

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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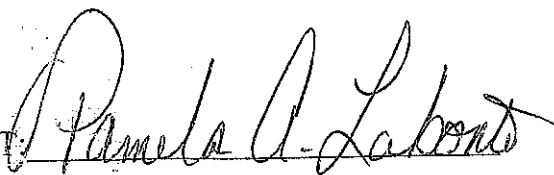
This is to certify that on the day of October 30, 2020, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet, who are qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, of the Special Town Meeting to meet at the Acushnet Ford Middle School Auditorium located at 708 Middle Road in said Acushnet, on Saturday, the 14th day of November, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. in the Morning for the Special Town Meeting, and there to act on certain articles, by posting attested copies of this warrant at the following places:

COUNCIL ON AGING CENTER	PRECINCT I
ACUSHNET POST OFFICE	PRECINCT I
ACUSHNET TOWN HALL	PRECINCT II
PARTING WAYS	PRECINCT II
JASONS VARIETY	PRECINCT II
SCUTTLEBUTTS VARIETY	PRECINCT II
FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL	PRECINCT III
ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PRECINCT III
ACUSHNET PUBLIC LIBRARY	PRECINCT III

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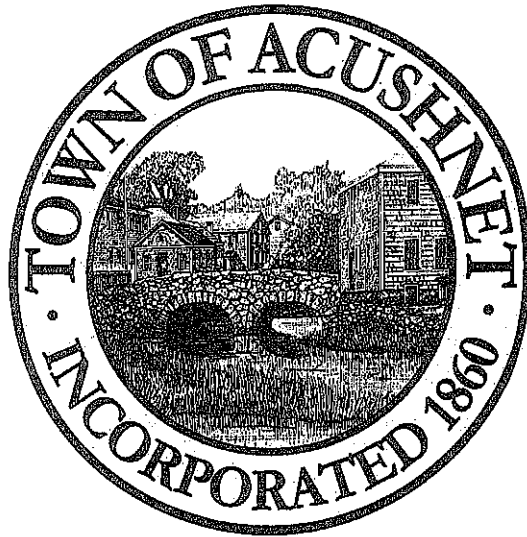
ATTEST:





Marc Laplante
Constable, Town of Acushnet

TOWN OF ACUSHNET



Transcript of Articles in the Warrant for the
FALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, November 14, 2020

At 10:00 a.m.

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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.

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TOWN OF ACUSHNET



WARRANT

Special Town Meeting

Saturday, November 14, 2020

At 10:00 o'clock in the morning 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 Saturday, the fourteenth day of November, 2020 at 10:00 a.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 Saturday, November 14, 2020, 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.

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TOWN OF ACUSHNET



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WARRANT FOR FALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Saturday, November 14, 2020

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

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of School Committee for the Accelerated Repair Project at the Acushnet Elementary School for the partial replacement of the existing roof, located at 800 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), or to take any other action relative thereto. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-seven and seventy-four hundredths of a percent (57.74%) of eligible, approved costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

Requested by the School Committee and Board of
Selectmen

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of fifteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$15,750.00) for the purpose of funding the preliminary actions needed to prepare the 2021-2031 Town of Acushnet Master Plan, including concept planning for the Slocum Street Corridor, as well as all other costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Town Planner

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$15,750.00.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Capital Expenditure Fund a sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of vehicle refurbishments for the Fire/EMS vehicle fleet, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Fire/EMS Department

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$15,000.00.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Special Revenue Fund Surplus a sum of seventy-one thousand five-hundred dollars (\$71,500) to complete a Risk and Resilience Assessment and an Emergency Response Plan required to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency before June 30, 2021, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Department of Public Works

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$71,500.00.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Sewer Surplus account the sum of one-hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00) for reimbursement for the school sewer pump, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Department of Public Works

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$110,000.00.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of two-hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Loader, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for use by the Department of Public Works, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Department of Public Works

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$275,000.00.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Special Revenue Fund Surplus the sum of one-hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to replace the water pipeline on Nye Avenue, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Department of Public Works

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$150,000.00.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Pickup Truck with Commercial Utility Cap, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for use by the Animal Control Officer, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Animal Control Department

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$60,000.00.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Golf Course Retained Earnings a sum not to exceed eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) for the purpose of various capital repairs and replacements, including but not limited to: cart path work, irrigation system repairs and replacements, additional sprinklers, replacement of capital equipment, replacement or leasing of fourteen (14) nine-year-old golf carts and/or other necessary and proper expenditures approved by the Golf Management Committee and the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Golf Enterprise Management Committee

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$80,000.00.

