

TOWN OF ACUSHNET



Transcript of Articles in the Warrant for the

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 14, 2018

At 7:00 p.m.

Please bring this report to the meeting for use in the proceedings at the

**ALBERT F. FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL
708 Middle Road**

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- IMPORTANT -

This Warrant contains Articles, explanations, recommendations, and appendices. Only the Articles are part of the “official” call to Town Meeting. The explanations and appendices are editorial, and the recommendations expressed are those of the Finance Committee. Only the Articles are part of the official town meeting warrant.

TOWN OF ACUSHNET



WARRANT

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 14, 2018

At 7:00 o'clock in the evening at the Albert F. Ford Middle School
708 Middle Road

Bristol, ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Acushnet, in said County of Bristol, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet, who being qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Albert F. Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road, in said Acushnet, on Monday, the fourteenth day of May, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.; then and there to act upon the enclosed articles, to wit:

In case all articles in the foregoing Warrant shall not be acted upon at the Meeting called for on Monday, May 14, 2018, to meet in Adjourned Sessions at such time and place as the meeting shall determine.

This building is accessible to the handicapped and designated parking is provided. If requested, at least one week before the meeting, warrants with large print can be available. Please call the Town Clerk's office at least one week before the Town Meeting at 508-998-0200 x4215.

**Town of Acushnet
Report of the Finance Committee**

To the Citizens of Acushnet:

Balancing the fiscal budget is always a considerable challenge for both the Finance Committee and the various Boards, Departments, and Commissions of our Town.

Properly constrained by the limitations of Proposition 2 ½ and with only a modest increase expected in State aid, we continue to balance our needs with the funds available. We have several concerns that we hope to address at this Town Meeting concerning our obligations to Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), health insurance, and addressing our Capital Improvement Request Plan.

Our school department (which represents more than half of our overall budget) endeavors to meet the needs of our special education students while maintaining the required educational standards for the overall student population. Special Education is very costly, difficult to control financially, and often, unpredictable. The Finance Committee supports the creation of a special stabilization account that will provide the school department with a safety valve should occasion require. This eliminates the need to “cushion” their budget and to smooth the unexpected or unforeseen expense.

Our Police, Fire/EMS, and Public Works departments are constantly challenged to balance the manpower and equipment needs against the requirements and expectations of our residents and our budget realities. We are particularly pleased to recommend the transfer of \$80,000 from the Ambulance Receipts to support the purchase of the Town’s first ladder truck.

Acushnet is a great town to live in. We are encouraged by the spirit of cooperation that resulted in the budget presented herein. Your support of the Finance Committee’s recommended budget and the other spending issues in the articles, which will be discussed this evening, will assure that our town continues to prosper and remain the great place to live and raise a family.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

We look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting on May 14th.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Acushnet Finance Committee,

Robert St. Jean, Chairman
Michael R. Boucher, Vice-Chairman
Susan Delgado
Robert A. Ferreira
Cathy Murray, Secretary

John C. Howcroft
Eric McGlynn
Jacqueline Stanley
Michael St. Onge

Town of Acushnet
FY19 Revenue Budget Estimate
Includes Other Sources of Funds

Revenue Sources	FY18 Recap	FY19
General Fund Operations Revenue Estimate:		
Fiscal Year Levy Limit	\$ 15,936,384	\$ 16,601,843
Fiscal Year 2.5% Adjustment	398,410	415,046
Fiscal Year New Growth	267,049	150,000
Legal Levy Limit	16,601,843	17,166,889
Add: Debt Exclusion	461,048	455,048
Less: Unused Levy Capacity	(103)	
Actual Levy	17,062,788	17,621,937
Less: FY Overlay (Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions)	(416,330)	(250,000)
Less: Tax Title Certification		
Less: Other Deficits		
Less: Solar Farm Revenue to Cap Exp Fund	(28,930)	(37,200)
Total Estimated Operational Tax Levy:	\$ 16,617,528	\$ 17,334,737
FY Cherry Sheet State Receipts		
Chapter 70	6,286,522	6,310,802
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	-	-
Unrestricted General Govt Aid	1,514,693	1,567,707
Veteran's Benefits	161,687	166,201
Exemptions (Vets, Blind & Surviving Spouse)	56,309	52,966
State Owned Land	32	38
Plus: Public Libraries	14,702	15,761
Subtotal Estimate State Revenue	8,033,945	8,113,475
Less: FY Offsets - Public Libraries	(14,702)	(15,761)
Less: Assessments	(322,252)	(338,514)
	(336,954)	(354,275)
Total Estimated State Aid:	\$ 7,696,991	\$ 7,759,200
Local Receipts Revenues:		
Motor Vehicle	975,000	1,000,000
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	100,000	110,000
Charges for Services - Water	1,497,932	1,620,626
Charges for Services - Solid Waste Fees	2,000	7,000
Fees	32,500	32,500
Other Departmental Revenue	70,000	70,000
Licenses & Permits	160,000	160,000
Fines & Forfeits	10,000	10,000
Investment Income	13,500	13,500
Medicaid Reimbursement	75,000	75,000
Total Estimated Local Receipts:	\$ 2,935,932	\$ 3,098,626
Total Available for Appropriation	\$ 27,250,451	\$ 28,192,563
EMS Receipts Reserved Fund	310,400	516,367
Other Sources of Funds - Debt Premium F/B	-	1,550
Overlay	-	-
Uncaptured Enterprise Indirect Costs	-	231,858
Free Cash to Balance GF Budget	663,863	230,657
Total Estimated Other Sources of Operational Funds:	\$ 974,263	\$ 980,432
Total Estimated General Fund Operational Revenue:	\$ 28,224,714	\$ 29,172,995

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Appropriation: An authorization to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. An appropriation is granted by Town Meeting and is usually limited in time and amount as to when it may be expended. Any part of the general appropriation not spent or encumbered by June 30 automatically reverts to surplus, which may become Free Cash. A specific appropriation is carried forward from year to year until spent for the designated purpose or transferred by Town Meeting vote to another account.

Assessed Valuation: A valuation set upon real or personal property by the Board of Assessors as a basis for levying taxes.

Budget: A plan of financial operation consisting of an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the means of financing them. The budget is voted in the spring at Town Meeting for the fiscal year that begins the following July 1st.

Capital Budget: A plan of proposed capital outlays and the means of financing them for the current year.

Cherry Sheet: An annual statement received from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue detailing estimated payments to the town for the next fiscal year and the estimated state and county government charges payable by the town. The Assessors in setting the tax rate use these amounts. The actual receipts and charges may vary from the estimates.

Community Preservation Act (CPA): The Town adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2004. This Act allows the town to collect up to a 3% surcharge (Acushnet has voted only 1.5%) on property tax bills (the funds can be matched up to 100% by the state when funds are available), which creates the Community Preservation Fund, to use for Community Preservation purposes. Each year, the town must appropriate, or reserve (but not necessarily spend), 10% of the funds for each of the three Community Preservation purposes: Open Space, Historic Resources, and Community Housing. The remaining 70% of the funds can be appropriated or reserved used for any of the three purposes and for Recreation and for administration.

Debt Service: Payment of interest and repayment of principal to holders of the Town's debt instruments.

Fiscal Year: A 12-month period, commencing July 1 and ending June 30, to which the annual budget applies. Fiscal years are often denoted FYXX with the last two numbers representing the calendar year in which it ends, for example, FY18 is the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Free Cash: Free cash is the portion of unreserved fund balance available for appropriation. It is not cash but rather is approximately the total of cash and receivables less current liabilities and earmarked reserves also reduced by reserves for uncollected taxes. This is also referred to as "available cash". The amount is certified annually by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

General Fund: The major town-owned fund which is created with town receipts and which is charged with expenditures payable from revenues.

