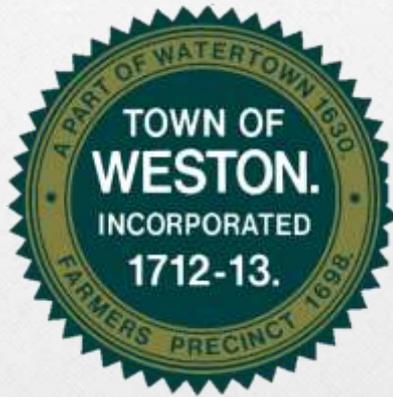


Motions for Annual Town Meeting

May 15, 2021



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Rip Hastings, Moderator
Deborah M. Davenport, Town Clerk

Financial Interest Disclosure - a brief

statement made prior to speaking on an article being discussed

A speaker at Town Meeting, who is speaking in his/her individual capacity (and not on behalf of a Town Board or Committee) who has a financial interest in an article shall declare any such interest prior to speaking on the substance of the article.

For the purposes of this rule, **the term “financial interest” shall mean** that the speaker or “family member” (defined as the speaker’s spouse, parents, children, brothers and sisters, where such family interest may be natural or by adoption) has a reasonably foreseeable financial interest in the article, whether directly or through a legal entity (including without limitation, corporations, trusts, partnerships and limited liability companies), whether the financial interest is large or small, negative or positive, for which the speaker or family member is an owner (or holds any type of ownership interest), officer, director, member, trustee, partner or employee, and further, with respect to matters involving land, a financial interest shall be deemed to exist if a speaker or any of the persons or entities set forth above is an abutter, or an abutter to an abutter within 300 feet, or owns property directly opposite to, a parcel of land at issue.

Questions or objections about a speaker's potential financial interest may be raised by a Point of Order while the person is speaking or immediately thereafter.

MOTION ON PROCEDURES

May I have a motion to use:

- Color placards for this Annual Town Meeting for all motions except for procedural motions, such as to “Call the Question” or to “Dissolve,” or where I have reason to question the vote, in either case we will use a standing count
- To use the procedures found in the “[Brief Guide to Town Meeting Procedures](#),” including:
 - The Financial Interest Disclosure procedures
 - Using the 5-minute presentation and speaking limits, with the exception at the discretion of the Moderator. Exceptions are articles....
- The Consent Agenda for articles 3 - 21

MOTIONS for each WARRANT ARTICLE

The following are the motions and the type of vote for each article that will be made during Town Meeting.

Please refer to these during the meeting.

Article 2 – FY22 Operating Budget

Move that the several sums of money recommended by the Select Board for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021, in accordance with Section 5 of Article II of the General Bylaws, as amended, as set forth in the handout entitled, "[Fiscal Year 2022 Recommended Operating Budget](#)", be raised and appropriated for the respective purposes as set forth therein, and that the Town transfer the following sums to meet, in part, appropriations made at this Town Meeting:

1.	Undesignated Fund Balance (free cash)	\$3,150,000
2.	Overlay Surplus	463,593
3.	Cemetery Trust Fund	20,000
4.	Josiah Smith Tavern Trust Fund	6,000
5.	Debt Exclusion Premium Reserve	120,977
	Total	\$3,754,570

and that the Board of Assessors be authorized to use such available funds to meet appropriations in its computation of the tax rate for fiscal year 2022.

Majority vote

Consent Agenda - Articles 3 – 21

Move that the Town approve Articles 3 through 21 as [printed in the warrant](#), with the following detail:

