graves	300.00	300.00	-
Veteran's Service Off. Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Library Expense	300.00	300.00	-
Town Park Comm.	1,500.00	2,400.00	900.00
Agricultural Commission	50.00	50.00	-
Historical Comm. Expense	50.00	50.00	-
County Retirement	52,200.00	68,131.00	15,931.00
Workman's Comp	10,707.00	10,795.00	88.00
Unemployment	8,000.00	12,000.00	4,000.00
Insurance 32-B (Health)	70,000.00	50,750.00	(19,250.00)
Insurance 32-B (School)	163,000.00	189,250.00	26,250.00
F.I.C.A.	14,500.00	15,500.00	1,000.00
Insurance General	51,000.00	53,500.00	2,500.00
Short Term Interest Exp.	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Reserve FUND	30,293.00	13,000.00	(17,293.00)
Total Unclassified	**406,900.00**	**421,026.00**	**14,126.00**

Total Raise & Appropriate:

Article #		Amount	
1	$	26,250.00	Elected Salaries
2	$	258,305.00	General Government
3	$	477,400.00	Highway Department
4	$	136,000.00	Snow & Ice
5	$	845,854.00	Schools - Savoy/Hoosac
6	$	281,680.00	C.H. McCann Technical
7	$	22,559.00	Smith Vocational
8	$	34,000.00	Alternative Transportation
9	$	65,496.00	Health & Sanitation
10	$	51,010.00	Protection Persons& Prop
11	$	421,026.00	Unclassified
12	$	22,000.00	Veterans Services
13	$	9,000.00	Town Audit
14	$	3,000.00	Cyclical DOR Assesor Rev.
15	$	52,000.00	Capital Improvements
	$	**2,705,580.00**	Total Raise & Appropriate

	13% NBSU FY 27 Budget	Increase (decrease)	Percent
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NBSU ADMINISTRATION			
Expense			
1110 · School Committee			
1110112 · Secretary/ School Com Mtg Minute:	1,760.00	-1,040.00	-37.14%
110113 - School Com Stipends	1,200.00		
1110116 · Advert/Bids/Print	416.00	-334.00	-44.53%
Total 1110 · School Committee	3,376.00	-174.00	-4.90%
1210 · Superintendent's Office			
1210111 · Superintendent	20,689.19	5,404.63	35.36%
1210112 · Clerical Salaries	6,623.33	1,677.32	33.91%
1210115 · Supplies and Materials	195.00	-165.00	-45.83%
1210116 · Other Expenses	1,820.00	-1,030.00	-36.14%
Total 1210 · Superintendent's Office	29,327.52	5,886.96	25.11%
1410 · Business and Finance			
1410111 · Business Admin Salary	11,609.13	1,609.13	16.09%
1410116 · Other Expenses	1,058.85	458.85	76.48%
Total 1410 · Business and Finance	12,667.98	2,067.98	19.51%
1430 · Legal Services			
1430114 · Contracted Services	3,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Total 1430 · Legal Services	3,000.00	0.00	0.00%
1450 · Administrative Technology			
1450111 · Admin Tech Salary	25,750.00	750.00	3.00%
1450114 - Union wide contracted services	5,803.00	857.00	17.33%
1450115 · Supplies and Materials	250.00	0.00	0.00%
1450116 · Other Expenses	250.00	-100.00	-28.57%
Total 1450 · Administrative Technology	32,053.00	1,507.00	4.93%
2110 · Supervisory - Special Education			
2110111 · Admin of Special Education	17,147.86	4,337.86	33.86%
2110112 · Clerical Salaries	6,749.14	1,704.69	33.79%
2110114 · Contracted services	1,248.00	-803.00	-39.15%
2110115 · Supplies	65.00	-55.00	-45.83%
2110116 · Other Expenses	494.00	236.00	91.47%
Total 2110 · Supervisory - Special Educatio	25,704.00	5,420.55	26.72%

	13% NBSU FY 27 Budget	Increase (decrease)	Percent
TOTAL NBSU Administration	106,128.50	14,708.48	16.09%
INSTRUCTION			
2210 · School Leadership			
2210111 · Principal	41,200.00	1,200.00	3.00%
2210112 · Clerical Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00%
2210114 · Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	0.00%
2210115 · Supplies and Materials	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
2210116 · Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	
Total 2210 · School Leadership	42,200.00	1,200.00	2.93%
2250 · Building Technology			
2250115 · Supplies and Materials	300.00	50.00	20.00%
2250116 · Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total 2250 · Building Technology	300.00	50.00	20.00%
2305 · Teachers - Classroom			
2305111 · Professional Salaries	406,356.20	26,119.18	6.87%
Total 2305 · Teachers - Classroom	406,356.20	26,119.18	6.87%
2310 · Teachers - Special Education			
2310111 · Professional Salaries	81,868.00	2,384.96	3.00%
Total 2310 · Teachers - Special Education	81,868.00	2,384.96	3.00%
2320 · Medical Therapeutic Services			
2320111 · Professional Salaries	27,583.81	2,527.78	10.09%
2320114 · Contracted Services	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Total 2320 · Medical Therapeutic Services	28,583.81	2,527.78	9.70%
2325 · Substitutes			
2325113 · Other Salaries	4,000.00	4,000.00	
232511A · Aid Sub Salaries	0.00	0.00	
Total 2325 · Substitutes	4,000.00	4,000.00	
2330 · Teacher Aides			
2330113 · Salaries	0.00	-91,961.19	-100.00%
sped Salaries	28,010.85	28,010.85	