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ARTICLE 10: 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 the Capital Improvement Budget for the School, 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
School	Science Curriculum	\$ 11,499	\$ 11,499	Free Cash
School	Reading Curriculum	50,000	50,000	Free Cash
School	Developmental Reading Assessments (AES)	15,750	15,750	Free Cash
Total		\$ 77,249	\$ 77,249	

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the School Committee

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$77,249.00.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the OPEB Fund as established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 32B, Section 20, and as amended by the Municipal Modernization Act, Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$50,000.00.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Undesignated Fund balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY21 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of purchasing improvements and funding repairs to recreational equipment at the Pope Park Playground for open space and recreational purposes, located at 96 Pope Street, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$10,000.00.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from the Undesignated Fund balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY21 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of improvements and cleaning efforts in the Lake Street lakes and adjacent recreational grounds, located on Lake Street, for open space and recreational purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$75,000.00.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from the Undesignated Fund balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY21 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of improvements and cleaning efforts at the Acushnet Riverview Park, located on River Street, for open space and recreational purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously in the amount of \$5,000.00.

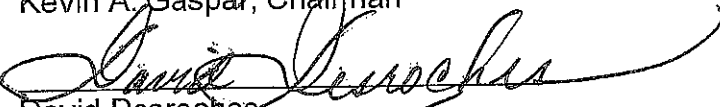
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You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting a copy thereof attested to by you in writing in each of eight public places in the Town at least fourteen days before the time for holding the meeting called for in the Warrant. Herefore fail not, and make do return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Town on or before the 31st day of October 2020.

Given under our hands this 28th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

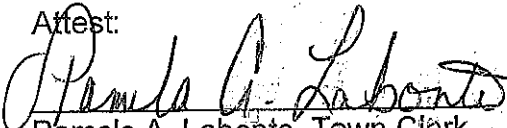
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Kevin A. Gaspar, Chairman


David Desroches


David A. Wojnar

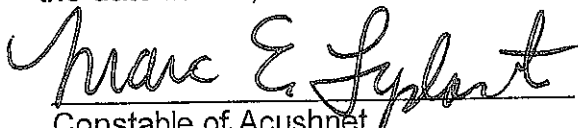
Attest:


Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

October 29, 2020
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

10-30-20
Date

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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: Finance Committee's Recommendations (Sources of Funds)

#	Description	Department	Finance Committee Recommendations	Source of Funds						
				Raise & Approp.	Free Cash	Other Available Funds	Water Surplus	Enterprise	CPA	Borrowing
1	MSBA / School Roof Borrowing	School/BOS	\$ 2,570,759							\$ 2,570,759
2	Master Plan	Planner	\$ 15,750		\$ 15,750					
3	Fire/EMS Vehicle Refurbishments	Fire/EMS	\$ 15,000			\$ 15,000				
4	RRA and ERP	DPW	\$ 71,500				\$ 71,500			
5	Sewer Transfer (School Sewer Pump Station)	DPW	\$ 110,000		\$110,000					
6	Capital – New Loader	DPW	\$ 275,000		\$275,000					
7	Water Pipeline Replacement - Nye Ave	DPW	\$ 150,000				\$150,000			
8	Capital - Animal Control Vehicle	Animal Con.	\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000					
9	Golf Enterprise Capital Equipment	Golf	\$ 80,000					\$ 80,000		
10	School Capital Improvement Budget	School	\$ 77,249		\$77,249					
11	OPEB Transfer	BOS	\$ 50,000		\$50,000					
12	Pope Playground Updates	CPC	\$ 10,000						\$10,000	
13	Lake Street Updates	CPC	\$ 75,000						\$75,000	
14	Acushnet Riverview Park Updates	CPC	\$ 5,000						\$ 5,000	
	TOTALS		\$ 3,565,258		\$587,999	\$ 15,000	\$221,500	\$ 80,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 2,570,759

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