- Article 3 - \$346,000 to be transferred from certified Free Cash
- Article 4 - \$2,225,491 to be raised and appropriated (OPEB)
- Article 6 – establish senior property tax deferral income eligibility limit at \$90,650
- Article 7 – \$4,170,511 to be appropriated from Water Receipts as specified in the column entitled, “Recommend FY22” (Water Enterprise Fund)
- Article 8 - \$401,000 to be raised by borrowing (Water Main Rehabilitation)
- Article 9 – appropriate the sum of \$1,798,052, all as specified in the column entitled, “Recommended FY22”, with \$1,078,831 to be appropriated from Recreation Department Enterprise Receipts, and \$719,221 to be raised from the tax levy
- Article 10 - \$1,242,053 to be appropriated from Brook School Enterprise receipts and \$100,000 to be transferred from Brook School Apartments Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings, all as specified in the column entitled, “Recommended FY22” (Brook School Enterprise Fund)
- Article 14 - \$634,000 to be transferred from the following sources: \$80,000 from Free Cash, \$350,000 from Article 7 of the November 2018 Special Town Meeting (Case House Construction), \$204,000 from Article 14 of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting (DPW Facility), for Operating Capital Items
- Article 15 - \$450,000 to be raised by borrowing (Drainage Improvements)
- Article 16 - \$951,600 to be raised by borrowing (High School F-Wing Replacement/Repair)
- Article 17 - \$750,000 to be raised by borrowing (Fire Engine (pumper))
- Article 19 - \$7,000 to be transferred to the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve
- Article 20 - \$38,000 to be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve to support the Regional Housing Service Office as approved by the Community Preservation Committee
- Article 21 - \$3,215 to be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Reserve – Unallocated Allocation for Case Estates Tree Preservation

2/3rds majority vote

Individual Motions & Explanations on the Consent Agenda Articles

ARTICLE 3: move to transfer the sum listed in the column entitled “Difference” from Free Cash and to approve Article 3 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Amend Fiscal Year 21 Operating Budget This article proposes transferring funds from free cash to make up an identified shortfall in the snow and ice control budget.

ARTICLE 4: move that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,225,491 to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund for costs of post employment benefits.

Appropriate OPEB Trust Fund - To comply with the recommendations of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the Town funds OPEB liability, in part, each year.

ARTICLE 5: I move to approve Article 5 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Accept Chapter 90 Road Improvement Fund- allows the Town, as required by DOR, to annually accept the funds provided through the State’s Chapter 90 program for road repair and maintenance.

ARTICLE 6: move that the Town establish a fiscal year 2022 income eligibility limit of \$95,200 pursuant to Chapter 421 of the Acts of 2004, An Act Authorizing the Town of Weston to Regulate Certain Property Tax Exemption Eligibility Requirements for the Elderly.

Approve Property Tax Deferral Income Limits- The Town has special legislation that requires it to annually identify income eligibility limits for certain property tax exemptions for the elderly.

Individual Motions & Explanations on the Consent Agenda Articles

ARTICLE 7: move that the Town appropriate from Water Receipts the sum of \$4,170,511, allocated by line item as shown in the column entitled, “Recommended FY22” as set forth in the warrant, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F½, to operate the Water Division of the Department of Public Works for fiscal year 2022

Appropriate Fiscal Year 22 Water Enterprise Fund Budget - This article is approved yearly to set the budget for the Water Division of the DPW.

ARTICLE 8: move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$401,000 to pay costs of laying and relaying water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter, and all incidental and related costs, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §8(5) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs

Appropriate for Water Main Rehabilitation- This annual article authorizes the Town to borrow for water main rehabilitation.

A 2/3 vote is required due to borrowing.

Individual Motions & Explanations on the Consent Agenda Articles

ARTICLE 9: move that the Town appropriate \$1,719,221, allocated by line item in the column entitled, “Recommended FY22” as [printed in the warrant](#), to operate the Recreation Department during fiscal year 2022, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F½; and that said \$1,719,221 be funded as follows: \$1,078,831 to be raised from departmental receipts, and \$719,221 to be raised from the tax levy.

Appropriate Fiscal Year 22 Recreation Enterprise Fund Budget- This article is approved yearly to set the budget for the Recreation Department.