	13% NBSU FY 27 Budget	Increase (decrease)	Percent
Total 2330 · Teacher Aides	28,010.85	-63,950.34	-69.54%
2356 · Prof Development Expenses			
2356115 · Supplies and Materials	0.00	0.00	
2356116 · Other	3,000.00	400.00	15.38%
Total 2356 · Prof Development Expenses	3,000.00	400.00	15.38%
2410 · Texts and related materials			
2410115 · Supplies and Materials	3,000.00	0.00	0.00%
2410116 · Other	0.00	0.00	
Total 2410 · Texts and related materials	3,000.00	0.00	0.00%
2430 - General Classroom Supplies			
2430115 · General Classroom Supplies/ Reg	5,000.00	500.00	11.11%
2430A115 · Class Room Supplies Sped	1,000.00	-500.00	-33.33%
Total 2430 - General Classroom Supplies	6,000.00	0.00	0.00%
2451 · Instructional Hardware - Devices			
2451115 · Instruction Tech Supplies and Mate	2,200.00	1,200.00	120.00%
2451116 · Instructional Tech other	0.00	0.00	
Total 2451 · Instructional Hardware - Devic	2,200.00	1,200.00	120.00%
2453 · Instructional Hardware - all other			
2453115 · Instructional Supplies and Materials	500.00	0.00	0.00%
Total 2453 · Instructional Hardware - all otl	500.00	0.00	0.00%
2455 · Instructional Software			
2455114 · Instruction Software Contracted Se	$4,809	4,809.00	
2455116 · Instructional Software Other	0.00	-3,500.00	-100.00%
Total 2455 · Instructional Software	4,809.00	1,309.00	37.40%
2700 · Guidance Counseling and Testing			
2710 · Guidance			
2710111 · Salaries	9,403.80	-3,934.68	-29.50%
2710115 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	
Total 2700 · Guidance Counseling and Test	9,403.80	-3,934.68	-29.50%

	13% NBSU FY 27 Budget	Increase (decrease)	Percent
2800 Psychological Services			
2800114 Contracted Services/Salaries	3,000.00	-1,500.00	-33.33%
Total 2800 · Psychological Services	3,000.00	-1,500.00	-33.33%
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	623,231.66	-30,194.11	-4.62%
PUPIL SERVICES			
3200 · Health Program			
3200111 · School Nurse	47,367.17	1,379.63	3.00%
320113 Other Salaries	500.00	-500.00	-50.00%
3200114 · Contracted Services	500.00	0.00	0.00%
3200115 · Supplies	1,200.00	200.00	20.00%
3200116 · Health Other		0.00	
Total 3200 · Health Program	49,567.17	1,079.63	2.23%
3300 · TRANSPORTATION			
3300113 · Bus Monitor	7,306.85	212.82	3.00%
3300114 · Bus Contracts - Elementary	116,640.00	7,380.00	6.75%
330A114 · Bus Contracts - Specia Ed	1,000.00	-1,500.00	-60.00%
Total 3300 · TRANSPORTATION	124,946.85	6,092.82	5.13%
TOTAL PUPIL SERVICES	174,514.02	7,172.45	4.29%
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE			
4110 · Custodial Services			
4110113 · Salaries	14,145.00	-7,981.16	-36.07%
4110115 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	
4110116 · Other	0.00	0.00	
Total 4110 · Custodial Services	14,145.00	-7,981.16	-36.07%
4120 · Fuel			
4120116 · Appropriation	15,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Total 4120 · Fuel	15,000.00	0.00	0.00%
4130 · Utilities			
4130116 · Telephone	4,500.00	75.00	1.69%

	13% NBSU FY 27 Budget	Increase (decrease)	Percent
413A116 · Electricity	6,000.00	-700.00	-10.45%
Total 4130 · Utilities	10,500.00	-625.00	-5.62%
4210 · Maintenance of Grounds			
4210116 · Appropriation	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total 4210 · Maintenance of Grounds	0.00	0.00	0.00%
4220 · Maintenance of Buildings			
4220114 · Building Contracted services	2,300.00	2,300.00	
4220115 · Supplies	4,000.00	1,500.00	60.00%
4220116 · Other/ Capital Improvement	12,700.00	-5,300.00	-29.44%
Total 4220 · Maintenance of Buildings	19,000.00	-1,500.00	-7.32%
4225 · Building Security Systems			
4225114 · Contracted Services	400.00	0.00	0.00%
Total 4225 · Building Security Systems	400.00	0.00	0.00%
4230 · Maintenance of Equipment			
4230116 · Local	3,000.00	0.00	0.00%
423A116 · Union	78.00	-72.00	-48.00%
Total 4230 · Maintenance of Equipment	3,078.00	-72.00	-2.29%
4450 Technology Infrastucture Maint/supp			
4450114 Contracted services/Internet	350.00	-25.00	-6.67%
Total 4450	350.00	-25.00	-6.67%
TOTAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	62,473.00	-10,203.16	-14.04%
BENEFITS AND FIXED CHARGES			
5150 · Employee Separation Cost			
5150110 · Separation Benefits	0.00	0.00	
Total 5150 · Employee Separation Cost	0.00	0.00	
5200 · Employee Benefits			
520A116 · Medical -Staff	160,913.31		
520B116 · Medical -Shared Staff	15,964.29		
520C116 · Medical -NBSUnion	6,800.97		
520D116 · Medical -Retired Union	5,564.61		

	13% NBSU FY 27 Budget	Increase (decrease)	Percent
Total 5200 · Employee Benefits	189,243.18	20,431.48	12.10%
5260 · Insurance			
5260116 · School Building Liability - Union	580.06	-96.44	-14.26%
Total 5260 · Insurance	580.06	-96.44	-14.26%
5300 · Equipment Leases			
5300111 · Copier Leases	1,800.00	-228.00	-11.24%
5300112 · Union Copiers	260.00	260.00	
Total 5300 · Equipment Leases	2,060.00	32.00	1.58%
5350 · Rental - Union Office			
5350116 · Appropriation	4,833.19	339.19	7.55%
Total 5350 · Rental - Union Office	4,833.19	339.19	7.55%
TOTAL BENEFITS AND FIXED CHARGES	196,716.43	22,734.23	13.07%
FIXED ASSETS			
7300 · Improvement of Equipment			
General - Union	65.00	-85.00	-56.67%
Total 7300 · Improvement of Equipment	65.00	-85.00	-56.67%
7400 · Replacement of Equipment			
740A116 · Appropriation - Union	65.00	-85.00	-56.67%
Total 7400 · Replacement of Equipment	65.00	-85.00	-56.67%
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	130.00	-170.00	-56.67%
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
9100 · Tuition			
9100.6A · Middle School	11,633.00	-21,925.00	-65.33%
9100.6B · High School	61,270.00	14,138.00	30.00%
9100.6C Special Education	0.00	0.00	
Total 9100 · Tuition	72,903.00	-7,787.00	-9.65%
TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOI	72,903.00	-7,787.00	-9.65%

