

TOWN OF HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

MAY 1, 2014

CONSENT AGENDA

Warrant article on a Consent Agenda are exceptions to the general process of Town Meeting. The Select Board, Moderator, and Finance Committee identify, for Town Meeting consideration, those articles that they believe should generate no controversy and can be properly voted without debate. These articles are put on the Consent Agenda to allow motions under these articles to be acted upon as one unit and to be passed without debate.

At the call of the Consent Agenda, the Moderator will read out the numbers of the articles, one by one. If one or more voters object to any particular article being included in the Consent Agenda, they say "hold" in a loud voice when the number is called. The article will be removed automatically from the Consent Agenda and restored to its original place in the Warrant, to be debated and voted under the usual manner. After the calling of the individual items in the Consent Agenda, the Moderator will ask for a motion that the voters pass all items remaining AS A UNIT on one vote. Use of the Consent Agenda process makes the Town Meeting more efficient by speeding up the handling of non-controversial items.

THE CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE TAKEN UP AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2014.

Please review the list of articles and motions proposed for each Consent Item which follows:

MOTION: Moved that the Town take Articles 1, 2, 3, 9 and 16 out of order and that they be "Passed by Consent" in accordance with the Motions shown on the Consent Agenda distributed this evening.

SINGLE EXCEPTION WILL REMOVE ARTICLE FROM CONSENT AGENDA.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for and expend Massachusetts Small Cities Program grants or monies, or any Federal or State grants or monies, received as set forth in the appropriate application, or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommendation pending
Select Board recommends 5-0-0

MOTION: Moved that the Town authorize the Select Board to apply for and expend Massachusetts Small Cities Program grants or monies, or any Federal or State grants or monies, received as set forth in the appropriate application.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds provided to the Town by the State under Chapter 90 Type money and such other funds as the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division may provide, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division for Chapter 90 Type money allocated to the Town by the State, or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommendation pending
Select Board recommends 5-0-0

MOTION: Moved that the Town appropriate funds provided to the Town by the State under Chapter 90 Type money and such other funds as the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division may provide, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into contracts with Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division for Chapter 90 Type money allocated to the Town by the State.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee recommendation pending
Select Board recommends 5-0-0

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer **\$10,000.00** from Water Reserves to the Water Plant Filtration Stabilization fund as per the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 5B, for the purpose of repairing and replacing water plant filtration membranes and associated expenses, or take any votes in relation thereto.

Finance Committee recommendation pending
Select Board recommends 5-0-0

MOTION: Moved that the Town transfer **\$10,000.00** from Water Reserves to the Water Plant Filtration Stabilization fund as per the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 5B, for the purpose of repairing and replacing water plant filtration membranes and associated expenses.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2015 budget and to reserve for later appropriation the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2015 estimated annual revenues:

Open Space	\$30,000.00
Historic Resources	\$30,000.00
Housing	\$30,000.00

and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2015 estimated annual revenues for all necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the year, and further to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum or sums of money for Community Preservation projects or purposes as may be recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Act Committee recommends (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 3 absences)

Finance Committee recommendation pending

Select Board recommends 5-0-0

MOTION: Moved that the Town accept the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2015 budget and to reserve for later appropriation the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2015 estimated annual revenues:

Open Space	\$30,000.00
Historic Resources	\$30,000.00
Housing	\$30,000.00

And appropriate **\$5,000.00** from the FY 2015 Community Preservation estimated annual revenues for the administrative expenses of the Committee.

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