ARTICLE 10: move that the Town appropriate \$1,140,440, allocated by line item as shown in the column “Recommended FY22” as [printed in the warrant](#), to operate the Brook School Apartments during Fiscal Year 2022, under the provisions of Chapter 76 of the Acts of 2009; and that said \$1,140,440 be funded as follows: \$1,242,053 from Brook School rental and other receipts and \$100,000 from Brook School Apartments Enterprise Fund retained earnings.

Appropriate Fiscal Year 22 Brook School Apartments Enterprise Fund Budget- This article is approved yearly to set the budget for the Brook School Apartments.

ARTICLE 11: move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$253,499 from the PEG and Cable Related Fund as a grant to Weston Media, Inc., and approve Article 11 as [printed in the Warrant](#).

Appropriate for Fiscal Year 22 Public Access Operations- This article is approved yearly to provide funding for Weston Public Access (Weston Media Center) operations.

Individual Motions & Explanations on the Consent Agenda Articles

ARTICLE 12: move to approve Article 12 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Amend General By-laws and Authorize Spending Limits- This article proposes to create a new revolving fund to allow the Fire Department to provide COVID-19 and other similar medial testing.

ARTICLE 13: move to approve Article 13 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Special Act Amending Authority of the Commissioners of Trust- This article seeks to clarify the investment objectives and modernize the process for this elected body.

ARTICLE 14: move that the Town transfer \$80,000 from Free Cash, \$350,000 from Article 7 of the November 2018 Special Town Meeting (Case House Construction), \$204,000 from Article 14 of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting (DPW Facility), and approve Article 14 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Appropriate for Operating Capital Items- This article will provide funding for culvert improvements, Middle School roof replacement, and a vehicle replacement.

Individual Motions & Explanations on the Consent Agenda Articles

ARTICLE 15: move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$450,000 to pay costs of constructing or reconstructing of surface drains, and all incidental and related costs, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

Appropriate for Drainage Improvements- This article authorizes the Town to borrow for drainage improvements. The amount requested is less than what appears on the warrant because bond premium previously received will be used to fund the article and reduce the amount needed.

A 2/3 vote is required due to borrowing.

Individual Motions & Explanations on the Consent Agenda Articles

ARTICLE 16: Move that the Town appropriate the amount of Nine Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$951,600) for the purpose of paying costs of replacing or reconstructing and equipping the F-Wing Roof at Weston High School, located at 444 Wellesley Street, Weston, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Town has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of School Committee; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; the Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA’s Board of Directors votes to invite the Town to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; and that, if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on the proposed repair project, the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA; and, further, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

Appropriate for High School F-Wing Roof Replacement/Repair- This article authorizes the repair of a leaking roof and brick façade flashing at the Weston High School building.

A 2/3 vote is required due to borrowing.

Individual Motions & Explanations on the Consent Agenda Articles

ARTICLE 17: move that the Town appropriate \$750,000 to pay costs for the purchase and equipping of a Fire Engine (Pumper), and all incidental and related costs, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

Appropriate for Fire Engine (Pumper)- This article authorizes the Town to purchase a new fire pumper vehicle.
A 2/3 vote is required due to borrowing.

Individual Motions & Explanations on the Consent Agenda Articles

ARTICLE 18: move that the Town hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation budget and appropriate or reserve the following amounts from the Community Preservation Fund as follows:

Appropriations from FY2022 estimated annual revenues –

- \$132,000 for Community Preservation Committee administrative expenses

Reservations from FY2022 estimated annual revenues –

- \$524,000 for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space including land for recreational use;
- \$885,000 for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; and
- \$310,000 for the creation, preservation and support of community housing

Appropriations for Debt Service Payments –

- \$5,280 from the Community Housing Reserve for the expansion of the Brook School Apartments, as approved under Article 19 of the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting;
- \$361,988 from the Historic Resources Reserve to preserve, rehabilitate, restore the Old Library as the Weston Art and Innovation Center, as approved under Article 1 of the November 28, 2017 Special Town Meeting;
- \$580,093 from the Historic Resources Reserve to preserve, rehabilitate, restore the Josiah Smith Tavern, as approved under Article 11 of the December 3, 2019 Special Town Meeting;
- \$331,096 from the Open Space Reserve for the purchase of the Case Estates land, as approved under Article 1 of the November 8, 2006 Special Town Meeting;
- \$192,775 from the Open Space Reserve for the 500 Wellesley Street Acquisition as approved under Article 24 of the May 6, 2019 Annual Town Meeting

