

CONSENT AGENDA-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Warrant Articles on a Consent Agenda (permitted by Robert's Rules) are exceptions to the general process of Town Meeting. The Town Administrator, Select Board, and Moderator identify, for Town Meeting consideration, those articles 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. A 2/3rds vote of Town Meeting Members is required by Scituate Town by-law (Section 20120 (B)) to permit a Consent Agenda to be used since Articles will, as a result of the process, be taken out of order.

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 then be removed automatically from the Consent Agenda and restored to its original place in the Warrant, to be debated and voted upon in 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 MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA MOTION

MOTION: *I move that the Town vote to take Articles*

- 1 – Compensation of Elected Officials,***
- 2 – Reports of Boards and Committees,***
- 5 – Waterways Enterprise Fund Budget,***
- 6 – Golf Course Enterprise Fund Budget,***
- 7 – Wastewater Enterprise Fund Budget,***
- 8 – Transfer Station Enterprise Budget,***
- 9 – Water Enterprise Fund Budget,***
- 10 – Stabilization Fund Excess Levy Capacity,***
- 11 – Revolving Fund Limits,***
- 13 – Community Preservation Reconciliations and***
- 15 – MGL Chapter 91 Liability***

out of order and that they be "Passed by Consent" in accordance with the Motions shown on the Consent Agenda distributed this evening.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED; SINGLE EXCEPTION WILL REMOVE ARTICLE FROM CONSENT AGENDA

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

ARTICLE 1. Compensation of Elected Officials

To see if the Town will vote to establish the salaries and compensation of all elected Town officials as follows for a sum totaling **\$97,325.00**, or a greater or lesser sum; or take any other action relative thereto:

SELECT BOARD:	Chair & Legitimate Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
SELECT BOARD:	Members & Legitimate Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
		(4@\$500)
ASSESSORS:	Chair & Legitimate Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
ASSESSORS:	Members & Legitimate Expenses	\$ 800.00
		(2@\$400)
TOWN CLERK:	Personal Services	\$91,825.00

Sponsored By: Select Board

MOTION ARTICLE 1. Compensation of Elected Officials

I move that the Town establish the salaries and compensation of all elected Town officials as follows for a sum totaling **\$97,325.00** as listed in the printed warrant.

ARTICLE 2. Reports of Boards and Committees

To see if the Town will vote to hear or act upon any reports from the Town officers or committees; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored By: Select Board

MOTION ARTICLE 2. Reports of Boards and Committees

I move that the Town hear or act upon any reports from the Town officers or committees.

ARTICLE 5. Waterways Enterprise Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of **\$973,102.00**, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Waterways Enterprise operations and expenses for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

Personal Services	\$ 511,142
Other Expenses	\$ 461,960
Total	\$ 973,102

Sponsored By: Select Board

MOTION ARTICLE 5. Waterways Enterprise Fund

I move that the Town transfer from Waterways Enterprise Receipts the sum of **\$963,102.00** for the purpose of funding the Waterways Enterprise operations and expenses for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024.

Personal Services	\$ 511,142
Other Expenses	\$ 461,960
Total	\$ 973,102

ARTICLE 6. Golf Course Enterprise Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of **\$1,434,479.00**, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Widow's Walk Golf Course operations and expenses for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

Personal Services	\$684,779
Other Expenses	\$749,700
Total	\$1,434,479

Sponsored By: Select Board

MOTION ARTICLE 6. Golf Course Enterprise Fund

I move that the Town transfer from Widows Walk Enterprise receipts the sum of **\$1,434,479.00** for the purpose of funding the Widow's Walk Golf Course operations and expenses for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024.

Personal Services	\$684,779
Other Expenses	\$749,700
Total	\$1,434,479

ARTICLE 7. Wastewater Enterprise Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of **\$4,102,450.00**, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Wastewater Treatment Plant operations and expenses, for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

Personal Services	\$ 674,442
Other Expenses	\$ 3,428,008
Total	\$ 4,102,450

Sponsored By: Select Board

MOTION ARTICLE 7. Wastewater Enterprise Fund

I move that the Town transfer from the Wastewater Enterprise receipts the sum of **\$4,102,450.00** for the purpose of funding Wastewater Treatment Plant operations and expenses, for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024.

Personal Services	\$ 674,442
Other Expenses	\$ 3,428,008
Total	\$ 4,102,450

ARTICLE 8. Transfer Station Enterprise Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of **\$1,466,350.00**, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Landfill and Transfer Station operations and expenses for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

Personal Services	\$375,660
Other Expenses	\$1,090,690
Total	\$1,466,350

Sponsored By: Select Board

MOTION ARTICLE 8. Transfer Station Enterprise Fund

I move that the Town transfer from Transfer Station Enterprise receipts the sum of **\$1,466,350.00** for the purpose of funding the Landfill and Transfer Station operations and expenses for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024.

Personal Services	\$375,660
Other Expenses	\$1,090,690
Total	\$1,466,350

ARTICLE 9. Water Enterprise Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of **\$7,276,454.00**, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Water Division operations and expenses for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

Personal Services	\$1,363,826
Other Expenses	\$5,912,628
Total	\$7,276,454

Sponsored By: Select Board

MOTION ARTICLE 9. Water Enterprise Fund

I move that the Town transfer from Water Enterprise receipts, the sum of **\$7,276,454.00** for the purpose of funding Water Division operations and expenses for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024.

