

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, October 27, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol, SS

To the Constable of the Town of Acushnet

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 are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Acushnet Ford Middle School Auditorium in said Acushnet, Monday, the Twenty Seventh (27th) day of October, at 7:00 P.M. in the evening then and there to act on the following articles viz:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sewer Phase II Betterment Fund the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of reimbursing the General Fund for debt service expenditures incurred, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$75,000.00)

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars for the purpose of adjusting line item 0101192/511000 Salaries Custodian or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$1,239.00)

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Three Hundred Dollars to fund line item 0105541/519000 Council on Aging Longevity or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$300.00)

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate net premium paid to the Town by the purchaser of bonds or notes issued for the construction of the Town's new Police Station (the "Project") authorized under a vote of the Town passed October 22, 2012 (Article 3), excluded from Proposition 2 ½, so called, on December 10, 2012, and to use such premium to pay costs of the Project, and to reduce by such premium the remaining amount authorized to be borrowed for the Project, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to enter into an agreement with Virtual Town Hall; Seven Thousand Five Hundred of which is a one-time charge for web design, content development and training; Two Thousand Dollars of which is the annual charge for secure hosting, support, maintenance and updates or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$9,500.00)

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars to fund and implement wage increases retroactive to July 1, 2014 for those employees covered by the following Union Contract: Laborers District Council Local Union 1249, covering the term of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2015, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$18,000.00)

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars to line item 0101135/530550 GASB 45 Valuation, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$2,100.00)

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to grant the Board of Selectmen authority to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the Town and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the

sum of One Hundred Eleven Dollars for the payment of an unpaid Emergency Management bill from a prior year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 64 of the General Laws, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$111.00)

(Submitted by the Emergency Management Director)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars for vehicle exhaust removal systems at Fire Stations #1 and #3, as a 5% match of Federal grant of \$50,350.00 for such purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$2,650.00)

(Submitted by the Fire Chief)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Ninety Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Two Dollars for the purpose to cover the salary and non-salary costs associated with the hiring of three full-time officers for the police department, or take any other action relative thereto. (\$93,852.00)

(Submitted by the Police Chief)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six Dollars for the purpose of purchasing a marked police cruiser for the Police Department, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$36,656.00)

(Submitted by the Police Chief)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transferring from available funds or by borrowing an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of replacing and upgrading a golf course irrigation pump system and irrigation controllers, including all related and incidental costs thereto, and that such borrowing is to be repaid in the first instance by the Town's golf enterprise fund, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$130,000.00)

(Submitted by the Golf Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds from the Golf Contingency Fund the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars to line item 6606650/574400 Insurance, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$1,250.00)

(Submitted by the Golf Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Five Hundred Dollars for the purpose of making repairs to the historical signs placed throughout Town, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$500.00)

(Submitted by the Historical Commission)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, Section 2.2, and the Town of Acushnet Zoning Map, to extend the boundary of the Business Village (BV) district to include the land within 300 feet of the western line of South Main Street from Lawson Avenue to the Fairhaven Line, as shown on the map placed on file with the Town Clerk, and further that nonsubstantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Bylaws of Acushnet, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Commission)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, Section 2.1 and 2.2, and the Town of Acushnet Zoning Map, to create a new Industrial District, I-1, off of South Main Street, and to insert a new section in Section 3 of said Zoning Article VIII establishing specifications for permitted uses, prohibited uses, development standards and dimensional requirements in the I-1 district, the new district and proposed specifications being shown more particularly on a map and text placed on file with the Town Clerk, and further that nonsubstantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Bylaws of Acushnet, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Commission)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Category under the Community Preservation Program for the purpose of installing the previously purchased windows funded by the Town under the Community Preservation Act at the Town-owned, Fire and E.M.S. Historic Station 2, Located on North Main Street, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$3,000.00)

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Commission)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Category under the Community Preservation Program for the purpose of starting a pollinator garden to benefit the bees, butterflies, and other pollinators of the Town garden with public signage at the entrance of the Town-owned River Valley Golf Course, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$2,000.00)

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Commission)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund Balance under the Community Preservation Program for the rehabilitation of the historic Acushnet Grange #285, specifically to replace three doors, repair and repaint the porch and install a handicap accessible ramp, which building is the subject of an historical preservation agreement between the Town and the Acushnet Grange #285 whereby the Town holds an historic preservation restriction that benefits the Town of Acushnet residents, or to take any action relative thereto. (\$15,000.00)

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Commission)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars for the purpose of replacing the photocopier in the Town Clerk's Office, or to take any action relative thereto. (\$2,195.00)

(Submitted by the Town Clerk)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars for the purposes of updating and codifying the Town of Acushnet General By-Laws, Zoning By-Laws, Accepted General Laws and Special Acts of Legislation, or to take any action relative thereto. (\$10,900.00)

(Submitted by the Town Clerk)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds an amount for the purpose of contributing to a Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Finance Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof fifteen (15) days at the least before the time of said meeting as directed by the Board of Selectmen. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 6th day of October, 2014.

Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman

David E. Wojnar, Member

Garry L. Rawcliffe, Member
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy Attest:
This 9th day of October, 2014

Marc Laplante
Constable of Acushnet