Individual Motions & Explanations on the Consent Agenda Articles

ARTICLE 19: move that the Town transfer \$7,000 from the Unallocated Allocation of the Community Preservation Fund and approve Article 19 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Appropriate for Community Housing - This article will bring the allocated funding from existing revenues to the appropriate level as required by the Community Preservation Act.

ARTICLE 20: move that the Town transfer \$38,000 from the Community Housing allocation of the Community Preservation Fund and approve Article 20 as [printed in the warrant](#)

Appropriate for Community Housing – RHSO & Housing Trust Staff Support - This annual article requests allows the town to continue its participation in the regional housing services office and obtain housing staff support.

ARTICLE 21: move that the Town transfer \$3,215 from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund and approve Article 21 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Appropriate for Open Space: Case Estates Tree Preservation- This article will provide funding towards the preservation of two rare specimen trees on the Case Estates.

end consent agenda

Article 22 – Appropriate for High School/Middle School Campus Master Plan Study

Move that the Town transfer \$58,315 from Free Cash, \$21,685 from Article 21 of the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting (Proctor Field Design), and approve Article 22 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Majority vote

Article 23 – Appropriate for Community Housing: Creation of Affordable Housing at 8-10 Birch Lane by Weston Affordable Housing Foundation, Inc.

Move that the Town transfer \$917,000 from the Community Housing allocation and \$103,000 from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund and approve Article 23 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Majority vote

Article 24 – Appropriate for Land for Recreational use: Walkway on Ash Street

Move that the Town transfer \$400,000 from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund and approve Article 24 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Majority vote

Article 25 – Appropriate for Land for Recreational Use: Burchard Park Rehabilitation

Move that the Town transfer \$75,000 from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund and approve Article 25 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Majority vote

Article 26 – Appropriate for Land for Recreational Use: Memorial Pool Rehabilitation

Move that the Town transfer \$250,000 from the Unallocated allocation of the Community Preservation Fund and approve Article 26 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Majority vote

Article 27 – Establish Parcel Boundaries for Case Estates

Move that the Town establish the boundaries of Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 within the Case Estates as shown on the [Subdivision Plans](#) on file with the Town Clerk, and approve Article 27 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Majority vote

Article 28 – Conveyance of Louisa's Wall Parcel at Case Estates (101 Wellesley St.)

Move that the Town transfer a parcel of land containing 1652 S.F.±, known as Louisa's Wall, from the Select Board for general municipal purposes to the Select Board for the purpose of conveyance, appropriate the sum of \$11,250 from certified Free Cash and approve Article 28 as [printed in the warrant](#).

2/3rds majority vote

Article 29 – Conveyance of Two Parcels at Case Estates (226 Ash St.)

Move that the Town approve Article 29 as [printed in the warrant](#).

Majority vote

Article 30 – Zoning By-law: Residential at Riverside Road

Move that the Town pass over article 30 and so dispose of.

Majority vote

Article 31 – Zoning By-law: Science Life Center at Riverside Road

I move to approve Article 31 as set forth in the warrant and as further amended in the handout presented at this Town Meeting titled “[ARTICLE 31: ZONING BYLAW – SCIENCE LIFE CENTER AT RIVERSIDE ROAD.](#)”

2/3rds majority vote

Article 32 – Zoning By-law: Residential at Riverside Road

Move that the Town pass over article 32 and so dispose of.

Majority vote

Article 33 – Amend Zoning Map: Riverside Road for Research and Development

Move to approve Article 33 as set forth [in the warrant.](#)

2/3rds majority vote

Article 34 – Fur Ban By-law

Submitted by petition

Move to approve article 34 as [printed in the warrant.](#)

Majority vote

