



Consent Calendar

Ms. Briggs moves: that the 2023 Annual Town Meeting advance for consideration and take affirmative action upon the Articles printed in Appendix 5 of the 2023 Finance Committee Report as the 2023 Consent Calendar without debate, provided that upon request by ten voters at the 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 taken up in the ordinary course of business at this Meeting.



ARTICLE 2. Hear Reports

Motion: That the Town accept the 2022 Annual Report

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board

Reason: Routine, non-controversial action



ARTICLE 3. Meeting Procedure

Motion: That in order to assure compliance with the requirements of Mass. Gen. Laws c. 59, § 21C, the Meeting adopt the Rule of the Meeting as printed in the Consent Calendar in the Finance Committee Report

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Reason: Routine, non-controversial action; identical to Meeting Procedure motions passed annually for more than fifteen years



ARTICLE 4. Ratify Personnel Board Classification Actions

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 4 as printed in the Warrant, with the following additional changes to the Classification and Compensation Plan voted by the Personnel Board between January 4, 2023 and April 30, 2023:

1. Add the title “Environmental Health & Safety Manager” to Grade MP-4, effective 2/8/2023
2. Add the title “Administrative & Operations Supervisor” to Grade MP-2 effective 2/8/2023



ARTICLE 4. Ratify Personnel Board Classification Actions (con't)

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Personnel Board, Select Board

Reason: Routine, annual ratification action; non-controversial at hearing



ARTICLE 7. Use of Free Cash

Motion: That the Town authorize and direct the Assessors to transfer \$1,000,000 from the certified Free Cash Balance as of June 30, 2023 to reduce the tax levy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Reason: Routine transfer of surplus funds to reduce the tax levy; non-controversial at hearing. Surplus results from revenue collection exceeding estimates and/or actual expenditures being less than appropriations.



ARTICLE 12. OPEB Trust Fund Appropriation

Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate \$1,364,608; and transfer \$85,275 from the Light Fund and \$17,698 from the Broadband fund; for a total appropriation of \$1,467,851 to fund the Town's FY24 contribution to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB Trust) established under Mass. Gen. Laws. c. 32B, § 20.

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board



ARTICLE 12. OPEB Trust Fund Appropriation (con't)

Reason: Routine General Fund appropriation and Enterprise Fund transfer to meet the Town's OPEB obligations made in prior years as part of the Town's Budget article, now being appropriated for all funds (General, Enterprise, and Other) in a stand-alone article consistent with best practice as recommended by the Town's auditors and MA Department of Revenue; non-controversial at hearing.



ARTICLE 13. OPEB Trust Fund Expense

Motion: That the Town appropriate \$275,000 from the OPEB Trust Fund established under Mass. Gen. Laws c. 32B, § 20 for FY23 OPEB Trust Fund expenses.

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; routine action authorizing payment of OPEB Fund expenses directly from the Fund instead of by deduction from Fund earnings, as recommended by the Town's financial advisors.



ARTICLE 14. Appropriation of Opioid Settlement Funds Received from State Settlement Fund

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 14 as printed in the Warrant.

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; necessary action to enable Town to use for permissible programs the sum of \$77,362.88 received from the Massachusetts opioid settlement fund.



ARTICLE 20. Appropriation to Middle School Stabilization Fund

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 20 as printed in the Warrant.

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, Concord Public Schools Committee

Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; recurring action to distribute over time the impact on the tax levy of the Middle School Building Project; transfers a total of \$1,000,000, including \$750,00 from the Overlay Surplus and \$250,000 from Free Cash, to the Middle School Stabilization Fund.



ARTICLE 24. Light Plant Expenditures and Payment in Lieu of Taxes

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 24 as printed in the Consent Calendar included in the Finance Committee Report.

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Reason: Routine annual action; non-controversial at hearing; authorizes the Light Plant to expend its income for operations and provides for transfer of \$459,000 from the Light Plant Operating Fund to be used by the Board of Assessors to reduce the tax levy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.



ARTICLE 27. Community Preservation Act: Rescind and Reappropriate Funds

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

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Community Preservation Committee, Select Board

Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; action to rescind previous appropriation of \$250,000 in CPA funds to the now cancelled Junction Village Open Space project and to transfer those funds to the CPC Open Space Reserve Fund to be held for future appropriation.



ARTICLE 28. Community Preservation Act Appropriation Recommendation – Concord Municipal Affordable Housing Trust

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 28 as printed in the Warrant.

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Community Preservation Committee,
Select Board



ARTICLE 28. Community Preservation Act Appropriation Recommendation – Concord Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (con't)

Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; action to transfer from CPA Community Housing Reserve Fund to CMAHT the sum of \$1,044,255.76; prior appropriation of these funds to the now-canceled Junction Village project was rescinded and transferred to the CPA Community Housing Reserve Fund by 2023 Special Town Meeting; action under Article 28 makes the funds available for future community housing projects identified by CMAHT in accordance with adopted policies.



ARTICLE 29. Transfer of Housing Funds

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 29 as printed in the Warrant.

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; action to transfer prior appropriation of \$1,000,000 by 2017 Annual Town Meeting to the now-canceled Junction Village project to the Concord Municipal Housing Trust, making the funds available for future community housing projects identified by CMAHT in accordance with adopted policies.



ARTICLE 32. Demolition Review General Bylaw Amendment

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 32 as printed in the Warrant.

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board, Historical Commission

Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; increases from 45 to 60 days the time allowed to the Historical Commission to hold a hearing under the bylaw in order to align the time period with new legal notice publication deadlines established by the local newspaper.



ARTICLE 38. Solid Waste Disposal Fund Expenditures

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 38 as printed in the Warrant.

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Reason: Routine annual action; non-controversial at hearing; authorizes the Town Manager to expend user fee revenue from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and cash on hand in the Solid Waste Disposal Fund to operate the Town's curbside solid waste and recycling collection and disposal program.



ARTICLE 39. Sewer System Expenditures

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 39 as printed in the Warrant.

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Reason: Routine annual action; non-controversial at hearing; authorizes the Town Manager to expend user fee revenue from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and cash on hand in the Sewer Fund for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Town's sewer system.



ARTICLE 40. Sewer Improvement Fund Expenditures

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 40 as printed in the Warrant.

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Reason: 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.



ARTICLE 41. Water System Expenditures

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 41 as printed in the Warrant.

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Reason: Routine annual action; non-controversial at hearing. Authorizes the Town Manager to expend user fee revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and cash on hand in the Water Fund for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Town's water system.



ARTICLE 42. Authorize Expenditure from PEG Access and Cable-Related Fund

Motion: That the Town transfer from the PEG Access and Cable-Related Fund the amount of \$537,557 to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for necessary and expedient cable-related purposes consistent with the Comcast licensing agreement during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, PEG Access Committee

Reason: Routine annual transfer; non-controversial at hearing.



ARTICLE 44. Authorize Expenditure of Revolving Funds Under Mass. Gen. Laws c. 44, § 53E 1/2

Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 44 as printed in the Warrant

Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Reason: 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 at hearing.



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