	13% NBSU FY 27 Budget	Increase (decrease)	Percent
Total Projected Budget	1,236,096.61	-3,739.10	-0.30%
Circuit Breaker	0.00	-30,000.00	-100.00%
Funding from School Choice	126,000.00	6,000.00	5.00%
Grants	75,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Projected - GRANTS and SCHOOL CH	1,035,096.61	20,260.90	2.00%

Details Article # 23 Revolving Fund Bylaw

The Bylaw to read as follows:

DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

1. Purpose. This bylaw 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. Expenditure Limitations. 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 bylaw 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 more than the available balance of the fund.

C. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by this bylaw, 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. Interest. 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 bylaw, the laws, bylaws, 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 bylaw. 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:

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 bylaw.

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

Details Article #24 Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Short Term Rentals

Zoning Bylaw Amendment Short-Term Rentals of Residential Properties

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

Pursuant to the authority granted by M.G.L. c. 40A and the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution, the Town of Savoy hereby establishes the following provisions regulating Short-Term Rentals." The Town of Savoy establishes these bylaw provisions to balance private property rights with neighborhood stability and municipal interests related to Short-Term Rentals.

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of Savoy residents and visitors; to ensure that the primary use of residential properties remains residential; and to ensure that Short-Term Rentals do not adversely affect the character, livability, or safety of surrounding neighborhoods, while allowing limited and well-regulated use of residential properties for short-term lodging.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purposes of this bylaw, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Non-Owner-Occupied Dwelling
A residential dwelling unit that does not meet the definition of an Owner-Occupied Dwelling.

Operator
Any Owner or any person authorized by the Owner to offer, advertise, manage, or operate a Short-Term Rental.

Owner
Each person or entity holding any portion of the fee simple interest in the property, as evidenced by record title.

Owner-Occupied Dwelling
A residential dwelling unit that serves as the primary residence of at least one Owner, who occupies the dwelling for no fewer than the majority of the calendar year.

Short-Term Rental (STR)
A residential property, or any portion thereof, including but not limited to a house, apartment, cottage, or condominium, or a furnished accommodation that is not a hotel, motel, lodging house, or bed and breakfast establishment, where all of the following conditions are met:

1. At least one room or dwelling unit is rented to an occupant;
2. All accommodations are reserved in advance;
3. An occupant maintains tenancy for thirty-one (31) or fewer consecutive calendar days; and
4. The number of rented rooms does not exceed the number of lawful bedrooms.

Problem Property
Any dwelling unit located at an address:

a. For which the Police Department has been called within the preceding twelve (12) months for any incident involving a documented violation of federal law, state law, or town bylaw by the Operator or occupants of a Short-Term Rental; or
b. For which the Town has received three (3) or more substantiated complaints within the preceding twelve (12) months related to Short-Term Rental operations.

Section 3. Applicability

No Short-Term Rental shall operate within the Town of Savoy unless it is registered with the Town and with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue pursuant to M.G.L. c. 64G and in compliance with this bylaw.

Section 4. Permitting

4.1 Owner-Occupied Short-Term Rentals (By-Right)

Short-Term Rentals located within an Owner-Occupied Dwelling shall be allowed by right, provided that the Short-Term Rental complies with all applicable provisions of this Bylaw, including but not limited to registration, inspection, operational, and safety requirements.

No Special Permit shall be required for an Owner-Occupied Short-Term Rental.

4.2 Non-Owner-Occupied Short-Term Rentals (Special Permit Required)

Short-Term Rentals located within a Non-Owner-Occupied Dwelling shall require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) prior to operation and shall comply with all applicable provisions of this Bylaw, including but not limited to registration, inspection, operational, and safety requirements.

In granting a Special Permit, the ZBA shall consider, at a minimum:

1. The character of the neighborhood and surrounding land uses, and whether the proposed Short-Term Rental would be detrimental to the residential character of the area;
2. Adequacy of parking, access, and site circulation;
3. Potential impacts on public safety, noise, and the quality of life of abutting properties;
4. The history of code compliance at the property, if any.

The ZBA may impose reasonable conditions, safeguards, and limitations on any Special Permit issued pursuant to this section.

Section 5. Registration Requirements

5.1 Registration Required

All Short-Term Rentals shall be registered annually with the Town of Savoy. Registration shall be granted only upon submission of a complete application and compliance with this bylaw.

5.2 Application Requirements

An application for Short-Term Rental registration shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the Town and shall include all materials identified in the Short-Term Rental Application Checklist, as adopted and updated from time to time by the Selectboard or its designee.

An application shall not be deemed complete until all required information and materials have been submitted. The Town may refuse to process incomplete applications.

Section 6. Registration Term and Fees

The registration period shall be for one (5) calendar year. Renewal applications shall be submitted every 5 years.

Registration fees shall be established by the Selectboard.

Section 7. Non-Transferability

Short-Term Rental registrations shall be granted solely to the Operator and shall not be transferable or assigned. All registrations shall terminate upon sale or transfer of the property or upon a change in Operator.

Section 8. Subletting Prohibited

No Owner or Operator shall register or offer a dwelling unit subject to a long-term lease as a Short-Term Rental. Tenants are prohibited from offering rental units as Short-Term Rentals.

