

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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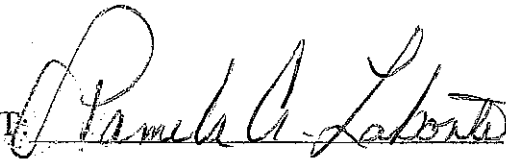
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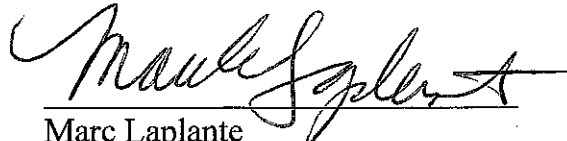
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This is to certify that on the 27th day of October, 2016, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet, who are qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, of the Special Town Meeting to meet at the Acushnet Ford Middle School Auditorium located at 708 Middle Road in said Acushnet, on Monday, the 14th (14) day of November, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. in the Evening 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 (2)	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

ATTEST

  
Pamela A. Labonte

  
Marc Laplante

Constable, Town of Acushnet

TOWN OF ACUSHNET  
WARRANT  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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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 Auditorium at the Acushnet Ford Middle School, 708 Middle Road in said Acushnet, Monday, the Fourteenth (14th) day of November, 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 raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of adjusting Salary Lines that were approved in FY16 but were not included in Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting held on May 23, 2016, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$5,000.00)

(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 appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars to repair the roof of the Town Hall, including all incidental and related costs, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$7,000.00)

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2017 Operating Budget as voted at the May 23, 2016 Annual Town Meeting by reducing Worker's Compensation Line Item (0101912/517100) by the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars and increasing Liability Insurance Line Item (0101945/574400) by the same amount, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$12,000.00)

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), including all incidental and related costs; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the tax title custodian for tax collection purposes to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey or assign to the Town of Freetown or its designee such rights as the Town presently holds in the land located off Acushnet Avenue and depicted as Lot 1 on Acushnet Assessors' Map 1, more particularly described in the deed recorded with the Bristol South Registry of Deeds in Book 1810, Page 315, and believed to be owned as a matter of record by T.A. & D.A Troy Co., (Mass.) Inc., which rights may be tax receivables or such other right, title and interest held by the Town pursuant to its right to collect property taxes assessed against the property in accordance with General Laws Chapters 59 and 60, for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute such instruments and documents and take such other action as may be needed to carry out the vote taken hereunder; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation as may be needed to effectuate the purposes of this vote, provided that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars for the payment of an unpaid Veteran's Office bill from a prior year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 64 of the General laws, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$162.00)

(Submitted by the Veteran's Agent)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars for the payment of two unpaid Building Department Inspection bills from a prior year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 64 of the General laws, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$1,370.00)

(Submitted by the Building Department)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the purpose of refurbishing a retired Police SUV for the Council on Aging, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$2,500.00)

(Submitted by the Council on Aging)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Four Thousand Dollars for the purpose of hiring temporary help for the Council on Aging, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$4,000.00)

(Submitted by the Council on Aging)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize a revolving fund account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, §53E1/2 for the Council on Aging into which monies received by the Town from Council on Aging activities, are deposited and from which the Council on Aging shall expend funds solely for the Council on Aging activities, not to exceed \$30,000.00 in the fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Council on Aging)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund account pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, for the Acushnet Public Library into which monies received by the Town from Library fees and fines, are deposited and from which the Acushnet Public Library shall expend funds solely for Acushnet Public Library activities, not to exceed \$4,000.00 in the fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General By-laws, Zoning Article VIII Section 3.3.2 Business Village District Section "E" Development Standards; to add a subsection as follows:

(7) All buildable lots are required to connect to municipal sewer and water as approved by the Department of Public Works

and further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this by-law be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the By-laws of the Town of Acushnet, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, Section 3.3.5 Industrial District (I-1) subsection "D", Dimensional Requirements, to add a subsection as follows:

(f) Buildings for industrial purposes related to sand and gravel processing may increase from thirty-five (35) feet at a rate of one (1) foot of height for every one (1) foot of distance from the required setback to a maximum height of 70 feet;

and further that non-substantive 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 action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws, Article IV Streets, Section 12, by deleting the strikethrough text and inserting the text in bold as follows:

Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall have more than one non-registered, **un-garaged**, or abandoned ~~car~~ vehicle on his property or premises, or ~~the~~ property or premises under his control, and no one shall abandon a non-registered or registered ~~automobile~~ **motor vehicle** on the property or premises under the control of another; and whoever is found to be guilty of said violation by the appropriate court **shall** be subject to bearing all costs expended in relation to this matter. Antique Automobiles are excepted;  
or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Building Commissioner)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Eighty-Five Dollars for the purchasing and equipping of one marked police cruiser and one unmarked police cruiser for the Police Department, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$68,085.00)

(Submitted by the Police Chief)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of preparing a wage and classification plan for all full-time paid elected and appointed Town Officials, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$25,000.00)

(Submitted by the Police Chief/Interim Town Administrator)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars for the purchase of new Patient Care Reporting hardware, software, support systems and installation, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$10,000.00)

(Submitted by the Fire Chief / EMS Director)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)



ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars for the purpose of renting five sets of firefighter turnout gear (coat, pants, helmet, boots) for five call firefighter recruits, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$3,300.00)

(Submitted by the Fire Chief / EMS Director)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars from the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of Renovating the Historic Parting Ways Building pursuant to the Community Preservation Program, or to take any action relative thereto. (\$75,000.00)

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars from the Community Preservation Fund for the acquisition of the property shown as Lot 67 on Acushnet Assessors Map 24, for use and maintenance as open space and the creation of a public passive recreation resource, and for the rehabilitation and restoration of said property for such purposes, which work may include the removal of the existing buildings and restoration of natural vegetation, together with all costs incidental and related thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire such property by purchase, gift, or eminent domain, or in the alternative to grant and assign such funds to the Buzzards Bay Coalition to provide for its purchase, rehabilitation and restoration of the property for such purposes, all upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate; and further to authorize the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and in accordance with G.L. c.40, §8C, to acquire by purchase, gift, or eminent domain, a conservation restriction in said property for conservation and appropriate public passive recreational use, said restriction to be held in the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission, and to apply for, accept and use any state, federal and/or other outside grants and funds, including a grant from the Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Mini-Grant Program, for the purpose of such acquisition, and in the event the Town purchases the property, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant such a conservation restriction in the property as is required pursuant to G.L.c.44B, s.12; 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 transactions, or to take any action relative thereto. (\$150,000.00)

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way Evergreen Drive as it has been laid out by the Board of Selectmen in the manner shown on the plan entitled: "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Edgewood Acres", prepared by Fitzgerald Engineering, Inc., dated December 10, 2004, and recorded with the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Southern District, in Plan Book 157 page 11-13, a copy of said plan having been placed on file with the Town Clerk as required by law; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase or eminent domain, such interests in land as are necessary to allow for the use and maintenance of said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Acushnet, and any drainage, utility, access, and/or other related easements, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of holding a large item pickup for Town residents, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$20,000.00)

(Submitted by the Department of Public Works)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars for the purchase and equipping of a 6400 GVW Silverado pickup, or similar vehicle, for use within the Highway Department, to replace a 2001 Chevy S10 pickup, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$40,000.00)

(Submitted by the Department of Public Works)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of Fifty One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars for the purchase and equipping of a 2017 Chevy Silverado 3500 Cab & Chassis with a Utility Body, or similar vehicle, for use within the Water Department, to replace a 1988 Ford F350, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$51,800.00)

(Submitted by the Department of Public Works)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file special legislation to amend Section 5-3-1 of the Town Charter to eliminate the residency requirement for the Town Administrator, provided that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to the 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)

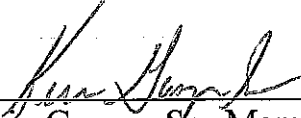
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:  
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You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof fifteen (15) days at the least before the time of said meeting as directed by the Board of Selectmen. Hereof fail not and make return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

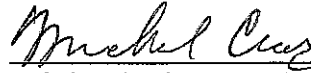
Given under our hands this 24th day of October, 2016.



Garry L. Rawcliffe Chairman



Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Member

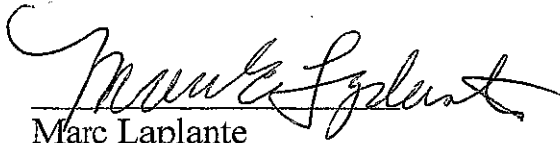


Michael Cioper, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy Attest:


This 27th day of October, 2016



Marc Laplante

Constable of Acushnet

A TRUE COPY ATTEST



TOWN CLERK; ACUSHNET, MA