

Consent Calendar

To be moved under Article 2 from the Moderator Ned Perry.

In order to make the time available to Town Meeting more productive, we will continue the use of a Consent Calendar. There are a number of Warrant Articles for which past experience suggests that the action will be routine, non-controversial and predictable.

At the start of Town Meeting, a motion will be made to take up all of these articles out of their sequence in the Warrant and act upon them without debate, in accordance with the motion appended to each (see below). Any five voters may have an article dropped from the Consent Calendar and handled in the usual way. Because the purpose of the Consent Calendar motion is to expedite action, I will not entertain questions about the substance of the articles on the Consent Calendar motion. If a voter has questions or wishes to have an article handled in the usual way, the procedure is to ask that the article be dropped from the Consent Calendar. If four additional voters agree, the article will be dropped from the Consent Calendar and dealt with in the normal course as we go through the Warrant.

Article 2 Consent calendar

Ms. Bates moves: that the 2007 Annual Town Meeting advance for consideration Articles 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28 and 44 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

9

Hours of Work

Affirmative Action Recommended By:

Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and Personnel Board

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 9 as printed in the Warrant

Reason: non-controversial, conforming Personnel Bylaw with Fair Labor Standards Act.

Article

15

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 15 as printed in the Warrant.

Reason: routine (voted last year on consent calendar)

Article

16

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 16 as printed in the Warrant in the amount of \$340,000.

Reason: routine (voted in previous year on consent calendar)

- Article 17 **Light Plant Expenditures**
Affirmative Action Recommended by:
 Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and Light Board
Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 17 as printed in the Warrant.
Reason: routine (enterprise fund, voted last year on consent calendar)
- Article 18 **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 18 as printed in the Warrant, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.
Reason: routine (revolving fund, voted last year on consent calendar)
- Article 19 **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 19 as printed in the Warrant.
Reason: routine (enterprise fund, voted last year on consent calendar)
- Article 20 **Sewer System Expenditures**
Affirmative Action Recommended by:
 Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Public Works Commission
Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 20 as printed in the Warrant.
Reason: routine (enterprise fund, voted last year on consent calendar)
- Article 21 **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 21 as printed in the Warrant.
Reason: routine (enterprise fund, voted last year on consent calendar)
- Article 22 **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 22 as printed in the Warrant.
Reason: routine (enterprise fund, voted last year on consent calendar)

Article**28****Ambulance Replacement****Affirmative Action Recommended by:**

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen

Motion: Mr. Whelan moves: that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$195,000 to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the purchase of a replacement ambulance including the cost of associated equipment and other costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow \$195,000 under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(9).

Note to Moderator: 2/3 vote required

Reason: This Article will allow the fire department to purchase a new ambulance to replace the old ambulance given to the Town by Bob Moran in 2002 with an expectation of providing 8 years of service. It has responded to over 7,500 emergency calls and tallied over 69,000 road miles. The ambulance will allow for expanded storage of emergency medical, technical and rescue equipment.

Article**44****Motor Boat Bylaw Amendment****Affirmative Action Recommended by:**

Board of Selectmen

Motion: Ms. McIntyre moves: that the Town vote to take affirmative action on Article 44 as printed in the Warrant.

Reason: non-controversial amendment to a town bylaw.