Grant: A contribution of assets by one governmental unit or other organization to another. Typically, these contributions are made to local governments from the state and federal governments. Grants are usually made for specific purposes.

Line-Item Budget: A format of budgeting that organizes costs by type of expenditure such as expenses, equipment, and salaries.

Overlay: The amount set aside to allow for uncollected property taxes. An amount for the overlay is added to the appropriations and other charges. Overlay Surplus – see below.

Overlay Surplus: The unused amount of the overlay for prior years, which may be transferred, by a vote of the Town, to the reserve account or used for extraordinary items.

Property Tax Levy: The amount produced by multiplying the assessed valuation of property by the tax rate. The tax rate is expressed “per thousand dollars” of assessed valuation.

Reserve Fund: Money set aside by Town Meeting to be allocated by the Finance Committee for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures.

Stabilization Fund: A special reserve funded by Town Meeting for future expenditures.

Tax Classification Tax Allocation: Before setting the tax rate each year, a classification hearing is held by the selectmen to determine the shares of the tax levy to be paid by each class of property in the community, and whether to allow an open space discount, residential exemption, or small commercial exemption. The Assessors provide information about the impact of these options at the hearing. The decisions of the Selectmen are reported to the Bureau of Accounts and are referred to as the “Classification Tax Allocation.”

Terms associated with Proposition 2½:

Debt or Capital Exclusion: The Town can assess taxes in excess of the levy limit by voting a debt exclusion or capital outlay exclusion. This amount does not become a permanent part of the levy limit base but does allow the Town to assess taxes for a specific period in excess of the limit for payment of debt service costs or payment of capital expenditures.

Excess Levy Capacity: The difference between the Town's tax levy limit and its actual tax levy for the current year. It is the additional tax levy that could be raised without asking for an override.

New Growth: The amount of property tax revenue that the Town can add to its allowable tax levy as a result of new construction, alterations, subdivisions or change of use which increases the value of a parcel of land by more than certain amounts.

Override: An amount, voted by the Town, which is permanently added to the levy limit. A majority vote of the Selectmen allows an override question to be put on the ballot. Override questions must be presented in dollar terms and must specify the purpose of the override. Overrides require a majority vote of approval by the Town.

Tax Levy Limit: The maximum amount of the tax levy for a period under the restrictions of Proposition 2½. It is calculated as the prior year limit plus new growth plus 2.5% of the prior year levy limit.

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TOWN OF ACUSHNET



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 14, 2018

At Seven o'clock in the Evening
at the Albert F. Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees, and Commissions, as printed in the 2017 Annual Report, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to be added to line item 0104423-529000, Snow Removal/Ice Control, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$55,000.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 41, §108, or any amendments thereto, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2019, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of the Warrant;

FISCAL 2019 OMNIBUS BUDGET

GENERAL FUND		FY18 APPROPRIATION	FY19 REQUESTED	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
1110	RESERVE FUND			
	Expense Total	200,000	150,000	150,000

	GENERAL FUND	FY18 APPROPRIATION	FY19 REQUESTED	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
1113	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS			
	Expense Total	3,500	11,000	11,000
1114	MODERATOR			
	Salary Total	725	725	725
	Expense Total	370	370	370
1122	SELECTMEN			
	Salary Total	220,668	224,361	224,361
	Expense Total	28,450	39,300	29,300
1131	FINANCE COMMITTEE			
	Salary Total	2,025	2,025	2,025
	Expense Total	550	550	550
1135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT			
	Salary Total	162,633	164,165	164,165
	Expense Total	28,800	39,100	39,100
1141	ASSESSORS			
	Salary Total	106,370	107,252	107,252
	Expense Total	46,055	46,725	46,725
1145	TOWN TREASURER			
	Salary Total	79,466	81,931	81,931
	Expense Total	8,300	28,300	28,300
1146	TOWN COLLECTOR			
	Salary Total	115,069	113,891	113,891
	Expense Total	10,100	10,100	10,100
1151	TOWN COUNSEL			
	Expense Total	84,500	84,500	84,500
1155	TECHNOLOGY			
	Salary Total	18,025	18,386	18,386
	Expense Total	112,964	105,464	105,464
	Capital Outlay Total	20,000	5,000	5,000
1161	TOWN CLERK			
	Salary Total	109,893	125,980	125,980
	Expense Total	5,875	5,350	5,350
	Capital Outlay Total	500	500	500
1163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS			
	Salary Total	8,000	12,000	12,000
	Expense Total	6,250	10,850	10,850
1171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
	Salary Total	57,736	63,992	58,992
	Expense Total	9,250	9,750	9,750
1172	SOIL BOARD			
	Salary Total	1,000	1,900	1,900
	Expense Total	50	25,200	200
1175	PLANNING BOARD			
	Salary Total	52,443	53,242	53,242
	Expense Total	2,025	2,025	2,025
1176	BOARD OF APPEALS			
	Salary Total	2,030	2,030	2,030
	Expense Total	2,150	2,150	2,150
1192	TOWN BUILDINGS			
	Salary Total	118,231	132,346	132,346
	Expense Total	111,000	114,000	114,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL:		1,735,003	1,784,460	1,754,460

GENERAL FUND		FY18 APPROPRIATION	FY19 REQUESTED	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
PUBLIC SAFETY:				
2210	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total	1,869,272	1,874,267	1,874,267
	Expense Total	182,120	195,570	195,570
	Vehicles Total	111,440	83,000	83,000
2220	FIRE DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total	400,050	401,783	400,050
	Expense Total	35,085	48,240	35,085
2232	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES			
	Salary Total	428,738	427,393	427,393
	Expense Total	104,120	98,150	98,150
2241	BUILDING DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total	106,535	108,072	108,072
	Expense Total	16,600	16,850	16,850
2244	SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES			
	Salary Total	1,101	1,123	1,123
2291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY			
	Salary Total	500	1,000	1,000
	Expense Total	9,890	10,564	10,564
	Capital Outlay Total	1,200	1,500	1,500
2292	ANIMAL CONTROL			
	Salary Total	41,157	42,165	42,165
	Expense Total	3,850	4,500	4,500
2294	FORESTRY			
	Salary Total	600	600	600
	Expense Total	7,775	7,775	7,775
PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL:		3,320,033	3,322,552	3,322,552
EDUCATION:				
3320	OLD COLONY REGIONAL			
	Expense Total	1,756,434	1,855,472	1,855,472
3325	ACUSHNET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT			
	Expense Total	13,991,342	14,334,404	14,334,404
EDUCATION TOTAL:		15,747,776	16,189,876	16,189,876
PUBLIC WORKS:				
4422	DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY			
	Salary Total	341,782	386,155	386,155
	Expense Total	293,000	301,800	301,800
	Capital Outlay Total	3,000	5,000	5,000
4423	SNOW & ICE REMOVAL			
	Expense Total	110,000	110,000	110,000
4424	STREET LIGHTING			
	Expense Total	60,000	50,000	50,000
4431	SEMASS			
	Salary Total	17,700	17,700	17,700
	Expense Total	819,200	860,500	860,500

