

# TOWN OF ACUSHNET



Transcript of Articles in the Warrant for the

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Monday, May 10, 2021**

**At 7:00 p.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.**

TOWN OF ACUSHNET



WARRANT

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2021

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 tenth day of May, 2021 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 10, 2021, 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**

GREETINGS TO THE CITIZENS OF ACUSHNET:

The Finance Committee is pleased to present our recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2022 Town Budget.

It is the Finance Committee's responsibility to receive the budgets from all Town Departments, analyze them, conduct hearings and present a balanced budget to Town Meeting.

Beginning in January, we met individually with our Department Heads along with Chairmen of various boards and committees to allow them an opportunity to present and explain their financial needs for FY2022. A prime concern is always balancing the needs presented to us with the effect on our tax rate.

The Covid-19 pandemic continued an atmosphere of uncertainty as we began our budget deliberations and worked to develop sound revenue estimates for FY2022. Last fiscal year, both Town and school departments were asked to make devastating cuts to their budgets, prioritizing services and eliminating potential opportunities for needed growth. While our economic future is clearer now than last year, we feel it is still our responsibility to tread lightly through the end of the global crisis. Thus, we believe that the requests for funding proposed in our overall FY22 budget presentation are reasonable and justifiable.

The Finance Committee took a hard review of the school's budget for FY22, after realizing that the school had over \$700,000 in surplus funds from the FY21 operating budget. With tuitions down approximately \$488,000, the Committee questioned the additional funding, and attempted to get a meaningful strategic plan from the school committee to show that these requested increases would directly impact student performance. Without receiving that information, the Committee felt that the best option for FY22 was to level fund the school's budget and place the school's requested increase into the Town's Reserve Fund. This means the funding is still available to the school during FY22 upon requesting a transfer. We are ever mindful that the demands on our schools for additional services remains high, and are looking for accountability from our administration.

In addition to the operating budget, we are recommending funding of the capital requests from our various departments as well as funding to increase our reserves for future infrastructure projects. These capital requests are addressed as articles on the Town Warrant – one for the Town and one for the School. The capital items remaining on the warrant are only those of the utmost necessity, whose removal from the warrant would have deeper financial impacts on the town. In addition to the capital requests, we are recommending the establishment of an Infrastructure Capital Expense Stabilization Fund, and the transfer of \$500,000 of free cash into that fund. It has long been discussed that the Town is in dire need of repairs to our roadways and sidewalks, as well as the one-hundred-year-old water pipes being utilized by our residents; we believe this fund will set the stage for meaningful improvements to the Town's infrastructure over the next decade.

The recommendations we are providing would enable the Town to eliminate the use of free cash to balance the budget for the first time in at least 20 years. Your support of the Finance Committee's recommended budget and warrant articles will help ensure the continued financial stability of our Town. The Finance Committee extends our sincere gratitude to all Town Employees, Elected Officials and Appointed Boards, as your continued support during these economically challenging years have made it possible to ensure fiscal growth for the Town while also meeting the ever evolving needs of the community.

Sincerely,

**The Acushnet Finance Committee,**

Robert St. Jean, Chairman  
Michael R. Boucher, Vice-Chair  
Susan Delgado

Robert A. Ferreira  
John C. Howcroft  
Eric McGlynn

Ron Melbourne  
Gail Rodrigues  
Jacqueline Stanley  
Cathy Murray, Secretary



The Town of Acushnet would like  
to honor and recognize  
the dedication and commitment of

**Robert E. Francis**  
Town Moderator

for thirty-seven years of service  
to the Town of Acushnet.

A podium in his name,  
created by the students at  
Old Colony Regional Vocational  
Technical High School  
will be forever used in his memory  
during Town Meetings.

**Town of Acushnet  
FY22 Revenue Budget Estimate  
Includes Other Sources of Funds**

Revenue Sources	FY21 Recap	FY22
<b>General Fund Operations Revenue Estimate:</b>		
Fiscal Year Levy Limit	\$ 18,027,438	\$ 19,212,514
Fiscal Year 2.5% Adjustment	450,686	480,313
Fiscal Year New Growth	734,390	200,000
<b>Legal Levy Limit</b>	19,212,514	19,892,826
Add: Debt Exclusion	446,067	438,060
Less: Unused Levy Capacity	(391,435)	
<b>Actual Levy</b>	19,267,146	20,330,886
Less: FY Overlay (Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions)	(453,617)	(250,000)
Less: Tax Title Certification		
Less: Other Deficits		
Less: Solar Farm Revenue to Cap Exp Fund	(73,000)	(79,000)
<b>Total Estimated Operational Tax Levy:</b>	<b>\$ 18,740,530</b>	<b>\$ 20,001,886</b>
FY Cherry Sheet State Receipts		
Chapter 70	6,361,492	6,397,702
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	938	0
Unrestricted General Govt Aid	1,610,035	1,666,386
Veteran's Benefits	163,067	146,150
Exemptions (Vets, Blind & Surviving Spouse)	55,706	46,270
State Owned Land	42	46
Plus: Public Libraries	19,289	24,442
<b>Subtotal Estimate State Revenue</b>	8,210,569	8,280,996
Less: FY Offsets - Public Libraries	(19,289)	(24,442)
Less: Assessments	(333,596)	(276,939)
<b>Subtotal Assessments</b>	(352,885)	(301,381)
<b>Total Estimated State Aid:</b>	<b>\$ 7,857,684</b>	<b>\$ 7,979,615</b>
Local Receipts Revenues:		
Motor Vehicle	1,100,000	1,200,000
Motor Vehicle (dedicated to Road Paving line item)		100,000
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	60,000	110,000
Charges for Services - Water	1,769,442	1,813,215
Charges for Services - Solid Waste Fees	7,000	7,000
Fees	32,500	32,500
Other Departmental Revenue	60,000	70,000
Licenses & Permits	125,000	160,000
Fines & Forfeits	5,000	10,000
Investment Income	13,500	13,500
Medicaid Reimbursement	75,000	75,000
<b>Total Estimated Local Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 3,247,442</b>	<b>\$ 3,591,215</b>
<b>Total Available for Appropriation</b>	<b>\$ 29,845,656</b>	<b>\$ 31,572,716</b>
EMS Receipts Reserved Fund	519,752	519,752
Other Sources of Funds - Debt Premium F/B	1,550	1,550
Water Surplus	60,000	60,000
Free Cash to Balance GF Budget	335,727	
<b>Total Estimated Other Sources of Operational Funds:</b>	<b>\$ 917,029</b>	<b>\$ 577,426</b>
<b>Total Estimated General Fund Operational Revenue:</b>	<b>\$ 30,762,685</b>	<b>\$ 32,150,142</b>

