



2025 Annual Town Meeting Motions

Majority Vote required unless otherwise indicated

* Article is on the Consent Calendar

Article 1: Choose Town Officers (majority vote)

Motion

Ms Arsenault moves that the Town fix the compensation for elected officers as shown in the Article.

Ms. Arsenault nominates:

- William Mullin of Wilson Lane for the position of Temporary Moderator, term to expire 2026.
- James Wood, Trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund, nominates Leo Fochtman for the position of Trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund, term to expire 2028.
- Brent Carter, Trustee of the Acton Firefighters' Relief Fund, nominates Robert Vanderhoof for the position of Trustee of the Acton Firefighters' Relief Fund, term to expire 2028.
- Thomas Ryder, Trustee of the Charlotte Goodnow Fund, nominates Sheryl M. Ryder for the position of Trustee of the Charlotte Goodnow Fund, term to expire 2028.
- Monica Biswas for Trustee of the West Acton Citizens Library, for a term to expire 2027.

CONSENT AGENDA - NIGHT 1 (Two-thirds vote) ARTICLES: 2, 3, and 14-29

Motions

Motion #1 Mr. Charter moves that the Town collectively vote on Articles 2, 3, 14 through 30, and 34 through 36 inclusive as part of the consent calendar.

[Moderator to read the titles of the articles in the consent calendar]

Motion #2 Mr. Charter moves to take action on all articles on the consent calendar as printed in the motions handout except those held.

[Moderator to review and take vote on any held articles from the consent calendar]

*Article 2

Motion

Mr. Charter moves to accept Town Reports.

*Article 3

Motion

Mr. Martin moves that the Town take no action.

Article 4: Appropriations for Municipal Operating Budget *(majority vote & 2/3rd majority)*

Motions

MOTION # 1 (Two-thirds vote) - Mr. Martin moves that the Town transfer from the Other Post-Employment Benefits trust fund and appropriate \$300,000 to be expended by the Town Manager for the payment of retiree health insurance costs.

MOTION # 2 (Majority vote) - Mr. Martin moves that the Town appropriate \$40,510,464 to be expended by the Town Manager to fund the remainder of the fiscal year 2026 municipal budget, and to meet such appropriation, raise \$40,460,464 from general revenues, and transfer \$50,000 from Cemetery trust funds for Cemetery use, and further that the Town authorize the Town Manager to lease on such terms and conditions as he may determine vehicles and equipment for a period not to exceed five years, and to sell, trade or otherwise dispose of vehicles and equipment being replaced and to expend any proceeds so received.

Article 5: Appropriations for Town Capital Equipment and Projects *(majority vote)*

Motion

Mr. Charter moves that the Town appropriate from available proceeds from the sale of real estate the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purposes set forth in items A1 through A3 of the Article, including costs incidental and related thereto; and transfer from Free Cash and appropriate \$785,000 for the purposes set forth in items B through K of the Article, including costs incidental and related thereto, and that the Town authorize the Town Manager to lease on such terms and conditions as he may determine vehicles and equipment for a period not to exceed five years, and to sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of vehicles and equipment being replaced and to expend any proceeds so received.

Article 6: Authorize Borrowing for Town Capital Equipment and Projects *(two-thirds majority vote)*

Motion

Mr. Charter moves that the Town:

1. Appropriate \$10,850,000 to be expended by the Town Manager in the amounts identified in Article 6 for each such project, including all costs incidental and related thereto; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$10,850,000 pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor;
2. Appropriate and transfer from Free Cash \$603,909 for the payment of debt service and underwriting costs on the borrowings for A, B, C, D and E identified in Article 6; and
3. Appropriate the unexpended funds in the amount of \$92,500 related to financing the Wastewater Treatment System Rehabilitation Project, which project is now complete, and for which no further liabilities remain, to pay costs for debt service on the borrowing for F identified in Article 6, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

Article 7: Authorize Borrowing for Construction of a New Public Works Facility at 14 Forest Road (*two-thirds majority vote*)

Motion

Mr. Charter moves that the Town appropriate \$36,770,690 to be expended by the Town Manager for the purposes set forth in the Article, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow up to \$35,220,690 pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 7(1), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and \$1,550,000 shall be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund; provided, however, that the authorization to borrow pursuant to this vote shall be contingent upon the Town's passage of a ballot question to exempt the principal and interest payments on the bonds from the tax limitations of G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2 ½).

Article 8: Acton-Boxborough Regional School District Assessment (*majority vote*)

Motion

Ms. Wilson moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$79,959,269 to fund Acton's fiscal year 2026 assessment from the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District.

Article 9: Minuteman Regional School District Assessment (*majority vote*)

Motion

Mrs. Nourse moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,498,892 to fund Acton's fiscal year 2026 assessment from the Minuteman Regional School District.

Article 10: Appropriate Community Preservation Funds (*majority vote*)

Motion

Mr. Charter moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

CONSENT AGENDA- NIGHT 2 (*majority vote*) ARTICLES: 34-36

Motions:

Motion #1 Mr. Charter moves that the Town collectively vote on Articles 34 through 36 inclusive as part of the consent calendar.

[Moderator to read the titles of the articles in the consent calendar]

Motion #2 Mr. Charter moves to take action on all articles on the consent calendar as printed in the motions handout except those held.

[Moderator to review and take vote on any held articles from the consent calendar]

Article 11: Approve Home Rule Petition Related to Acton Memorial Library (*majority vote*)

Motion

Ms. Nicol moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

Article 12: *Placeholder (majority vote)*

Article 13: Authorize Real Property Disposition – 13 School Street (two-thirds majority vote)

Motion

Mr. Martin moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Article 14: Authorize Collective Bargaining Agreement with Fire Department Personnel (majority vote)**

Motion

Ms. Nicol moves that the Town authorize the first year cost items contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Acton Permanent Firefighters, Local #1904, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO.