GENERAL FUND		FY18 APPROPRIATION	FY19 REQUESTED	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
4491	CEMETERY			
	Salary Total	5,464	5,464	5,464
	Expense Total	1,325	1,325	1,325
4450	WATER DIVISION			
	Salary Total	151,785	152,055	152,055
	Expense Total	1,089,155	1,211,580	1,211,580
	Capital Outlay Total	50,000	50,000	50,000
7450	WATER - RETIREMENT OF DEBT			
	Expense Total	206,992	206,991	206,991
	WATER DIVISION TOTAL	1,497,932	1,620,626	1,620,626
PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL:		3,149,403	3,358,570	3,358,570
HUMAN SERVICES:				
5510	BOARD OF HEALTH			
	Salary Total	148,667	173,705	130,614
	Expense Total	16,150	16,150	16,150
	Capital Outlay Total	200	200	200
5541	COUNCIL ON AGING			
	Salary Total	98,025	103,082	100,357
	Expense Total	20,740	20,740	20,740
5543	VETERANS			
	Salary Total	19,284	19,670	19,670
	Expense Total	226,345	226,345	226,345
HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL:		529,411	559,892	514,076
CULTURE & RECREATION:				
6610	LIBRARY DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total	179,820	199,719	199,719
	Expense Total	52,663	58,076	58,076
6630	RECREATION DEPARTMENT			
	Expense Total	19,687	19,687	19,687
6650	PARK DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total	20,420	20,420	20,420
	Expense Total	18,917	18,917	18,917
6691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION			
	Expense Total	5,800	5,800	5,800
2699	MISCELLANEOUS	-		
	Salary Total	5,000	7,500	5,000
	Expense Total	10,849	11,166	11,166
CULTURE & RECREATION TOTAL:		313,156	341,285	338,785
DEBT SERVICE:				
7710	RETIREMENT OF DEBT			
	Expense Total	195,000	252,000	252,000
7751	INTEREST			
	Expense Total	136,638	142,105	142,105
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL:		331,638	394,105	394,105

GENERAL FUND		FY18 APPROPRIATION	FY19 REQUESTED	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
NON-DEPARTMENTAL:				
1911	PENSIONS			
	Expense Total	1,349,794	1,412,808	1,412,808
1914	INSURANCE			
	Expense Total	1,748,500	1,932,763	1,887,763
NON-DEPARTMENTAL TOTAL:		3,098,294	3,345,571	3,300,571
GENERAL FUND TOTAL:		\$ 26,726,782	\$ 27,685,685	\$ 27,552,369

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article advances the Operating Budget for the Town for the Fiscal Year that begins on July 1st. The Finance Committee has balanced the available revenue with the department requests and is advancing this budget for the approval of Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for state or federal grants, and to expend any monies received, as outlined in the appropriate grant application; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Town Meeting must authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and use any funds that may be available to the Town under state or federal grants.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts Department of Transportation) for Chapter 90 type construction, improvements, and/or reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to appropriate said sum or sums in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This article permits the Town to accept and spend money appropriated to the Town by the Commonwealth for road repairs and related expenses.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the consent of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law (MGL), Chapter 44, §4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with MGL, Chapter 44, §17, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This is a routine Article at Town Meeting, and it allows the Treasurer to borrow money during the normal course of business to cover temporary cash flow deficiencies from time to time.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to operate the Golf Club Enterprise Fund as shown below:

Reserve Fund	\$	100,000
Salaries		520,094
Operation & Maintenance		390,034
Capital Outlay		99,392
Debt Service		354,550
TOTAL	\$	1,464,070

and that this sum be raised as follows:

Golf Center Revenue	\$	1,364,070
Golf Retained Earnings		100,000
TOTAL:	\$	1,464,070

or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article authorizes the “Enterprise Fund” for the operation of the Golf Club. It permits the use of dedicated funds collected for the services provided to be spent within the fiscal year for the expenses of operating the Golf Club.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter a five-year, \$1 buyout lease for maintenance equipment at the Golf Course; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Golf Club routinely leases fairway maintenance equipment, paid for from the Golf Enterprise Fund; however, leases for more than three years require Town Meeting authorization.

The Finance Committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund as shown below:

Reserve Fund	\$	50,000
Salaries		68,320
Operations & Maintenance		475,023
Capital Outlay		3,000
Debt Service		-
TOTAL	\$	596,343

and that this sum be raised as follows:

Sewer Revenues	\$	546,343
Sewer Retained Earnings		50,000
TOTAL:	\$	596,343

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article authorizes the “Enterprise Fund” for the operation of the Sewer Department. It permits the use of dedicated funds collected for the services provided to be spent within the fiscal year for the expenses of operating the Sewer Department.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize the Sewer Tie-In Betterment Loan Account and to repurpose \$36,000 in interest earned to be re-loaned to qualified residents for the purpose of connecting to Town Sewer; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article re-authorizes the loan account and adds the interest earned on previous loans to the total funds available to be used to loan Acushnet homeowners funds to tie into the Town’s sewer lines.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for Capital Outlay for the Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS), as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination thereof,

Department	Item Description	Department Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds
Fire/EMS	Radio Replacements	\$25,000	\$25,000	
Fire/EMS	Ladder Truck Reimbursement to General Fund	\$80,000	\$80,000	EMS Receipts
Fire/EMS	CPR Devices (2)	\$29,000	\$29,000	Reserved
Fire/EMS	Bio-Medical Waste Destruction System	\$48,000	\$48,000	
Police	Radio/Repeaters Replacement	\$135,000	\$135,000	Free Cash
Police	Defibrillators (Replacement)	\$12,000	\$12,000	EMS Receipts Reserved
Total		\$329,000	\$329,000	

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article provides for some of the capital requests in the budget.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for a sum not to exceed \$20,000 for the purpose of converting the Munis Chart of Accounts to the current State standard or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Town Accountant

The current Chart of Accounts is not in conformance with the State standard chart of accounts and the conversion would properly reform the chart and transfer the account histories.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for a sum not to exceed \$10,000 for the purpose of a Wage & Classification Plan, including updating job descriptions for union town employees and positions, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

At the Special Town Meeting held in November of 2016 the Town voted to create a Wage & Classification Study for Non-Union Town Employees. This Article Funds a Wage & Classification Plan for the Unionized Town Employees.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for a sum not to exceed \$20,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing technology equipment, i.e. wireless microwave communication systems for voice and data, an access control system for doors, and the upgrading of computers, etc. at the Town Hall, Parting Ways, and Fire Department or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Chief Technology Officer

The Town is well underway in improving our cybersecurity and leveraging our technology between departments. This funding would continue that progress and allow improvements in efficiency and security in the three buildings mentioned above.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for a sum not to exceed \$42,500 for the purpose of purchasing file cabinets, desks, chairs, and other furniture for the Parting Ways Building and Town Hall or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Town Accountant

Departments will start to move to the refurbished Parting Ways building in the Fall. The Town Clerk's office will require more filing cabinets for the purpose of proper record storage and the offices will need desks, chairs, and other furniture. While most offices will move with the furniture from their previous offices, some departments will need to replace as well as to add furniture. The proposal is for the acquisition of used office furniture in good condition.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 41, §111M, and §111N which authorizes the Town to extend the disability income protection to emergency medical technicians and paramedics; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

Municipalities that accept this section for emergency medical service providers employed by the Town will be covered under the Injured-on-Duty Insurance and not under Worker's Compensation if they sustain disabling injuries as a result of their duties.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 64L, §2, which authorizes the Town to impose a local sales tax upon the sale of restaurant meals originating within the Town at a rate of 0.75% of gross sales receipts; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article provides for the adoption of the meals tax in local restaurants.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article by a majority vote (5-2).