## 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 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, FY19 is the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

**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 10, 2021

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 2020 Annual Report, or act on anything relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) 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 \$11,000.00.**

**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 and to fund collective bargaining agreements for Fiscal Year 2022, 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 2022 OMNIBUS BUDGET**

DEPARTMENT		FY21 Appropriation	FY22 Request	FY22 Finance Com. Recommends
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>				
1110	RESERVE FUND			
	Expense Total	150,000	150,000	501,838
1113	TOWN MEETING & ELECTIONS			
	Expense Total	13,000	8,500	8,500
1114	MODERATOR			
	Salary Total	725	725	725
	Expense Total	100	100	100
1122	SELECTMEN			
	Salary Total	228,799	234,079	234,079
	Expense Total	26,000	26,000	26,000
1131	FINANCE COMMITTEE			
	Salary Total	2,066	3,500	3,500
	Expense Total	400	400	400
1135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT			
	Salary Total	158,299	156,133	156,133
	Expense Total	36,900	38,400	38,400
1141	ASSESSORS			
	Salary Total	118,667	117,294	117,294
	Expense Total	53,100	61,600	61,600
1145	TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR			
	Salary Total	159,225	179,103	179,103
	Expense Total	37,700	37,700	37,700
1151	TOWN COUNSEL			
	Expense Total	84,500	84,500	84,500
1155	TECHNOLOGY			
	Salary Total	24,841	25,319	25,319
	Expense Total	112,600	112,600	112,600
1161	TOWN CLERK			
	Salary Total	126,023	136,456	136,456
	Expense Total	5,700	5,750	5,750
1163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS			
	Salary Total	8,000	8,000	8,000
	Expense Total	11,950	9,950	9,950
1171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
	Salary Total	73,298	73,915	73,915
	Expense Total	10,850	14,350	14,350
1172	SOIL BOARD			
	Salary Total	1,900	1,900	1,900
	Expense Total	200	200	200
1175	PLANNING BOARD			
	Salary Total	56,293	70,740	70,740
	Expense Total	820	820	820
1176	BOARD OF APPEALS			
	Salary Total	2,030	3,000	3,000
	Expense Total	2,150	3,150	3,150
1192	TOWN BUILDINGS			
	Salary Total	102,235	104,464	104,464
	Expense Total	116,000	116,000	116,000
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL:</b>		<b>1,724,371</b>	<b>1,784,648</b>	<b>2,136,486</b>

DEPARTMENT		FY21 Appropriation	FY22 Request	FY22 Finance Com. Recommends
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>				
2210	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total	2,204,174	2,211,566	2,211,566
	Expense Total	260,308	302,185	302,185
2220	FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total	908,900	920,758	920,758
	Expense Total	150,156	154,156	154,156
2241	BUILDING DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total	131,926	134,070	134,070
	Expense Total	15,750	28,750	28,750
2244	SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES			
	Salary Total	1,169	1,169	1,169
2291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY			
	Salary Total	3,250	3,299	3,299
	Expense Total	14,550	14,550	14,550
2292	ANIMAL CONTROL			
	Salary Total	49,442	50,168	50,168
	Expense Total	5,540	6,740	6,740
2294	FORESTRY			
	Salary Total	600	600	600
	Expense Total	9,000	14,000	14,000
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL:</b>		<b>3,754,765</b>	<b>3,842,011</b>	<b>3,842,011</b>
<b>EDUCATION:</b>				
3320	OLD COLONY REGIONAL			
	Expense Total	1,815,744	2,109,632	2,109,632
3325	ACUSHNET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT			
	Expense Total	15,073,651	15,460,066	15,073,651
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION:</b>		<b>16,889,395</b>	<b>17,569,698</b>	<b>17,183,283</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>				
4422	DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY			
	Salary Total	382,076	401,802	401,802
	Expense Total	251,700	509,700	509,700
4423	SNOW & ICE REMOVAL			
	Expense Total	110,000	110,000	110,000
4424	STREET LIGHTING			
	Expense Total	20,000	20,000	20,000
4431	SEMASS			
	Salary Total	19,269	19,269	19,269
	Expense Total	1,006,500	1,108,500	1,108,500
4491	CEMETERY			
	Salary Total	5,464	5,464	5,464
	Expense Total	1,325	1,325	1,325
4451	WATER FUND - RESERVE FUND			
	Expense Total	60,000	60,000	60,000
4450	DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS - WATER			
	Salary Total	198,550	198,124	198,124
	Expense Total	1,363,900	1,408,100	1,408,100

DEPARTMENT		FY21 Appropriation	FY22 Request	FY22 Finance Com. Recommends
7450	WATER FUND - RETIREMENT DEBT			
	Expense Total	206,992	206,991	206,991
<b>PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL:</b>		<b>3,625,776</b>	<b>4,049,275</b>	<b>4,049,275</b>
<b>HUMAN SERVICES:</b>				
5510	BOARD OF HEALTH			
	Salary Total	168,875	170,628	170,628
	Expense Total	16,975	16,975	16,975
5541	COUNCIL ON AGING			
	Salary Total	119,352	122,052	122,052
	Expense Total	21,240	21,240	21,240
5543	VETERANS			
	Salary Total	20,465	20,772	20,772
	Expense Total	226,445	226,445	226,445
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES:</b>		<b>573,352</b>	<b>578,112</b>	<b>578,112</b>
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION:</b>				
6610	LIBRARY DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total	224,605	226,984	226,984
	Expense Total	53,234	55,149	55,149
6630	RECREATION DEPARTMENT			
	Expense Total	20,393	20,393	20,393
6650	PARK DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total	21,000	21,000	21,000
	Expense Total	19,167	19,167	19,167
6691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION			
	Expense Total	7,000	7,000	7,000
2699	MISCELLANEOUS			
	Salary Total	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Expense Total	9,973	11,973	11,973
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION TOTAL:</b>		<b>360,372</b>	<b>366,666</b>	<b>366,666</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>				
7710	RETIREMENT OF DEBT			
	Expense Total	262,000	267,000	267,000
7751	INTEREST			
	Expense Total	130,296	122,901	122,901
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:</b>		<b>392,296</b>	<b>389,901</b>	<b>389,901</b>