***Article 15: Authorize Collective Bargaining Agreement with Police Patrol Officers (majority vote)**

Motion

Ms. Nicol moves that the Town authorize the first year cost items contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Acton Police Patrol Officers Association.

***Article 16: Authorize Collective Bargaining Agreement with Police Superior Officers (majority vote)**

Motion

Ms. Nicol moves that the Town authorize the first year cost items contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Massachusetts Coalition of Police Local 380.

***Article 17: Authorize Revolving Fund Budgets (majority vote)**

Motion

Move that all revolving funds be authorized and continued in the amounts, for the purposes, and with the limits on the total amount that may be expended as set forth in the Article.

***Article 18: Commuter Lot & Station Maintenance (majority vote)**

Motion

Move that the Town raise from department receipts and appropriate \$102,563 for the purposes set forth in the Article.

***Article 19: Approve Septage Disposal Enterprise Budget (majority vote)**

Motion

Move that the Town raise \$102,500 from department receipts, transfer \$64,187 from retained earnings and appropriate \$166,687 to operate the septage waste disposal program

Article 20: Approve Transfer Station and Recycling Enterprise Budget (majority vote)*Motion**

Move that the Town raise \$670,000 from department receipts, transfer \$322,724 from retained earnings and appropriate \$992,724 for the purpose of solid waste disposal and recycling, and further that the Town authorize the Town Manager to lease on such terms and conditions as he may determine vehicles and equipment for a period not to exceed five years, and to sell, trade or otherwise dispose of vehicles and equipment being replaced and to expend any proceeds so received.

Article 21: Approve Sewer Enterprise Budget (majority vote)*Motion**

Move that the Town raise \$2,216,300 from department receipts, transfer \$369,976 from retained earnings, and appropriate \$2,586,276 for the purpose of operating the sewer system and wastewater treatment facility upgrades.

Article 22: Approve Ambulance Enterprise Budget (majority vote)*Motion**

Move that the Town raise \$1,427,500 from department receipts, raise \$401,700 from general revenues, transfer \$194,057 from retained earnings and appropriate \$2,023,257 for the purpose of operating the ambulance service.

Article 23: Approve Transportation Enterprise Budget (majority vote)*Motion**

Move that the Town raise \$248,618 from department receipts, raise \$154,500 from general revenues, transfer \$100,000 from the commuter lot parking fees fund balance, transfer \$62,481 from retained earnings and appropriate \$565,599 for the purpose of operating the transportation service.

Article 24: Authorize Easements (two-thirds majority vote)*Motion**

Move that the Town authorize the grant, termination or acquisition of easements as set forth in the article.

Article 25: Authorize Highway Reimbursement Program (Chapter 90) (majority vote)*Motion**

Move that the Town authorize the Town Manager to accept Highway funds from all sources and that such funds are hereby appropriated for highway purposes.

***Article 26: Appropriate Insurance Proceeds (majority vote)**

Motion

Move that the Town Manager is authorized to accept insurance proceeds of any name and nature whatsoever from all sources and such funds are hereby appropriated.

***Article 27: Authorize Acceptance of Federal and State Reimbursement Aid (majority vote)**

Motion

Move that the Town Manager is authorized to accept Federal and State reimbursement funds from all sources and that such funds are hereby appropriated for the purposes outlined by such reimbursement.

***Article 28: Authorize Appropriation of Performance Bonds (majority vote)**

Motion

Move that the Town appropriate the proceeds of any performance bonds, for the purposes stated in said bonds, available as a result of any default, non-performance or other covered conditions.

***Article 29: Authorize Sale of Foreclosed Properties (two-thirds majority vote)**

Motion

Ms. Arsenault moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

Article 30: Amend Zoning Bylaw: Accessory Dwelling Units (two-thirds majority vote)

Motion

Ms. Arsenault moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

Article 31: Amend Zoning Bylaw and Map: Open Space Residential Development (Simple Majority Vote A, D, E, H) (2/3rds majority B, C, F, G, I, J, K)

Motion #1

Ms. Nicol moves Sections A, D, E, H of the Article as printed in the Warrant.

Motion #2

Ms. Nicol moves Sections B, C, F, G, I, J, K of the Article as printed in the Warrant.

Article 32: Adopt New General Bylaw: Leaf Blower Control (majority vote)

Motion

Mr. Martin moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

Article 33: Adopt New General Bylaw: Tree Protection Bylaw (majority vote)

Motion

Mr. Snyder-Grant moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Article 34: Affirm Home Rule Petition for Checkout Bag Minimum Charge (majority vote)**

Motion

Ms. Arsenault moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Article 35: Affirm Home Rule Petition for Public Safety Residency Radius Requirement (majority vote)**

Motion

Ms. Arsenault moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

***Article 36: Acceptance of the Municipal Modernization Act Amendment of 2016 (majority vote)**

Motion

Ms. Arsenault moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

Article 37: Citizen Petition Citizens Library Expenses 1 (majority vote)

Motion

Ms. Leslie moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

Article 38: Citizen Petition Citizens Library Expenses 2 (majority vote)

Motion

Ms. Leslie moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

Article 39: Citizen Petition Citizens Library Expenses 3 (majority vote)

Motion

Ms. Leslie moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

Article 40: Citizen Petition to Hold Workshop (majority vote)

Motion

Ms. Fridichs moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.

Article 41: Citizen Petition to Conduct Impact Study (majority vote)

Motion

Ms. Fridichs moves the Article as printed in the Warrant.