Section 9. Operational Requirements

All Short-Term Rentals shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Posting, in a conspicuous location within the dwelling, of:
    - Certificate of Building Inspection;
    - Street address of the Short-Term Rental;
    - Operator and emergency contact information;
    - Recycling and waste disposal instructions;
    - Notice of leash requirements for dogs;
    - Quiet hours between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
2. No outstanding Building, Fire, Health, or bylaw violations, or enforcement actions;

3. No exterior signage advertising the Short-Term Rental shall be permitted, except as allowed, and any such signage must comply with the Town of Savoy Sign Zoning Bylaw;
4. Compliance with all applicable state and local building, fire, and health codes;
5. Adequate off-street overnight parking for all vehicles;
6. Prohibition of commercial events, including but not limited to parties, weddings, and meetings; and
7. Maintenance of guest records for a minimum of two (2) years, subject to inspection upon reasonable request by the Town.

Section 10. Inspections and Enforcement

Short-Term Rentals shall be subject to inspection by the Building, Health, and Fire Departments prior to initial registration and as required thereafter.

Failure to provide access for inspection shall result in suspension or denial of registration.

If a property meets the definition of a Problem Property or incurs three (3) or more violations of this bylaw or applicable codes within a twelve-month period, the Selectboard may suspend, revoke, or deny registration or a Special Permit, after notice and opportunity to be heard or the Zoning Board of Appeal may suspend, modify, revoke, or deny a Special Permit.

Section 11. Penalties

Violations of this bylaw may be enforced by the Building Inspector, Health Agent, Fire Chief, or other authorized enforcement official pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, §21D, and shall be subject to the following civil penalties:

- First offense: $100
- Second offense: $200
- Third and subsequent offenses: $300

Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

The Zoning Board of Appeals may additionally suspend or revoke registration or a Special Permit for repeated or serious violations.

Section 12. Regulations and Forms

The Selectboard may adopt such forms, rules, regulations, and administrative procedures as are necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this bylaw.

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall serve as the Special Permit Granting Authority for Short-Term Rentals and shall administer the special permit provisions of this bylaw.

Section 13. Severability

If any provision of this bylaw is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction or administrative agency, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall continue in full force and effect.

Town of Savoy — Bylaws Comparison

Savoy By-Laws Proposed Changes (docx) vs. Existing Bylaws | May 2026
Text in red italics = Proposed Changes wording. *Text in green italics* = Existing Bylaws version. 'No Change' rows are shaded grey.

Legend — Change Types

Grammar/Spelling	A word is misspelled, typographically wrong, or grammatically incorrect
Usage	A word is used that is technically spelled correctly but has the wrong meaning
Location / Reorg.	Content is the same but moved to a different article or section number
New Material	Content present in one document that does not exist at all in the other
Deleted Material	Content removed from one version entirely
Terminology Update	A proper name or title has been updated (e.g., Selectmen → Select Board)
Substantive Legal	A legally significant difference in meaning, scope, or effect

Provision-by-Provision Comparison

Location	Proposed Changes	Existing Bylaws	Change Type	Notes
Art. I, Sec. 2	*Polls open 12 noon – 8:00 P.M. (same text)*	*Polls open 12 noon – 8:00 P.M. (same text)*	**No Change**	Identical in both versions.
Art. I, Sec. 3	*Splits notice: a) Not less than 7 days before Annual Town Meeting; b) Not less than 14 days before any special town meeting*	*Single 7-day notice period for all meetings, annual and special*	**Substantive Legal**	Proposed Changes adds explicit 14-day requirement for special meetings, correcting a legal defect (MGL c.39 requires 14 days for special town meetings). Existing Bylaws retains only the 7-day period for all meetings.
Art. I, Sec. 3 (sub-paragraphs)	*Subdivided into: a) 7 days annual; b) 14 days special*	*Not subdivided — single paragraph*	**New Material**	Proposed Changes adds formal sub-paragraphs. Existing Bylaws omits this structural improvement.
Art. I, Sec. 4	*Quorum: 25 for annual; 10 for special; adjournment provision*	*Identical quorum requirements retained (Existing Bylaws Sec. 2.3, ii)*	**No Change**	Substantively identical in both documents.
Art. I, Sec. 5	*Warrant articles requiring appropriation must contain the request*	*Retained verbatim (Existing Bylaws Sec. 2.3, iii, b)*	**No Change**	Identical.
Art. I, Sec. 6 (Town Report)	*Section 6: 'The Town shall print an Annual Town Report...' — placed in Article I*	*Retained as Existing Bylaws Sec. 2.4, ii — moved to Administration section*	**Location / Reorg.**	Content unchanged. Proposed Changes places in Art. I; Existing Bylaws moves to Administration section.