DEPARTMENT		FY21 Appropriation	FY22 Request	FY22 Finance Com. Recommends
<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL:</b>				
1911	PENSIONS			
	Expense Total	1,604,658	1,728,108	1,728,108
1914	INSURANCE			
	Expense Total	1,837,700	1,876,300	1,876,300
<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL TOTAL:</b>		<b>3,442,358</b>	<b>3,604,408</b>	<b>3,604,408</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>30,762,685</b>	<b>32,184,719</b>	<b>32,150,142</b>

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 4:** 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	558,524
Operation & Maintenance	508,046
Debt Service	338,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,505,470</b>

and that this sum be raised as follows:

Golf Center Revenue	\$ 1,405,470
Golf Retained Earnings	100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,505,470</b>

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

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and Golf Management Committee

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 5:** 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	\$ 60,000
Salaries	84,846
Operations & Maintenance	590,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 735,246</b>

and that this sum be raised as follows:

Sewer Revenues	\$ 675,246
Sewer Retained Earnings	60,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 735,246</b>

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to operate the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund as shown below:

Salaries	\$ 90,000
Expenses	100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 190,000</b>

and that this sum be raised as follows:

Cable Franchise Fees and Cable Related Revenues	\$ 190,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 190,000</b>

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 7:** 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 Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 8:** 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



**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 9:** 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, 2021, 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

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sums recommended by the Finance Committee, or any other sum or sums, for the Capital Improvement Budget for the departments of the Town, as set forth in the following schedule, including all costs incidental and related thereto, and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination thereof,

Dept.	Item Description	Department Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds
Police	Replacement Radios: Cruiser and Portable	\$ 107,000	\$ 107,000	Free Cash
Police	Replacement of Computer Servers and Associated Software	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	Free Cash
Fire/EMS	Fire Station #2 Furnace Replacement	\$ 9,300	\$ 9,300	Free Cash
Fire/EMS	Fire Station #2 Fire Alarm Panel Replacement	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	Free Cash
Fire/EMS	Replacement Hose	\$ 9,200	\$ 9,200	Free Cash
Fire/EMS	Local Match for FEMA Grant: Replace all non-compliant Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and obsolete air cylinders	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Free Cash
DPW	New Loader	\$ 285,000	\$ 285,000	Free Cash
DPW	Equipment Rental – Recycling Grinding, Crushing and Screening	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	Free Cash
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 508,000</b>	<b>\$ 508,000</b>	

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen, Police Department, Fire/EMS Department, and Department of Public Works

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) for the purpose of repairing the 2002 John Deere 544 Loader for use within the Department of Public Works, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and Department of Public Works

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of hiring a professional appraisal company to perform comprehensive individual appraisals of industrial use real properties, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Assessors

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of hiring a consultant to review and update the Town's zoning bylaws, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board

**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 the sums recommended by the Finance Committee, or any other sum or sums, for the School Capital Improvement Budget for the departments of the Town, as set forth in the following schedule, including all costs incidental and related thereto, and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination thereof,

Dept.	Item Description	Department Request	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds
School	Roof preventative maintenance	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Free Cash
School	Antenna replacement	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	Free Cash
School	Replace Gymnasium/Café Wall	\$ 84,000	\$ 84,000	Free Cash
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 117,000</b>	<b>\$ 117,000</b>	

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the School Committee

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IX, Stormwater Management Bylaw, of the General Bylaws for the Town of Acushnet, by deleting the strikethrough text and adding the underlined and italicized text as shown in Appendix 2, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**The Bylaw Review Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, to delete Section 7 “Floodplain Overlay District” in its entirety, and insert in its place a new Section 7 in the form set forth in Appendix 3, and further to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Acushnet to establish the boundaries of the Floodplain Overlay District as set forth in said newly adopted Section 7, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**The Bylaw Review Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, Section 3.3.C.14, as follows, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto:

- a) Place existing section “A” to include subsections (1) through (8) within a new, untitled subsection “A”.

b) Amend existing subsection “A” (8) to read as follows:

*No common driveway shall be constructed within seventy-five feet (75’) of any principal or accessory structure existing or to be served thereby.*

c) Renumber existing subsection (9) as a new, untitled subsection “B” and amend the text of that section to read as follows:

*All principal and accessory structures shall be serviced by a driveway that is located within one hundred fifty feet (150’) of those structures and which driveway must meet the minimum construction standards herein specified.*

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.  
The Bylaw Review Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII by adding the following as a new subsection “H” to both sections 3.3.1 and section 3.3.2 and as a new subsection “I” to section 3.3.4 as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

*No material or supplies shall be stored or permitted to remain on any portion of the property outside of a building constructed thereon. Any finished products or semi-finished products stored on the property outside of the building shall be confined to the rear half of the property and shall be appropriately screened on all sides, but shall in no instance be placed on that side of a building paralleling an existing or proposed street. No waste material or refuse shall be dumped upon or permitted to remain upon any part of said property outside of a building constructed thereon.*

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and Building Commissioner

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.  
The Bylaw Review Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, section 3.3.4 subsection “E” by deleting subsections (6) and (7) in their entirety, inserting the following as a new subsection (6), and renumbering the following subsections accordingly, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto:

*(6) UPLAND CIRCLE: No dwelling, building or structure shall be erected on a lot unless the lot has an area within its bounds which encompasses an upland circle with a minimum diameter equal to 90% of the required frontage and within which*

*the frontage, or a distance equal to the frontage at the front yard setback line, must pass.*

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.  
The Bylaw Review Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, section 3.3.1.B, by deleting subsection (13) which begins with: “Light Manufacturing, processing, and research...” in its entirety, and re-numbering the following subsections accordingly, or take any other action thereon on in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.  
The Bylaw Review Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the definition of “Street or Way” in the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, section 1.2 Definitions for a “Street or Way” to insert the underlined text below as follows, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto:

*STREET OR WAY – A public way, a private way shown on a plan approved under the provisions of the Subdivision Control Law, or a private way in existence when the provisions of the Subdivision Control Law became effective in Town, having, in the opinion of the Town’s Planning Board, suitable grades and adequate construction to serve the proposed use of land abutting thereon or served thereby and for the installation of municipal services to serve such land and the building erected or to be erected thereon, having a minimum pavement width of twenty-two (22) feet and a minimum layout width of thirty (30) feet.*

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.  
The Bylaw Review Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Article VI, Soil Conservation Bylaw, by deleting the strikethrough text and adding the underlined and italicized text as shown in Appendix 4, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**  
**The Bylaw Review Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 110A, which provides that any public office of the Town may remain closed on any or all Saturdays, and where the last day for performance of any act in any such office falls on a Saturday when said office is closed, the act may be performed on the next succeeding business day, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Town Clerk

