

**ARTICLE 2  
2020 CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mr. Banfield moves: that the 2020 Annual Town Meeting advance for consideration the Articles in the table below: and take action on such Articles without debate on any of such Articles, provided, that upon the request of ten (10) voters at this Meeting, made before the vote is taken on this motion, an Article, or, in the Moderator's discretion, a portion thereof, shall be dropped from the Consent Calendar and shall be acted upon in the ordinary course of business at this Town Meeting.

**Note to Moderator: 2/3 Vote Required**

<b>Article 3</b>	<p><b>MEETING PROCEDURE</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended By:</b> Finance Committee, Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That in order to assure compliance with the requirements of the Mass. Gen. Laws c. 59, § 21C, the Meeting adopt the following Rule of the Meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RULE OF THE MEETING</b></p> <p>1. <u>Articles for appropriations supported from current taxation and/ or available funds.</u> Any motion made under a warrant article or a motion to amend that would increase the appropriation amount over the amount recommended by the Finance Committee and designated by it as the "allocation at Levy Limit," or that would provide for an appropriation where the Finance Committee is recommending NO ACTION, must specify the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the original motion or a motion to amend shall specify the amount of increase over the appropriation recommended by the Finance Committee and the source of funding- whether from available funds, taxation within the levy limit, or contingent upon approval of an override ballot vote following the conclusion of Town Meeting if such ballot is voted by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with state law;</li> <li>b. if the proposed increased appropriation is proposed to be funded from taxation within the levy limit, the original motion or motion to amend shall specify the source of funding as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o a reduction in the appropriation amount already voted under a previous article or within the article currently being considered; or</li> <li>o a maximum amount that may be appropriated within the Levy Limit under a subsequent article in the warrant.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>2. <u>Articles for appropriations supported from borrowing.</u> The Finance Committee shall report to the Meeting summarizing its recommendations for new tax-supported borrowing authority to be offered at this Meeting and for which the debt service is proposed to be funded within the Levy Limit.</p> <p>Any motion made under a warrant article or a motion to amend that would increase the appropriation amount to be met by a borrowing authorization over the amount recommended by the Finance Committee or that would provide for an appropriation to be met by a borrowing authorization where the Finance Committee is recommending NO ACTION, must specify the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The original motion or a motion to amend shall specify the amount of increase over the appropriation recommended by the Finance Committee and shall make the increase contingent upon approval of a debt exclusion or capital outlay exclusion ballot vote following the conclusion of Town Meeting if such ballot is voted by the Select Board in accordance with state law;</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. The original motion or motion to amend shall include a corresponding and offsetting reduction in</li> </ul>
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	<p>another borrowing authorization from among those listed by the Finance Committee, either by a reduction in the amount already voted under a previous article or by setting a maximum amount of debt that may be authorized within the Levy Limit under a subsequent article in the warrant.</p> <p>3. <u>Articles making appropriations to be kept open.</u> Any Article making appropriations shall be kept open until the final adjournment of the Meeting.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> Routine and non-controversial at hearing; the motion is identical to Meeting Procedure motions passed annually and unanimously for more than fifteen years.</p>
Article 4	<p><b>RATIFY PERSONNEL BOARD CLASSIFICATION ACTIONS</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended By:</b> Finance Committee, Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 4 as printed in the Warrant.  <b>Reason:</b> Routine annual ratification action; non-controversial at hearing.</p>
Article 5	<p><b>CLASSIFICATION &amp; COMPENSATION PLAN FOR REGULAR-STATUS POSITIONS</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended By:</b> Finance Committee, Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 5 as printed in the Warrant.  <b>Reason:</b> Routine and non-controversial at hearing</p>
Article 7	<p><b>ACCEPTING PROVISIONS OF MASS. GEN. LAWS C. 32, § 103(J), AS AMENDED BY SECTION 19 OF CHAPTER 188, TO INCREASE THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) BASE</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Finance Committee, Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 7 as printed in the Warrant.  <b>Reason:</b> Non-controversial. Adopts local option to increase the base upon which cost of living increases may be granted to Town retirees, last adjusted in 1997, bringing the Town into line with the over 74% of Massachusetts County, Regional and Municipal legislative authorities that have adopted the option to increase the COLA base.</p>
Article 8	<p><b>USE OF FREE CASH</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Finance Committee, Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town authorize and direct the Assessors to transfer \$1,000,000 from the Certified Free Cash Balance as of June 30, 2019 to reduce the tax levy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.  <b>Reason:</b> Routine transfer of surplus funds to reduce tax levy; non-controversial at hearing. Surplus results from revenue collection exceeding estimates and/or actual expenditures being less than appropriations.</p>
Article 12	<p><b>AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF REVOLVING FUNDS UNDER MASS. GEN. LAWS. C. 44, § 53E1/2</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Finance Committee, Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 12 as printed in the Warrant.  <b>Reason:</b> Routine authorization of annual spending limits for Revolving Funds, expenditures made pursuant to the Town's Revolving Fund Bylaw with the approval of the Town Manager. Non-controversial.</p>
Article 13	<p><b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST BYLAW</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 13 as printed in the Warrant.  <b>Reason:</b> Non-controversial. Carries out the vote of 2019 Annual Town Meeting to establish a Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 44, § 55C by adopting a bylaw to establish the Trust.</p>
Article 14	<p><b>FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Select Board, Finance Committee  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town transfer from the Certified Free Cash Balance as of June 30, 2019 the sum of \$500,000 for the purpose of developing or supporting affordable housing within the Town, to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager on such terms and conditions as the Select Board may determine, including transferring the funds to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund.  <b>Reason:</b> Non-controversial. The proposed transfer follows the 2018 recommendation of the Affordable Housing Funding Committee that the Town appropriate sums from free cash to support affordable housing when the free cash balance is higher than five percent of the annual operating budget, until such time as other means of generating funds to support affordable housing are in place.</p>
Article 17	<p><b>LIGHT PLANT EXPENDITURES &amp; PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Select Board, Finance Committee  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town authorize the income from sales of electricity and from servicing and jobbing during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, together with the balance of operating cash in the Light Plant Fund, to be</p>

	<p>expended under the direction and control of the Town Manager, without further appropriation, for the expenses of the Light Plant for the fiscal year, as defined in Mass. Gen. Laws c. 164, § 57, and/or for other plant extension, enlargements, additions, renewals, and reconstruction.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> Routine annual action; non-controversial at hearing. Authorizes the Light Plant to expend its income for operations and provides for the transfer of \$474,500 from the Operating Fund of the Light Plant to be used by the Board of Assessors to reduce the tax levy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.</p>
Article 18	<p><b>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Select Board, Finance Committee  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 18 as printed in the Warrant.  <b>Reason:</b> Routine annual authorization; non-controversial at hearing. Authorizes the Town Manager to expend user fee revenue from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 and cash on hand in the Solid Waste Disposal Fund to operate the Town's curbside solid waste and recycling collection and disposal program.</p>
Article 19	<p><b>SEWER SYSTEM EXPENDITURES</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Finance Committee, Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 19 as printed in the Warrant.  <b>Reason:</b> Routine annual enterprise fund authorization; non-controversial at hearing. Authorizes the Town Manager to expend user fee revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 and cash on hand in the Sewer Fund for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Town's sewer system.</p>
Article 20	<p><b>SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND EXPENDITURES</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Finance Committee, Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 20 as printed in the Warrant.  <b>Reason:</b> Routine annual action; non-controversial at hearing. The Sewer Improvement Fund is a sub-fund of the Sewer Fund consisting of fees paid by certain properties connecting to the sewer system; the Article authorizes expenditure from the Fund for construction and expansion of sewer lines and treatment facility capacity.</p>
Article 21	<p><b>WATER SYSTEM EXPENDITURES</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Finance Committee, Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 21 as printed in the Warrant.  <b>Reason:</b> Routine annual action; non-controversial at hearing. Authorizes the Town Manager to expend user fee revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 and cash on hand in the Water Fund for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Town's water system.</p>
Article 22	<p><b>AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE FROM PEG ACCESS AND CABLE-RELATED FUND</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Finance Committee, Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town transfer from the PEG Access and Cable-Related Fund the amount of \$376,934 to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for necessary and expedient cable-related purposes consistent with the Comcast licensing agreement.  <b>Reason:</b> Routine transfer; non-controversial at hearing.</p>
Article 23	<p><b>BEEDE SWIM &amp; FITNESS CENTER ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENDITURES</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Finance Committee, Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town appropriate from the Community Pool Enterprise Revenues the sum of \$1,575,000 and appropriate from Retained Earnings the sum of \$772,043 for a total appropriation of \$2,347,043, the amount required for the total operating and capital expenses of the Community Pool Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, in accordance Mass. Gen. Laws c. 44, § 53F½, to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager.  <b>Reason:</b> Routine annual enterprise fund authorization; non-controversial at hearing.</p>
Article 24	<p><b>MINUTEMAN REGIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Finance Committee, Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,258,898 for the necessary and expedient purposes of the Minuteman Regional Technical High School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.  <b>Reason:</b> Non-controversial. Routine ratification of assessment of Concord's share of the annual operating budget for the Minuteman Regional Technical High School District, pursuant to formula set forth in governing regional agreement.</p>
Article 29	<p><b>MIDDLE SCHOOL STABILIZATION FUND</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Finance Committee, Select Board</p>

	<p><b>Motion:</b> That the Town establish a Middle School Building Stabilization Fund as authorized by Mass. Gen. Laws c. 40, § 5B, and transfer from the Certified Free Cash Balance of June 30, 2019 the sum of \$2,000,000 to the fund so established.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> Non-controversial. Concord Middle School buildings will require substantial renovation or replacement in the near future at a significant cost. The stabilization fund created and funded under this article will be used to reduce the annual property tax impact of borrowing necessary for the project.</p>
Article 35	<p><b>ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT - HAMMERHEAD LOT</b></p> <p><b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Select Board</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 36 as printed in the Warrant.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> Non-controversial. Transfers permit granting authority for Hammerhead Lot Special Permit applications from Zoning Board of Appeals to Planning Board, consistent with the views of both boards that the Planning Board is better suited to review and decide upon such applications.</p>

Article 36	<p><b>ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT- RELIEF FROM PARKING REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p><b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Select Board</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 36 as printed in the Warrant, with the inclusion of the words “,if applicable” at the end of Item (a).</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> Non-controversial. Amends the zoning bylaw to add the six criteria that the Planning Board, in its current practice, considers when evaluating requests for relief from parking requirements.</p>
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Article 38	<p><b>ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT – FAIRS, BAZAARS, ANTIQUE SHOWS, SUPPERS AND DANCES</b></p> <p><b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Planning Board, Select Board</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 38 as printed in the Warrant.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> Non-controversial. Amends the zoning bylaw to allow philanthropic organizations seeking to hold fairs, bazaars, suppers, dances and similar events to follow the same review process through which other organizations seeking to hold such events are reviewed.</p>
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Article 39	<p><b>ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT – PROHIBITED USES</b></p> <p><b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Planning Board, Select Board</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 39 as printed in the Warrant.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> Non-controversial. Amends the zoning bylaw to clarify that the Bylaw is not intended to preclude the keeping of a registered, non-residential trailer on the property.</p>
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Article 44	<p><b>COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p> <p><b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Community Preservation Committee, Finance Committee, Select Board</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,960,000 from the Concord Community Preservation Fund, of which \$244,233 shall be appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance as of June 30, 2019 and up to \$1,715,777 shall be appropriated from the projected Fiscal Year 2021 Fund Revenues, in accordance with Mass. Gen. Laws c. 44B, to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager on projects A through J, as printed in Article 44 of the Warrant.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> History of community support; numerous prior public hearings. Appropriates Community Preservation Fund funds to projects recommended by the Community Preservation Committee following a series of public hearings on funding applications by the projects, allocating \$320,000 for Community Housing, \$250,000 for Historic Preservation, \$619,223 for Open Space, \$730,000 for Recreation, and \$40,000 for Administration.</p>
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Item	Project/Description	Category	Sources		Total Amount Recommended
			Prior Year Undesignated Fund Balance	FY21 CPA Fund Revenues	
A	Concord Housing Authority – Commonwealth Avenue Project	Community Housing		\$300,000	\$300,000

	B	Town of Concord Regional Housing Services Program	Community Housing		\$20,000	\$20,000
	C	First Parish in Concord – Restoration and Repaint and Gild Belfry	Historic Preservation		\$75,000	\$75,000
	D	Holy Family Parish – Holy Family Parish Rectory Renovation	Historic Preservation		\$75,000	\$75,000
	E	Friends of Minute Man National Park – Buttrick House Gardens Hardscape Rehabilitation	Historic Preservation		\$100,000	\$100,000
	F	Town of Concord – Gerow park Improvements Phase I	Open Space	\$244,223		\$500,000
			Recreation		\$255,777	
	G	Town of Concord – Warner’s Pond Dredging Project	Open Space		\$250,000	\$500,000
			Recreation		\$250,000	
	H	Town of Concord – Assabet River Pedestrian Bridge Construction Drawings and Permitting	Open Space		\$125,000	\$250,000
			Recreation		\$125,000	
	I	Minute Man Arc for Human Services, Inc. – Accessible Outdoor Oasis Recreation Park for People with Disabilities	Recreation		\$100,000	\$100,000
	J	Staff and Technical Support	Administration		\$40,000	\$40,000
		<b>Total All Projects</b>		<b>\$244,223</b>	<b>\$1,715,777</b>	<b>\$1,960,000</b>
Article 50	<p><b>AUTHORIZE SPECIAL LEGISLATION - ADDITIONAL LIQUOR LICENSES</b>  <b>Affirmative Action Recommended by:</b> Select Board  <b>Motion:</b> That the Town take affirmative action on Article 50 as printed in the Warrant.  <b>Reason:</b> Non-controversial. Authorizes Select Board to request special legislation to ease the Board's administrative burden in processing the over 100 requests for one-day liquor licenses received annually by authorizing the issuance of "general licenses" to be used by locations that regularly host special events, but do not hold an on-premises liquor license.</p>					