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to reaccept the provisions of G.L. c.32B, §20, as amended by the Municipal Modernization Act, Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016 (the "Act"), under which the Town has established an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (the "OPEB Fund"), for which the Treasurer serves as custodian of the Fund; designate the Treasurer/Custodian as the Trustee of the OPEB Fund, with all the powers and responsibilities identified under the Act and this vote; authorize the Treasurer/Custodian, as Trustee, to employ investment consultant(s), as well as outside custodial service(s) to hold the monies in the Fund, and to pay for those services from the OPEB Fund; authorize the investment of the OPEB Fund under the prudent investor rule established under G.L. c.203C; authorize the Treasurer/Custodian, as Trustee, to execute any and all documents necessary to utilize outside custodial service(s) and/or investment consultant(s), including but not limited to trust agreements, participation agreements, investment agreements, and administrative services agreements; and designate the Treasurer/Custodian as the "Plan Administrator", as may be necessary to utilize outside custodial service(s) and authorize the Treasurer/Custodian acting as Plan Administrator to take any other action as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the vote taken hereunder; and, further, that the balance in full be transferred from the OPEB Stabilization Account and the additional sum of \$100,000 be transferred from Overlay Surplus and deposited in the OPEB Fund; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

To move the town funds from a dedicated stabilization account to the State's Trust Fund which will cut auditing expenses and administration fees and dramatically reduce the Town's projected liability for OPEB.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for Capital Outlay for the Highway and Water Departments, as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination thereof,

Department	Item Description	Department Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds
Highway	Truck – 10 Ton with Sander & Plow	\$230,000	\$230,000	Overlay Surplus
Water	Mini-Excavator	\$52,500	\$52,500	Water Surplus
Water	Remote Meter Read System Upgrade	\$60,000	\$60,000	Revenue
Total		\$342,500	\$342,500	

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article provides for some of the capital requests in the budget.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for a sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of repairing, replacing, or otherwise effecting a solution for the Septic System at the Acushnet Public Library, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Library Board of Trustees

At the time of this writing it was unknown if the entire Septic System or the leaching field, is failing at the Library. This appropriation will allow the Town to affect a solution to the issues at the Library.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for Capital Outlay for the School Department as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination thereof,

Item Description	Department Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds
Renovation to Boys Bathroom at AES	\$20,000	\$20,000	Free Cash
Roof Preventative Maintenance Program AES/FMS	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Playground Reformation and Drainage	\$20,000	\$20,000	
Security Cameras, Monitors and related equipment	\$75,000	\$75,000	
Clocks & Related Equipment AES/FMS	\$65,000	\$65,000	
Driveway Sealcoating & Patching AES/FMS	\$54,000	\$54,000	
Total	\$284,000	\$284,000	

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article provides for some of the capital requests in the budget.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to establish a School District Reserve fund under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, §13E, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen
and the School Committee

This law enables municipal school districts to establish a reserve fund that can be used in future years for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs of special education, out of district tuition and/or transportation. Money in the fund may only be expended or transferred out by a majority vote of both the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$100,000.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VI, Section A, regarding the Soil Conservation Board composition as follows:

- A. The members of the Board shall consist of one member of the Board of Selectmen, or a designee appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Planning Board, or a designee appointed by the Planning Board, one member of the Board of Health, or a designee appointed by the Board of Health; one member of the Conservation Commission, or a designee appointed by the Conservation Commission, and the Highway Superintendent, ~~or a designee from the Highway Department~~, Fire Chief, and the Town Administrator; or a designee representing each of those town officers, ~~or a designee from any one of these Boards~~. Each of the Boards having a representative on the Soil Conservation Board shall select its representative by majority vote of the Board so represented at any meeting which a quorum is present.

(Underline represents additional language, strikethrough represents removing language.)

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article expands the Soil Conservation Board membership to include additional Town Department/Officer representation.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for a sum not to exceed \$50,000 for the purpose of a site plan review, compliance monitoring, legal representation and/or professional consulting services to aid the town departments in addressing the building, soil permits, etc. of a business permit(s) application; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and
the Soil Board, and Board of Health

PJ Keating has requested a building permit to move the asphalt plant to the front of their site on South Main Street. The plan triggers several issues that the Town does not possess the technical skills to complete the permit process in its entirety, meet its responsibilities to abutters, or to monitor compliance. This article provides funds to hire technical assistance.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for a sum not to exceed \$125,000 for the purpose of building repairs, alterations, and improvements to the Senior Center located at 59 ½ South Main Street; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen, the Council on
Aging and the Emergency Management Director

The Council on Aging and the Emergency Management Director are requesting these funds to add handicapped showers, a full-building emergency generator and other improvements to the building that will serve the dual purposes of upgrading the Senior Center from a “Warming Center” to an Emergency Shelter and allow the Senior Center to further serve those needing additional assistance in non-emergency situations for bathing/showering needs.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,000 from current year funds to pay for the Assessors Server Migration including the cost of hardware, software, and labor to install and migrate the data; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors was required to purchase and install a new data server for the Assessing software. This article allows for the transfer of funds from Overlay Surplus to pay for the associated costs.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 11 of the Annual Town Meeting of 2002 to increase the elderly exemption for income guidelines under MGL Chapter 59, §5, Clause 41A from \$40,000 to \$50,000; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and
the Board of Assessors

The Town adopted Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A originally in 2002 to allow seniors to delay payment of their property taxes. A property tax deferral does not discharge the tax obligation but instead defers payment until the senior sells the property or passes away. A deferral allows seniors to use resources that would go to pay taxes to defray living expenses instead. Taxpayers who qualify for a personal exemption (for example, for seniors, disabled veterans, blind persons or surviving spouses) may defer all or part of the balance of their reduced taxes. This article raises the income eligibility to include more seniors.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaw by adding a new Section ____, Marijuana Establishments Prohibited, that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Section ____, non-medical "Marijuana Establishments Prohibited":

Section ____ **Marijuana Establishments Prohibited**

Consistent with G.L. c.94G, §3(a)(2), all types of non-medical "marijuana establishments" as defined in G.L.c.94G, §1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other type of licensed marijuana-related businesses, shall be prohibited within the Town of Acushnet.

This Section shall be effective upon approval by the Attorney General having previously been approved by the voters at the Town Election of April 2, 2018.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article creates a Town General Bylaw prohibiting recreational marijuana establishments.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into an agreement to transfer the building asset known as the Russell Memorial Library, located at 88 Main Street, as shown on Assessors Map 25 Lot 21Q to the care and custody of the Acushnet Housing Authority for development and the expressed purpose of Veteran's Housing; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

Transferring the care and custody of the building to the Housing Authority is the first step in creating additional options for veteran's affordable housing in the Town. The agreement would create safeguards for the community that ensure the proper maintenance of the historic nature of the building and preserve the architectural integrity.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will reserve from FY 2019 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, the sum of \$8,625 for administrative expenses, 10% (\$17,250) for open space purposes; 10% (\$17,250) for historic preservation; 10% (\$17,250) for affordable housing; and the remaining \$112,125 to the FY 2019 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article follows Massachusetts General Law that requires the reserving of certain percentages of the Community Preservation Act funds for specific purposes. This is done annually at Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Affordable Housing for the purpose of funding a feasibility study to convert the former Russell Memorial Library into affordable housing for veterans, pursuant to the Community Preservation Program, or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen,
the Historic Commission, and
the Community Preservation Committee