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**  
**The Bylaw Review Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to set the fee for a certified abutter's list from the Board of Assessors to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Assessors

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will reserve from FY 2022 Community Preservation Fund - Estimated Revenues, the sum of \$10,067 for administrative expenses, 10% (\$20,133) for open space purposes; 10% (\$20,133) for historic preservation; 10% (\$20,133) for affordable housing; and the remaining \$130,859 to the FY 2022 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve; or take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the Undesignated Fund balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY22 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the soccer fields at the Acushnet Elementary School, located at 800 Middle Road, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for recreational purposes; or to take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the Undesignated Fund balance of the Community Preservation Act funds account and/or the FY22 budgeted reserves of the Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of repairing and resurfacing the basketball courts at Pope Park, located at 96 Pope Street, including all costs incidental and related thereto, for recreational purposes; or to take any other action relative thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Cemetery Board to perform work in the Cemeteries and to allow the Board of Selectmen to determine the compensation to be paid to said members; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Cemetery Board

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Recreation Commission to perform work in the park and to allow the Board of Selectmen to determine the compensation to be paid to said members; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Recreation Commission

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2022 beginning on July 1, 2021 for the following revolving funds established in the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws Article XXI for use by 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>FY22 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 Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws by adding a new fund to the table in Article XXI to authorize revolving funds for use by certain town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E1/2, as follows:

<b>A Revolving Fund</b>	<b>B Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund</b>	<b>C Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund</b>	<b>D Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund</b>	<b>E Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund</b>	<b>F Other Requirements/ Reports</b>	<b>G Fiscal Years</b>
Recycling	Department of Public Works	Fees charged and received for the Town Recycling Center	Maintenance costs, supplies, equipment, and contracted services relating to the Recycling Center operations	None	None	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years

And to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2022 beginning on July 1, 2021 for the above revolving fund to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 32:** 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 Board of Library Trustees

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**



**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to establish an Infrastructure Capital Expense Stabilization Fund pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2022 beginning on July 1, 2021, for the purpose of funding major improvements to the Town's physical infrastructure, including but not limited to transportation infrastructure such as streets and sidewalks, water and sewer infrastructure, energy infrastructure, and telecommunications infrastructure, and to transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money into said Fund, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article by a vote of 6-1.**

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to transfer to the OPEB Fund, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a certain sum of money to be transferred to the Town's General 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 unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will adopt the resolution outlined in Appendix 5 of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**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 23rd day of April 2021.

Given under our hands this 20th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin A. Gaspar, Sr., Chairman

Attest:

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David Desroches

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Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

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David Wojnar

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 10, 2021**

## 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.

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BYLAW  
TOWN OF ACUSHNET**

**5.0 APPLICABILITY**

A) Activities Requiring a Permit – No person shall perform any of the following land-disturbing activities without first obtaining a Stormwater Management Permit from the Stormwater Review Board:

1. Any Land Disturbing Activity resulting in a Land Disturbance of ~~5,000~~ 40,000 square feet or more;
2. Development or Redevelopment involving multiple separate activities in discontinuous locations or on different schedules if the activities are part of a larger common plan of development that all together disturbs ~~5,000~~ 40,000 square feet or more of land;
3. Paving or other change in surface material over an area of ~~5,000~~ 10,000 square feet or more causing a significant reduction of permeability or increase in runoff;
4. Construction of a new drainage system or alteration of a new drainage system serving a drainage area of more than ~~5,000~~ 10,000 square feet;
5. Any other activity altering the surface of an area exceeding ~~5,000~~ 40,000 square feet that will, or may, result in increased stormwater runoff flowing from the property into a public way or the municipal storm drain system;

B) Exemptions – The following Land-Disturbing Activities may be performed without a Stormwater Management Permit:

1. Any activity that will disturb an area less than ~~5,000~~ 40,000 square feet. This exception may not be applied for contiguous properties that may have been subdivided and/or are attributed to multiple separate owners.

E) General Permits

1. *The Stormwater Review Board shall have the authority to develop a General Stormwater Management Permit (GSMP) for specific types of projects, such as Construction of a Deck, Patio, Retaining Wall, Existing Driveway Expansion, Shed, and Swimming Pool. Any such General Stormwater Management Permit Requirements shall be defined and included as part of any Stormwater Regulations promulgated as permitted under Section 4 of this Bylaw. Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to limit the authority of the Stormwater Review Board with respect to any particular Land-Disturbing Activity.*

## 10.0 VARIANCES

A variance may be granted if, in the opinion of the Stormwater Review Board, the request will not adversely affect public safety, public and private property, drinking water supplies, recreation, aquatic habitats, fish and other aquatic life, property values and other uses of lands and waters. All variance applications shall be in writing and shall describe how the interests protected by this By-law will be alternatively addressed by the applicant. No variance request will be granted unless the applicant shows that: (1) enforcement of this Regulation would be manifestly unjust; and (2) the applicant has established that a level of protection for public health and the environment at least equivalent to that provided under this By-law can be achieved without strict application of the By-law or Regulation.

**Section 7  
Floodplain Overlay District**

**7.1 Statement of Purpose**

The purposes of the Floodplain District are to:

- A. Ensure public safety through reducing the threats to life and personal injury;
- B. Eliminate new hazards to emergency response officials;
- C. Prevent the occurrence of public emergencies resulting from water quality, contamination, and pollution due to flooding;
- D. Avoid the loss of utility services which if damaged by flooding would disrupt or shut down the utility networks and impact regions of the community beyond the site of flooding;
- E. Eliminate the costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions;
- F. Reduce damage to public and private property resulting from flooding waters.

**7.2 Floodplain District Boundaries and Floodplain Requirements**

- A. Floodplain District Boundaries and Base Flood Elevation and Floodway Data. The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Acushnet designated as Zone A and AE in the Bristol County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Bristol County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Acushnet are the following:

25005C	0293	H	7/6/2021
25005C	0294	G	7/6/2021
25005C	0377	G	7/6/2021
25005C	0381	G	7/6/2021
25005C	0382	G	7/6/2021
25005C	0383	H	7/6/2021
25005C	0384	G	7/6/2021
25005C	0391	H	7/6/2021
25005C	0392	G	7/6/2021
25005C	0401	G	7/6/2021
25005C	0403	G	7/6/2021
25005C	0411	G	7/6/2021

The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 1%-chance base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Bristol County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 6, 2021. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Building Official and Conservation Commission.