Location	Proposed Changes	Existing Bylaws	Change Type	Notes
Art. II — Title	*'SELECT BOARD' (Proposed Changes)*	*'Board of Selectmen' / 'Selectmen' (Existing Bylaws throughout)*	**Terminology Update**	Proposed Changes modernizes to 'Select Board' per current MA law. Existing Bylaws has old 'Board of Selectmen' / 'Selectmen' language throughout.
Art. II, Secs. 1–4 (content)	*Substantively identical governance provisions*	*Retained as Existing Bylaws Sec. 2.2, i (a)(b)(c) and ii (a)*	**Location / Reorg.**	Content same; reorganized into subsections in Existing Bylaws. Proposed Changes keeps as Art. II.
Art. III, Secs. 1–4 (Junk/Littering)	*Marked with &&& — retained with note re: supersession by Zoning By-Laws (1974)*	*Removed — not present in Existing Bylaws*	**Deleted Material**	Existing Bylaws eliminates the 1971 junk/nuisance/littering provisions as superseded by Zoning By-Laws. Proposed Changes retains them with a supersession notice.
Art. III, Sec. 3 — pronoun	*'owned or controlled by his, old metals' — error retained (section marked superseded)*	*Section removed entirely from Existing Bylaws*	**Grammar/Spelling**	Pronoun case error: 'his' should be gender neutral. Proposed Changes retains the section (with supersession notice) and adds 'said person'. Not applicable in Existing Bylaws as section is removed.
Art. III, Sec. 5 — general penalty	*Section 4 in Proposed Changes (renumbered): 'Whoever violates any bylaw...'*	*Retained as Existing Bylaws Sec. 2.4, i, b*	**Location / Reorg.**	Renumbered from Sec. 5 (Existing Bylaws source) to Sec. 4 in Proposed Changes. Content same.
Art. III, Sec. 6 — age restriction	*Section 5 in Proposed Changes: 'no town owned machinery...operated by person under 18'*	*Retained as Existing Bylaws Sec. 4.5*	**Location / Reorg.**	Renumbered. Content substantively identical.
Art. III, Sec. 7 — Road Machinery Account	*Section 6 in Proposed Changes: includes 'maintenance and/or repair' (1989 amended text)*	*Retained as Existing Bylaws Sec. 3.2, i — still contains 'town owed' typo*	**Grammar/Spelling**	'town owed' should be 'town-owned'. Both documents carry this error.
Art. IV — Littering fine schedule	*Lists updated fines: $100 / $200 / $300 (2005 amendment incorporated)*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 2.4, i, d also shows updated amounts correctly*	**No Change**	Both documents correctly incorporate the 2005 littering fine amendment.
Art. IV — 'thee' typo	*Proposed Changes text: 'the specific penalties' (corrected)*	*Original source had 'thee specific penalties' — Existing Bylaws corrects this too*	**Grammar/Spelling**	Both documents correct this typographical error.
Art. IV — Junk/Sale fines	*Retains $25 fines for License, Sale of Junk, Accumulation of Junk, Recycling*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 2.4, i, d retains same $25 amounts*	**No Change**	Both retain the $25 schedule for these items unchanged.
Art. V / VI — Structure	*Proposed Changes uses Article V (Licenses and Permits) with Sections 1–7*	*Existing Bylaws reorganizes as Section 6 (Licenses and Permits) with subsections 6.1 i–vi*	**Location / Reorg.**	Same legal content redistributed into different numbering structure.
Art. V, Sec. 1 — Tax Collector	*'appointed by the Select Board'*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 1.1: 'elected pursuant to Section One, Chapter Forty-one'*	**Substantive Legal**	Critical difference: Proposed Changes says appointed; Existing Bylaws says elected. Change voted in 2025.
Art. VI, Sec. 2 — 'that' vs. 'than'	*'not less than a twelve month period' (corrected)*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 6.1, ii retains 'not less that' — error not corrected*	**Grammar/Spelling**	Proposed Changes corrects 'that' to 'than'. Existing Bylaws retains the error.
Art. VI, Sec. 4 — 'on' vs. 'an'	*'given an opportunity' (corrected)*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 6.1, iv retains 'given on opportunity'*	**Grammar/Spelling**	Typographical error. Proposed Changes corrects 'on' to 'an'. Existing Bylaws retains the error.

Location	Proposed Changes	Existing Bylaws	Change Type	Notes
Art. VI, Sec. 4 — 'applicable of law'	*'as required by applicable provisions of law' (fully correct)*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 6.1, iv: 'as required by applicable law' (missing 'provisions')*	**Grammar/Spelling**	Proposed Changes: 'applicable provisions of law' (fully correct). Existing Bylaws: 'applicable law' (acceptable but incomplete). Original source: 'applicable of law' (wrong).
Art. VI, Sec. 5 — Ch. 268 citation	*'chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A, Section 1(e)' — correct citation*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 6.1, v: 'chapter two hundred and sixty-eight' — incorrect, missing 'A'*	**Substantive Legal**	Ch. 268 is the Perjury statute. Ch. 268A is the Conflict of Interest law. Proposed Changes corrects this critical citation error. Existing Bylaws retains the wrong citation.
Art. VI, Sec. 5 — 'General Law' singular	*'Massachusetts General Laws' (plural, correct)*	*Existing Bylaws: 'Massachusetts General Law' (singular, incorrect)*	**Grammar/Spelling**	Formal name is 'Massachusetts General Laws' (plural). Proposed Changes uses correct form. Existing Bylaws retains incorrect singular throughout.
Art. VI, Sec. 6 — Select Board waiver	*'Select Board may waive...'*	*Existing Bylaws: 'Select Board may waive...' (same)*	**No Change**	Both correctly use 'Select Board' in this section.
Art. VII — Reimbursement	*Retained as Article VI in Proposed Changes*	*Retained as Existing Bylaws Sec. 2.4, iii*	**Location / Reorg.**	Content identical; section number and placement differ.
Art. VIII — Radioactive Material	*Retained with 'Adopted 1990' note; no AG approval date*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 5.3: same text, same blank AG date*	**No Change**	Both documents carry the blank AG approval date. Needs research from Town Clerk records.
Snow Plowing By-Law	*Article VIII in Proposed Changes: 'To prohibit snow plowing, shoveling and snow blowing across all highways...'*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 4.4, i: same language retained*	**Location / Reorg.**	Proposed Changes places in Art. VIII; Existing Bylaws places in Sec. 4.4. Content same.
Capital Improvement Program	*Article IX in Proposed Changes; references 'Select Board' throughout*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 3.1: references 'Board of Selectmen' throughout*	**Terminology Update**	Proposed Changes modernizes 'Board of Selectmen' to 'Select Board'. Existing Bylaws retains old title. Substantive provisions identical.
CIP — 'Five Year' vs. 'Five-Year'	*'Five Year Capital Improvement Plan' (no hyphen)*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 3.1, ii, b: 'Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan' (hyphenated)*	**Grammar/Spelling**	As a compound modifier before a noun, 'Five-Year' requires a hyphen. Existing Bylaws is correct; Proposed Changes also has the hyphen.
Building Numbering By-Law	*Article X in Proposed Changes*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 4.1 — correctly titled and placed*	**Location / Reorg.**	Content identical. Proposed Changes numbers as Art. X; Existing Bylaws as Sec. 4.1.
Building Numbering — $2.00 fine	*Section 4: '$2.00' fine retained*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 4.1, iv: '$2.00' retained*	**No Change**	Both retain the negligibly small $2.00 fine unchanged.
Tree Warden	*Article XI in Proposed Changes: 'Select Board shall annually appoint'*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 2.2, ii, b: 'Board of Selectmen shall annually appoint'*	**Terminology Update**	Proposed Changes uses 'Select Board'; Existing Bylaws uses 'Board of Selectmen'. Both correct the 'petition' vs. 'position' error.
Tree Warden — 'petition' error	*'said position shall be appointed' (corrected)*	*Existing Bylaws: 'said petition shall be appointed' — original error retained*	**Grammar/Spelling**	'Petition' is meaningless in context; correct word is 'position'. Proposed Changes corrects this. Existing Bylaws retains the error.
Solid Waste Disposal Fees	*Article XII in Proposed Changes*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 5.2*	**Location / Reorg.**	Content identical. Article number differs.

