

2019 Acushnet Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda

A consent agenda's purpose is to act expeditiously upon certain types of articles that historically have generated no controversy and can reasonably be voted upon without debate. With a consent agenda, several articles can be addressed with a single vote, thereby ensuring that a greater proportion of Town Meeting's time is dedicated to articles that are the subject of genuine debate.

When the Consent Agenda is called, the Moderator will read out the number of each article, one by one. If a voter has a question or concern about a particular article's inclusion on the Consent Agenda, s/he should say "hold" when the article's number is called. If the purpose of the "hold" is only to ask a simple question, the Moderator will attempt to get the question answered quickly with the goal of leaving the article on the Consent Agenda. Failing that, or if the article is held for debate, the article will be removed from the Consent Agenda. After each article has been called, the Moderator will ask Town Meeting to pass all articles on the Consent Agenda that have not been otherwise removed in a single vote. It is hoped that voters will remove articles from the Consent Agenda only in cases where genuine concern exists.

The Consent Agenda included below, will be taken up before Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2019.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to take out of order Articles 1, 5, 6, 7, 32, 33, 35, and 38, and that they be "passed by consent" in accordance with the motions shown on the "2019 Acushnet Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda" distributed to Town Meeting attendees this evening.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees, and Commissions, as printed in the 2018 Annual Report, or act on anything relative thereto. *(Requested by the Board of Selectmen)*

MOTION: ***I move that the Town hear and act upon the reports of the Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees, and Commissions as printed in the 2018 Annual Report.***

ARTICLE 5: *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)*

MOTION: ***I move that the Town Authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for state or federal grants and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant applications.***

ARTICLE 6: *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)*

MOTION: ***I move that the Town vote to accept and expend any sum or sums of money that may be available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Chapter 90 type construction improvements or reconstruction of public ways and associated equipment, further 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.***

ARTICLE 7: 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)*

MOTION: ***I move the Article as written in the Warrant.***

ARTICLE 32: *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)*

MOTION: ***I move this Article as written in the Warrant.***

ARTICLE 33: 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)*

MOTION: *I move this Article as written in the Warrant.*

ARTICLE 35: 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)*

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to allow the Board of Library Trustees to sell discarded books and periodicals of the Acushnet Public Library to the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library for the sum of one dollar.*

ARTICLE 38: 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)*

MOTION: *I move that the town recognize and express our gratitude to those employees, board, and commission members who completed their service to the Town in the calendar year 2017 by the adoption of the resolution as shown in Appendix 2 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of 2018.*