TOWN OF CONCORD  
SELECT BOARD  
AGENDA  
Tuesday, February 19, 2019 – 7 p.m. – Select Board Room – Town House

1. Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda:  
   - Town Accountant Warrants  
   - Minutes  
   - Gift Acceptance  
     - Sony Pictures $10,000 Old Calf Pasture Restoration Project  
   - Proclamations  
     - Concord Band 60th Anniversary  
   - One Day Special Licenses  
     - Lauren Pincus 3/30 6pm-10pm 40 Westford Road Wine & Malt  
     - Military Friends Foundation 4/14 1pm-7pm 269 Monument Street All Alcohol
3. Town Manager's Report
4. Chair’s Report
5. Green New Deal Resolution – Concord Academy students
6. Discuss Middle School building project – School Committee
7. Approve 2019 Election Warrant
8. Update from Town departments on 2030 Long Range Plan
9. Electronic voting update – Carmin Reiss, Town Moderator
10. Take Positions on Warrant Articles
11. Review letter to MassDOT re: Route 2 culvert for Nashoba Brook (Bridge # C-19-18)
12. Public Comments
13. Committee Liaison Reports
14. Miscellaneous/Correspondence
15. Committee Nominations: Richard Higgins of 15 Grove Street to the Conservation Restriction Stewardship Committee; Carlene Hempel of 50 Highland Street to the Junction Village Open Space Task Force; Jennifer Montbach of 45 Pine Street to the West Concord Junction Cultural District Committee
16. Committee Appointments: David Witherbee of 195 Heaths Bridge Road to the SuAsCo River Stewardship Council for an unexpired term to expire May 31, 2021
17. Adjourn

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| 19-30 Lauren Pincus             | 305 632-7530 | 3/30  | 40 Westford Road          | Wine & Malt     | Event Coordinator: Lauren Pinus  
Bartenders: Ben Elliott  
Under 21: No  
First License in Concord: Yes                                                 |
| 19-31 Military Friends Foundation | 617 733-7994 | 4/14  | 269 Monument Street       | All Alcohol     | Event Coordinator: Sarah Sweeney  
Bartenders: Deborah Podgurski, Carol Large, Mary Burke  
Under 21: No  
First License in Concord: No                                                  |
Gift Acceptance Log – February 19, 2019

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Doug Dresser  
Supervising Location Manager  
Sony Pictures  
24 Hartwell Avenue  
Lexington, MA  02421

November 28, 2018

RE:  Sony Pictures Assistance in Old Calf Pasture Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Dresser,

On behalf of the Natural Resources Commission, I write to extend our tremendous appreciation for your commitment of $10,000 towards the Old Calf Pasture restoration project. The Old Calf Pasture is home to the largest regional population of the rare Briton’s violet, which was first identified at the meadow in 1992. The invasive glossy buckthorn has been identified as the largest threat to the survival of this violet population, and buckthorn removal efforts have been underway since 2008. Across the 21-acre meadow, control of the buckthorn has methodically expanded, resulting in increased numbers of the violet population.

Dedicating funds to this project will allow us to expand efforts towards the long-term viability of this Britton’s violet population, and will also markedly enhance the meadow’s species diversity and richness.

We thank you for your support to preserve and protect this unique meadow that contributes so greatly to Concord’s natural resources.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Delia Kaye  
Natural Resources Director

cc:  Natural Resources Commission
To: Chris Whelan, Town Manager  
    Kerry Lafleur, Finance Director  
Via: Marcia Rasmussen, DPLM Director  
From: Delia Kaye, Natural Resources Director  
Re: Donation for Old Calf Pasture Restoration  
Date: February 5, 2019  

Sony Pictures was excited to be able to film portions of Little Women in Concord, and was impressed with Concord’s wealth of natural resources as well as its rich history. As part of their environmental legacy program, Sony Pictures has generously donated $10,000 towards the Old Calf Pasture restoration project. Please see the attached letter of commitment for more information about the restoration project. Sony Pictures can only make a donation to a non-profit organization and provided a check in the amount of $10,000 to the Concord Land Conservation Trust and the Land Trust has, in turn, submitted the attached check to the Town.

In accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53A and APP #19, I am submitting the check for deposit and respectfully request Select Board acceptance of the gift. Please establish a gift account for the Old Calf Pasture Restoration and deposit the check to this account.

Please let me know if additional information would be helpful to expedite this request.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF CONCORD  
SELECT BOARD  

PROCLAMATION  

CONCORD BAND  
60TH ANNIVERSARY  

WHEREAS The Concord Band was organized in 1959 to participate in Concord’s Patriot’s Day Celebration; and  

WHEREAS In 1972, the Concord Band joined with the Concord Players and the Concord Orchestra to form the Friends of the Performing Arts in Concord (FOPAC), now known as “51 Walden”; and  

WHEREAS The Concord Band provides an opportunity for adult musicians from over 40 Massachusetts cities and towns to expand their instrumental and ensemble skills; and  

WHEREAS The Concord Band plays 15 or more concerts yearly in Concord and at various locations including summer performances at Fruitlands Museum in Harvard; and  

WHEREAS The Concord Band concerts are available through their YouTube channel and Minuteman Media Network; and  

WHEREAS The Concord Band has commissioned or received as gifts 83 new works for symphonic wind ensembles, making new compositions available to concert bands throughout the country and beyond; and  

WHEREAS The Concord Band engages world-class guest conductors and soloists for the benefit of its members and audiences; and  

WHEREAS In 2013, the Concord Band was the first community band in New England to receive the Sudler Silver Scroll, North America’s most prestigious award recognizing community bands of outstanding musical excellence; and  

NOW THEREFORE We, the Select Board of the Town of Concord, Massachusetts, celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Concord Band, and do hereby recognize the Concord Band’s many contributions to the Town over the past sixty years.  

CONCORD SELECT BOARD
Hi Tom,

I hope you are having a good day. My name is Audrey, and I am a senior at Concord Academy. A group of students and I are working on an exciting climate campaign here in Concord with the Sunrise Movement, a national organization of young people uniting to stop climate change. We would like to present to the Concord Select Board to discuss with them a symbolic resolution in support of a national Green New Deal. High schoolers around the country are organizing visits to their local governments within the next four weeks, and we hope that widespread local support for a Green New Deal will put pressure for action to be taken at a federal level.

What is the Green New Deal? At its core, the Green New Deal is a plan to decarbonize the American economy in the next 10 years and create millions of jobs in the process, especially in the areas most affected by the consequences of climate change and areas with historically disenfranchised people. As young people, we will be the generation to face the most severe ramifications from climate change, and we know that action must be taken now if we want a liveable future.

We would like to present this resolution to the Concord Select Board, and are wondering if it is possible to get on a meeting agenda in the next few weeks.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Best,
Audrey Lin
Concord Academy 2019
The Green New Deal
Federal Green New Deal legislation would create a “detailed national, industrial, economic mobilization plan for the transition of the United States economy to become greenhouse gas emissions neutral and to significantly draw down greenhouse gases from the atmosphere and oceans and to promote economic and environmental justice and equality.”

The Green New Deal would do three key things:
1. Eliminate greenhouse gas emissions by 2030
2. Invest in communities on the frontlines of poverty and pollution
3. Guarantee a good job to anyone who wants to help make this happen

On February 6th, Senator Ed Markey (MA) and congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio Cortez (NY - 14th) released Twin Resolutions for the Green New Deal in the Senate and the House. Already, over 64 congressional representatives and 9 senators have co-signed the resolutions, which are “the first that tackle climate change in line with what science and justice demand.”

The High School Campaign
Across the country, high schoolers are bringing the Green New Deal resolution to their local governments.

We are a group of students who are working through the Sunrise Movement* to “make climate change an urgent priority across America.” We are dedicated to the environment, concerned for the future, and committed to making effective change in the legislature that guides our community.

Our hope is that city councils, town boards, and county commissions will all pass resolutions to demonstrate a symbolic commitment. At the end of February 2019, high schoolers are going to town halls and council chambers to share our stories and call on our local elected officials to stand up for a just and liveable future and show the federal government that communities coast-to-coast demand a Green New Deal.

*Sunrise is a national movement of young people working to “make climate change an urgent priority across America, end the corrupting influence of fossil fuel executives on our politics, and elect leaders who stand up for the health and wellbeing of all people.”

Can the Concord Select Board support this resolution?
Resolution for a Green New Deal

A Resolution by the Concord Select Board calling for the federal government to pass a Green New Deal.

WHEREAS, an October 2018 United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report states that we have only until 2030 to limit devastating global warming and avoid the most serious ramifications of climate change;

WHEREAS, the October 2018 IPCC report also makes clear that every bit of warming matters, so every fraction of a degree less of warming will save lives and pay dividends across the world’s economies;

WHEREAS, the world is already experiencing serious, costly, and increasing impacts of climate change, including more intense storms, unprecedented flooding, and persistent wildfires;

WHEREAS, an inadequate response to climate change will increase economic and environmental disruptions. These include, but are not limited to severe storms, longer and hotter heat waves, worsening flood and drought cycles, growing invasive species and insect problems, accelerated species extinction rates, rising sea levels, increased wildfires, and a dramatic increase in refugees from climate impacted lands; and in Massachusetts alone, we face the coastal erosion of Cape Cod, shifting ranges of native tree species, forced migration of native birds, and rising infestation of ticks and other disease-bearing insects in areas Concordians enjoy for recreation.

WHEREAS, the most negative impacts of climate change are generally falling on frontline communities. Frontline communities that are underrepresented, such as lower-income communities or communities of color, are bearing the initial burden of climate change, but are least equipped to adapt to these impacts;

WHEREAS, doing what is now necessary to adequately address the climate crisis requires a national mobilization of a scope and scale that is a historic opportunity to address inequities caused and exacerbated by the fossil fuel economy as well as virtually eliminating poverty in the United States;

WHEREAS, at least 45 U.S. Representatives endorsed a resolution to establish a Select Committee for a Green New Deal;

WHEREAS, federal Green New Deal legislation would create a detailed mobilization plan to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, invest in communities on the frontlines of poverty and pollution, and guarantee a good job to anyone ready to make this happen;

WHEREAS, local governments calling for the federal government to pass a Green New Deal will demonstrate widespread popular support for necessary and just climate action;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Concord Select Board calls on the U.S. Government to pass a Green New Deal that meets the following goals by 2030:

- Dramatically expand existing renewable power sources and deploy new production capacity with the goal of meeting 100% of national power demand through renewable sources;
- building a national, energy-efficient, “smart” grid;
- upgrading every residential and industrial building for state-of-the-art energy efficiency, comfort, and safety;
- eliminating greenhouse gas emissions from the manufacturing, agricultural and other industries, including by investing in local-scale agriculture in communities across the country;
- eliminating greenhouse gas emissions from, repairing and improving transportation and other infrastructure, and upgrading water infrastructure to ensure universal access to clean water;
- funding massive investment in the drawdown of greenhouse gases;
- making “green” technology, industry, expertise, products and services a major export of the United States, with the aim of becoming the undisputed international leader in helping other countries transition to completely greenhouse gas neutral economies and bringing about a global Green New Deal.

- Noting that the scope presents a historic opportunity to virtually eliminate poverty in the United States and to make prosperity, wealth and economic security available to everyone participating in the transformation, the Green New Deal should aim to:
  - provide all members of our society, across all regions and all communities, the opportunity, training and education to be a full and equal participant in the transition, including through a job guarantee program to assure a living wage job to every person who wants one;
  - diversify local and regional economies, with a particular focus on communities where the fossil fuel industry holds significant control over the labor market, to ensure workers have the necessary tools, opportunities, and economic assistance to succeed during the energy transition;
  - require strong enforcement of labor, workplace safety, and wage standards that recognize the rights of workers to organize and unionize free of coercion, intimidation, and harassment, and creation of meaningful, quality, career employment;
  - ensure a ‘just transition’ for all workers, low-income communities, communities of color, indigenous communities, rural and urban communities and the front-line communities most affected by climate change, pollution and other environmental harm including by ensuring that local implementation of the transition is led from the community level and by prioritizing solutions that end the harms faced by front-line communities from climate change and environmental pollution;
  - protect and enforce sovereign rights and land rights of tribal nations;
  - mitigate deeply entrenched racial, regional and gender-based inequalities in income and wealth (including, without limitation, ensuring that federal and other investment will be equitably distributed to historically impoverished, low income, deindustrialized or other marginalized communities in such a way that builds wealth and ownership at the community level);
include additional measures such as basic income programs, universal health care programs and any others deemed appropriate to promote economic security, labor market flexibility, and entrepreneurship; and
deploy deeply involve national and local labor unions to take a leadership role in the process of job training and worker deployment.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by ______________ in ______________ on ______________ with a quorum present.

Signed by: ______________________________

Attest: ________________________________
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF CONCORD

WARRANT

FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MARCH 26, 2019

ss. Middlesex

To any of the Constables of the Town of Concord, in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Concord, qualified to vote in elections, to vote at:

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on TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019 FROM 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Town Election for the candidates for the following offices:

- **Town Moderator** .......................................................... One Position for One-Year Term
- **Select Board** ............................................................. Two Positions for Three-Year Terms
- **School Committee** ....................................................... Two Positions for Three-Year Terms
- **Housing Authority** ....................................................... One Position for Five-Year Term
- **Housing Authority Vacancy** ......................................... One Position for Three-Year Term

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of February 2019.

Select Board:

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Constable’s Return of Service

By virtue of posting this Warrant at the Town House and at least one location in each precinct, I have notified the legal voters of the Town of Concord to meet at the times and places and for the purposes within named as directed.

____________________________________   Date
2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING QUESTIONNAIRE

Your feedback is essential – thank you!

Please complete only one Questionnaire per person.

Return to lobby box in lobby at Town Meeting or to Town Clerk’s Office.

1. Please circle the Annual Town Meeting sessions which you attended:
   Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday

2. Please circle the number that best rates your assessment of the ease and efficiency of the following aspects of Annual Town Meeting (include any additional comments in Comments section indicating question (e.g., 2(c)…your comment):
   a. Voter check-in and paper ballot distribution
      Needs Improvement ………………………………………………………………..Excellent
   b. Materials distribution
      Needs Improvement ………………………………………………………………..Excellent
   c. Visual presentations during the Meeting
      Needs Improvement ………………………………………………………………..Excellent
   d. Audio presentations during the Meeting
      Needs Improvement ………………………………………………………………..Excellent
   e. Microphone positioning and queuing for comments from the floor
      Needs Improvement ………………………………………………………………..Excellent
   f. Accessibility accommodations (listening aids, accessible seating & microphones, closed captioning, parking)
      Needs Improvement ………………………………………………………………..Excellent
   e. Information signage in the lobby
      Needs Improvement ………………………………………………………………..Excellent
3. Please circle the number best indicating whether you strongly disagree, somewhat disagree, are neutral, somewhat agree, or strongly agree with the following statements about Town Meeting (include any additional comments in Comments section indicating question (e.g., 3(c)...your comment):

   a. Town Meeting materials posted on the Town’s website are useful, complete, well-organized, and easily accessible.

   1  2  3  4  5
   Strongly Disagree ................................................................. Strongly Agree

   b. Town Meeting makes efficient use of voters’ time.

   1  2  3  4  5
   Strongly Disagree ................................................................. Strongly Agree

   c. Town Meeting currently begins at the optimal time: 7:00 pm.

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   Strongly Disagree ................................................................. Strongly Agree

   d. Town Meeting should begin earlier: at 6:45 pm.

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   Strongly Disagree ................................................................. Strongly Agree

   e. Town Meeting should take up no new business after 10:00 pm, even if staying in session until 11:00 or 11:30 pm would avoid an additional session.

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   Strongly Disagree ................................................................. Strongly Agree

   f. Town Meeting should use PRO and CON microphones for every session.

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   Strongly Disagree ................................................................. Strongly Agree

   g. Town Meeting should use PRO and CON microphones only in sessions including high interest articles.

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   Strongly Disagree ................................................................. Strongly Agree

   h. Town Meeting should not use PRO and CON microphones in any session.

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   Strongly Disagree ................................................................. Strongly Agree
i. Town Meeting should accept questions and comments submitted by email from verified voters watching or listening remotely.

1 2 3 4 5
Strongly Disagree .......................................................... Strongly Agree

j. Town Meeting should consider use of electronic voting at the Meeting in some form if it could save significant time in the counting of votes.

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Strongly Disagree .......................................................... Strongly Agree

k. Town Meeting should consider use of electronic voting at the Meeting in some form because greater confidence in the accuracy of vote counts could be achieved.

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Strongly Disagree .......................................................... Strongly Agree

l. Town Meeting should use electronic voting at the Meeting by distributed clickers transmitting on a secure network for all votes.

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Strongly Disagree .......................................................... Strongly Agree

m. Town Meeting should use electronic voting at the Meeting by distributed clickers transmitting on a secure network for all votes, but only if those voting for and against a motion are asked, in turn, to stand when they click their votes.

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Strongly Disagree .......................................................... Strongly Agree

n. Town Meeting should use electronic voting at the Meeting by distributed clickers transmitting on a secure network only for (1) votes on motions requiring a two thirds or greater vote for passage, and (2) votes requiring a standing count because they were too close for the Moderator to call viewing raised paper ballots.

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Strongly Disagree .......................................................... Strongly Agree

o. If Town Meeting uses electronic voting at the Meeting for any purpose, it should be by means of a secure app downloaded to voter smart phones or tablets (with roving iPads available for use by those without smart phones or tablets) transmitting on a secure network, because the app would offer (1) use by the Town for important push notifications; (2) use by the Town for conducting surveys; and (3) the potential for input or vote by voters watching Town Meeting remotely.

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Strongly Disagree .......................................................... Strongly Agree
Link to 2019 Annual Town Meeting webpage


Link to 2019 Town Meeting Warrant (PDF)

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February 19, 2019

Mr. Paul D Stedman
District 4 Highway Director
Massachusetts Department of Transportation
519 Appleton Street
Arlington, MA 02476

RE: Weight Restriction on existing Route 2 culvert (Bridge # C-19-18)

Dear Mr. Stedman,

The Town of Concord Select Board was encouraged to hear that MassDOT has recently entered a contract with Brox Industries, Inc. on Project # 608478 – Resurfacing and Related Work Including 5 Bridges along a Section of Route 2. In the early stages of review and comment periods for this project, Town of Concord officials and staff requested that the culvert for Nashoba Brook under Route 2, Bridge #: C-19-18 be replaced to accommodate all Route 2 traffic. This has been an ongoing problem that has been brought to the attention of MassDOT since the posting and enforcement of this weight restriction. The Select Board was disappointed that this replacement was not included within this project or added as a separate project prior to the re-surfacing. As you may be aware, this existing reinforced concrete box culvert and the associated weight restriction results in continued negative impacts to the operators of the commercial vehicles along with the residents, and business owners of Concord and Acton. This restriction forces large and heavy commercial vehicles which exceed the weight limit to unnecessarily exit Route 2 in Acton and travel through Acton and West Concord Center via School Street (Acton), Laws Brook Road and Commonwealth Avenue. This has caused unnecessary traffic delays, added wear and tear on local roadways, and even sporadic hazardous situations involving the MBTA rail crossing at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Church Street.

MassDOT has continued to move forward on other projects within close proximity of the culvert, including the construction of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (Project # 606223) and the roadway resurfacing project of Route 2 (Project # 608478) and the Town expresses our sincere appreciation for this however the weight restricted issue remains unresolved. When speaking to MassDOT officials it is our understanding that those projects funding sources do not provide funding for the reconstruction of the culvert. As such, the Select Board respectfully requests that MassDOT prioritize upgrading this culvert to remove the imposed weight restriction.
Again, the Select Board understands and appreciates the funding and construction improvements that MassDOT has directed to the area in recent years which improves the experience for those motorists that travel along Route 2. We are hopeful that MassDOT can address these concerns and prioritize the replacement of this culvert to improve the negative impacts for those directly affected in Concord and Acton.

Respectfully,

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Tom McKean, Chair

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Michael Lawson, Clerk

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Alice Kaufman

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Jane Hotchkiss

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Linda Escobedo

Cc:  Mr. Jonathan Gulliver, Highway Administrator
     Tami Gouveia, State Representative, 14th Middlesex
     Michael Barrett, State Senator, 3rd Middlesex
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