This Article funds the plans to develop the Russell Memorial Building into affordable housing for veterans.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$34,464.95 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Open Space and \$535.05 from the Community Preservation Fund Budget Reserves and \$35,000 from other available funds and grant said sums to the Buzzards Bay Coalition for the purpose of funding a portion of the acquisition cost, including, but not limited to, related project costs, closing costs, legal fees and transfer expenses to purchase for open space conservation purposes the property shown as Lots 30, 34 and 35 on Acushnet Assessors Map 10, and further, to authorize the Conservation Commission and/or the Board of Selectmen to use any state, federal and/or other outside grants and funds, including a state Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Mini-Grant Program grant, to fund said appropriation, and further, to authorize the Conservation Commission and/or the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise a conservation restriction over approximately 23 acres of said property for conservation and appropriate public passive recreational use, and further, that the Conservation Commission and/or the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into all agreements and to execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effectuate said conservation restriction acquisition; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article assists the Buzzards Bay Coalition in acquiring and preserving conservation and open space land known as “Tripp’s Mill Brook Headwaters” within the Town.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$138,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Affordable Housing and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act Funds account and/or the FY19 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act Funds for the purpose of upgrading the fire alarm system to all of the buildings within the Acushnet Housing Authority located at 23 Main Street to include the installation of emergency lighting in common hallways and the installation of a generator to power the Community Center, pursuant to the Community Preservation Act; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article funds the installation of a new fire alarm system in the Housing Authority buildings at Presidential Estates.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Affordable Housing and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act Funds account and/or the FY19 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act Funds for the purpose of installing maintenance free composite trim and siding to a portion of the buildings within the Acushnet Housing Authority

located at 23 Main Street, pursuant to the Community Preservation Act; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article funds the installation of a portion of the siding and trim for the Housing Authority buildings at Presidential Estates.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$14,500 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act Funds account and/or the FY19 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of the Long Plain Museum, an historic resource, more specifically, for repairing of the asset and all incidental and related expenses, pursuant to the Community Preservation Act; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article funds repair and improvements to the Long Plain Museum Building.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY19 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of constructing a 16' x 20' concrete vault at the Parting Ways Building for storage of vital records and all incidental and related expenses connected with the construction, pursuant to the Community Preservation Act; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article funds the installation of a town vault in the Town Clerk's Office in the Parting Ways Building for the preservation of the vital records of the Town.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY19 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of replacing the roof and expanding a canopy on the utility building at Pope Park, located at 96 Pope Street, pursuant to the Community Preservation Act; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article funds the replacement of a roof and expanding the canopy coverage on the Pope Park Utility Building.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 from the Community Preservation Fund balance for Historic Preservation and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act Funds account and/or the FY19 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of the Quaker Meeting House, an historic resource, more specifically, for necessary preservation and repairs including but not limited to the gutters, downspouts, replacement windows and to add an ADA compliant ramp and subterranean drainage system and all incidental and related expenses, pursuant to the Community Preservation Act; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article funds the preservation efforts at the Quaker Meeting House.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance and/or the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY19 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act Funds for the purpose of improvement, expansion, and reconstruction of the School Fields located at 800 Middle Road, all pursuant to the Community Preservation Act; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article funds expansion and improvement to the School Fields.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unused balance of the amounts approved under Article 10 of the May 20, 2013 Special Town Meeting for the Emergency Management Building roof, and repurpose the remaining balance to replace the heating system and all incidental and related expenses, pursuant to the Community Preservation Act or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

This Article repurposes the remaining \$5,893 for the use of replacing the heating system at the Emergency Management building.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Cemetery Board to perform work in the Cemeteries and to determine the compensation to be paid to said members; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article authorizes the Cemetery Board to determine and perform work within the Cemetery and to determine and set the compensation for the Cemetery Board members and employees.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Recreation Commission to perform work in the park and to determine the compensation to be paid to said members; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article authorizes the Recreation Commission to determine and perform work within the park and to determine and set compensation for the Park & Recreation Commission members and employees.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to amend the general by-laws of the town by adding a new section to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53E½, as follows:

1. **Purpose.** This by-law establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by town departments, boards, committees, agencies and officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by General Laws Chapter 44, §53E½.
2. **Expenditure Limitations.** A department, board, committee, or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law without appropriation subject to the following limitations:

- A. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund.
 - B. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
 - C. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by Annual Town Meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.
3. **Interest.** Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this by-law shall be credited to the general fund.
4. **Procedures and Reports.** Except as provided in General Laws Chapter 44, §53E½ and this by-law, the laws, charter provisions, by-laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of town monies and the expenditure and payment of town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law. The Town Accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to the fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to each fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the Town Accountant provides the department, board, committee, agency or officer on appropriations made for its use.
5. **Authorized Revolving Funds.**
The Table establishes:
- A. Each revolving fund authorized for use by a town department, board, committee, agency or officer,
 - B. The department or agency head, board, committee or officer authorized to spend from each fund,
 - C. The fees, charges and other monies charged and received by the department, board, committee, agency or officer in connection with the program or activity for which the fund is established that shall be credited to each fund by the Town Accountant,
 - D. The expenses of the program or activity for which each fund may be used,
 - E. Any restrictions or conditions on expenditures from each fund;
 - F. Any reporting or other requirements that apply to each fund, and
 - G. The fiscal years each fund shall operate, under this by-law.

A Revolving Fund	B Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund	C Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	D Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	E Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund	F Other Requirements/ Reports	G Fiscal Years
Conservation	Conservation Commission	Fees charged and received by the Conservation Commission	Training, supplies, and special equipment for conservation purposes	None	None	Fiscal Year 2019 and subsequent years
Park & Recreation	Park & Recreation Commission	Fees charged and received for Park & Recreation Programs	Maintenance costs, supplies, equipment, and contracted services	None	None	Fiscal Year 2019 and subsequent years

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article establishes these two accounts as permanent revolving funds in the Bylaws of the Town as required under the Municipal Modernization Act.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2019 beginning on July 1, 2018 for the revolving funds established in town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½;

<i>Revolving Fund</i>	<i>Authorized to Spend</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Revenue Source</i>	<i>FY19 Limit</i>
Public Library	Library Trustees	Library Activities	Fees & Fines	\$6,000
Conservation	Conservation Commission	Commission's Activities	Fees Rec'd	\$2,500
Park & Recreation	Park & Recreation Commissioners	Park & Recreation Activities	Fees Rec'd	\$12,500
Council on Aging	Council on Aging Board	Senior Center Activities	Fees Rec'd	\$30,000

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Article seeks to renew the authorization to use the funds collected through fines, permit fees, and application fees for the support of that department's activities. Two of the funds are established under the Bylaws of the Town, but Town meeting still needs to authorize the spending limit.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 45: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Library Trustees to sell for the sum of \$1 the discarded books and periodicals of the Acushnet Public Library to the Friends of Acushnet Public Library, a non-profit library support group, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Library Trustees

Town Meeting approval for the disposition of surplus inventory is required. The Library Trustees seek this permission every year to perform this task.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 46: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a certain sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund as established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee recommends this Article in the amount of \$453,417. The Stabilization Fund is Acushnet's "savings account" for the future needs of the Town. It is vitally important to the financial health of the Town to provide for the future.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 47: To see if the Town will adopt the resolution outlined in Appendix 2 of this document, to wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

WHEREAS certain persons have during the calendar year of 2017 concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names and nature of service of the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of 2018 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town,

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

This Article seeks to recognize and express the Town's gratitude for the service rendered by the parties listed in the Appendix of this document.

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

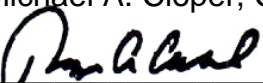
You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting a copy thereof attested to by you in writing in each of eight public places in the Town at least fourteen days before the time for holding the meeting called for in the Warrant. Herefore fail not, and make do return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Town on or before the _____ day of April 2018.

Given under our hands this 26th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Michael A. Cioper, Chairman



Roger A. Cabral



Kevin A. Gaspar, Sr.

Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

Date

BRISTOL, SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, the Council on Aging, the Acushnet Post Office, Jason's Variety, Scuttlebutts Variety, Ford Middle School, Acushnet Elementary School and the Acushnet Public Library, of said Town fourteen days at least before the date hereof, as within directed.

Constable of Acushnet

Date

MAY REMOVE AFTER MAY 14, 2018

APPENDIX 1: Town Meeting Parliamentary Procedure

Parliamentary procedure has a long history. Originating in the early English Parliaments, it came to America with the first European settlers and became uniform in 1876 when Henry Robert published his manual, known as "Robert's Rules of Order." Our Town Meeting proceedings are governed by the rules contained in "*Town Meeting Time: A Handbook of Parliamentary Law*" except as modified by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapters 39 and 43A.