Location	Proposed Changes	Existing Bylaws	Change Type	Notes
Right to Farm — 'respectfully' vs. 'respectively'	*Proposed Changes Sec. 5: 'federal or state law shall take precedence respectively' (corrected)*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 5.1, v: 'take precedence respectfully' — error retained*	**Usage**	Most serious usage error in the document. 'Respectfully' means politely; 'respectively' is the correct legal term meaning in the order mentioned. Proposed Changes corrects it; Existing Bylaws retains the error.
Right to Farm — 'agric-tourism'	*Proposed Changes: 'agritourism' (corrected, one word)*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 5.1, ii, k: 'agric-tourism' — hyphenation artifact retained*	**Grammar/Spelling**	Line-break artifact from original typing. Correct form is 'agritourism' (one word). Proposed Changes corrects it; Existing Bylaws retains the error.
Right to Farm — Article numbering	*Article XIII in Proposed Changes*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 5.1*	**Location / Reorg.**	Renumbered. Content otherwise identical.
Handicap Parking Violations	*Article XIV in Proposed Changes*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 4.2*	**Location / Reorg.**	Content identical. Article numbers differ.
Mailboxes — 'born' vs. 'borne'	*Art. XV: 'should be borne by the owner' (correct)*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 4.4, ii: 'should be borne by the owner' (also correct)*	**No Change**	Both correctly use 'borne'. Original source had 'born' (wrong — birth sense).
Mailboxes — placement	*Article XV in Proposed Changes — standalone article*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 4.4, ii — combined with Snow Plowing*	**Location / Reorg.**	Proposed Changes gives Mailboxes its own article. Existing Bylaws combines it with snow removal in Sec. 4.4.
Utility Work on Public Ways	*Article XVI in Proposed Changes*	*Existing Bylaws Sec. 4.3*	**Location / Reorg.**	Content identical. Article numbers differ.
Section numbering system	*Proposed Changes retains Roman numeral Articles (I through XVI)*	*Existing Bylaws uses decimal section numbering (1.1, 2.1, etc.)*	**Location / Reorg.**	Different structural philosophies. Existing Bylaws adopts decimal numbering. Proposed Changes retains traditional article numbering with corrections applied.
By-law / Bylaw spelling	*Proposed Changes uses 'Bylaws' (one word) consistently in title and section headings*	*Existing Bylaws alternates between 'by-law', 'By-Law', and 'bylaw' inconsistently*	**Grammar/Spelling**	Proposed Changes standardizes to 'Bylaws' (one word). Existing Bylaws retains inconsistent hyphenation throughout — a systemic issue.

Summary Counts

Grammar/Spelling	11
Usage	1
Location / Reorg.	14
New Material	1
Deleted Material	1
Terminology Update	3
Substantive Legal	3
No Change (shown for reference)	9

TOWN OF SAVOY

TOWN BYLAWS

I. TOWN MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday in May and the Annual Town Election on the third Wednesday in May.

(Annual Town Meeting May 2, 2006 and approved by the Attorney General Thomas F. Reilly on May 25, 2006)

Section 2. The polls shall be opened at 12 noon and shall remain open until 8:00 P.M. in the evening.

(Amended at a Special Town Meeting held on July 23, 1975 and approved by the Attorney General Francis X. Ballotti in August 1975)

Section 3. All warrants for town meetings, whether annual or special, shall be served by posting up attested copies of the same in at least two public places in the town, subject to the following time periods:

a) Not less than seven (7) days before the Annual Town Meeting;

b) Not less than fourteen (14) days before any special town meeting.

Section 4. At the Annual Town Meeting, twenty-five (25) legal voters shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, provided that a number less than a quorum may from time to time adjourn the same. At special meetings, ten (10) legal voters shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, provided that a number less than a quorum may from time to time adjourn the same.

Section 5. When articles requiring an appropriation of money are presented in the warrant for a town meeting, said article must contain the request for the appropriation.

(The above by-laws were adopted at the Annual Town Meeting on February 7, 1949 and approved by Attorney General Francis E. Kelly on June 3, 1949)

Section 6. The Town shall print an Annual Town Report at the end of each fiscal year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 49.

(The above by-law was adopted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 6, 1980 and approved by Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti on August 11, 1980)

II. SELECT BOARD

Section 1. The Select Board shall have general direction and management of the property of the town and in all matters affecting the interest or welfare of the town, except as otherwise provided by law or by the Bylaws.

Section 2. The Select Board may appear either personally or by counsel before any committee of the General Court, any court or board or commission to protect the interests of the town but are not authorized by this bylaw to commit the town to any course of actions.

Section 3. The Select Board shall act as town agents and shall have authority as agents and authorities of the town to employ a town counsel for the town and the various offices and boards thereof.

Section 4. The Select Board shall have charge and management of suits and actions for and against the town, except such suits as are within the scope and duties of the Tax Collector, and may prosecute, defend, or settle the same as they see fit, unless otherwise directed by vote of the town.

(The above by-laws were adopted at the Annual Town Meeting on February 7, 1949 and approved by Attorney General Francis E. Kelly on June 3, 1949)

III. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

***&&& Section 1.** The Select Board may license suitable persons to be collectors of, dealers in or keepers of shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metal or second hand articles, and no such person shall be a dealer in or keeper of a shop as foresaid without such license.

***&&& Section 2.** No person shall, within the Town of Savoy, deal in or keep for sale or barter, junk or old metals unless licensed by the Select Board and only after a public hearing has been held.