- B. Abrogation and greater restriction section. The floodplain management regulations found in this Floodplain Overlay District section shall take precedence over any less restrictive conflicting local laws, ordinances or codes.
- C. Disclaimer of liability. The degree of flood protection required by this bylaw is considered reasonable but does not imply total flood protection.
- D. Severability section. If any section, provision or portion of this bylaw [ordinance] is deemed to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court, the remainder of the ordinance shall be effective.
- E. Designation of community Floodplain Administrator. The Town of Acushnet hereby designates the position of Conservation Agent to be the official floodplain administrator for the Town.
- F. Requirement to submit new technical data. If the Town acquires data that changes the base flood elevation in the FEMA mapped Special Flood Hazard Areas, the Town will, within 6 months, notify FEMA of these changes by submitting the technical or scientific data that supports the change(s.) Notification shall be submitted to:

FEMA Region I Risk Analysis Branch Chief  
99 High St., 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Boston, MA 02110

And copy of notification to:

Massachusetts NFIP State Coordinator  
MA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation  
251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114

- G. Variances to building code floodplain standards. The Town will request from the State Building Code Appeals Board a written and/or audible copy of the portion of the hearing related to the variance, and will maintain this record in the community's files.

The Town shall also issue a letter to the property owner regarding potential impacts to the annual premiums for the flood insurance policy covering that property, in writing over the signature of a community official that (i) the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance coverage and (ii) such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property.

Such notification shall be maintained with the record of all variance actions for the referenced development in the floodplain overlay district.

- H. Variances to local Zoning Bylaws related to community compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). A variance from these floodplain bylaws must meet the requirements set out by State law, and may only be granted if: 1) Good and sufficient cause and exceptional non-financial hardship exist; 2) the variance will not



result in additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, or fraud or victimization of the public; and 3) the variance is the minimum action necessary to afford relief.

- I. Permits are required for all proposed development in the Floodplain Overlay District. The Town of Acushnet requires a permit for all proposed construction or other development in the floodplain overlay district, including new construction or changes to existing buildings, placement of manufactured homes, placement of agricultural facilities, fences, sheds, storage facilities or drilling, mining, paving and any other development that might increase flooding or adversely impact flood risks to other properties.
- J. Assure that all necessary permits are obtained. Acushnet's permit review process includes the use of a checklist of all local, state and federal permits that will be necessary in order to carry out the proposed development in the floodplain overlay district. The proponent must acquire all necessary permits, and must submit the completed checklist demonstrating that all necessary permits have been acquired.
- K. Subdivision proposals. All subdivision proposals and development proposals in the floodplain overlay district shall be reviewed to assure that:
  - Such proposals minimize flood damage.
  - Public utilities and facilities are located & constructed so as to minimize flood damage.
  - Adequate drainage is provided.
- L. Base flood elevation data for subdivision proposals. When proposing subdivisions or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres (whichever is less), the proponent must provide technical data to determine base flood elevations for each developable parcel shown on the design plans.
- M. Unnumbered A Zones. In A Zones, in the absence of FEMA BFE data and floodway data, the building department will obtain, review and reasonably utilize base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other source as criteria for requiring new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in Zone A as the basis for elevating residential structures to or above base flood level, for floodproofing or elevating nonresidential structures to or above base flood level, and for prohibiting encroachments in floodways.
- N. Floodway encroachment. In Zones A, A1-30, and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

In Zones A1-30 and AE, along watercourses that have a regulatory floodway designated on the Town's FIRM encroachments are prohibited in the regulatory floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

- O. Watercourse alterations or relocations in riverine areas. In a riverine situation, the Conservation Agent shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:
- Adjacent Communities, especially upstream and downstream
  - Bordering States, if affected
  - NFIP State Coordinator:  
 Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation  
 251 Causeway Street, 8th floor  
 Boston, MA 02114
  - NFIP Program Specialist:  
 Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I  
 99 High Street, 6th Floor  
 Boston, MA 02110
- P. AO and AH zones drainage requirements. Within Zones AO and AH on the FIRM, adequate drainage paths must be provided around structures on slopes, to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.
- Q. Protection of dunes. Alteration of sand dunes is prohibited when the alteration would increase potential flood damage.
- R. Recreational vehicles. In A1-30, AH, AE Zones, V1-30, VE, and V Zones, all recreational vehicles to be placed on a site must be elevated and anchored in accordance with the zone's regulations for foundation and elevation requirements or be on the site for less than 180 consecutive days or be fully licensed and highway ready.
- S. Local Enforcement. This bylaw shall be enforced by the Board of Selectmen and/or their agent, the Building Commissioner or the Conservation Agent. No structure shall be erected, altered, demolished, or moved and no land or structure shall be changed in use until and unless a permit has been issued therefore, certifying that the plans and the proposed use of land conforms to this chapter. When enforced in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40 sec. 21D, the penalty shall be as follows: first offense, one-hundred dollars (\$100.00); second offense, two-hundred dollars (\$200.00); third and succeeding offenses, three-hundred dollars (\$300.00). Every day that a violation continues after its abatement has been ordered by the Town shall constitute a new offense.

### 7.3 Definitions

**DEVELOPMENT** means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to building or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

**FLOOD BOUNDARY AND FLOODWAY MAP** means an official map of a community issued by FEMA that depicts, based on detailed analyses, the boundaries of the 100-year and 500-

year floods and the 100-year floodway. (For maps done in 1987 and later, the floodway designation is included on the FIRM.)

**FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP (FHBM)** is an official map of a community issued by the Federal Insurance Administrator, where the boundaries of the flood and related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as Zone A or E. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

**FLOODWAY** means the channel of the river, creek or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height. [Base Code, Chapter 2, Section 202]

**FUNCTIONALLY DEPENDENT USE** means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities, but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59] Also [Referenced Standard ASCE 24-14]

**HIGHEST ADJACENT GRADE** means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

**HISTORIC STRUCTURE** means any structure that is:

- a) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
- b) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
- c) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
- d) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
  1. By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or
  2. Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.[US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

**NEW CONSTRUCTION** means structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of the first floodplain management code, regulation, ordinance, or standard adopted by the authority having jurisdiction, including any subsequent improvements to such structures. New construction includes work determined to be substantial improvement. [Referenced Standard ASCE 24-14]

**RECREATIONAL VEHICLE** means a vehicle which is:

- a) Built on a single chassis;
- b) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;

- c) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and
  - d) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.
- [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

**REGULATORY FLOODWAY** - see FLOODWAY.

**SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA** is the land area subject to flood hazards and shown on a Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard map as Zone A, AE, A1-30, A99, AR, AO, AH, V, VO, VE or V1-30. [Base Code, Chapter 2, Section 202]

**START OF CONSTRUCTION** means the date of issuance for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement or other improvement is within 180 days after the date of issuance. The actual start of construction means the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of a slab or footings, installation of pilings or construction of columns.