Parliamentary procedure means that everyone may be heard and to come to decisions without confusion. It means democratic rule, flexibility, the protection of rights and most importantly a fair hearing for everyone.

The basic parts of parliamentary procedure provide for the presentation of motions, the seconding or the expression of support of another's motion, an opportunity to debate, and ability to make a decision.

There are five general types of motions:

- Main Motions: These introduce subjects for consideration.
- Subsidiary Motions: This motion change how the main motion is handled. (They are voted on before the main motion.)
- Privileged Motions: These motions concern special or important matters not related to the pending business. In general, they are considered before other types of motions.
- Incidental Motions: These are questions of procedure that arise out of other motions, and they must be considered before the other motion.
- Motions that bring a question again before the assembly: These enable certain items to be reconsidered. In general, they are brought up when no business is pending.

Some questions relating to motions:

- Is it in order? Your motion must relate to the business at hand and be presented at the right time. It must not be obstructive, frivolous or against the law.
- May I interrupt the speaker? Some motions are so important that the speaker may be interrupted to make them. The original speaker regains the floor after the interruption has been attended to.
- Do I need a second? Usually, yes, A second indicates that another member would like to consider your motion and it prevents spending time on a question that interests only one person.
- Is it debatable? Parliamentary procedure guards the right to free and full debate on motions. However, some subsidiary or privileged, and incidental motions are not debatable.
- Can it be amended? Striking out or inserting wording, or both, can change some motions. Amendments must relate to the subject as presented in the main motion.
- What vote is needed? Most require only a majority vote (more than half the members present and voting). But, motions concerning the rights of the town meeting, borrowing, and some other miscellaneous subjects may require "supermajorities" of $\frac{3}{4}$ or 9/10's depending on the applicable state law.
- Can it be reconsidered? Some motions can be debated again and revoted to give members a chance to change their minds. The motion to reconsider must come from the "winning" side.

How Do I Present My Motion?

Obtain the Floor:

- Wait until the previous speaker is finished.
- Rise and address the Moderator. Say, "Mr. Moderator."
- Wait until you are recognized.
- State your name and address for the record.

Make your motion:

- Speak clearly and concisely.
- State your motion affirmatively. Say, "I move that we do...." Instead of "I move that we do not..."
- Stay on the subject and avoid personal attacks.

You wait for a second:

- Another member will say, "I second the motion."
- Or the Moderator will call for a second.
- If there is no second, your motion will not be considered. (Motions made at the direction of a board or committee (more than one person) do not require a second.)

The Moderator states your motion:

- The Moderator must say, "It is moved and seconded that we..."
- After this happens, debate or voting can occur.
- Your motion is now "assembly property," and you can't change it without the consent of the body.

You expand on your motion:

- As the person who made the motion, you are allowed to speak first.
- Direct all comments to the Moderator
- Keep to the time limit for speaking.
- You may speak again after all other speakers are finished.
- You may speak a third time by a motion to suspend the rules with a 2/3 vote.

The Moderator puts the question:

- The Moderator asks, "Are you ready for the question?"
- If there is no more debate, or if a motion to stop debate is adopted, a vote is taken.
- The Moderator announces the result.

The method of voting on a motion:

- Voice: The Moderator asks those in favor to say "aye" and those opposed to say "no." A member may move for an exact count.
- General Consent: When a motion isn't likely to be opposed, the chair says, "If there is no objection..." Members show consent by their silence. If someone says, "I object," the matter must be put to a vote.
- Show of hands: Members raise their hands to verify a voice vote, or as an alternative to it. This does not require a count. A member may move for an exact count.
- Ballot: Members write their vote on a slip of paper and this is done when secrecy is desired.

More Motions:

A motion to lay on the table: This motion is used to lay something aside temporarily to take care of more urgent matters. It should not be used to prevent debate or to kill a question. Members can "take from the table" a motion for reconsideration. This must happen by the end of the town meeting.

A motion to indefinitely postpone: This is a parliamentary strategy. It allows members to dispose of a motion without making a decision for or against. This is useful in case of a badly chosen main motion for which either a "yes" or "no" vote would have undesirable consequences.

APPENDIX 2: A Resolution of Gratitude

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

WHEREAS certain persons have during the calendar year of 2017 concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names and nature of service of the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of 2018 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Nancy	S.	Ashley	School Administration
James		Baptiste	EMS/Fire
Reed	M.	Barker	Summer Rec.
Alan	D.	Bowen	EMS
Murial	K.	Carle	EMS
Kelsey	J.	Carvalho	Police Department
Brandon	M.	Charles	Summer Rec.
Lillian		Contois	Elections/Town Meeting
David	F.	Costa	Board of Appeals/Alt.
Jolene	M.	Costa	Police Department
Pauline	I.	Cote	Council on Aging
Simonne	L.	Coutinho	Elections/Town Meeting
Andrew	J.	Cox	Golf Maintenance
Stephen	R.	Donovan	School Administration
Lucas	J.	Ferreira	Summer Rec.
Robert		Francis	Town Moderator
Richard	P.	Forand	Planning Commission
Joanne		Fournier	Election Inspector
Joanne		Fournier	Elections/Town Meeting
Sophia	I.	Furtado	Fire on Call
Morgan	K.	Garcia	Summer Rec.
Christopher	S.	Green	School Committee
Spencer	A.	Howell	Golf Maintenance
Robert	N.	Lavalee	Special Police Detail
Gary	F.	Moniz	Police Department
Morris	A.	Oliveira	Council on Aging
Charles	A.	Price	Council on Aging
Thomas	C.	Protentis	Golf Maintenance
Erin	K.	Ptaszenski	School Committee
Joyce	A.	Reynolds	Historical Commission
Anthony	W.	Richards	Park Department
William	P.	Rodrigues, Jr.	EMS
Jacqueline	M.	Rolnick	Library
Marshall	A.	Ronco	Special Police Detail
Paula	J.	Rossi-Clapp	Council on Aging
Elana	J.	Sargent	Old Colony Co-op Student
Robert		St. Jean, Jr.	Park Commission
Wendy	A.	Sylvia	Council on Aging
Gerard	I.	Tanguay	Council on Aging
John	P.	Vieira	Summer Rec.

**THE TOWNSPEOPLE OF ACUSHNET
MAY 2018**

APPENDIX 3: Finance Committee's Recommendations (Sources of Funds)

#	Purpose	Department	Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds					
					Raise & Appropriate	Free Cash	Overlay Surplus	Enterprise/ Revenue	CPA	Other
1	Accept Town Report	Selectmen	-	-						
2	Snow & Ice Deficit	Selectmen	55,000	55,000		55,000				
3	Omnibus FY2019 Budget	Finance	29,172,995	29,172,995	28,192,563	462,515		516,367		1,550
4	Apply for Grants	Selectmen	-	-						
5	Accept Ch. 90 Funds	Selectmen	-	-						
6	Treasurer's Authorization	Treasurer	-	-						
7	Golf Enterprise	Selectmen	1,464,070	1,464,070				1,464,070		
8	Golf Club- 5 Yr. \$1 B/O Equipment Lease	Selectmen	-	-						
9	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Selectmen	596,343	596,343				596,343		
10	Sewer Tie-In Loan Account	Selectmen	36,000	36,000						36,000
11	Radio Replacement - Fire/EMS	Selectmen	25,000	25,000				25,000		
11	Transfer from EMS Receipts Reserved (Replace Ladder Truck Funding)	Selectmen	80,000	80,000				80,000		
11	New CPR Devices (2 units) - EMS	Selectmen	29,000	29,000				29,000		
11	Bio-Medical Destruction System - EMS	Selectmen	48,000	48,000				48,000		
11	Radio Replacement - Police	Selectmen	135,000	135,000		135,000				
11	Replace Defibrillators - Police Dept	Selectmen	12,000	12,000				12,000		
12	Conversion of Munis Chart of Accounts - Accountant	Selectmen	20,000	20,000		20,000				
13	HR Consulting Services	Selectmen	10,000	10,000		10,000				
14	Technology Replacements & Upgrades - Parting Ways, Fire Department, Town Hall	Selectmen	20,000	20,000		20,000				
15	Office Furniture/File Cabinets - Parting Ways Building/Town Hall	Selectmen	42,500	42,500		42,500				
16	Accept MGL, Chapter 41, Section 111M & 111N (Moving EMS Personnel from Workers Compensation coverage to Injured on Duty coverage)	Selectmen	-	-						-
17	Accept MGL Chapter 64L, Section 2 - Adoption of a meals tax	Selectmen	-	-						-
18	Establish OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund & Transfer Existing Stabilization Reserve for OPEB and Deposit an Additional Sum of Money	Selectmen	300,000	300,000			100,000			200,000
19	Capital - Highway Truck w/10 Ton Sander & Plow	Selectmen	230,000	230,000			230,000			
19	Capital - Water Dept - Mini-Excavator	Selectmen	52,500	52,500				52,500		
19	Capital - Water Dept - Remote Meter Reading System Upgrade	Selectmen	60,000	60,000				60,000		

#	Purpose	Department	Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds					
					Raise & Appropriate	Free Cash	Overlay Surplus	Enterprise/Revenue	CPA	Other
20	Capital - Septic Tank Repair	Library Trustees	25,000	25,000		25,000				
21	School Capital - Renovation to Boys Bathroom at AES	School Committee	20,000	20,000		20,000				
21	School Capital - Roof Preventative Maintenance	School Committee	50,000	50,000		50,000				
21	School Capital - Playground Drainage	School Committee	20,000	20,000		20,000				
21	School Capital - Security Cameras, Monitors, Related Equipment	School Committee	75,000	75,000		75,000				
21	School Capital - Clocks & Related Equipment (AES,FMS)	School Committee	65,000	65,000		65,000				
21	School Capital - Driveway Sealcoating & Crack Patching	School Committee	54,000	54,000		54,000				
22	Create Special Education Stabilization Account	School Committee	100,000	100,000			100,000			
23	Re-Authorize Soil Board and Define Membership	BOH/Selectmen	-	-						
24	Consultant for Review of PJ Keating Facility	BOH/Soil Board	50,000	50,000		50,000				
25	Building Repair/Maintenance Improvements - COA	Selectmen	125,000	125,000		125,000				
26	Assessors Server Migration	Assessors	12,000	12,000			12,000			
27	Amend Local Option Under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A to \$50,000	Assessors	-	-						
28	Marijuana General Bylaw	Selectmen	-	-						
29	Russell Memorial Library - Disposition of an Asset	Selectmen	-	-						
30	CPA General Reserve Article	CPA	172,500	172,500					172,500	
31	Veteran's Housing Architectural Plans (Russell Memorial Building)	CPA	15,000	15,000					15,000	
32	Tripps Mill Brook Headwaters Conservation Restriction	CPA	70,000	70,000					35,000	35,000
33	Housing Authority Alarm System	CPA	138,000	138,000					138,000	
34	Housing Authority Siding	CPA	40,000	40,000					40,000	
35	Long Plain Museum Rehab Work	CPA	14,500	14,500					14,500	
36	Parting Ways Vault	CPA	50,000	50,000					50,000	
37	Pope Park Building	CPA	10,000	10,000					10,000	
38	Quaker Meeting House	CPA	6,500	6,500					6,500	
39	School Athletic Fields	CPA	50,000	50,000					50,000	
40	Amend Article 10 Annual Town Meeting of 5/2013 to expand use of funds for EMA (\$5,893)	CPA	-	-					-	
41	Cemetery Board Authorization	Cemetery	-	-						

#	Purpose	Department	Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds					
					Raise & Appropriate	Free Cash	Overlay Surplus	Enterprise/Revenue	CPA	Other
42	Park & Recreation Board Authorization	Park & Recreation	-	-						
43	Establish Conservation Revolving Account Bylaw	Selectmen	-	-						
43	Establish Park & Recreation Revolving Account Bylaw	Selectmen	-	-						
44	Library Revolving Fund	Library	6,000	6,000						6,000
44	Conservation Revolving Fund	Conservation	2,500	2,500						2,500
44	Park Revolving Fund	Park & Recreation	12,500	12,500						12,500
44	COA Revolving Fund	COA	30,000	30,000						30,000
45	Authorization to Sell Books	Library	-	-						
46	Transfer to Stabilization	Selectmen	453,417	453,417		453,417				
47	Resolution of Gratitude for Town Service	Selectmen	-	-						
	Total		\$34,055,325	\$ 34,055,325	\$28,192,563	\$1,682,432	\$442,000	\$2,883,280	\$531,500	\$323,550

APPENDIX 4: MGL Chapter 41, §111M & 111N

Section 111M. In any city or town which accepts this section, an employee of a city or town or fire or water district who is responsible for delivering emergency medical services under the provisions of Chapter 111C, and who is incapacitated for duty because of injury sustained in the performance of his duty without fault of his own shall be granted leave without loss of pay for the period of such incapacity; provided, that no such leave shall be granted for any period after such emergency medical personnel has been retired or pensioned in accordance with law or for any period after a physician designated by the board or personnel authorized to appoint emergency medical personnel in such city, town or district determines that such incapacity no longer exists. All amounts payable under this section shall be paid at the time and in the same manner as, and for all purposes shall be deemed to be, the regular compensation of such emergency medical personnel. This section shall also apply to any such employee who is subject to the provisions of Chapter 152 if he is injured while delivering emergency medical services and if he waives the provisions of said chapter.

Where the injury causing the incapacity of an emergency medical personnel for which he is granted a leave without loss of pay and is paid compensation in accordance with the provisions of this section, was caused under circumstances creating legal liability in some person to pay damages in respect thereof, either the person so injured or the city, town or fire or water district paying such compensation may proceed to enforce the liability of such person in any court of competent jurisdiction. The sum recovered shall be for the benefit of the city, town or fire or water district paying such compensation, unless the sum is greater than the compensation paid to that person so injured. For the purposes of this section, "excess" shall mean the amount by which the total sum received in payment for the injury, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds the amount paid under this section as compensation to the person so injured. The party bringing the action shall be entitled to any costs recovered by him. Any interest received in such action shall be apportioned between the city, town, or fire or water district and the person so injured in proportion to the amounts received by them respectively, inclusive of interest and costs. The expense of any attorney's fees shall be divided between the city, town, or fire or water district and the person so injured in proportion to the amounts received by them respectively.

Whoever intentionally or negligently injures an emergency medical personnel for which he is granted a leave without loss of pay and is paid compensation in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be liable in tort to the city, town or fire or water district paying such compensation for all costs incurred by such city, town, or fire or water district in replacing such injured emergency medical personnel which are in excess of the amount of compensation paid.

