

# Consent Calendar

To be moved under Article 2

From the Moderator, Ned Perry

**I**n 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

**M**r. Russell Prior moves: that the 2006 Annual Town Meeting advance for consideration Articles 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 52, 53, 58, 62, 63 and 64 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 14      Property Tax Exemption**

**Affirmative Action Recommended By:** Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors

**Motion:** that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, and further to act under the aforesaid statutes to increase by 100% the amount of property tax exemption granted to persons who qualify for said exemption under Clauses 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37A and 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Mass. General Laws and Acts and Amendments thereof or additions thereto.

**Reason:** routine, deleting statutory references from the Article as printed in the Warrant that don't pertain to Concord (voted last year on consent calendar)

**Article 19      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 19 as printed in the Warrant in the amount of \$340,000.

**Reason:** routine (voted last year on consent calendar)

- Article 20**      **Light Plant Expenditures**  
**Affirmative Action Recommended by:** Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and Light Board  
**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**      **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 21 as printed in the Warrant, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.  
**Reason:** routine (revolving fund, voted last year on consent calendar)
- Article 22**      **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 22 as printed in the Warrant.  
**Reason:** routine (enterprise fund, voted last year on consent calendar)
- Article 23**      **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 23 as printed in the Warrant.  
**Reason:** routine (enterprise fund, voted last year on consent calendar)
- Article 24**      **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 24 as printed in the Warrant.  
**Reason:** routine (enterprise fund, voted last year on consent calendar)
- Article 25**      **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 25 as printed in the Warrant.  
**Reason:** routine (enterprise fund, voted last year on consent calendar)
- Article 52**      **Fire Engine #8 Replacement**  
**Affirmative Action Recommended by:** Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen  
**Motion:** Mr. Whelan moves: that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$420,000 to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the purchase of Fire Department equipment—replacement of Engine 8 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 \$420,000 under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(9).  
**Reason:** Non-controversial and outcome predictable (Replacement of Engine #8, which has been in service for 20 years, is necessary for public safety).

- Article 53**      **Hunt Gymnasium Roof Replacement**  
**Affirmative Action Recommended by:** Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen  
**Motion:** Mr. Whelan moves: that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for extraordinary repairs to the Hunt Gymnasium roof 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 \$75,000 under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(3A).  
**Reason:** Non-controversial and outcome predictable (roof repair necessary to preserve Town asset).
- Article 58**      **Debt Rescission**  
**Affirmative Action Recommended by:** Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen  
**Motion:** Mr. Whelan moves: that the Town vote to take affirmative action under Article 58 as printed in the Warrant.  
**Reason:** Routine (annual clean up of unused borrowing power).
- Article 62**      **Rescission of Bicycle and Town Audit Bylaws**  
**Affirmative Action Recommended by:** Board of Selectmen  
**Motion:** Mr. Lauer moves: that the Town vote to take affirmative action under Article 62 as printed in the Warrant.  
**Reason:** Non-controversial (rescission of two Town bylaws that are obsolete and no longer applicable).
- Article 63**      **Amendments to the Trash Pickup Bylaw and the Regulation of Vehicles Bylaw**  
**Affirmative Action Recommended by:** Board of Selectmen  
**Motion:** Mr. Lauer moves: that the Town vote to take affirmative action under Article 63 as printed in the Warrant.  
**Reason:** Non-controversial (conforming two Town bylaws to current circumstances).
- Article 64**      **Amendments to make Town Bylaws Conform to the Non-Criminal Disposition of Violations Bylaw**  
**Affirmative Action Recommended by:** Board of Selectmen  
**Motion:** Mr. Lauer moves: that the Town vote to take affirmative action under Article 64 as printed in the Warrant.  
**Reason:** Non-controversial (conforms the text of 18 bylaws to refer to schedule of fines and penalties).