Personal Services	\$1,363,826
Other Expenses	\$5,912,628
Total	\$7,276,454

ARTICLE 10. Stabilization Fund Excess Levy

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the difference between the levy net and the levy limit to the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, § 5B; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored By: Select Board

MOTION ARTICLE 10. Stabilization Fund Excess Levy

I move that the Town raise and appropriate the difference between the levy net and the levy limit to the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, § 5B.

ARTICLE 11. Revolving Fund Limits

To see if the Town will vote to set the annual spending limits for the revolving funds authorized under General Bylaw Section 10260 for Fiscal Year 2025, in accordance with M.G. L., c. 44, § 53E1/2 as follows; or take any other action relative thereto.

Revolving Fund	FY25 Expenditure Limit
Senior Center Revolving	\$150,000
Senior Center Food Service	\$45,000
Planning Board Application	\$15,000
Food Establishment Inspection	\$40,000
School Transportation	\$400,000
Beach Sticker	\$550,000
Public Health Vaccinations	\$50,000
Wind Turbine	\$750,000
Maintenance of Private Ways	\$10,000
GATRA Transport	\$130,000
Solar Array	\$485,000
Recreation Program	\$485,000
Athletic Fields	\$75,000
Maritime Center Rental	\$40,000
Scituate Harbor Community Building Rental	\$10,000
Aquaculture	\$5,000
Perc Witness Fees	\$50,000

Sponsored By: Select Board

MOTION ARTICLE 11. Revolving Fund Limits

I move that the Town set the annual spending limits for the revolving funds authorized under General Bylaw Section 10260 for Fiscal Year 2025, in accordance with M.G. L., c. 44, § 53E1/2 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 13. Community Preservation Act Reconciliations

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee to rescind the balance of funds authorized but unexpended totaling

\$679,345.93, or a greater or lesser sum, and to transfer said funds into the Reserve or General Fund Balance from which they were originally appropriated, in accordance with the provisions of the Community Preservation Act; or take any other action relative thereto.

Org	Object	Project	TM Authorization	Description	Balance
25177917	589000	O634B	STM 11/2017 Art 6-4	Mapping Trails & Signage	\$ 14.22
25177917	589000	R1110	ATM 04/2017 Art 11-10	Creation of Dog Park	\$ 571.08
25177919	589000	H121B	ATM 04/2019 Art 12-1B	STOCKBRIDGE GRAIN CHEST	\$ 5,557.77
25177920	589000	H8-02	STM 11/2020 Art 8-2	CLOSING COSTS M LINC ACQ	\$ 51.57
25177921	589000	H6-4	STM 10/2021 Art 6-4	ARCHIVES DOCUMENT PRESERVTN	\$ 2,841.23
25177921	589000	O6-7	STM 10/2021 Art 6-7	LAND ACQ-O BORDER ST	\$ 5,214.09
25177921	589000	R12-7	ATM 04/2021 Art 12-7	CEDAR POINT BENCH REPLACMT	\$ 2,300.50
25177921	589000	R12-8	ATM 04/2021 Art 12-8	TRAIL PARKNG & ACCESS ADDTL	\$ 11,816.44
25177921	589000	R12-9	ATM 04/2021 Art 12-9	THOREAU'S WAYE LIB GREEN	\$ 5,413.13
25177922	589000	O65	STM 09/2022 Art 6-5	DAMON ACCESS & PICNIC AREA	\$ 4,158.92
25177922	589000	O66	STM 09/2022 Art 6-6	CROSBY & BATES PICNIC AREA	\$ 89,995.60
25177922	589000	H12-8	ATM 04/2022 Art 12-8	TOWN ARCHIVES WPA RECORDS	\$ 1,200.00
25177922	589000	R1209	ATM 04/2022 Art 12-9	FEASIBILITY HS TENNIS COURTS	\$ 1,235.00
25177922	589000	R63	STM 09/2022 Art 6-3	MOBI MATS	\$ 52.38
25177923	589000	A2311	ATM 04/2023 Art 12-11	WHEELER PARK WINDOWS	\$ 548,924.00
			Total		\$ 679,345.93

Sponsored By: Community Preservation Committee

MOTION ARTICLE 13. Community Preservation Act Reconciliations

I move that the Town hear and act on recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee to rescind the balance of funds authorized but unexpended totaling **\$679,345.93** as shown in the printed warrant and to transfer said funds into the Reserve or General Fund Balance from which they were originally appropriated, in accordance with the provisions of the Community Preservation Act.

ARTICLE 15. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 91 Liability

To see if the Town will vote to assume liability in the manner provided by M.G.L. c. 91, § 29, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, great ponds, harbors, tidewaters, foreshores and shores along a public beach in accordance with M.G.L. c. 91, §11 and to authorize the Select Board to execute and deliver a bond on indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth; or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored By: Select Board

MOTION ARTICLE 15. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 91 Liability

I move that the Town assume liability in the manner provided by M.G.L. c. 91, § 29, as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, great ponds, harbors, tidewaters, foreshores and shores along a public beach in accordance with M.G.L. c. 91, §11 and authorize the Select Board to execute and deliver a bond on indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth.