

March 6, 2017: Annual Town Election
**March 20, 2017: Annual Town Meeting/
Special Town Meeting 2017-1**

TOWN OF LEXINGTON WARRANT

FOR THE

2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

AND

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 2017-1



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 6

Poll locations found on the inside back cover.

Town Elections

Polls Open – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7 – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Town Office Building, 1625 Massachusetts Ave.
Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Moderator’s Planning Meeting with Article
Sponsors, Boards and Committees

Thursday, March 9 – 7:30 p.m.

Cary Memorial Building, Margery Milne Battin
Hall

Precinct Meetings, Town Meeting Members
Association (TMMA) Annual Meeting, TMMA
First Information Session, Community
Preservation Committee and Citizen’s Articles

Saturday, March 11 – 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Town Office Building, 1625 Massachusetts Ave.
Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Moderator’s Workshop for New Town Meeting
Members

Wednesday, March 15 – 7:00 p.m.

Cary Memorial Building, Margery Milne Battin
Hall

TMMA Second Information Session (Planning
Board Hearing and Zoning Articles)

Thursday, March 16 – 7:30 p.m.

Cary Memorial Building, Margery Milne Battin
Hall

TMMA Third Information Session (Municipal and
School Operating and Capital Budgets)

Sunday, March 19 – 1:00 p.m.

Begins at parking lot behind Cary Memorial
Building

TMMA Bus Tour

Monday, March 20 – 7:30 p.m.

Cary Memorial Building, Margery Milne Battin
Hall

Town Meeting begins – No Town Meeting School
Vacation Week (April 17 – 21)

Note: Hearing devices are available at Town Meeting. For other accommodations or special needs contact the Human Services Department at 781-698-4840.

**WARRANTS
2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 2017-1**

*Detailed information on these Town Meeting Warrant Articles can be found at
<http://www.lexingtonma.gov/budget>
WiFi is available in Battin Hall

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Town of Lexington, Massachusetts

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January 30, 2017

To the Residents of Lexington:

This warrant document provides notification of the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting 2017-1 and advises residents of the various issues being considered at the meetings. Only Articles listed in these warrants may be discussed. The purpose of the Warrants is to inform citizens of the issues to be discussed and does not provide for detailed information about the Articles.

Articles for the Annual Town Meeting are grouped in three categories: Financial, General and Zoning. Descriptions are provided in an attempt to make the Warrant useful and understandable.

The most important votes that take place at the Annual Town Meeting are related to the budget. We urge citizens to read the budget, understand it, and help us find a way to foster excellence within the community. The Town website, <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/budget>, includes the Town Manager's Preliminary Budget and Financing Plan for Fiscal Year 2018. Between now and Town Meeting there will be multiple meetings to develop a comprehensive recommended budget for fiscal year 2018. That budget will be delivered to all Town Meeting Members prior to the consideration of any financial articles by Town Meeting.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Suzanne E. Barry, Chairman
Peter C.J. Kelley
Norman P. Cohen
Joseph N. Pato
Michelle L. Ciccolo



**TOWN WARRANT
Town of Lexington
Special Town Meeting 2017-1**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Lexington

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lexington qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Margery Milne Battin Hall in Cary Memorial Building, 1605 Massachusetts Avenue, in said Town on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:35 p.m., at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by the Town Meeting Members in accordance with Chapter 215 of the Acts of 1929, as amended, and subject to the referendum provided for by Section 8 of said Chapter, as amended.

ARTICLE 1 REPORTS OF TOWN BOARDS, OFFICERS, AND COMMITTEES

To receive the reports of any Board or Town Officer or of any Committee of the Town, or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2 APPROPRIATE DESIGN FUNDS FOR FIRE HEADQUARTERS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for design, engineering and architectural services for a new or renovated Fire Headquarters; determine whether the money will be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$450,000

DESCRIPTION: The Town has acquired 173 Bedford Street, the former Liberty Mutual property, to use as a temporary location for the main Fire Station while this facility is rebuilt and upgraded. These funds, therefore, will permit the design work at the Fire Headquarters to proceed through the design development stage. Subsequent funding for construction documents, estimated at \$550,000, will likely be requested at a Special Town Meeting in the Fall of 2017.

ARTICLE 3 APPROPRIATE DESIGN FUNDS FOR FIRE STATION SWING SPACE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for design, engineering and architectural services for remodeling, reconstructing, making extraordinary repairs and additions

to the building at 173 Bedford Street, to provide swing space for the Fire Department; determine whether the money will be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$50,000

DESCRIPTION: This Article is a companion to Article 2. \$50,000 in design funds are being requested for the property at 173 Bedford Street, that will serve as a temporary location for the Fire Headquarters while the main station is being rebuilt and upgraded. It is anticipated that an appropriation for construction documents and construction funds will be requested at a Special Town Meeting in the Fall of 2017 so that this swing space will be available to temporarily relocate the Fire Department in the Spring of 2018.

ARTICLE 4 APPROPRIATE DESIGN FUNDS FOR LEXINGTON CHILDREN’S PLACE/20 PELHAM ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for design, engineering and architectural services for the Lexington Children’s Place to be located at 20 Pelham Road; determine whether the money will be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$771,250

DESCRIPTION: Lexington Children’s Place (LCP), the pre-kindergarten program for Lexington Public Schools, is outgrowing its locations in the Harrington School and Central Administration building. With the Town’s anticipated purchase of the 20 Pelham Road property, the former Armenian Elementary School, the School Committee has recommended the use of a portion of this building as a permanent location for the LCP. A portion of the 20 Pelham Road property, the gym and cafeteria, is anticipated to be used for community space since this building is adjacent to the Lexington Community Center. The funds requested by this Article will be for design development for the LCP and community space. It is anticipated that continuation of design work and construction funds will be requested at a subsequent Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5 APPROPRIATE BONDS AND NOTES PREMIUMS TO PAY PROJECT COSTS

To see if the Town will vote to (i) appropriate the premium paid to the Town upon the sale of bonds issued on February 13, 2017 and notes issued on February 13, 2017 to pay costs of capital projects and to reduce the amounts borrowed for such projects (if any) by the same amount, and (ii) supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General

Laws, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied: or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

DESCRIPTION: Passage of this article would permit premiums received upon the sale of bonds or notes issued to finance projects to be appropriated to pay for project costs, subject to guidelines promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Such appropriations would be for the purpose of supplanting, not supplementing, bond financing of the project in question.

And you are directed to serve this warrant not less than fourteen days before the time of said meeting, as provided in the Bylaws of the Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 30th day of January 2017.

Suzanne E. Barry, Chairman	Selectmen
Peter C.J. Kelley	
Norman P. Cohen	of
Joseph N. Pato	
Michelle L. Ciccolo	Lexington

A true copy, Attest:

Michael R. Barry.
Constable of Lexington

**2017
TOWN WARRANT
TOWN OF LEXINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lexington, in said
County,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lexington qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in their respective voting places in said Town.

PRECINCT ONE, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING; PRECINCT TWO, BOWMAN SCHOOL; PRECINCT THREE, LEXINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER; PRECINCT FOUR, CARY MEMORIAL BUILDING; PRECINCT FIVE, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING; PRECINCT SIX, CARY MEMORIAL BUILDING; PRECINCT SEVEN, ESTABROOK SCHOOL; PRECINCT EIGHT, SAMUEL HADLEY PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING; PRECINCT NINE, MARIA HASTINGS SCHOOL, on Monday, the sixth day of March 2017 at 7:00 a.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

ELECTIONS

To choose by ballot the following Officers:

Two Selectmen for a term of three years;

One Moderator for a term of one year;

Two members of the School Committee; One for a term of three years; one for a term of one year.

Two members of the Planning Board for a term of three years;

Two members of the Lexington Housing Authority; one for a term of five years; one for a term of three years;

Eight Town Meeting Members in Precinct One, the seven receiving the highest number of votes to serve for terms of three years; the one receiving the next highest number of votes to fill an unexpired term ending in March 2019;

Eight Town Meeting Members in Precinct Two, the seven receiving the highest number of votes to serve for terms of three years; the one receiving the next highest number of votes to fill an unexpired term ending in March 2018;

Seven Town Meeting Members in Precinct Three, the seven receiving the highest number of votes to serve for terms of three years;

Seven Town Meeting Members in Precinct Four, the seven receiving the highest number of votes to serve for terms of three years;

Seven Town Meeting Members in Precinct Five, the seven receiving the highest number

of votes to serve for terms of three years;

Eight Town Meeting Members in Precinct Six, the seven receiving the highest number of votes to serve for terms of three years; the one receiving the next highest number of votes to fill an unexpired term ending in March 2018;

Eight Town Meeting Members in Precinct Seven, the seven receiving the highest number of votes to serve for terms of three years; the one receiving the next highest number of votes to fill an unexpired term ending in March 2019;

Eight Town Meeting Members in Precinct Eight, the seven receiving the highest number of votes to serve for terms of three years; the one receiving the next highest number of votes to fill an unexpired term ending in March 2019; and

Eight Town Meeting Members in Precinct Nine, the seven receiving the highest number of votes to serve for terms of three years; the one receiving the next highest number of votes to fill an unexpired term ending in March 2018.

You are also to notify the inhabitants aforesaid to meet at the Margery Milne Battin Hall in the Cary Memorial Building, 1605 Massachusetts Avenue, in said Town on Monday, the twentieth day of March, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by the Town Meeting Members in accordance with Chapter 215 of the Acts of 1929, as amended, and subject to the referendum provided for by Section eight of said Chapter, as amended.

ARTICLE 2 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MODERATOR AND REPORTS OF TOWN BOARDS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

To see if the Town will vote to: approve the Deputy Moderator nominated by the Moderator; and receive the reports of any Board or Town Officer or of any Committee of the Town; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

DESCRIPTION: This article remains open throughout Town Meeting and reports may be presented at any Town Meeting session by boards, officers, or committees. In addition, the Town will consider the approval of the nomination of a Deputy Moderator as authorized under Section 118-11 of the Code of the Town of Lexington.

ARTICLE 3 **APPOINTMENTS TO CARY LECTURE SERIES**

To see if the Town will authorize the appointment of the committee on lectures under the wills of Eliza Cary Farnham and Susanna E. Cary; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

DESCRIPTION: This is an annual article that provides for the appointment of citizens to the Cary Lecture Series by the Moderator.

FINANCIAL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 4

APPROPRIATE FY2018 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to make appropriations for expenditures by departments, officers, boards and committees of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by transfer from enterprise funds, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: See the FY2018 Town Manager's Preliminary Budget and Financing Plan dated January 9, 2017 at <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/budget>

DESCRIPTION: This article requests funds for the FY2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) operating budget. The operating budget includes the school and municipal budgets. The operating budget includes requests for funds to provide prospective salary increases for employees, including salaries to be negotiated through collective bargaining negotiations. The budget also includes certain shared expenses.

ARTICLE 5

APPROPRIATE FY2018 ENTERPRISE FUNDS BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to fund the operations of the DPW Water and Wastewater Divisions and the Department of Recreation and Community Programs; determine whether the money shall be provided by the estimated income to be derived in FY2018 from the operations of the related enterprise, by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, including the relevant enterprise fund, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED:

Enterprise Fund	FY2016 Actual	FY2017 Appropriated	FY2018 Requested
a) Water			
Personal Services	\$627,911	\$699,218	\$701,128
Expenses	\$373,934	\$404,025	\$427,025
Debt Service	\$1,307,938	\$1,408,576	\$1,491,871
MWRA Assessment	\$6,695,144	\$7,349,661	\$8,116,484
Total Water Enterprise Fund	\$9,004,927	\$9,861,480	\$10,736,508
b) Wastewater			
Personal Services	\$209,514	\$298,234	\$308,749
Expenses	\$296,176	\$347,525	\$356,525
Debt Service	\$1,021,867	\$981,220	\$1,066,512
MWRA Assessment	\$6,970,176	\$7,265,870	\$8,042,213
Total Wastewater Enterprise Fund	\$8,497,733	\$8,892,849	\$9,773,999

c) Recreation and Community Programs			
Personal Services	\$1,034,703	\$1,190,742	\$1,308,669
Expenses	\$1,075,722	\$1,335,545	\$1,316,445
Subtotal -Personal Services/Expenses	\$2,110,425	\$2,526,287	\$2,625,114
Debt Service	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Recreation and Community Programs Enterprise Fund	\$2,210,425	\$2,626,287	\$2,725,114

DESCRIPTION: Under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F½, towns may establish Enterprise Funds for a utility, health care, recreation and transportation facility, with its operation to receive related revenue and receipts and pay expenses of such operation. This article provides for the appropriation to and expenditure from three enterprise funds previously established by the Town. The Recreation and Community Programs, previously the Recreation Enterprise Fund, includes the operations and programs for the new Community Center.

ARTICLE 6 APPROPRIATE FOR SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of conducting a Senior Services Program, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish and amend rules and regulations for the conduct of the program, determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$30,000

DESCRIPTION: In FY2007, the Town established its own Senior Services Program that provides more flexibility than the State program in assisting low-income seniors and disabled residents in reducing their property tax bills. This article requests funds to continue the program.

ARTICLE 7 APPROPRIATE FOR UPDATING THE TOWN’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for updating the Town’s comprehensive plan; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Planning Board)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$302,000

DESCRIPTION: This request is to develop and update to the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, which was last updated in 2002-2003. The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to

guide the Town’s land use and physical development for the next 10-20 years. A comprehensive plan gathers public input on a community’s strengths, opportunities, threats and values. It assesses existing conditions in the community’s land use, housing, transportation, economic development, open space and recreation, natural resources, historic resources, and public facilities and notes trends in each of these areas. Funds will cover contractual services for consulting and related services and limited administrative staff time. The Plan is anticipated to take up to three years to complete.

ARTICLE 8 ACCEPT PEG ACCESS AND CABLE RELATED FUNDS

To see if the Town will accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for fiscal year 2018, and to transfer any balance from the existing PEG Access Fund to this new special revenue fund; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

DESCRIPTION: A new State law (MGL Chapter 44, Section 53F¾) addresses the accounting for Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) funds that will function in the same manner as the Revolving Fund that the Town has been using for many years. Further, Town Meeting must approve the transfer of the balance in the existing revolving fund to this new Fund.

ARTICLE 9 ESTABLISH AND CONTINUE DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 53E½ and 53F¾ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to re-authorize the use of existing revolving fund accounts in FY2018; and to establish new revolving fund accounts, and to appropriate funds for the PEG Access special revenue account; to determine whether such revolving fund accounts shall be credited with the following departmental receipts; to determine which boards, departments or officers shall be authorized to expend amounts from such revolving fund accounts; and to determine whether the maximum amounts that may be expended from such revolving fund accounts in FY2018 shall be the following amounts or any other amounts; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED:

Program or Purpose for Revolving Funds	Authorized Representative or Board to Spend	Departmental Receipts	FY2018 Authorization
Building Rental Revolving Fund	Public Facilities Director	Building Rental Fees	\$475,000
DPW Burial Containers	Public Works Director	Sale of Grave Boxes and Burial Vaults	\$40,000

DPW Compost Operations	Public Works Director	Sale of Compost and Loam, Yard Waste Permits	\$755,000
Trees	Public Works Director	Gifts and Fees	\$45,000
Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste Program	Public Works Director	Fees Paid by Consortium Towns	\$180,000
Health Programs	Health Director	Medicare Reimbursements	\$14,000
Senior Services (formerly Council on Aging Programs)	Human Services Director	Program Fees and Gifts	\$50,000
Tourism/Liberty Ride	Economic Development Director	Liberty Ride Receipts, including ticket sales, advertising revenue and charter sales	\$285,000
School Bus Transportation	School Committee	School Bus Fees	\$1,150,000
Regional Cache – Hartwell Avenue	Public Works Director	User Fees for Participating Municipalities	\$10,000
Visitors Center	Economic Development Director	Sale of Goods, Program Fees and Donations	\$202,000
Program and Purpose Special Revenue Fund	Authorized Representative or Board to Spend	Receipts	FY2018 Appropriation
PEG Access	Board of Selectmen and Town Manager	License Fees from Cable TV Providers	\$570,086

DESCRIPTION: A revolving fund established under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ and a special revenue fund under Chapter 44, Section 53F¾ must be authorized or appropriated annually by vote of the Town Meeting. The Funds are credited with only the receipts received in connection with the programs supported by such funds, and expenditures may be made from the revolving fund without further appropriation.

ARTICLE 10 APPROPRIATE FOR THE FY2018 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OPERATING BUDGET AND CPA PROJECTS

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the FY2018 Community Preservation budget and, pursuant to the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund, or to reserve amounts in the Community Preservation Fund for future appropriations; for the debt service on previously authorized financing; for administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for FY2018; for the acquisition, creation, and preservation and, if acquired with Community Preservation Act funds, the rehabilitation or restoration of open space; for the acquisition, creation, preservation, and rehabilitation and restoration of recreational land; for the

ARTICLE 12

**APPROPRIATE FOR MUNICIPAL CAPITAL PROJECTS
AND EQUIPMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the following capital projects and equipment:

- a) Center Streetscape Improvements and Easements;
- b) Automatic Meter Reading System;
- c) Equipment Replacement;
- d) Street Improvements and Easements;
- e) Storm Drainage Improvements and NPDES Compliance;
- f) Hydrant Replacement Program;
- g) Comprehensive Watershed Stormwater Management Study and Implementation;
- h) Sidewalk Improvements, Additions, Design and Easements;
- i) Dam Repair;
- j) Townwide Culvert Replacement;
- k) Townwide Signalization Improvements;
- l) Hartwell Avenue Infrastructure Improvements – Supplemental Funds;
- m) Bikeway Bridge Renovations;
- n) Hartwell Avenue Compost Site Improvements;
- o) Westview Cemetery Building Design;
- p) Westview Cemetery Irrigation;
- q) Highway Sign Machine;
- r) Townwide Phone Systems-Phase VI;
- s) Municipal Technology Improvement Program;
- t) Network Redundancy & Improvement Plan;
- u) Bedford Street at Eldred Street Safety Improvements;
- v) Transportation Mitigation;
- w) Hill Street Sidewalk Design; and
- x) Ambulance Replacement

and authorize the Selectmen to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interests in land necessary therefor; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, including enterprise funds, by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; determine if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such capital improvements; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$13,643,927

DESCRIPTION: For a description of the proposed projects see Section XI: Capital Investment section of the FY2018 Town Manager's Preliminary Budget and Financing Plan dated January 9, 2017 and found at <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/fy18capital>.

ARTICLE 13

APPROPRIATE FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to make water distribution system improvements, including the installation of new water mains and replace or clean and line existing water mains and standpipes, engineering studies and the purchase and installation of equipment in connection therewith, in such accepted or unaccepted streets or other land as the Selectmen may determine, subject to the assessment of betterments or otherwise; and to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor; appropriate money for such improvements and land acquisition and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, water enterprise fund, by transfer from available funds, including any special water funds, or by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; to determine whether the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of federal and state aid for such projects; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$1,000,000

DESCRIPTION: For a description of the proposed project see Section XI: Capital Investment section of the FY2018 Town Manager's Preliminary Budget and Financing Plan dated January 9, 2017 found at <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/fy18capital>.

ARTICLE 14

APPROPRIATE FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to install sanitary sewer mains and sewerage systems and replacements and upgrades to pump stations thereof, including engineering studies and the purchase of equipment in connection therewith; in such accepted or unaccepted streets or other land as the Selectmen may determine, subject to the assessment of betterments or otherwise, in accordance with Chapter 504 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in addition thereto and in amendment thereof, or otherwise; and to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor; appropriate money for such installation and land acquisition and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, wastewater enterprise fund, by transfer from available funds, including any special wastewater funds, by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; to determine whether the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of federal and state aid for such wastewater projects; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$1,800,000

DESCRIPTION: For a description of the proposed projects see Section XI: Capital Investment section of the FY2018 Town Manager's Preliminary Budget and Financing Plan dated January 9, 2017 found at <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/fy18capital>.

ARTICLE 15

**APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS
AND EQUIPMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to purchase additional equipment, furniture and systems for the schools, and to maintain and upgrade the schools' technology systems; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the School Committee)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$1,454,900

DESCRIPTION: For a description of the proposed projects see Section XI: Capital Investment section of the FY2018 Town Manager's Preliminary Budget and Financing Plan dated January 9, 2017 found at <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/fy18capital>.

ARTICLE 16

APPROPRIATE FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES CAPITAL PROJECTS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for capital improvements, renovations, including new construction to public facilities for:

- a) School Building Envelopes and Systems Program;
- b) Lexington High School Air Conditioning – Teacher Planning Offices and Library;
- c) Municipal Building Envelopes and Systems;
- d) Facility and Site Improvements
 - Building Flooring Program;
 - School Paving Program;
 - School Traffic Safety Improvements;
- e) Public Facilities Bid Documents;
- f) Public Facilities Mechanical/Electrical System Replacements;
- g) LHS Security Evaluation and Upgrade;
- h) LHS Guidance Space Mining;
- i) LHS Nurse Office and Treatment Space; and
- j) Parking Lot for Community Center

and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, including enterprise funds, by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; to determine if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such capital improvements; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: 3,098,439

DESCRIPTION: For a description of the proposed projects see Section XI: Capital Investment section of the FY2018 Town Manager's Preliminary Budget and Financing Plan dated January 9, 2017 found at <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/fy18capital>.

ARTICLE 17 APPROPRIATE FOR HASTINGS SCHOOL REPLACEMENT DESIGN

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, any amount of money, to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee, for the costs for the Design Development phase of the detailed design relating to the Marie Hastings Elementary School located at 7 Crosby Road, in Lexington, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). The MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the Design Development phase in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the School Committee)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$720,000

DESCRIPTION: This funding will allow the design work for the Hastings School project to continue through the design development stage. While the appropriation is for \$720,000, a partial reimbursement from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) will bring the Town’s costs closer to \$540,000. It is anticipated that financing for the completion of design work and construction will be requested at a Fall 2017 Special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 18 APPROPRIATE FOR VISITORS CENTER (Citizen Article)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for planning, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Visitors Center, or for planning, remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the existing Visitors Center, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereof.

(Inserted by Dawn McKenna and 9 or more registered voters)

FUNDS REQUESTED: Unknown at press time.

DESCRIPTION: The Visitors Center was built over 50 years ago for the Battle of Lexington Bicentennial visitors. It is the information gateway for tourists, residents, newcomers, and corporations considering locating in Lexington. Last year 120,000 people entered the building, making it one of the most heavily used buildings in Lexington; they spent \$190,000 in the shop underwriting the cost of operations. Lexington collects \$1.4 million in annual hotel and meals taxes. The building has become outdated and is not fully accessible. When originally built, it was staffed by the Chamber of Commerce. Today the Town occupies, manages and staffs the Visitors Center; it has become the hub of the Liberty Ride. Many who use the Minuteman

Commuter Bikeway benefit from the facility as well. As we approach the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, and implement the Battle Green Masterplan, this article would fund the design and construction of a 21st century Visitors Center providing new economic growth opportunities.

ARTICLE 19

**APPROPRIATE FOR ADVICE AND ANALYSIS –
GETTING TO NET ZERO**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money necessary to hire consultants to provide advice and analysis to the Getting to Net Zero Task Force and Town staff, determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by any combination of these methods, or to act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Sustainable Lexington Committee)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$40,000

DESCRIPTION: The Getting to Net Zero Task Force is exploring the possibility of reducing our buildings' emissions to net zero over the next 25 to 35 years. Lexington's buildings are currently responsible for 66% of Lexington's greenhouse gas emissions. The task force is composed of a broad range of stakeholders including local businesses, commercial and residential property owners, subject matter experts, Town staff, and appropriate Town committee members. The task force, with the assistance of consultants will develop strategies, plans and recommendations to achieve an annual balance of zero greenhouse gas emissions from building operations for approval by the Town.

ARTICLE 20

ACCEPT HARBELL STREET

To see if the Town will vote to establish as a Town way and accept the layout of as a Town way Harbell Street from Paul Revere Road a distance of 645 feet, more or less, to end of Harbell Street, as laid out by the Selectmen and to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement, or other interest in land necessary therefor; and raise and appropriate money for the construction of said street and for land acquisition; determine whether the money shall be provided in the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$147,000

DESCRIPTION: This article has been requested by residents of Harbell Street to have the street brought up to Town standards and accepted by the Town. The total cost of bringing the street up to Town standards will be borne by the residents through the assessment of betterments.

ARTICLE 21**APPROPRIATE TO POST EMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE LIABILITY FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Town of Lexington Post Retirement Insurance Liability Fund, as established by Chapter 317 of the Acts of 2002; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, including enterprise funds, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$1,842,895

DESCRIPTION: This article will allow the Town to continue to fund its unfunded liability for post-employment benefits for Town of Lexington retirees. Beginning with the FY2007 audit, the Town was required to disclose this liability. In preparation for funding this liability, Town Meeting voted to request special legislation to establish a trust fund for this purpose. This special legislation was approved in 2002.

**ARTICLE 22 APPROPRIATE BONDS AND NOTES PREMIUMS TO PAY PROJECT
COSTS**

To see if the Town will vote to (i) appropriate the premium paid to the Town upon the sale of bonds issued on February 13, 2017 and notes issued on February 13, 2017 to pay costs of capital projects and to reduce the amounts borrowed for such projects (if any) by the same amount, and (ii) supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied: or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

DESCRIPTION: Passage of this article would permit premiums received upon the sale of bonds or notes issued to finance projects to be appropriated to pay for project costs, subject to guidelines promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Such appropriations would be for the purpose of supplanting, not supplementing, bond financing of the project in question.

ARTICLE 23

RESCIND PRIOR BORROWING AUTHORIZATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unused borrowing authority voted under previous Town Meeting articles; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

DESCRIPTION: State law requires that Town Meeting vote to rescind authorized and unissued debt that is no longer required for its intended purpose.

ARTICLE 24

ESTABLISH AND APPROPRIATE TO AND FROM SPECIFIED STABILIZATION FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to create, amend, rename and/or appropriate sums of money to and from Stabilization Funds in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the purposes of: (a) Section 135 Zoning By-Law, (b) Traffic Mitigation, (c) Transportation Demand Management/Public Transportation, (d) School Bus Transportation; (e) Special Education, (f) Center Improvement District; (g) Debt Service, (h) Transportation Management Overlay District, (i) Capital; (j) Payment in Lieu of Parking; and (k) Avalon Bay School Enrollment Mitigation Fund and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: This article proposes to establish and/or fund Stabilization Funds for specific purposes and to appropriate funds therefrom. Money in those funds may be invested and the interest may then become a part of the particular fund. These funds may later be appropriated for the specific designated purpose, by a two-thirds vote of an Annual or Special Town Meeting, for any lawful purpose.

ARTICLE 25

APPROPRIATE TO STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the previously created Stabilization Fund in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: Money may be appropriated into the existing Stabilization Fund that may be invested and the interest may then become part of the fund. These funds may later be appropriated, by a two-thirds vote of an Annual or Special Town Meeting, for any lawful purpose.

ARTICLE 26 APPROPRIATE FROM DEBT SERVICE STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Debt Service Stabilization Fund to offset the FY2018 debt service of the bond dated February 1, 2003 issued for additions and renovations to the Lexington High School, Clarke Middle School and Diamond Middle School, as refunded with bonds dated December 8, 2011; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$124,057

DESCRIPTION: This article would allow the Town to pay a portion of the debt service on the 2003 School Bonds from the Debt Service Stabilization Fund set up for that specific purpose.

ARTICLE 27 APPROPRIATE FOR PRIOR YEARS' UNPAID BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to pay any unpaid bills rendered to the Town for prior years; to determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: This is an annual article to request funds to pay bills after the close of the fiscal year in which the goods were received or the services performed and for which no money was encumbered.

ARTICLE 28 AMEND FY2017 OPERATING, ENTERPRISE AND CPA BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations, to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Articles 4, 5 and 8 of the warrant for the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, to be used during the current fiscal year, or make any other adjustments to the current fiscal year budgets and appropriations that may be necessary; to determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds including Community Preservation Fund; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: This is an annual article to permit adjustments to current fiscal year (FY2017) appropriations.

ARTICLE 29 APPROPRIATE FOR AUTHORIZED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated in prior years for the installation or construction of water mains, sewers and sewerage systems, drains, streets, buildings, recreational facilities or other capital improvements and equipment that have heretofore been authorized; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from the balances in other articles, by transfer from available funds, including enterprise funds and the Community Preservation Fund, by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

FUNDS REQUESTED: unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: This is an annual article to request funds to supplement existing appropriations for certain capital projects in light of revised cost estimates that exceed such appropriations.

ARTICLE 30 ADJUST RETIREMENT COLA BASE FOR RETIREES

To see if the Town will vote to raise the base amount upon which cost of living adjustments are calculated for retirees from \$13,000 to \$14,000 as authorized by Section 103(j) of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the Request of the Retirement Board)

DESCRIPTION: This article requests town meeting to approve the acceptance by the Retirement Board of a \$1,000 increase in the maximum base amount upon which a retiree’s cost-of-living adjustment is calculated.

GENERAL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 31 RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE INFLUENCE OF MONEY IN POLITICS (Citizen Article)

To see if the town will vote to pass a resolution declaring that:

Whereas, the current and increasing role of money in politics threatens the democratic ideals upon which our republic was founded; and

Whereas, the Town holds an important position in the historical development of this republic; and,

Whereas, it is incumbent upon the heirs of this history to speak out when the republic is threatened by the accelerated advance of oligarchy – in place of government of the people, by the people and for the people;

Now therefore, be it resolved it is the position of the Town of Lexington, Massachusetts, that in order to ensure that our elected officials represent all citizens, tough new anti-corruption laws

must be passed by Congress and the Massachusetts General Court, including legislation to prohibit politicians from taking campaign money from industries they regulate; put limits on unregulated SuperPACs and other groups; increase transparency for campaign funding; stop elected representatives and senior staff from negotiating jobs while in office and bar them from all lobbying activity for five years once they leave; empower all voters through a \$100 or more tax rebate to contribute to the candidates they support; and strengthen agencies and ethics committees to enforce the rules against politicians and special interests that break campaign finance law.

(Inserted by Dan Alden and 9 or more registered voters)

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this resolution is to help fix our broken political system by supporting tough new state and federal anti-corruption legislation. The purpose of the legislation is to remove temptations which could cause our elected officials to represent a minority of wealthy interests over the interests of the majority of citizens. The resolution does not call for the passage of legislation which has been drafted in detail at this time. However, it recognizes that we have a serious problem and that it needs to be addressed by the type of legislation listed.

ARTICLE 32 ESTABLISH CANNABIS COMMITTEE (Citizen Article)

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Cannabis Committee; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Ethan Handwerker and 9 or more registered voters)

DESCRIPTION: The Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen about any changes to be made to any aspect of medical or adult-use of cannabis regulation that could further benefit the community.

ARTICLE 33 AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS – SCENIC ROADS

To see if the Town will vote to designate certain public roads as scenic roads in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, § 15C, commonly referred to as the Scenic Roads Act, and amend Section 1-6 of the General Bylaws to provide for a fine for violations of the act, or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Planning Board)

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of adopting this law is to provide the community, through the Planning Board, an opportunity to review the repair, maintenance, reconstruction, or paving work done with respect to scenic roads, including work that involves the destruction of stone walls incidental to roadwork on accepted town roads that have been designated scenic roads. The Board intends to draft regulations after Town Meeting giving guidance to applicants, should Town Meeting approve this article.

Scenic road designation does not give the Planning Board authority over tree work, which remains with the Tree Warden. However, the law does require that projects affecting both stone walls and public shade trees on scenic roads must combine the public hearing required by both statutes.

ARTICLE 34

AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS – BLASTING PROHIBITION

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town code to prohibit the use of explosives in construction site work, with exceptions granted by the Board of Selectmen for municipal utility work and other municipal projects.

(Inserted at the request of the Planning Board)

DESCRIPTION: The use of explosives to remove ledge and facilitate the significant change of grade in landscape construction significantly alters the characteristic New England topography of the Town and may impact subsurface geomorphology and drainage patterns. The use of explosives, commonly referred to as “blasting,” creates vibrations that can impact the foundations and structural integrity of buildings as well as impact technical devices, including laboratory research. The soil and vegetative cover in blast sites is removed, impacting local ecological systems and surface drainage. The explosions and subsequent removal of blasted stone creates a factory-like conditions for abutters with the impact of dust, noise (including “sound warnings,” or sirens and trucking), and vibrations of the explosions and heavy machinery.

ARTICLE 35

AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS – NCD TECHNICAL CHANGES

To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws to address several issues identified with the recently adopted Neighborhood Conservation Districts (NCD) Bylaw, or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Planning Board)

DESCRIPTION: This article is to correct three minor issues identified with the NCD Bylaw adopted by Town Meeting at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The first involves several minor amendments to the Demolition Delay Bylaw (Article 19 of the Code of Lexington) in order to ensure internally consistency with the Neighborhood Conservation District bylaw. The second, identified by the Attorney General’s review, addresses an inconsistency with M.G.L. c. 40, § 21 which limits the maximum penalty for bylaw of \$300. This warrant article corrects the issue, by reinserting the maximum fine amount from \$500 to \$300. The third issue addresses concerns identified by a group of residents looking to create a district with exactly 10 homes in it. As the article currently exists, the requirement of 10 property owners to sign the request for study in this situation is almost impossible as it requires unanimity. This article proposes a threshold requirement of two-thirds of the property owners’ consent for proposed study areas of 10 or fewer properties.

ARTICLE 36

AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS – MUNICIPAL MODERNIZATION ACT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following sections of the Massachusetts General Laws which were amended by Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, known as an Act Modernizing Municipal Finance Act:

- a) MGL Chapter 40, Section 22A, 22B and 22C (Parking Meter receipts and uses),
- b) MGL Chapter 90, Section 17C and 18B (Speed Limit),

- c) MGL Chapter 40, Section 3, second paragraph proviso (Rental Revolving Funds),
- d) MGL Chapter 41, Section 111F, last paragraph (Special Fund for Injured Police and Firefighters),
- e) MGL Chapter 59, Section 57A (Tax Bills under \$100)

or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

DESCRIPTION: The recent State law known as the Municipal Modernization Act includes a number of provisions that require local acceptance. That is, for a municipality to avail itself of the provision it must first be accepted by Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen are recommending the following provisions of the Act be accepted:

- Chapter 40, section 22A, 22B and 22C: These provisions will allow the Town to: 1) continue treating parking revenues as ‘receipts reserved for appropriation’. Otherwise parking revenues will be considered general fund revenues. As receipts reserved for appropriation the Town will continue to use parking revenues to support the parking management program in the Center; 2) allow the Town to continue to acquire off-street parking areas and facilities with receipts of the parking meter fund; and 3) allow the Town to continue to purchase and install parking meters with receipts of the parking meter fund.
- Chapter 90, sections 17C and 18B: These provisions will allow the Board of Selectmen to establish 25 mph speed limits on Town roadways that currently have no posted speed limits and 20 mph speed limits in areas designated as safety zones.
- Chapter 40, section 3: This provision will allow the Town to establish a rental revolving fund for both school and non-school (municipal) properties.
- Chapter 41, Section 111F: This provision will allow the Town to continue to appropriate funds (see line item 2150) for the payment of police officer and firefighter injury leave and medical bills.
- Chapter 59, Section 57A: This provision allows property tax bills less than \$100 to be billed in a single payment rather than quarterly.

ARTICLE 37

AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS – TREES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tree Bylaw to provide incentives to preserve large trees and to replant large shade tree species, or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Tree Committee)

DESCRIPTION: Because of the time invested in its growth, a large tree is proportionally more valuable than many small trees. Also, large shade tree species in general provide greater environmental benefits than small ornamental tree species. This article seeks to amend the Tree Bylaw to encourage the preservation of existing large trees in setback areas during major construction, and to encourage the planting of large shade tree species for mitigation of removed trees.

ARTICLE 38

AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS – REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Lexington by adding a new Chapter 110 titled “Revolving Funds” in order to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Board of Selectmen)

DESCRIPTION: Included in the recent State law known as the Municipal Modernization Act is a section that allows town’s to establish Revolving Funds by bylaw rather than have Town Meeting establish these funds each year. Town Meeting will continue to approve the amount authorized for each fund.

ARTICLE 39

AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS – RIGHT TO FARM (Citizen Article)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adopting a Right to Farm Bylaw; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by Ethan Handwerker and 9 or more registered voters)

DESCRIPTION: This “Right to Farm” Bylaw establishes a process by which the Town of Lexington will provide information to all present and future residents regarding existing state law pertaining to agriculture. The mechanism for providing notice is to be determined by the town.

ZONING/LAND USE ARTICLES

ARTICLE 40

AMEND ZONING BYLAW – SPECIAL PERMITS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to alter the rules for special permit residential developments, or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Planning Board)

DESCRIPTION: This article proposes a revision to the way the Town regulates discretionary residential development, authorized under Section 6.9 of the Zoning Bylaw. The principal concern with the current scheme stems from the treatment of Balanced Housing Developments (BHDs), a development option that regulates the overall square footage of a development rather than the number of units.

The proposal amends the bylaw in three key ways; the first is a requirement to include affordable housing units in BHDs (which will be renamed); the second is a reduction to the maximum amount of square footage that will be allowed on site; and the third is to address concerns about the size of individual units, introducing a smaller unit size than the current bylaw.

ARTICLE 41

AMEND ZONING BYLAW – REVISE DEFINITIONS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 135-10.0 of the Zoning Bylaw to revise a number of definitions regarding development requirements therein, or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Planning Board)

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this article is to address issues identified during the implementation of the Gross Floor Area (GFA) requirements adopted under Article 41 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. Given the attention to floor area the development process now requires, it is now evident that a number of definitions must be clarified, revised, updated, or deleted to better reflect the intent of last year’s article.

ARTICLE 42

AMEND ZONING BYLAW – TWO-FAMILY HOMES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to permit two-family dwellings wherever one-family dwellings are permitted, or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Planning Board)

DESCRIPTION: This article would allow two-family homes in one principal structure, restricting one of the units as either senior housing or affordable housing, and create site performance standards specific to two-family homes. The goal is to encourage a diversity of more attainable housing types, specifically senior and affordable housing units not readily available in Lexington, with minimal impacts on existing neighborhoods or project abutters.

ARTICLE 43

AMEND ZONING BYLAW – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REFINEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw to permit additional uses in the CM and CRO Districts, amend the dimensional standards of the CRO District, amend the Zoning Map to modify zoning district lines to coincide with parcel lines, move residentially-zoned parcels into the GC District or the CRO District, and create two new Transportation Management Overlay Districts, one around the Forbes Road – Marrett Road area and a second around the South Lexington commercial area (Spring Street and Hayden Avenue), or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Planning Board)

DESCRIPTION: This three part article would make changes to the permitted uses and dimensional standards of the CRO District similar to the ones made for the CM District in 2009, as well as add a new use, Biotech Manufacturing, in both the CM (by right) and the CRO (by special permit). Part of the article would adjust the boundaries of existing CRO districts to coincide with lot lines and move some adjoining residential parcels into the GC or CRO districts. The final part of the article would create two new TMO districts similar to the one around Hartwell Avenue. One would be located in the Forbes Road – Marrett Road area, the other in the South Lexington area (Spring St. and Hayden Ave.).

ARTICLE 44

AMEND ZONING BYLAW – BROOKHAVEN (Owner Article)

To see if the Town votes to amend the Code of the Town of Lexington, Zoning Bylaw Sections and the Zoning Map of the Town of Lexington, by changing the zoning district designation of the land described in a certain written metes and bounds description and certain plans on file with the Planning Board, from the current RO One Family Dwelling District to a PD Planned Development District, said property being commonly known as Town of Lexington Assessors’ Map 5 Parcels 19C, 20, 21A at 960-990 Waltham Street, in order to allow the construction of a new building on the property of approximately 119,000 square feet, together with parking and other improvements, to be known as Brookhaven at Lexington; and to add it to the adjoining RD Planned Residential District Brookhaven at Lexington at 990-1010 Waltham Street as one composite PD Planned Development District and to approve the preliminary site development and use plan entitled “Preliminary Site Development and Use Plan for the RD Planned Residential District at 960-1010 Waltham Street, Lexington,” (“the PSDUP”) on file with Lexington Town Clerk and Lexington Planning Board for said parcels, and to approve standards for development, uses permitted, dimensional standards and other provisions contained within the PSDUP, or to act in any other manner relative thereto.

*(Inserted by James M. Freehling, CEO/President Symmes Life Care, Inc.,
d/b/a Brookhaven at Lexington)*

DESCRIPTION: The article requests rezoning and approval of a Preliminary Site Development and Use Plan (PSDUP for the adjacent 990-1010 Waltham Street Parcel). The general location of the property is shown on a plan entitled: “Property Rights & Dimensional Standards Plan, 960 & 990 Waltham St., prepared for Brookhaven at Lexington, in Lexington, Mass.” Dated December 24, 2015, prepared by GPR Inc., job # 151067, Drawing A-2” which is on file with the Lexington Town Clerk and Lexington Planning Board.

**ARTICLE 45 AMEND ZONING BYLAW – BALANCED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
(Citizen Article)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw related to balanced housing developments in order to return greater oversight to Town Meeting, or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted at the request of William Rhodes and nine residents)

DESCRIPTION: This article proposes changes to improve the rigor of the review process of BHDs that have multi-faceted impacts to the town, including infrastructure, traffic, fiscal/budgetary and environmental, which are in some cases outside the purview of the Planning Board. As a result, these proposals should be studied with scrutiny by a larger town-wide body more representative of the voters’ interests before approval. In addition much of the balanced housing, town houses and smaller housing that have been developed using special or balanced permits are unaffordable by state standards. We believe if the current permitting trend is allowed to continue, it will negatively impact the residential, conservation, historical and economic environment of Lexington.

**ARTICLE 46 AMEND ZONING BYLAW – CHAPTER 135 MEDICAL MARIJUANA
(Citizen Article)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 135 of the Zoning Bylaw to zone for Medical Marijuana Cultivation Centers, Medical Marijuana Processing Centers, and Medical Marijuana Distribution Centers; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Ethan Handwerker and 9 or more registered voters)

DESCRIPTION: This article seeks to improve the town zoning bylaw by allowing more appropriate local siting of state-registered medical marijuana dispensaries for each of their three distinct organizational processes. It would delete the definition of “Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers” and insert definitions for “Medical Marijuana Cultivation Center” and “Medical Marijuana Processing Center.” Table 1 would be amended to provide for these uses and for “Medical Marijuana Distributions Center” in certain districts.

And you are directed to serve this warrant seven days at least before the time of said meeting as provided in the Bylaws of the Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return on this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Lexington this 30th day of January 2017.

Suzanne E. Barry, Chairman	Selectmen
Peter C.J. Kelley	
Norman P. Cohen	of
Joseph N. Pato	
Michelle L. Ciccolo	Lexington

A true copy, Attest:

Michael R. Barry
Constable of Lexington

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Jonathan G. Cole 23 Whipple Road
Brian E. Heffernan 223 Lowell Street
Iang Jeon 7 Litchfield Road
Janet M. Kern 72 Lowell Street
Hongbin Luo 1 Cherry Street
Eric Jay Michelson 45 Circle Road
Barry E. Sampson 8 Brandon Street

Term Expires 2018

Joel A. Adler 22 Village Circle
Elaine M. Ashton 32 Cliffe Avenue
Jean W. Cole 23 Whipple Road
Robert W. Cunha 10 Stevens Road
Mary Ann Stewart 24 Rawson Avenue
Bella D. Tsvetkova 42 Lowell Street
Judith L. Zabin 1 Page Road

Term Expires 2017

Nancy M. Adler 22 Village Circle
Dirk Armstrong 15 Haskell Street
John C. Bartenstein 46 Sanderson Road
Margaret Muckenhaupt 19 Whipple Road
John F. Rossi 40 Arcola Street
Carol J. Sampson 8 Brandon Street
Albert P. Zabin 1 Page Road
*Ellen Basch 3 South Rindge Avenue
*Leslie A. Zales 7 Page Road

Precinct 2

Term Expires 2019

Laurel Carpenter 94 Pleasant Street
Matthew P. Daggett 11 White Pine Lane
Kathryn Mayes Fields 9 Lexington Avenue
Rita B. Goldberg 10 Independence Avenue
Karen R. Longeteig 143 Concord Avenue
Ricki Pappo 16 Blossomcrest Road
Betsey Weiss 8 Dover Lane

Term Expires 2018

Jason E. Bressner	76 Baker Avenue
Marian A. O. Cohen.....	8 Plymouth Road
Peter B. Lee.....	770 Waltham Street
Margaret Ouellette	23 Tucker Avenue
Syed A. Rizvi.....	237 Worthen Road East
Jennifer M. Vogelzang.....	8 Paddock Lane

Term Expires 2017

S. Bijan Afshartous.....	5 Green Lane
Paul H. Lapointe	224 Follen Road
Susan Leigh London	7 Carville Avenue
Barry Orenstein.....	132 Follen Road
Michael J. O’Sullivan	12 Aerial Street
Kenneth J. Shine	7 Ellis Street
Jonathan E. Suber.....	56 Taft Avenue
Jeri B. Zeder.....	900 Massachusetts Avenue
*Michael A. Andriolo	29 Lawrence Lane
*Roberta Kinnear Best.....	48 Golden Avenue
*Juan Matias Stella	5 Moon Hill Road

Precinct 3

Term Expires 2019

Courtney McCollum Apgar	31 Barberry Road
Nancy L. Hubert.....	1010 Waltham Street
Kevin Johnson.....	283 Concord Avenue
Jeanne K. Krieger.....	44 Webster Road
Michael J. Martignetti.....	37 Barberry Road
Glenn P. Parker	186 Spring Street
Franklin E. Smith	7 Potter Pond

Term Expires 2018

Shirley Rauson Frawley.....	68 Potter Pond
Beth J. Masterman	4 Philbrook Terrace
Sarah J. Nathan	95 Bridge Street
Letha M.S. Prestbo.....	470 Concord Avenue
Robert Rotberg.....	14 Barberry Road
Michael J. Schanbacher	516 Concord Avenue
Margaret B. Storch.....	330 Concord Avenue

Term Expires 2017

Bonnie E. Brodner	8 Trodden Path
Dan H. Fenn, Jr.	59 Potter Pond
Steven P. Heinrich	11 Potter Pond
Kenneth M. Kreutziger	57 Potter Pond
Henry S. Lau	1 Burns Road
Sharmila Mudgal.....	18 Chadbourne Road
Judith L. Pappo	73 Grassland Street
*Narain D. Bhatia	1010 Waltham St
*Vineeta Kumar	14 Munroe Road
*Stanley Yap.....	30 April Lane

Precinct 4

Term Expires 2019

Nyles Nathan Barnert.....	142 Worthen Road
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Anoop Garg..... 34 Sherburne Road
 Thomas V. Griffiths 1364 Massachusetts Avenue
 David C. Kluchman 1984 Massachusetts Avenue
 Susan A. McLeish..... 33 Forest Street #205
 Gerald Paul..... 43 Highland Avenue
 Sandra J. Shaw 51 Wachusett Drive

Term Expires 2018

Gloria J. Bloom..... 17 Loring Road
 Robert N. Cohen 10 Grassland Street
 Peter David Enrich..... 35 Clarke Street
 Jill I. Hai 6 Highland Avenue
 Eileen S. Jay..... 191 Waltham Street
 Kathleen M. Lenihan 60 Bloomfield Street
 Claire B. Sheth 22 Vine Brook Road

Term Expires 2017

Alessandro A. Alessandrini 32 Slocum Road
 Michael P. Boudett..... 39 Prospect Hill Road
 Lawrence Chan 10 Hilltop Avenue
 Kathryn R. Colburn..... 49 Forest Street
 Paul Miniutti 2 Wachusett Circle
 Nancy Ann Shepard 2 Baskin Road
 Ruth S. Thomas 10 Parker Street
 *Norman P. Cohen..... 33 Forest Street #309
 *Katie Ponty Cutler..... 115 Kendall Road

Precinct 5

Term Expires 2019

Irene M. Dondley 22 Leonard Road
 Marilyn M. Fenollosa..... 10 Marshall Road
 Andrew J. Friedlich..... 22 Young Street
 Ginna Johnson..... 23 Ridge Road
 Jerold S. Michelson..... 3 Clyde Place
 Rita Pandey 102 Maple Street
 M. Masha Traber 106 Maple Street

Term Expires 2018

Anil A. Ahuja..... 7 Leonard Road
 Elaine Dratch 2 Maureen Road
 John Hayward 358 Woburn Street
 William J. Hurley..... 33 Young Street
 Marc A. Saint Louis..... 5 Brookwood Road
 Sam Silverman 18 Ingleside Road
 Lisa L. Smith..... 40 Webb Street

Term Expires 2017

David E. Burns..... 138 Laconia Street
 Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti 344 Lowell Street
 Judith A. Crocker 5 Currier Court
 Anthony G. Galaitsis..... 7 Burroughs Road
 Pamela B. Lyons 51 Grant Street
 Ephraim Weiss 462 Lowell Street
 David G. Williams 1505 Massachusetts Avenue #10
 *Sarah E. Higginbotham..... 21 Byron Avenue
 *Aneesh Karody..... 38 Maple Street

*Richard L. Neumeier..... 1 Doran Farm Lane
 *Jennifer L. Ray..... 6 Fulton Road
 *Lily Manhua Yan..... 46 Courtyard Place

Precinct 6

Term Expires 2019

Margaret L. Counts-Klebe..... 8 Hancock Avenue
 Andrea J. Fribush..... 61 East Street
 Frederic S. Johnson..... 4 Stetson Street
 Ann M. Kelly..... 15 Brent Road
 Trisha Perez Kennealy..... 4 Brent Road
 Dawn E. McKenna..... 9 Hancock Street
 Deborah Strod..... 10 Thoreau Road

Term Expires 2018

Thomas S. Brennan..... 25 Adams Street
 Todd J. Cataldo..... 168 Grant Street
 Bebe H. Fallick..... 4 Diehl Road
 Edmund C. Grant..... 27 Grove Street
 Brian P. Kelley..... 44 Grant Street
 Jane Pagett..... 10 Oakmount Circle

Term Expires 2017

Suzanne D. Abair..... 6 Millbrook Road
 Jonathan A. Himmel..... 66 Hancock Street
 Morton G. Kahan..... 44 Hancock Street
 David L. Kaufman..... 152 Burlington Street
 Stephen W. McKenna II..... 9 Hancock Street
 Dinesh Patel..... 22 Brent Road
 Frank Sandy..... 353 North Emerson Road
 *Mark V. Andersen..... 2 Thoreau Road
 *Christian L. Boutwell..... 20 Flintlock Road
 *Bridger E. McGaw..... 89 Meriam Street

Precinct 7

Term Expires 2019

George A. Burnell..... 4 Eaton Road
 Mary Burnell..... 4 Eaton Road
 Patricia Elen Costello..... 9 Preston Road
 Catherine Woodward Gill..... 43 Bertwell Road
 Mary C. Hamilton..... 2 Grove Street
 Geoffrey G. Xiao..... 46 Eldred Street

Term Expires 2018

Marsha E. Baker..... 46 Burlington Street
 Philip K. Hamilton..... 2 Grove Street
 Stacey A. Hamilton..... 25 Robinson Road
 Ravish Kumar..... 7 Calvin Street
 Raul Marques-Pascual..... 21 Rangeway
 Fred H. Martin..... 29 Dewey Road
 Benjamin L. Moroze..... 5 Marvin Street

Term Expires 2017

Elizabeth DeMille Barnett..... 19 Eldred Street
 James W. Courtemanche..... 88 Winter Street

Harry C. Forsdick.....	46 Burlington Street
Pam Hoffman.....	4 Rangeway
David G. Kanter.....	48 Fifer Lane
Vikas Kinger.....	13 Donald Street
Paul J. Rubin.....	5 Drummer Boy Way
Thomas J. Wanderer.....	65 Gleason Road
*Robert K. Creech.....	2 Grimes Road
*Ethan Handwerker.....	17 Pine Knoll Road
*Roblee A. Hoffman.....	10 Boulder Road
*Taylor Carroll Singh.....	80 Burlington Street

Precinct 8

Term Expires 2019

Margaret S. Enders.....	11 Kimball Road
David C. Horton.....	68 Paul Revere Road
Alan Mayer Levine.....	54 Reed Street
Andrei Radulescu-Banu.....	86 Cedar Street
William A. Ribich.....	18 Revere Street
Melinda M. Walker.....	14 Larchmont Lane

Term Expires 2018

Ingrid H. Klimoff.....	75 Reed Street
Lisa J. Mazerall.....	8 Park Street
James A. Osten.....	8 Revere Street
Sanjay Padaki.....	46 Ward Street
Jessie Steigerwald.....	143 Cedar Street
Shirley H. Stolz.....	2139 Massachusetts Avenue
Weidong Wang.....	59 Reed Street

Term Expires 2017

Robert M. Avallone.....	21 Constitution Road
Elizabeth R. Barrentine.....	100 Bedford Street
Diane M. Biglow.....	15 Bellflower Street
Margaret Bradley.....	48 Bellflower Street
Gang Chen.....	24 Bellflower Street
Joel M. Herda.....	3 Sunny Knoll Avenue
Charles Hornig.....	75 Reed Street
Richard A. Michelson.....	54 Asbury Street
*Shailesh Chandra.....	10 Childs Road
*Daniel L. McCabe.....	19C William Roger Greeley Village
*Wendy S. Reasenbergl.....	16 Garfield Street
*Alan V. Seferian.....	10 Augustus Road

Precinct 9

Term Expires 2019

Victoria Lawrence Blier.....	41 Shade Street
Rodney Cole.....	80 School Street
Margaret E. Coppe.....	12 Barrymeade Drive
Thomas O. Fenn.....	15 Shade Street
Pamela Kumari Joshi.....	88 Middle Street
Christina M. Murray.....	66 School Street
Janet M. Perry.....	16 Ellison Road

Term Expires 2018

Scott A. Bokun.....	15 Middleby Road
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Susan M. Buckley-Kingsbury 9 Middle Street
 Richard L. Canale 29 Shade Street
 Mollie K. Garberg 16 Cary Avenue
 Philip T. Jackson 50 Shade Street
 Justine A. Wirtanen 37 Fairbanks Road

Term Expires 2017

Alice J. Adler 10 Nickerson Road
 Hemaben P. Bhatt 8 Jean Road
 Jeanne P. Canale 29 Shade Street
 Mark P. Maguire 249 Lincoln Street
 Hank Manz 14 Ellison Road
 Wendy Manz 14 Ellison Road
 Lisah S. Rhodes 482 Marrett Road
 Kimberly A. Ryan 39 Grandview Avenue
 *Victoria C. Buckley 18 Bates Road
 *Scott F. Burson 5 Willard Circle
 *Robert J.M. Lowrance 23 Tufts Road

TOWN FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are frequently used in the annual town report and at the town meeting. In order to provide everyone with a better understanding of the meaning, the following definitions are provided.

AVAILABLE FUNDS - "FREE CASH"

The amount certified annually by the Bureau of Accounts, Department of Revenue. The certified amount is the Unreserved Fund Balance less all outstanding taxes. This fund may be used by a vote of the town meeting as available funds for appropriation.

AVAILABLE FUNDS - OTHER

Usually refers to balances in special funds or to balances remaining in specific articles previously appropriated. These balances become available for re-appropriation by Town Meeting (or are returned to the town's general fund balance).

"CHERRY SHEET"

A financial statement issued by the State, at one time on cherry-colored paper, that itemizes state aid due to the town, and charges payable by the town to the state and county. The assessors use the Cherry Sheet to set a tax rate.

GENERAL FUND

The municipal fund accounts for most financial expenses and revenues approved by town meeting. The tax levy is the principal source of revenue in the general fund.

ENTERPRISE FUND

A self-supporting account for a specific service or program that the town operates as a separate "business." Enterprise funds do not depend on taxes for operating revenue. For example, water operations are funded through the water enterprise fund, which receives funds from a consumption based fee system. Ideally, enterprise resources and expenditures should balance over time. Funds in enterprise accounts do not revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year.

OVERLAY

The overlay is the amount raised by the Assessors in excess of appropriations and other charges for the purpose of creating a fund to cover property tax abatements and exemptions granted by the Board of Assessors.

RESERVE FUND

This appropriation is voted at the annual town meeting in an amount not to exceed 5% of the tax levy of the preceding year. Transfers from the reserve fund are approved by the Appropriation Committee and may only be used for "extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures."

REVOLVING FUND

Revolving funds are used for a particular service. An overall limit on spending is set by Town Meeting but may be subsequently amended by vote of the Board of Selectmen and Appropriation Committee. The funds can be used for the service without appropriation up to the approved limit.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Local Election – Monday, March 6, 2017

Polling Hours - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Polling Locations

Precinct 1	School Administration Building, 146 Maple Street (enter via 328 Lowell Street driveway)
Precinct 2	Bowman School, 9 Philip Road
Precinct 3	Lexington Community Center, 39 Marrett Road
Precinct 4	Cary Memorial Building, 1605 Massachusetts Avenue
Precinct 5	School Administration Building, 146 Maple Street (enter via 328 Lowell Street driveway)
Precinct 6	Cary Memorial Building, 1605 Massachusetts Avenue
Precinct 7	Estabrook School, 117 Grove Street
Precinct 8	Samuel Hadley Public Services Building, 201 Bedford Street
Precinct 9	Maria Hastings School – 7 Crosby Road (enter via 2618 Massachusetts Avenue)

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