Permanent construction does not include land preparation (such as clearing, excavation, grading or filling), the installation of streets or walkways, excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations, the erection of temporary forms or the installation of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main building. For a substantial improvement, the actual “start of construction” means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building. [Base Code, Chapter 2, Section 202]

**STRUCTURE** means, for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

**SUBSTANTIAL REPAIR OF A FOUNDATION** means when work to repair or replace a foundation results in the repair or replacement of a portion of the foundation with a perimeter along the base of the foundation that equals or exceeds 50% of the perimeter of the base of the foundation measured in linear feet, or repair or replacement of 50% of the piles, columns or piers of a pile, column or pier supported foundation, the building official shall determine it to be substantial repair of a foundation. Applications determined by the building official to constitute substantial repair of a foundation shall require all existing portions of the entire building or structure to meet the requirements of 780 CMR. [As amended by MA in 9th Edition BC]

**VARIANCE** means a grant of relief by a community from the terms of a flood plain management regulation. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

**VIOLATION** means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's flood plain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in §60.3(b)(5), (c)(4), (c) (10), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(4), or (e)(5) is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59].

**SOIL CONSERVATION  
FOR THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET**

**Section 1**

- 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, Board of Health, Conservation Commission and the Highway Superintendent, or a designee from the Highway Department, or a designee from any one of these Boards~~ the Board of Selectmen. ~~Each of the Boards having a representative on the Soil Conservation Board shall select its representative by a majority vote of the Board so represented at any meeting at which a quorum is present.~~
- C. Organization
1. A quorum for the conduct of any and all business shall be ~~three~~ two members.
  2. The affirmative vote of at least ~~three (3)~~ two (2) members shall be required for the recommendation to grant, modify, revoke, or remove any permit authorized hereunder.
  6. The Board may appoint an ~~inspector~~ enforcement officer who need not be a member of the Board. The ~~inspector~~ enforcement officer shall keep a record of all duties performed and inspections made.

**Section 2  
Definitions**

- A. For the purpose of this by-law, "earth" shall include soil, loam, sand, gravel, clay, rock, bedrock, or other allied products.
- B. For the purpose of this by-law, the ~~"inspector"~~ "enforcement officer" shall be the inspector or inspectors appointed by the Soil Conservation Board to carry out these duties.
- F. As used in this by-law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated.

**BULK MATERIAL** is stone, sand, gravel, soil, aggregate material less than twelve inches in length or diameter, and other organic or inorganic particulate matter.

**DISTURBED SURFACE AREA** means a portion of the earth's surface which has been physically moved, uncovered, destabilized, or otherwise modified from its undisturbed natural soil condition. This definition excludes those areas which have: (a) been restored to a natural state, such that the vegetative ground cover and soil characteristics are similar to adjacent or nearby natural conditions; (b) been paved or otherwise covered by a permanent structure; or (c) sustained a vegetative ground cover of at least 70 percent of the native cover for a particular area for at least 30 days.

**DUST SUPPRESSANTS** are water, hygroscopic materials, or non-toxic chemical stabilizers used as a treatment material to reduce fugitive dust emissions.

**EARTH-MOVING ACTIVITIES** means the use of any equipment for any activity where soil is being moved or uncovered, and shall include, but not be limited to the following: grading, earth cutting and filling operations, loading or unloading of dirt or bulk materials, adding to or removing from open storage piles of bulk materials, quarry operations, weed abatement through disking, and soil mulching.

**DUST CONTROL SUPERVISOR** means a person with the authority to expeditiously employ sufficient dust mitigation measures to ensure compliance with this regulation and any permit or condition issued thereunder.

**HIGH WIND CONDITIONS** means that instantaneous wind speeds exceed 20 miles per hour.

**LARGE OPERATIONS** means any active operations on property which contains 50 or more acres of disturbed surface area; or any soil removal operation with a soil removal throughput volume of 15,000 cubic yards during the most recent 365-day period.

**FILL** means soil, sediments, rocks/stones, or other organic or inorganic material obtained off-site that is used to fill holes, pits or depressions; create mounds; or otherwise artificially change the grade or elevation of real property.

**SOIL REMOVAL** means the use of any equipment for any activity where soil is being moved or uncovered, and shall include, but not be limited to the following: grading, earth cutting and filling operations, loading or unloading of dirt or bulk materials, adding to or removing from open storage piles of bulk materials, landfill operations, weed abatement through disking, and soil mulching.

**OPEN STORAGE PILE** is any accumulation of bulk material, which is not fully enclosed, covered or chemically stabilized, and which attains a height of three feet or more and a total surface area of 150 or more square feet.

**PROPERTY LINE** means the boundaries of an area in which either a person causing the emission or a person allowing the emission has the legal use or possession of the property.

**WATER TABLE** means the spring high water table established from a test pit or piezometer and the level related to a permanent monument on the property.

### **Section 3**

#### **Earth Removal Procedure**

- A. No earth shall be removed from any parcel of land within the Town except as hereafter provided, and only in accordance with a written permit issued by the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen may grant a permit for such removal and for temporary structure accessory thereto, in accordance with the procedure hereafter set forth for special permits. No permit for removal shall be granted unless the Board of Selectmen finds that such removal (subject to the conditions imposed by the permit) will not be contrary to the best interests of the Town, and no removal operations subsequently conducted under such permit shall continue if contrary to such interests. For this purpose, removal of earth material shall be considered contrary to the best interest of the Town which **(1)** will be injurious or dangerous to the public health or safety, **(2)** will produce noise, dust, or other effects observable at or beyond the lot lines in amounts objectionable or detrimental to the normal use of adjacent property, **(3)** will

result in transportation of materials on ways giving access to the land in question which will cause traffic congestion or hazards, (4) will result in transportation which will cause undue injury to the roadway surfaces, (5) will result in change in topography and cover which will be disadvantageous to the most appropriate use of land on which the operation is conducted, or (6) will have a material adverse effect on the health or safety of persons living in the neighborhood, or on the use of amenities of adjacent land. (7) Will result in transportation of materials in excess of the Federal truck weight limits of 80,000 pounds.

- B. Any person wishing to remove such material from a property in the Town shall file a formal application with the Board, which application shall include the following specific information and supporting documentation:
5. The proposed method of performance security to be used or a performance bond of ~~\$2,000.00~~ \$10,000.00 per acre to secure a permit.
  6. A plan and representative profiles of the area covering the permit prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer, from which final grades may be established. Topographical plans depicting existing and proposed grades. A reclamation plan prepared by a Professional Engineer with all associated costs and requirements to complete the reclamation of the entire property.
  8. In approving the issuance of a permit, the Board shall impose reasonable conditions, especially designed to safeguard the neighborhood and the town, as follows:
    - b. The placing of swales, basins, check dams, topsoil and planting of ~~grass~~ vegetation necessary to control erosion.
    - g. Routes of travel ~~or~~ and number of trips for transportation of material.
    - h. Control of temporary or permanent drainage, discharge and compliance with Article 9 of the town bylaws.
    - k. At the conclusion of every day's operation, the vertical bank shall be caved into a slope no greater than a 2 to1 vertical slope to protect public safety.
    - l. All soil removal activities that exist as of the effective date of this regulation must apply for a permit within sixty (60) days of such effective date.

For all active operations or large operations requiring a permit under this Regulation, the Board may consult, at the applicant's expense, and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, § 53G, a Professional Engineer and/or Licensed Site Professional (LSP) registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, approved of or chosen by the Board. Said Engineer or LSP, if retained by the Board, shall assist the Board with analysis of the proposed soil removal activities so that the Board may determine whether such project may result in the removal of contaminated soil or whether such project may otherwise impact the public health safety or welfare or the environment.

Any appeal of the Board's selection of a Professional Engineer and/or Licensed Site Professional (LSP) may be filed pursuant to G.L. c. 44, § 53G.

The Board's hearing may be continued as may be necessary to receive any and all applicable and relevant evidence. In all cases, it shall be the Applicant's burden to demonstrate that the proposed soil removal will not adversely impact the public and or be contrary to the benefit of the town. The Board may deny a permit if the Applicant fails to supply adequate materials to evaluate the project or if the soil removal activities will adversely impact the public and or be contrary to the interests of the town.

- C. No permit for the removal of earth shall be issued by the Board of Selectmen, except as provided in Section 4 below, until a public hearing has been held by the Board, notice of which shall have been given by them at least fourteen days in advance, in a paper of general circulation, published not less than weekly, in the Town of Acushnet, the posting of copies thereon on municipal bulletin boards and the mailing of copies thereof to the abutting property owners and abutters to abutters within three-hundred feet (300'), including those across any streets and a recommendation has been received in writing from said Board.

#### **Section 4 Exceptions**

- A. No permit shall be required for the following purposes:
- ~~1. Moving of earth on an individual parcel.~~
  3. When such earth removal is ~~not~~ necessary in connection with the construction of a building being built in accord with a permit issued by the Building Inspector. The amount to be removed to be limited to the volume of earth necessary to construct the structure authorized by the permit.
  - ~~4. When such earth is not needed in connection with the construction of a private road.~~
- ~~C. Earth removal activities in lawful operation on any parcel of land at the time this By law is adopted may continue unless and until abandoned for more than twelve (12) consecutive months.~~

#### **Section 5 Specific Limitations**

- A. No permit for the removal of earth shall be approved by the Board of Selectmen except upon the condition that a drainage layer of not less than eighteen inches (18) in depth, with a permeability of <10<sup>-5</sup> and a cover of topsoil of not less ~~that~~ than 4 inches in depth shall be replaced or allowed to remain, except that it shall be no greater than the depth of the topsoil, if any, shown on submitted plans, and except where, due to construction of roads, buildings or other permanent physical features, such provision is impractical.
- B. Every permit granted under this bylaw shall be valid for a period not to exceed one year. Requests for renewal must be submitted no later than the end of the 10th month following



issuance, with decisions on renewal to issue within thirty days of such request. Renewals shall be granted based upon compliance with the terms of the underlying permit. Any expansion or material modification of the underlying soil removal activities, as may be determined by the Board's Agent, shall require a new hearing.

## **Section 7 Fees**

- A. The Board of Selectmen shall establish such fees as it shall find necessary for the administration of this By-law, including for the issuance of the original permit, renewal permits, semi-annual inspections, complaint inspections and special inspections.

## **Section 8 General Administration**

- A. The Board or ~~inspector~~ Enforcement Officer may enter upon the premises involved ~~from time to time~~ to time to inspect and ensure proper conduct of the work.
- C. Prior to the anniversary date of the permit, each petitioner shall specify the number of cubic yards of material to be taken out of his/her pit the following year. At the end of the year, he/she shall file a statement of how many cubic yards have been ~~taken~~ removed during that preceding year. Annual removal shall not exceed the amount ~~stated~~ permitted at the beginning of the year unless the Board of Selectmen, on the advice of their ~~inspector~~ Enforcement Officer, determines there will be no adverse effect to the Town.
- D. A permit shall be issued only after full payment of all annual fees and charges and receipt of a bond or other approved financial assurance.

## **Section 9 Violations**

- A. ~~The inspector, if he~~ If the Enforcement Officer concludes that there has been a violation of this By-law, he or she shall hand deliver or send to the person in charge or permit holder, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address stated on the initial application, or any other manner provided for by law, a notice ordering a cessation of the improper activities.
- B. If a permit holder or other offender persists in such violation, the inspector shall seek the imposition of the penalties authorized by paragraph 17, of Section 21D of Chapter 40, G.L., through appropriate legal action; and the penalty for removing earth in violation of this By-law shall be a fine of not more than ~~fifty (50)~~ two-hundred dollars (\$200) for the first offense after such warning; not more than ~~one hundred (100)~~ three-hundred dollars (\$300) for the second offense; and not more than ~~two hundred (200)~~ three-hundred dollars (\$300) for any subsequent offense. Each day or part thereof shall constitute a separate offense.

## **Section 10**

Any soil or loam shall, in connection with removing sand and gravel under this permit, be stockpiled on the premises in accordance with a stockpile plan approved by the Board.

As soon as practicable, and in accordance with good conservation practices not to exceed 90 days, all stripped areas shall be graded and covered with a drainage layer, topsoil and loam, ~~and~~ graded and vegetated in a proper soil conserving manner.

As soon as practicable, and in accordance with good conservation practices not to exceed 10 days, as soon, as the loam is restored, it shall be planted with a suitable cover crop approved by the Board to prevent erosion of the surface.

No ~~earth gravel~~ shall be removed within four feet of spring high water table. This elevation shall be established from a test pit or piezometer and the level related to a permanent monument on the property. This information shall show on the topographic plan.

