

CONSENT AGENDA

2016 Annual Town Meeting

(Articles 6, 8p, 8q, 9, 11, 15f, 15g, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23,)

(March 21, 2016)

To facilitate Town Meeting this year the Board of Selectmen, working with the Moderator and financial committees, will again propose that a number of Articles be acted upon collectively, that is by a single vote. In other towns this is generally referred to as the Town Meeting 'consent agenda.'

The Articles recommended for the consent agenda are those that:

- Will be indefinitely postponed, as no Town Meeting action is being requested;
- Tend not to change from year to year;
- Are straightforward and fully explained in the FY2017 Recommended Budget and Financial Plan (Brown Book); or
- Are housekeeping in nature in that the Article requires Town Meeting action, but has no policy implications for the Town.

If a Town Meeting member opposes the inclusion of any proposed consent agenda Article that Article/Motion will be removed from the list and the remaining Motions will be put before Town Meeting for a vote.

A brief explanation of each consent agenda Article and the related Motion follows below.

Article 6 APPROPRIATE FOR SENIOR SERVICE PROGRAM

MOTION: That the Town appropriate \$30,000 for the purpose of conducting a Senior Service Program, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager; that to meet this appropriation \$30,000 be raised in the tax levy; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to establish rules and regulations for the conduct of the program.

(3/21/16)

Description: This Article recommends the appropriation of \$30,000 to continue to fund the Senior Service Program. This appropriation will supplement the current funds and allow for continued participation by eligible residents to earn up to \$1,330 per year for a couple or \$1,045 per year for an individual, to be applied to their property taxes.

Position: Unanimous support Board of Selectmen, Appropriation Committee, 7-0

Article 8 APPROPRIATE THE FY 2017 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OPERATING BUDGET AND CPA PROJECTS

MOTION: That the Town make appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund and other sources as follows:

- p) That \$3,289,721 be appropriated for CPA Debt Service and related costs and to meet this appropriation \$410,050 be appropriated from the Open Space Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund and \$2,879,671 be appropriated from the Unbudgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund; and
- q) That \$150,000 be appropriated for the Administrative Expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for FY2017 and to meet this appropriation \$150,000 be appropriated from the Unbudgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund.

(3/21/16)

Description: Section 8 – p requests that \$3,289,721 be appropriated for CPA Debt Service. Section 8 – q requests that \$150,000 be appropriated for the Administrative Expenses.

Position: Unanimous support Board of Selectmen, Capital Expenditures Committee, Appropriation committee, 7-0

Article 9 APPROPRIATE FOR RECREATION CAPITAL PROJECTS

MOTION: That \$65,000 be appropriated for Pine Meadows Golf Course improvements, and that to meet this appropriation \$65,000 be appropriated from Recreation Fund Retained Earnings.

(3/21/16)

Description: This article requests \$65,000 for Pine Meadows Golf Course Improvements. This appropriation will fund the reconstruction of one putting green and one tee box.

Position: Unanimous support Board of Selectmen, Capital Expenditures Committee, Appropriation Committee, 7-0

Article 11 APPROPRIATE FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

MOTION: That this article be indefinitely postponed.

(3/21/16)

Description: This article will be indefinitely postponed.

Position: Unanimous support Board of Selectmen, Capital Expenditures Committee, Appropriation Committee

Article 15 APPROPRIATE FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES CAPITAL

MOTION: That the following amounts be appropriated for the following capital improvements to public facilities and that each amount be raised as indicated:

- f) Diamond Middle School Renovations – Construction – That this item be indefinitely postponed;
- g) Clarke Middle School Renovations – Construction – That this item be indefinitely postponed;

(3/21/16)

Description: Articles 15 – f and 15 – g Diamond Middle School and Clarke Middle School Renovations – Construction, will be indefinitely postponed, they were voted at the Special Town Meeting- 3.

Position: Unanimous support Board of Selectmen, Capital Expenditures Committee, Appropriation Committee

Article 17 VICTORY GARDEN WAY ACCEPTANCE

MOTION: To establish as a Town way and accept the layout of Victory Garden Way from Hancock Street a distance of 1,172 feet, more or less, to Hancock Street as laid out by the Selectmen and shown upon a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk, dated October 14, 2015, and to authorize the Selectmen to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor.

(3/21/16)

Description: This article would allow the Town to establish a Town way and accept the layout of the Victory Garden Way.

Position: Unanimous support Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Appropriation Committee, 7-0

Article 19 APPROPRIATE BONDS AND NOTES PREMIUMS

MOTION: That this article be indefinitely postponed.

(3/21/16)

Description: This article will be indefinitely postponed.

Position: Unanimous support Board of Selectmen, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee

Article 20 RESCIND PRIOR BORROWING AUTHORIZATIONS

MOTION: That the unused borrowing authority as set forth below be and is hereby rescinded:

Article #	Town Meeting Action	Project Description	Amount to be Rescinded
6	November 19, 2012 Special Town Meeting	Estabrook Construction Supplemental	\$ 2,600,000
12D	2012 Annual Town Meeting	Culvert Replacement	\$ 28,000
10L	2013 Annual Town Meeting	DPW Equipment	\$ 83,365
10B	2014 Annual Town Meeting	DPW Equipment	\$ 27,022
10M	2014 Annual Town Meeting	Ambulance Replacement	\$ 21,789
14B	2014 Annual Town Meeting	LHS Heating Systems Upgrade (Phase 2 and 3)	\$ 26,080
3	March 23, 2015 Special Town Meeting #2	Fire Engine	\$ 20,335
18B	2015 Annual Town Meeting	Middle School Circulation & Parking Improvements	\$ 363,000

(3/21/16)

Description: This article seeks approval for the rescission of prior borrowing authorizations. Projects authorized at prior town meetings funded through the issuance of debt cost less than the original appropriation. Consequently, less debt was issued than originally contemplated leaving a balance of debt authorized but unissued that can now be rescinded.

Position: Unanimous support Board of Selectmen, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee

Article 22 APPROPRIATE TO STABILIZATION FUND

MOTION: That this article be indefinitely postponed.
(3/21/16)

Description: This article will be indefinitely postponed.

Position: Unanimous support Board of Selectmen, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee

Article 23 APPROPRIATION FOR DEBT SERVICE STABILIZATION FUND

MOTION: That \$124,057 be appropriated from the Debt Service Stabilization Fund to offset the FY2017 debt service of the bond dated February 1, 2003 issued for funding additions and renovations to the Lexington High School, Clarke Middle School and Diamond Middle School as refunded with bonds dated December 8, 2011.

(3/21/16)

Description: This article will appropriate \$124,057 from the Debt Service Stabilization Fund to offset a portion of the debt service on the 2003 School Bonds.

Position: Unanimous support Board of Selectmen, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee