

Observer reports

Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors is a five-member body appointed by the Town Manager with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. It is responsible for matters related to property valuation for local tax purposes. The board is also responsible for acting on abatement applications for property overvaluation and exemption applications filed by people who are qualified under State law for exemptions by virtue of being elderly, low income, disabled veterans or blind, or for the Community Preservation Fund Surcharge. State law requires that properties be valued at their "full and fair cash value" every year. Once every three years, the valuation must be certified with an on-site review by the state Department of Revenue (DOR), Bureau of Local Assessment. In the intervening years, the valuation is subject to statistical review and approval by the DOR.

Valuations are established for a Jan. 1 assessment date, based upon the sales data of the preceding calendar year. The analysis of sales occurs during the spring and summer of the year subsequent to the sales year. Then, in accordance with a State law accepted by the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, the assessors value all new construction completed or in progress as of each June 30. Finally, proposed valuations are released in the fall, almost a year past the assessment date. The tax rate is set in Dec., midway through the fiscal year, and the assessed value appears on the third quarter tax bill mailed each Jan. 1, a full year after the assessment date.

The calendar can be summarized as shown in the chart at the bottom of the page.

Four warrant articles are being sponsored by the Board of Assessors at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting:

Article 16: State law allows cities and towns to double the State-set limits on certain statutory property tax exemptions. Approval of Article 13, Property Tax Exemption, effectively doubles the amount of money that may be deducted from the tax bills of qualified applicants. The cost of the increase is carried in the Overlay Account, an account not subject to Town Meeting appropriation but which is part of the budget plan and financed within the levy limit. Since 2001, Town Meeting has voted affirmatively to take this action. In FY08, 124 eligible taxpayers were granted property tax bill reductions totaling about \$100,000. The Finance Committee recommends affirmative action on Article 16. The article is expected to be on the Consent Calendar.

Articles 17, 18 and 19 provide for expanded eligibility criteria for the available property tax exemptions. While no price tag can be established with certainty, the Finance Committee has concluded that these proposals will modestly expand the number of eligible taxpayers, will help to those in verifiable need, and can be afforded by the Town within the budgeted Overlay account for FY10. The Finance Committee recommends affirmative action on these Articles.

Assessment date:	Jan. 1, 2008
Calendar year sales analysis:	Sales occurring in 2007
New construction:	Status as of June 30, 2008
Tax Roll set:	fall 2008
Tax rate set:	December 2008
For tax year:	FY09 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)

Board of Health

There are five members on the Board of Health, appointed for three-year terms by the Town Manager. The Board promotes, enacts, and enforces health rules and regulations in accordance with local bylaws and State law, and it is responsible for the overall stewardship of the public health of the Town.

Staff support for the Board is provided by four full-time employees in the Health Division. The employees are responsible for enforcing local and State statutes and regulations affecting public health. Their work includes:

- Reviewing site plans for septic systems and issuing sanitation reports;
- Inspecting restaurants, summer camps, beaches and pools, and hazmat storage sites;
- Responding to public health issues as they arise.

In addition, the Health Division provides staff support to the Lincoln and Carlisle Boards of Health on a contract basis.

The annual appropriation for operating the Health Division is contained in the Town Manager's budget (line 5E, Article 8). The

FY10 budget recommendation maintains current staff levels and continues funding for the town's mosquito monitoring and control program and for public health nursing services. It also includes continued funding for the development of a public health emergency preparedness and response infrastructure to compliment other emergency response initiatives within the Town.

The Board of Health is sponsoring *Article 42*, which will authorize the Town to borrow up to \$2,000,000 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust in order to provide low-interest betterment loans to homeowners who need to replace or repair failed septic systems. This is a continuation of a program first authorized by the 2004 Town Meeting. The original program has been quite successful, allowing about 60 homeowners to borrow up to \$20,000 at a low interest rate of 2% over a 10-year term. Under the renewed program, the loan limit will be raised to \$30,000, again at 2% and over a 10-year term. It is anticipated that these funds will assist up to 75 homeowners with failed septic systems.

Concord Municipal Light Plant

Overview of CMLP

The Concord Municipal Light Plant (CMLP), established in 1898, is one of 40 municipally owned electric utilities within Massachusetts. Audited financial reports of CMLP are filed with the Mass. Department of Public Utilities on a calendar-year basis. CMLP's municipal ownership is important to Concord residents because it provides the Town with more stable rates and better service at a lower cost than neighboring towns.

CMLP is a Town department overseen by the Concord Municipal Light Board. The

Town Manager, pursuant to the provisions of the Town Charter, serves as the General Manager of CMLP, hires the director and appoints the Light Board members. CMLP stewardship with oversight by the Light Board ranges from department operations to holding rate-setting hearings. CMLP's financial results for the previous calendar year are included in the Town's financial statements for the Town's June 30 fiscal year. All administrative financial and human resources functions are performed by the Town Finance and personnel offices, with cost allocated to CMLP.

CMLP purchases power from outside suppliers and re-sells it to approximately 7,600 residential, commercial, and industrial customers and public agencies in Town. CMLP's supplier since 2002 has been Constellation Energy Commodities Group, formerly Constellation Power Source, under a 7-year contract at favorable rates. For 2008, the cost of purchased power is projected to represent about 74% of the total CMLP Operations and Maintenance expense.

CMLP owns and maintains all buildings and infrastructure within the Town borders having to do with delivering electricity: headquarters, substations, wires and cables. Coordinating with other Town departments and as required by Town bylaws, CMLP is installing conduit for underground wiring to replace older above-ground facilities.

CMLP is structured as an Enterprise Fund. It is entirely self-supporting and requires no tax money. CMLP pays an administrative fee to the Town to cover the cost of CMLP's use of Town resources; the FY10 budgeted administrative fee is about \$320,000. CMLP also makes an annual transfer to the General Fund as a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). This payment is based on the same formula used to calculate the property tax for investor-owned utilities in the State, and is based on net plant value times the property tax rate. The FY10 budgeted PILOT is \$355,000 (Article 21).

Capital expenses may be bonded by the issuance of Town bonds, which are supported by the Town's credit rating and backed by the Town, but dependent on CMLP revenues for interest and principal retirement payments. CMLP maintains its own budget and set of accounts, but all receipts and disbursements as well as the issuance of utility bills are handled by the Town Finance Department. There is a separate Finance Committee public hearing for this

and all other Enterprise Funds prior to Town Meeting.

CMLP bonds outstanding at Dec. 31, 2008 totaled \$2,990,000. The FY10 budget proposes new bond financing of \$4,500,000 for SmartGrid infrastructure development (Article 20).

Overview of Calendar Year 2008 (CY08)

Financial Results:

Sales for 2008 were 179,579 MWH, compared to 181,689 MWH in 2007. This is a decrease of about 1.1 percent. Revenues from sales of electricity increased from \$19,435,300 in 2007 to \$20,250,144 in 2008. After expenses, the net income from operations was \$771,979 for 2007 vs. \$840,000 for 2008. The results for 2008 are an estimate and exclude any effect of unbilled sales and audit adjustments.

Recent Customer Survey:

96.4% of CMLP customers provided a strong overall positive rating for "their electric company", first in overall rating six other organizations. Most felt it important that their electric company be locally owned and operated.

87% see the newsletter LightLines included with their bills, as their most important source of information from the CMLP and ways to reduce energy consumption. For example: 50% reported being aware of a rate discount offered to customers who heat their homes and/or tap water with electric thermal storage heating; and 43% reported being interested in using the CMLP website to pay their electric bills.

39% are aware of the pending rate increases of between 5% and 10% for each of the next four years due to market conditions.

69% agreed that CMLP should support and sponsor community activities; however, 70% felt it is equally important to keep electric rates low, minimize environmental impact and maintain reliable service.

Rate Relief Funds

CMLP provides support for low-income individuals or families who qualify for a discount electricity rate of 50% on the first 500 kilowatt-hours per month. About 85 people qualify for discounts totaling about \$35,000 for 2008. CMLP also increased its annual contribution to the Hugh Cargill Trust from \$16,000 to \$20,000 for 2008.

System Improvement

Underground Cabling:

The Light Plant continues to actively convert overhead electric facilities to underground as required by Town by-law. It also continues to replace and upgrade existing underground facilities that have reached the end of their useful life.

Preparing for the Future CY10 and Beyond

Future Power Supply

The major challenge of CMLP is to find alternative power supplies for the period starting Oct. 2009. The CMLP current power supply contract with Constellation Energy that affords Concord a below market cost supply of electricity ends at the end of Sept. 2009. Transition to new supplies will result in expected higher rates associated with new contracts.

CMLP is aggressively pursuing alternative wholesale power generation sources from diversified sources to supplement and/or replace its existing supply. These include: Russell Wood Fired Plant, Brockton gas generation plant, and municipal projects in Taunton and Braintree. A contract was signed with Morgan Stanley to provide energy from Oct. 2009 through 2012, and a longer-term contract has been signed with Braintree. In addition, contracts for capac-

ity only (no energy) have been signed with Dominion Energy Marketing, Inc. (6/1/10 – 5/31/15) and Public service Electric and Gas (6/1/11 to 5/31/17). With the help of their consultants, CMLP staff continues to look at other viable projects.

It is estimated that CMLP's power usage for the 2009-2012 period will be about 190 million kWh per year: 100 million kWh will be provided under the Morgan Stanley contract; about 30 million kWh will come from the Braintree contract; and the remaining 60 million kWh will either come from the spot market, other sources or short term contracts.

Stabilization Fund

CMLP has established a Stabilization Fund to buffer future rate increases after the Constellation contract expires Sept. 2009. In addition, increased fuel and transmission costs are driving up the market rate of electricity so that future rates after 2009 are very likely to be substantially above CMLP's current contract rates.

Sustainable Energy and Conservation

Additionally, CMLP is seeking power from sustainable energy sources such as the Acton Hydro Dam project, the Berkshire Wind Farm and other hydro and wind projects.

CMLP had a budget for energy services and conservation of \$320,000 for 2008. Energy services include: energy conservation promotions, rebates and audits, light bulb rebates, funding of weatherization efforts led by Concord Conserves, electro thermal storage heat rebates, key account energy audits, residential conservation services, electric safety school programs, and a new web sites aimed at energy conservation and electric safety. CMLP is also sponsoring two solar PV demonstration projects. New programs continue to be developed.

Telecommunication Proposal

In 2002, the Telecommunications Study Committee reported to the Board of Selectmen proposing a municipally owned telecommunications network under which CMLP would offer cable television and other services to Concord customers.

Authorization to provide television was approved at Town Meetings in 2003 and 2004. This approval does not require CMLP to act, but authorizes it to do so only if investigation indicates that it is a desirable and viable program. Other telecommunications services such as the internet do not require such a vote.

During 2006, CMLP issued a Request for Proposals to find a partner to help establish a Broadband over Power Line (BPL) telecommunications system to provide internet and voice over IP telephone services to residents and businesses in town. After evaluating the proposals received and selecting a potential partner, the partner was unsuccessful in developing a business case that was satisfactory to CMLP.

As a result of the above, CMLP established a prototype pilot study as part of the Smart-Grid Project using BPL to control customers usage such as electric heating, hot water or air conditioning, and to deliver internet access for those not able to access internet services (DSL is not available in this area). The study demonstrated that the SmartGrid devices worked but concluded that BPL was not a reliable enough technology for the delivery of internet services.

Fiber Optic Networks

In 2004, CMLP completed a fiber optics communications ring linking Town buildings. This ring provides redundant service to most of Town buildings and is a significant improvement over the old fiber optics system that had been in use since the early 1990s. CMLP also installed a dark fiber optic cable linking the seven schools, providing them with a more reliable, modern

and cost effective telecommunications network. The schools lease these facilities. It should be noted that the Smart-Grid system discussed below will use an extensive fiber optics network which will be a separate expansion of the existing network.

Smart Grid

The telecommunications proposal approval and the Town fiber optic network were the first steps in a longer-term vision for a smart grid.

The term Smart Grid represents a vision for a digital upgrade of distribution and transmission grids to both optimize current operations and open new markets for alternative energy production. A smart grid delivers electricity from suppliers to consumers using digital technology to save energy and cost. Such a modernized network is being promoted by the government as a way of addressing energy independence and global warming issues.

Specifically, a Smart Grid uses robust two-way communications, advanced sensors, and distributed computing technology to improve the efficiency, reliability and safety of power delivery and use. Smart grid features provide demand management to expand energy efficiency beyond the grid into the home by coordinating low priority home devices such as water heaters so that their use of power takes advantage of lower cost energy sources. Smart Grids can also coordinate the production of power from small power producers such as owners of rooftop solar panels. A major benefit is to reduce power consumption at the consumer side during peak hours. Smart grid will give CMLP better supervisory control of the system. For example, when outages occur CMLP will be able to locate them more precisely and quickly through sensor monitors on the system rather than physical inspection.

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CMLP will also be able to more closely monitor the power factor and efficiency of larger users and the system as a whole.

Technology is changing rapidly in the energy field for demand management, network control and energy conservation. Future customer usage will place new demands on CMLP. For example, as new plug-in hybrid electric cars become available, a smart grid system will allow CMLP to control and cycle the charging throughout the night in order to manage peak demand.

Warrant Articles for Town Meeting

Article 20. Light Plant Deployment of Smart Grid

To determine whether the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow by the issuance of bonds or notes under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 8(8) of the Massachusetts General Laws and Acts, the sum of \$4,500,000 or any other sum to be repaid from revenues of the Light Plant, said monies to be expended under the direction and control of the Town Manager for the purpose of designing, purchasing and installing a smart

grid system which will, among other things, improve energy conservation in the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. Light Plant Payment In Lieu Of Taxes

To determine whether the Town will vote to authorize a transfer of \$355,000, or any other sum, 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, 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 22. Light Plant Expenditures

To determine whether the Town will vote that the income from sales of electricity and from servicing and jobbing during the ensuing fiscal year together with the balance of operating cash in the Light Plant Fund, be expended without further appropriation under the direction and control of the Town Manager for the expenses of the Light Plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Acts, and amendments thereof and additions thereto; and/or for other plant extensions, enlargements, additions, renewals and reconstruction, or take any other action relative thereto.

Public Works Commission

The Public Works Commission consists of five members appointed by the Town Manager for staggered three-year terms. The Commission advises the Town Manager, the director of Concord Public Works (CPW), the Planning Board, and other Town boards on matters that concern Town water, sewerage, solid waste, drainage and roads. The Commission is responsible for setting policy and rates schedules for water, sewer, and solid waste services, and approves minimum standards for, and the final layout of town roads.

Articles for Town Meeting

Article 8

The annual budget for operating CPW is contained in the Town Manager's budget (items 17 to 23 of Article 8). The FY10 recommendation of \$3,341,601, which is 10.5% of the Town Budget, represents a 1.2% increase over FY09. The highlights of the FY10 recommendations include:

Administration: (Item 17A)

a 0.2% decrease in operating cost.

The Solid Waste Fund credit supports 50%

of one of the division's senior administration assistant position. A second administration assistant previously spent five hours a week working on the Town's web site. Now this position is to be fully funded by the Administration division. The Town's Information System Division (Item 9) will assume website development responsibilities.

Engineering: (Item 17B)

a 0.7% decrease in operating cost

Major elements in Purchased services are \$16,000 for groundwater and soil gas monitoring expenses at the Landfill site (this was formerly in the Solid Waste Fund budget) and \$24,000 for computer software maintenance and training related to the Geographic Information System (GIS). The Capital Outlay budget includes \$20,000 for traffic signal replacement, and \$20,000 for continued GIS application development.

Highway Maintenance: (Item 17C)

a 0.1% increase in operating cost.

Expected increases in the wages for full-time employees have been offset by the elimination of temporary help and reduction in overtime and police details. Fuel cost rose \$9,500 but there was a decrease of \$6,950 for crack-sealing and infrared patching.

Other support is provided by the Water and Sewer Fund for fleet maintenance and trenching activities (\$19,322) and by the Solid Waste Fund for Drop-Off Day assistance (\$2,120). The catch basin cleaning budget remains the same as last year but fewer are cleaned because of an increase in the cost of disposal.