***&&& Section 3.** No person shall allow to accumulate on any property owned or controlled by said person, old metals, all types of unused machinery, or assorted items in a state of disrepair, otherwise known as junk which may be hazardous, injurious, obnoxious to the neighborhood, except vehicles or machines used for legitimate purposes.

***&&& Section 4.** Whoever violates any bylaw of the town shall, unless other provisions are expressly made, pay a fine not exceeding the maximum permissible by law for violation of said bylaw, and each continuing day such violation may be considered a separate offense.

(The above bylaw was adopted by the Town of Savoy at a Special Town Meeting held on May 27, 1971 and approved by the Attorney General on July 12, 1971)

*&&&*The Town of Savoy adopted Zoning By-Laws at a Special Town Meeting held on September 3, 1974 and approved by the Attorney General Robert H. Quinn on September 17, 1974. These Zoning by-laws will take the place of the Sections 1 thru 4 of the General Government Town By-laws.*

Section 5. With the exception of firefighting equipment, no town owned machinery and/or equipment shall be operated by a person under 18 years of age. (Adopted 1965)

(The above section was adopted by the Town of Savoy at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 8, 1965 and approved by the Attorney General Edward W. Brooke on March 22, 1965)

Section 6. There shall be established a Road Machinery Earnings Account, which account shall be credited with earnings received according to law for the use of town owned machinery and/or equipment from which account no appropriation shall be voted or authorized except for the purchase of new or previously owned machinery/or equipment, and for its maintenance and/or repair. (Amended 1989)

(Amended at a Special Town Meeting held on August 22, 1989 and approved by the Attorney General)

IV. ENFORCEMENT

Section 1.

a) Criminal Complaint

Whoever violates any provision of the town bylaws may be penalized by indictment or on complaint brought in the district court. Except as may be otherwise provided by law and as the district court may see fit to impose, the maximum penalty for each violation or offense, brought in such manner, shall be three hundred dollars.

b) Non-criminal Disposition

Whoever violates any provision of these town bylaws, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition as provided in general laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D. The non-criminal method of disposition may also be used for violations of any rules or regulations of any municipal officer, board or department which is subject to a specific penalty.

Without intending to limit the generality of the foregoing, it is the intention of this provision that the following bylaws and sections of bylaws are to be included within the scope of this subsection, that the specific penalties as listed here shall apply in addition to police officers, who shall in all cases be considered enforcing persons for the purpose of this provision, the municipal personnel listed for each section, if any, shall also be enforcing persons for such sections: each day on which any violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

License	$25.00
Sale of Junk	$25.00
Accumulation of Junk	$25.00
Littering	$100.00 for first offense $200.00 for second offense $300.00 for third and subsequent offenses
Recycling	$25.00

V. LICENSES AND PERMITS

Local Licenses and Permits; Denial, Revocation or Suspension for Failure to pay Municipal Taxes or Charges

Section 1. Definitions

a) Tax Collector – The tax collector of the Town of Savoy is appointed by the Select Board.

b) Licensing Authority – Each board, commission, department, division or official of the Town of Savoy that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers.

Section 2. Any application will be automatically denied or revoked or suspended for any local license or permit including renewals and transfers issued by any board officer, department for any person, corporation or business enterprise who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges.

Section 3. Annual Notification of Licensing Authority by Tax Collector: The tax collector shall annually furnish to each licensing authority a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve (12) month period, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

Section 4. Action by Licensing Authority: The Licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the tax collector, as required by applicable provision of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen (14) days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation of suspension shall be made only for the purpose of such proceedings and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceedings at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate.

Section 5. Payment Agreement: Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable law.

Section 6. Power of Select Board to Waive Action Under Certain Conditions: The Select Board may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in Massachusetts General Law 268A, Section 1(e), in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

Section 7. Bylaw Not Applicable to Certain Licenses and Permits: This bylaw shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning; Section 13 of Chapter 48; bicycle permits; Section 11A of Chapter 85; sales of articles for charitable purposes, Section 33 of Chapter 101; children work permits, Section 69 of Chapter 149; clubs, associations dispensing food and beverage licenses, Section 21E of Chapter 140; fishing, hunting, trapping license, Section 12 of Chapter 131; marriage licenses, Section 28 of Chapter 207 and theatrical events, public exhibition permits, Section 181 of Chapter 140 of Massachusetts General Laws. The above bylaw shall take effect if enacted by the town meeting, and if approved by the Attorney General of Massachusetts under Section 32 of Chapter 4 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or if ninety days shall elapse without action by the Attorney General as provided in said Section 32.

(The above by-laws were adopted at a Special Town Meeting held on March 22, 1990 and approved by the Attorney General on June 27, 1990)

VI. REIMBURSEMENT

Section 1. Any person or persons or any legal entities presenting any matter to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Building Inspector or any other Board of the Town, which requires the Town to incur expenses for compliance with the Zoning Bylaws, Town Bylaws, State Statutes, and Federal Statutes, shall reimburse the Town for each expense.

(The above by-laws were adopted at a Special Town Meeting held on March 22, 1990 and approved by the Attorney General on June 27, 1990)

VII. RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

Section 1. To require that radioactive waste be stored or disposed in facilities licensed for radioactive materials. (Adopted 1990)

VIII. SNOW PLOWING

Section 1. To prohibit snow plowing, shoveling and snow blowing across all highways and byways, but will be allowed to plow to the right of driveways. (Adopted 1993)

IX. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Section 1. There shall be established a Capital Improvement Program for the Town's purchase of major capital items, including land and buildings, construction of new buildings, renovation of existing buildings, large equipment items, machinery, road paving/reconstruction, and vehicles. This program shall be administered by a Capital Improvement Committee ("the Committee") to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and consisting of seven (7) members – one from each of the following groups:

- Select Board
- Finance Committee
- School Committee
- Highway Superintendent
- Fire Chief
- Planning Board
- Parks/Recreation

(Adopted 2000)

Section 2. The Committee shall have the responsibility of carrying out the following duties:

- Compile and maintain an inventory of all Capital Items (as defined in Section 3 below) which are owned by the Town
- Develop and continually update a list of Capital Item needs/requests of all Town Departments, prioritize each request and establish a timetable for funding over an ongoing five (5) year period, which said list and funding schedule shall constitute the Town's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan ("the Five-Year CIP")
- Present each updated Five-Year CIP to the Annual Town Meeting with a detailed funding request for Capital Items to be included in the upcoming fiscal year's Annual Budget, said Capital Items to be contained in a separate Article on the Warrant.