No mounds of loam, fill, silt, waste, gravel, stones, brush, sand, etc. are to be left at the completion of this operation, or upon the termination of this permit.

At the completion of the operation, or upon the termination of this permit, any uncovered portions of the pit shall be sloped and reclaimed ~~24-garred~~ as provided in the paragraphs above.

The conveyance of the property covered by this license by the licensees, or either of them, shall result in the termination of the right to remove any further earth, sand, rock and gravel under this permit and the premises shall be restored as above provided. This termination shall not be effective if prior to such conveyance as bond conditioned upon the full performance of all the terms and conditions of this license and with sureties satisfactory to the Soil Conservation Board of Acushnet shall be filed with such Board.

**APPENDIX 5: 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 2020 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 2021 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

IAN ANDERSON, CUSTODIAN  
RAYMOND BARLOW, TREE WARDEN  
JANET BARRETTE, ELECTIONS WORKER  
NAKITA BESEGAI, TEACHER  
MAEGHAN BIELSKI, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
MAXINE BONNEAU, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
NICOLE BORGES, SCHOOL NURSE  
KATELYN BRAGA, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE CLERK  
KRYSTAL BROSNAHAN, TEACHER  
ROGER CABRAL, BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SUSAN CAMPINHA, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
MICHAEL COFFEY, EMT  
DONNA CORDEIRA, CAFETERIA WORKER  
THOMAS COUGHLIN, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
DEREK DEMELO, EMT  
CURRAN DESJARDINS, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
DAVID DETERRA, SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
CORINNE DEXTER, PARAPROFESSIONAL  
KATELYN FARIAS, TEACHER  
CHRISTOPHER GARTH, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
NICHOLAS GOMES, MODERATOR  
SAMANTHA GOMES, DISPATCHER  
CHANDLER GOULART, GOLF COURSE STAFF  
NICOLE GREGORY, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
ETHAN GUERRA, GOLF MAINTENANCE WORKER  
BRODY HUNT, GOLF COURSE STAFF  
MARGARET JACQUES, PARAPROFESSIONAL  
HALEY JARVIES, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
WILLIAM KRAUSE, COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS  
MARC LAPLANTE, BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MICHAEL LEGER, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
JILL LEMIEUX, PARAPROFESSIONAL  
RACHEL LINCOLN, EMT  
MARY MARSHALL, LIBRARY TECH  
DODIE MCPHEE, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
CAITLYN MEDEIROS, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
JONATHAN MORAES, CUSTODIAN  
TAYLOR NELSON, PARAPROFESSIONAL

STEPHEN PETTEY, RESIDENCY OFFICER  
SUZANNE PICARD, ASSESSOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
HENRY T. PRESTON, TRUSTEE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MARIA RAMOS, SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE NURSE  
KIMMY REED, CAFETERIA WORKER  
RACHEL ROBILLARD, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
SUSAN SAVARIA, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
DANIELLE SAVERY, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
MICHELLE SMITH, TEACHER  
KERRI STOFFEL, CURRICULUM DIRECTOR  
MICHAEL ST. ONGE, FINANCE COMMITTEE  
JAMIE TAVARES, TEACHER  
JODY J. TAVARES, SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
DREW WEAVER, GOLF COURSE STAFF  
KAITLYNN WILLETTE, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
RACHEL WOOLEY, TEACHER

**AND IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE FOLLOWING  
INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE FAITHFULLY SERVED THE TOWN  
IN YEARS PRIOR, AND PASSED AWAY IN 2020:**

LAWRENCE P. MULVEY  
Board of Selectmen, Housing Authority, Housing Partnership,  
Community Preservation Committee, Board of Appeals, and AHA Board of Commissioners

EDWARD "TED" GAVONI  
Herring Warden and Library Building Committee

MARIA L. GONCALVES  
Agricultural Commission

**THE TOWNSPEOPLE OF ACUSHNET  
MAY 2021**

**APPENDIX 6: Finance Committee's Recommendations (Sources of Funds)**

#	Description	Department	Finance Committee Recommends	Source of Funds						
				Raise & Appropriate	Free Cash	Other Available Funds	Water Surplus	Enterprise	CPA	Revolving Funds (Memo)
2	Snow/Ice Deficit	Selectmen	11,000.00		11,000					
3	FY2022 Budget	Selectmen	32,150,142	31,572,716		517,426	60,000			
4	Golf Enterprise Fund	Golf Comm	1,505,470.00					1,505,470		
5	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Selectmen	735,246.00					735,246		
6	PEG Access / Cable Related Fund	Selectmen	190,000.00			190,000				
10	Capital - Police: Radios	Police Dept	107,000.00		107,000					
10	Capital - Police: Computer Servers	Police Dept	40,000.00		40,000					
10	Capital - Fire/EMS: Furnace	Fire/EMS	9,300.00		9,300					
10	Capital - Fire/EMS: Fire Alarm Panel	Fire/EMS	2,500.00		2,500					
10	Capital - Fire/EMS: Replacement Hose	Fire/EMS	9,200.00		9,200					
10	Capital - Fire/EMS: Local Match, SCBA	Fire/EMS	15,000.00		15,000					
10	Capital - DPW: New Loader	DPW	285,000.00		285,000					
10	Capital - DPW: Equipment Rental	DPW	40,000.00		40,000					
11	Conditional Article - DPW Loader	DPW	90,000.00		90,000					
12	Assessors: Industrial Appraisal	Assessors	20,000.00		20,000					
13	Planning: Consultant Bylaw Update	BOS/Planning	25,000.00		25,000					
14	School Capital - Roof Maintenance	School Comm	15,000.00		15,000					
14	School Capital - Antenna Replacement	School Comm	18,000.00		18,000					
14	School Capital - Gymnasium/Café Wall	School Comm	84,000.00		84,000					
25	CPA General Reserve Article	CPC	201,325.00						201,325	
26	CPA - Soccer Fields	CPC	25,000.00						25,000	
27	CPA - Pope Park	CPC	10,000.00						10,000	
30	Revolving Funds Authorization	Selectmen	51,000.00							51,000
31	New Revolving Fund Authorization	Selectmen	10,000.00							10,000
33	Infrastructure Stabilization Fund	Selectmen	500,000.00		500,000					
34	OPEB Fund Transfer	Selectmen	100,000.00		100,000					
35	Stabilization Fund Transfer	Selectmen	200,000.00		200,000					
			<b>36,449,183</b>	<b>31,572,716</b>	<b>1,571,000</b>	<b>707,426</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>2,240,716</b>	<b>236,325</b>	<b>61,000</b>