Section 111N. Any city operating under a Plan D or Plan E charter which accepts this section by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of its city council, and any other city which accepts this section by a majority vote of its city council with the approval of the mayor, and any town which accepts this section by a majority vote of its inhabitants at an annual town meeting or a special town meeting upon application by a public employee of such city or town who is responsible for delivering emergency medical care pursuant to the provisions of section six of Chapter 111C, hereinafter referred to as an emergency medical technician or, in the event of the physical or mental incapacity or death of such emergency medical technician by someone in his behalf, the board or officer of such city or town authorized to appoint the emergency medical technicians, shall determine whether it is appropriate under all the circumstances for such city or town to indemnify such emergency medical technician for his reasonable hospital, medical, surgical, chiropractic, nursing, pharmaceutical, prosthetic and related expenses and reasonable charges for chiropody incurred as the natural and proximate result of an accident occurring or, of undergoing a hazard peculiar to his employment, while acting in the performance and within the scope of his duty without fault of his own. For the purposes of this section, "duty" shall include any assigned special detail whether or not the emergency medical technician was paid by the city or town. If such board or officer determines that such indemnification is appropriate, such board or officer shall certify for payment, either directly or by reimbursement, by such city or town, the amount of such expenses as may be specified in such certificate. Whenever such board or officer denies an application in whole or in part, such board or officer shall set forth in writing the reasons for such denial and cause a copy thereof to be delivered to the applicant. At any time within two years after the filing of an application as aforesaid, an applicant aggrieved by a denial in whole or in part of his application or by the failure of such board or officer to act thereon within six months from the filing thereof, may petition the superior court to determine whether such board or officer has failed to timely act on such an application or, in denying the application, in whole or in part, has committed an error of law has been arbitrary or capricious or has abused his discretion, or otherwise has acted not in accordance with law. After due notice and hearing, such court may order such board or officer to act on such application or to consider, or to further consider, and determine the same in conformity with law.

A city or town shall indemnify an emergency medical technician, in the manner and to the extent herein provided and subject to the same limitations for expenses or damages incurred by him in the defense of the settlement of a claim against him for acts done by him while operating a motor vehicle as such emergency medical technician.

Where the injury for which any payment is made pursuant to the provisions of this section by a city or town has been caused under circumstances creating a legal liability in some person to pay damages in respect thereof, either the emergency medical technician so injured or the city or town may proceed to enforce the liability of such person in any court of competent jurisdiction. The party bringing a successful action shall be entitled to any costs, interest and attorneys' fees incurred as a direct result of such action.

Whoever intentionally or negligently injures an emergency medical technician for which he is paid indemnification under this section shall be liable in tort to the city or town for the amount of indemnification so paid.

APPENDIX 5: MGL Chapter 64L, §2

Section 2: Local sales tax upon restaurant meals; distribution; effective date upon acceptance by municipality; reports

Section 2. (a) A city or town which accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4 may impose a local sales tax upon the sale of restaurant meals originating within the city or town by a vendor at a rate of .75 per cent of the gross receipts of the vendor from the sale of restaurant meals. No excise shall be imposed if the sale is exempt under section 6 of chapter 64H. The vendor shall pay the local sales tax imposed under this section to the commissioner at the same time and in the same manner as the sales tax due to the commonwealth.

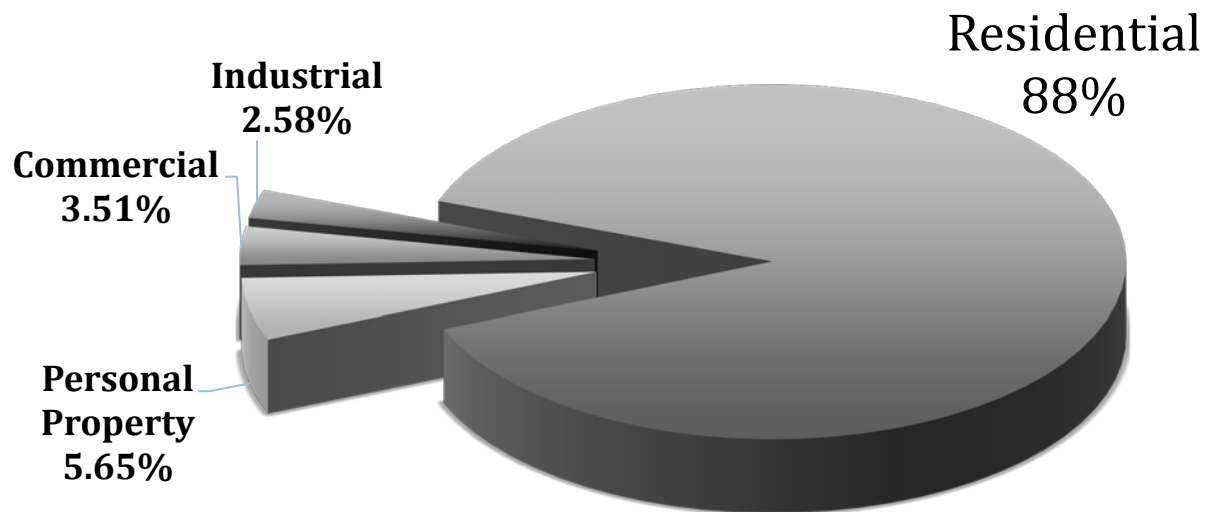
(b) All sums received by the commissioner under this section shall, at least quarterly, be distributed, credited and paid by the state treasurer upon certification of the commissioner to each city or town that has accepted this section in proportion to the amount of the sums received from the sales of restaurant meals in that city or town. Any city or town seeking to dispute the commissioner's calculation of its distribution under this subsection shall notify the commissioner, in writing, not later than 1 year from the date the tax was distributed by the commissioner to the city or town.

(c) This section shall take effect in a municipality on the first day of the calendar quarter following 30 days after its acceptance by the municipality or on the first day of a later calendar quarter that the city or town may designate.

(d) Notwithstanding any provisions in section 21 of chapter 62C to the contrary, the commissioner may make available to cities and towns any information necessary for administration of the excise imposed by this section including, but not limited to, a report of the amount of local option sales tax on restaurant meals collected in the aggregate by each city or town under this section in the preceding fiscal year, and the identification of each individual vendor collecting local option sales tax on restaurant meals collected under this chapter.

Tax Facts:

Acushnet's Tax Base FY2018



Residential Rate
\$14.42 / thousand
(\$0.02 decrease)

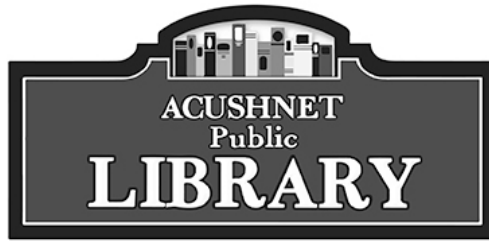
Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property Rate
\$18.50 / thousand
(\$0.07 decrease)

The Average Single-Family home is valued at \$279,400

Single Family homes showed an increase in value from the last fiscal year. Last year the single-family average was \$272,130.

Commercial Values have also increased.

The State requires the Town to conduct a cyclical inspection every ten years. This means that every property needs to be measured and inspected to make sure that the property is assessed at the fair market value (FMV).



Your Library is so much more than books!

Check out what YOUR library has to offer:

- Access to over 25,000 books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and more in-house, not to mention the hundreds of thousands of titles you can borrow from 75 network libraries or download online
- Reduced / free admission to area museums and attractions: Buttonwood Park Zoo, The Hall at Patriot Place, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Mass State Parks, Mystic Aquarium, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Plimoth Plantation, Roger Williams Park Zoo, and USS Constitution Museum
- FREE programs for kids, teens and adults – upcoming highlights:
 - May 16 - 2nd Annual Meet Your Farmer Event 5-7pm
 - May 26 - Toe Jam Puppet Band 11am
Sponsored in part by the Acushnet Cultural Council, a local agency and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency
 - May 30 - Michael Tougias author event 6:30pm
Sponsored by the Friends of the APL
 - Coming in June: *Libraries Rock!*, the annual Summer Reading program for all ages
- Any Acushnet resident, age 5+, can have a FREE library card. Stop by the Info Desk with a photo ID/proof of address and fill out an application to receive yours. Thanks to our collaboration with the Council on Aging, we now offer a homebound delivery program, too!

Nearly 5,000 Acushnet residents have library cards...do you?

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