(Adopted 2000)

Section 3. The Committee shall determine what constitutes a Capital Item and advise all departments of the adopted definition. Said definition may need to be amended from time to time and such amendment may be accomplished by a majority vote of the Committee. The Committee shall work closely with the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, and Finance Committee in determining each year what amount of funding may be dedicated for the purchase of Capital Items. (Adopted 2000)

X. NUMBERING BUILDINGS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief or his designee to assign numbers to all dwelling houses or other buildings now standing or hereafter to be erected fronting on any street, lane, alley or highway within the town. When any such structures shall thereafter be erected, the Building Inspector shall forthwith notify the Fire Chief thereof,

who shall thereupon notify in writing the owner occupant thereof of the number assigned thereto.

Section 2. The numbers referred to in Section 1 shall, each cover a distance of 50 feet, and measurement for assignment of numbers shall be made continuously from end to end of the street, lane, alley or highway. The odd numbers shall be on the left-hand side of the street as one goes from the principal street from which it opens, and the even numbers similarly on the right-hand side of the street. The Fire Chief may order any street already numbered to be renumbered when he deems it necessary.

Section 3. Every owner or occupant of any dwelling, house or other building or part of a building, situated as set out in Section 2, shall place and maintain, in contrasting color, on the mailbox or on a comparable post at the driveway facing the street such number or numbers as may be assigned thereto by the Fire Chief under any provision of this by-law, and such numbers shall be at least three (3) inches in height and shall be placed so as to be easily observed from the street in front of the premises.

Section 4. Any owner or occupant of a dwelling, house or other building who, after expiration of ten (10) days from the time when the notice in writing is delivered to such owner or occupant who have reference to the placing or maintenance of the number or numbers assigned to such dwelling, house, or building by the Fire Chief, refuses, fails or neglects to comply with the provisions of Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this bylaw, shall for each offense forfeit and pay a non-criminal penalty of $2.00. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Adopted 2005)

XI. TREE WARDEN

Section 1. The Select Board shall annually appoint for term of one year a Tree Warden. The position of Tree Warden elected at the 1991 municipal election shall expire effective 7 days after the municipal election held in 1992, and thereafter said petition shall be appointed. (Adopted 1991)

XII. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES

Section 1. All persons disposing of solid waste at the transfer station shall pay a disposal fee. The disposal fee shall be established from time to time by the Board of Health, by adoption of regulations pursuant to General Law, Chapter 111, Section 31. (Adopted 1991)

Section 2. Any person who shall knowingly violate any provision of this bylaw or any rule or regulation established pursuant to it shall be subject to a non-criminal fine of not more than $25.00. (Adopted 1991)

XIII. SAVOY MODEL RIGHT TO FARM BYLAW

Section 1. Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this by-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We, the citizens of Savoy, restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment"). This general bylaw encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Savoy by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This bylaw shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

Section 2. Definitions

2.1 The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.

2.2 "Commercial agriculture" shall be defined as the conduct of agricultural activities on a farm for the purpose of making a profit and realizing an income of at least $500.00 annually from such activity.

2.3 The words "farming or agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- Dairying;
- Production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aqua-cultural, floricultural, or horticultural commodities;
- Growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- Raising of livestock including horses;
- Keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise;
- Keeping and raising of poultry, swine, sheep, goats, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals;
- Operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- Control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organisms of plants and animals;
- Application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- Conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;

- Slaughtering, processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand including signage thereto, in accordance with existing zoning;
- Maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of agricultural products;
- On-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

Section 3. Applicability

This bylaw shall be applicable to all commercial farming practices and activities conducted within the jurisdictional areas of the town. The provisions of the bylaw shall not apply whenever an adverse impact results from negligence or willful or reckless misconduct in the operation of any such agricultural or farming operation, place, establishment or facility or any of its appurtenances.

Section 4. Right To Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Savoy. The above-described agricultural and farm-related activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends, by night or day, and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law.

Section 5. Precedence

In the event of conflict between this bylaw and all other town regulations this bylaw shall take precedence. In the event of conflict between this bylaw and federal or state law, federal or state law shall take precedence respectfully.

Section 6. Disclosure Notification

Within thirty (30) days after this bylaw becomes effective, the select board shall prominently post within the town limits the following disclosure:

> *"It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations."*

Section 7. Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Select Board, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Select Board may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission, or other board or commission, as determined by the Select Board, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed upon time frame.

Section 8. Severability Clause

If any part of this bylaw is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this bylaw. The Town of Savoy hereby declares the provisions of this bylaw to be severable.

(The above bylaw was adopted at the Annual Town Meeting held on June 8, 2005 and approved by Attorney General on September 21, 2005)

XIV. HANDICAP PARKING VIOLATIONS

Section 1. No person shall park in a designated parking area without a proper handicap license plate and/or handicap identification card.

Section 2. Any and all persons in violation will be fined $100.00 for violation.

Section 3. Enforcing Authority – Any authorized Police Officer.

XV. MAILBOXES

Section 1. It shall be the responsibility of all residents to place their mailbox in a safe and appropriate location so that snow can be cleared without obstruction. Any expense incurred as a result of damage to the mailbox should be borne by the owner.

XVI. UTILITY WORK ON PUBLIC WAYS

Section 1. No public or private utility and/or construction company shall work on any public way within the town without notifying the Police Chief or his/her appointed designee. All road details shall be assigned by the Police Chief or his/her designee. (Adopted 2008)