Parks & Trees: (Item 17D)

a 6.6% increase in operating cost.

This increase was partially caused by an oversight in the FY09 budgets. Without that oversight the increase would be 4.1%. The Light Fund covers part of the

increase, for tree-trimming services. A private sports organization, The Friends of Concord Fields provides \$50,000 to cover the maintenance of the multi-purpose fields. Other expenses are partially supported by \$30,000 from the Recreation Fund and the school budget.

Cemetery: (Item 17E)

a 3.5% increase in operating cost.

The Cemetery Fund provides 65%, the General Fund 35% of the operating cost. The Cemetery Fund covers 100% of the capital costs.

Snow & Ice Removal: (Item 18)

a 0.7% increase in operating cost.

The recommended appropriation based on a 10-year average of actual expenditures would be of \$500,391. But due to budget constraints only \$455,000 is recommended. The increase in the cost of salt (25% higher than FY08) has added to costs. Salt is about 30% of the total winter maintenance expenditures. The cost of snow and ice removal is highly variable, but the Town has had two consecutive high-cost years. Current year expense has exceeded \$700,000, and the deficit is being funded within the recommended FY2010 budget plan. This is the only account that can lawfully exceed the annual appropriation, but any deficit must be raised in the next year's tax levy.

Street Lighting: (Item 19)

a 2.4% increase in operating cost.

This increase is due to a higher cost of electricity. But the Town is using less energy due to new bulbs and new energy-efficient LED lights for the holiday lighting.

CPW Equipment: (Item 20)

no increase in operating cost.

All the costs are capital costs. This year the Town will add a 10-ton and 1.25-

ton dump truck and a street sweeper. The recommended appropriation is consistent with the annual reinvestment needed to maintain vehicle inventory.

Drainage Program: (Item 21) a 95.2% increase over FY09 in operating cost

This is to restore funding to the FY08 and long-term needed level. The current year budget had been reduced in order to allocate funding to repair of a retaining wall at Damon Mill and Rt. 62.

The FY10 program will include:

- Design of the Spencer Brook and Westford Road culvert replacement;
- Completion of the Mill Brook Culvert;
- Town-wide culvert inventory;
- Reconstruction of the Wheeler Road culvert;
- Drainage improvements on Plainfield Rd., Academy Lane, and Whittemore St.

Article 31

Sidewalk Management: (Item 22)

This is a \$10,000 increase over FY09, totaling \$100,000 for maintenance of the existing sidewalk network. The backlog of sidewalk extension requests will be addressed through Article 31. The article asks for \$250,000 in a borrowing authorization.

133/135 Keyes Road: (Item 23)

a 1.3% decrease in operating cost.

A decrease of \$5,105 in electricity and natural gas estimates account for most of the reductions.

Article 41

to study Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Town continues to study the problems of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant is limited to treating and discharging 1.2 million gallons per day (mgd). That limit has been reached (with current and committed connections).

Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission is appointed by the Town Manager and is responsible for setting policy directions for the Concord Recreation Department. The Recreation Department operates a number of programs that meet the year-round interests of the community. Major services include preschool and after-school care serving children between the ages of three and 11, summer activities including day camp that serves over 600 children, sports programs for children and adults, and swim and exercise programs at the Beede Swim and Fitness Center. The programs and their operations follow.

The Beede Center

The Beede Center is operated as the Swim and Fitness Enterprise Fund, established

by a Town Meeting vote in 2005. As an Enterprise Fund, the Beede Center has an accounting structure whereby membership fees and other income support all expenses. The structure allows the center to depreciate its assets and build up capital reserves for routine maintenance and future capital expenses. This allows the Town to operate the enterprise with no tax support.

Now in its third year, the center continues to be a vital and popular community resource. Membership remains strong with a high percentage of renewals. New members continue to join and guest visits are very popular. For the last half of calendar 2008 swim and fitness revenue and volume exceeded that in the same period of 2007. Under the management of the Recreation

Department, the center has monitored and adjusted programming to address client demand and to operate in a fiscally responsible manner. The community is fortunate to have this resource and the Finance Committee is grateful to all who have made this possible.

The Enterprise Fund budget for the Beede Center is Article 28 on the Warrant for Town Meeting.

Child and Adult Recreation Programs

Child care services sponsored by the Recreation Department include the Carousel Preschool operated at the Harvey Wheeler center and after school and school vacation care operated at the Harvey Wheeler and at the Hunt Gym. In addition, the Recreation Department runs a summer day camp program at the Hunt Gym and on Emerson Field. User fees support these services and the department offers scholarships to families in need. Funding for the scholarships is raised annually from individuals and organizations including the Concord Carlisle Community Chest, the Lions Club and the DiGiovanni Family Trust, which is managed by the Trustees of Town Donations. The Concord Open Golf Tournament, held at Nashawtuc Country Club, raised over \$40,000 for the scholarship fund. Other community events such as the Shamrock Ball also

contribute to the scholarship fund. This year \$107,000 was raised for summer scholarships.

The Recreation Department organizes and supports several popular community wide events including the Fourth of July Picnic in the Park and Minuteman Classic Road Race, the West Concord Family Festival Parade and the Concord Carlisle Community Chest Triathlon. In addition to its own programming the Recreation Department works with other sports organizations in Concord to provide and coordinate space on the playing fields.

This year the Recreation Department took on the role of scheduling users of the new playing fields behind Concord-Carlisle Regional High School. In addition, the Town and the Friends of Concord Carlisle Playing Fields signed an agreement outlining the obligation of each party regarding field maintenance.

At Emerson Field the Recreation Department has completed the resurfacing of the track and will soon complete the installation of new playground equipment.

The proposed budget for administration and maintenance of the Hunt Gym and 105 Everett Street are included in the Town Manager's budget. Recreation programs are self-supporting and are funded through user fees.

Consent calendar

Article 2

Mr. Birge moves: that the 2009 Annual Town Meeting advance for consideration Articles 5, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 51 and take action on such Articles without debate on any of such Articles, *provided* that upon the request of five voters at this Meeting, made before the vote is taken on this motion, an Article shall be dropped from the Consent Calendar and shall be acted upon in the ordinary course of business at this Town Meeting.

Article 5

Ratify Personnel Board Classification Actions

Affirmative Action Recommended By:

Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and Personnel Board

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 5 (1) as printed in the Warrant, based on (2) there having been no other changes voted by the Personnel Board between Jan. 5, 2009 and April 27, 2009.

Reason: routine and non-controversial

Article 16

Property Tax Exemption

Affirmative Action Recommended By:

Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 16 as printed in the Warrant.

Reason: routine (voted last year on consent calendar)

Article 21

Light Plant Payment in Lieu of Taxes

Affirmative Action Recommended by:

Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and Light Board

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 21 as printed in the Warrant in the amount of \$355,000.

Reason: routine (voted last year on consent calendar)

Article
22

Light Plant Expenditures

Affirmative Action Recommended by:

Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and Light Board

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 22 as printed in the Warrant.

Reason: routine (Enterprise Fund, voted last year on consent calendar)

Article
23

Road Repair Revolving Fund Expenditures

Affirmative Action Recommended By:

Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Public Works Commission

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 23 as printed in the Warrant, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

Reason: routine (revolving fund, voted last year on consent calendar)

Article
24

Solid Waste Disposal Fund Expenditures

Affirmative Action Recommended by:

Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Public Works Commission

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 24 as printed in the Warrant.

Reason: Routine (enterprise fund, voted previously on consent calendar)

Article
26

Sewer Improvement Fund Expenditures

Affirmative Action Recommended by:

Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Public Works Commission

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 26 as printed in the Warrant.

Reason: routine (enterprise fund, voted last year on consent calendar)

Article
27

Water System Expenditures

Affirmative Action Recommended by:

Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Public Works Commission

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 27 as printed in the Warrant.

Reason: routine (enterprise fund, voted last year on consent calendar)

Article
51

Grant of Access Easement to Concord Housing Authority for access to Bedford Street Property

Affirmative Action Recommended By:

Board of Selectmen and Concord Housing Authority

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 51 as printed in the Warrant.

Reason: non-controversial agreement between two town agencies.