

**MOTION TO ADVANCE FOR CONSIDERATION AND TAKE ACTION ON
CERTAIN ARTICLES WITHOUT DEBATE
(2024 CONSENT CALENDAR)**

Mr. Patel moves: that the 2024 Annual Town Meeting advance for consideration the Articles in the table below and take action on such Articles without debate, 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.

Article 2	<p>HEAR REPORTS Affirmative Action Recommended By: Select Board Motion: That the Town receive the 2023 Annual Report. Reason: Routine, non-controversial action.</p>
Article 3	<p>MEETING PROCEDURE Affirmative Action Recommended By: Finance Committee, Select Board Motion: 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;">RULE OF THE MEETING</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"> 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; 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"> o a reduction in the appropriation amount already voted under a previous article or within the article currently being considered; or o a maximum amount that may be appropriated within the levy limit under a subsequent article in the warrant. <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"> 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; or b. The original motion or motion to amend shall include a corresponding and offsetting reduction in another borrowing authorization from among those listed by the Finance Committee, either by a reduction in the

	<p>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>Reason: 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 10	<p>OPEB TRUST FUND APPROPRIATION Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate \$1,364,608; and transfer \$85,275 from the Light Fund; \$17,698 from the Broadband fund, for a total appropriation of \$1,467,851 to fund the Town's FY25 contribution to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB Trust) established under Mass. Gen. Laws c. 32B, § 20. Reason: Routine General Fund appropriation to meet the Town's OPEB obligations. This appropriation was made in prior years as part of the Town's Budget article, and is 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 the Massachusetts Department of Revenue; non-controversial at hearing.</p>
Article 11	<p>OPEB TRUST FUND EXPENSE Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board Motion: That the Town appropriate from the OPEB Fund established under Mass. Gen. Laws c. 32B, § 20 \$275,000 for OPEB Fund expenses. Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; routine action to authorize payment of OPEB Fund expenses by direct payment from the Fund, instead of by deduction from earnings as was done in prior years, consistent with the recommendation of the Town's financial advisors.</p>
Article 12	<p>APPROPRIATION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS Affirmative Action Recommended By: Select Board, Finance Committee Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 12 as printed in the Warrant. Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; necessary action to enable Town to use for permissible programs the sum of \$76,871.49 received from state opioid settlement fund.</p>
Article 15	<p>ESTABLISH A PERMANENT SENIOR MEANS TESTED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION Affirmative Action Recommend By: Select Board, Finance Committee, Board of Assessors Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 15 as printed in the Warrant. Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; permanent enactment of currently existing provision previously approved by Town Meeting.</p>
Article 18	<p>SELECT BOARD TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board; Public Works Commission Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 18 as printed in the Warrant. Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; one-year authorization for Select Board to acquire easements transferred to the Town without a fee for various access, passage, and utility purposes as required by permits, utility and infrastructure agreements, or memoranda of understanding.</p>
Article 30	<p>AUTHORIZE SELECT BOARD TO PETITION FOR CHANGES TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED HOME RULE PETITION REGARDING A CHECK OUT BAG CHARGE Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board; Agriculture Committee Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 30 as printed in the Warrant. Reason: Exemption of farmstands from home rule petition approved by 2022 Annual Town Meeting in recognition of practical impediments to compliance by farmstands; non-controversial at hearing.</p>
Article 32	<p>FOSSIL FUEL-FREE DEMONSTRATION: BYLAW AMENDMENTS FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 32 as printed in the Warrant.</p>

	<p>Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; amendment of bylaw previously enacted by Concord Town Meeting as recommended by state program for all communities participating in Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration Project.</p>
Article 36	<p>ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT: FLOODPLAIN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT Affirmative Action Recommended by: Planning Board, Select Board Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 36 as printed in the Warrant. Reason: Federally mandated changes to flood plain map necessary to ensure continued eligibility of Concord residents to obtain coverage under Federal flood insurance program.</p>
Article 37	<p>ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT: GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING – MULTIPLE SECTIONS Affirmative Action Recommended by: Planning Board, Select Board Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 37 as printed in the Warrant. Reason: Housekeeping amendment to correct various errors throughout the Zoning Bylaw in spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc.; non-controversial at hearing.</p>
Article 42	<p>TOURIST BYLAW AMENDMENTS Affirmative Action Recommended by: Select Board Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 42 as printed in the Warrant. Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; edits language for gender neutrality and clarifies that bylaw requires a license for all tour guide services via vehicle and solicitation of tourists.</p>
Article 43	<p>AMEND DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS BYLAW Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 43 as printed in the Warrant. Reason: Non-controversial at hearing; adds new Ambulance Revolving Fund for acceptance of program receipts and payment of program expenses.</p>
Article 44	<p>AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF REVOLVING FUNDS UNDER MASS. GEN. LAWS C. 44, § 53E1/2 Affirmative Action Recommended By: Finance Committee, Select Board Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 44 as printed in the Warrant. 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.</p>
Article 45	<p>LIGHT PLANT EXPENDITURES & PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board Motion: That the Town authorize the income from sales of electricity and broadband and from servicing and jobbing during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, together with the balance of operating cash in the Light Plant Fund, to be 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 extensions, enlargements, additions, renewals, and reconstruction; and further to authorize a transfer of \$464,500 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, 2024. Reason: Routine annual action; non-controversial at hearing. Authorizes the Light Plant to expend its income for operations and provides for the transfer of \$464,500 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, 2024.</p>
Article 46	<p>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FUND EXPENDITURES Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, [Public Works Commission] Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 46 as printed in the Warrant. Reason: Routine annual authorization; non-controversial at hearing; authorizes the Town Manager to expend user fee revenue from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 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 47	<p>SEWER SYSTEM EXPENDITURES Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, Public Works Commission Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 47 as printed in the Warrant.</p>

	<p>Reason: 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, 2025 and cash on hand in the Sewer Fund for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Town's sewer system.</p>
Article 48	<p>SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND EXPENDITURES Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, Public Works Commission Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 48 as printed in the Warrant. 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.</p>
Article 49	<p>WATER SYSTEM EXPENDITURES Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, Public Works Commission] Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 49 as printed in the Warrant. Reason: Routine annual action; non-controversial at hearing; authorizes the Town Manager to expend user fee revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 and cash on hand in the Water Fund for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Town's water system.</p>
Article 50	<p>AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE FROM PEG ACCESS AND CABLE-RELATED FUND Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, PEG Access Committee Motion: That the Town transfer from the PEG Access and Cable-Related Fund the amount of \$596,080 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, 2025. Reason: Routine transfer; non-controversial at hearing.</p>
Article 51	<p>BEEDE SWIM AND FITNESS CENTER ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENDITURES Affirmative Action Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, Recreation Commission Motion: That the Town take affirmative action on Article 51 as printed in the Warrant. Reason: Routine authorization; non-controversial at hearing.</p>