

**Town of Lexington  
CONSENT AGENDA  
2022 Annual Town Meeting**

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To facilitate Town Meeting this year the Select Board, working with the Moderator and financial committees, will again propose that a number of Articles be acted upon collectively, that is by a single vote. In other towns this is generally referred to as the Town meeting “consent agenda.”

The Articles recommended for the consent agenda are those that:

- Will be indefinitely postponed, as no Town meeting action is being requested;
- Tend not to change from year to year;
- Are straightforward and fully explained in the FY2022 Recommended Budget and Financial Plan (Brown Book); or
- Are housekeeping in nature in that the Article requires Town Meeting action, but has no policy implications for the Town.
- The Moderator has indicated that if 10 Town Meeting members oppose the inclusion of any proposed consent agenda Article that Article/Motion will be removed from the list and the remaining Motions will be put before Town Meeting for a vote.

A brief explanation of each consent agenda Article and the related Motion follows below.

**ARTICLE 6** **APPROPRIATE FOR SENIOR SERVICES**

**MOTION:** That the Town appropriate \$15,000 for the purpose of conducting the Senior Service Tax Work-Off Program, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager; and that to meet this appropriation, \$15,000 be raised in the tax levy.

(01/25/2022)

***Description:** This article requests the appropriation of \$15,000 to continue to fund the Senior Service Program. This appropriation will supplement the current funds and allow for continued participation by eligible residents to earn up to \$1,540 per year (regardless of single or married status), to be applied to their property taxes.*

***Position:** Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee*

**ARTICLE 8** **APPROPRIATE FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

**MOTION:** That this Article will be indefinitely postponed.

(Revised 03/14/2022)

***Description:** This article requests indefinite postponement.*

***Position:** Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee*

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**ARTICLE 10      APPROPRIATE THE FY2022 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
OPERATING BUDGET AND CPA PROJECTS**

**MOTION:**      That the Town hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the FY2023 Community Preservation budget and, pursuant to the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, take the following actions:

That the Town reserve for appropriation the following amounts from estimated FY2023 receipts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

1. \$813,600 for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space;
2. \$813,600 for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources;
3. \$813,600 for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and
4. \$5,695,200 to the Unbudgeted Reserve.
  - a) That \$20,000 be appropriated for Archives and Records Management, and to meet this appropriation \$20,000 be appropriated from the Historic Resources Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund;
  - c) That \$28,175 be appropriated for West Farm Meadow Preservation, and to meet this appropriation \$28,175 be appropriated from the Open Space Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund;
  - d) That \$1,459,591 be appropriated for Playground Improvements - Poured-in-Place Surfaces, and to meet this appropriation \$1,459,591 be appropriated from the Unbudgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund;
  - g) That \$200,000 be appropriated for Park and Playground Improvements at Kinneens Park, and to meet this appropriation \$200,000 be appropriated from the Unbudgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund;
  - h) That \$250,000 be appropriated for Park Improvements - Fiske Athletic Field, and to meet this appropriation \$250,000 be appropriated from the Unbudgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund;

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- j) That \$234,000 be appropriated for the preservation and rehabilitation of LexHAB affordable housing units, and to meet this appropriation \$234,000 be appropriated from the Community Housing Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund;
- k) That this article is indefinitely postponed;
- l) That \$160,790 be appropriated for Lexington Housing Authority - Vynebrooke Village Preservation, and to meet this appropriation \$160,790 be appropriated from the Community Housing Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund;
- m) That \$1,935,635 be appropriated for CPA Debt Service and related costs, and to meet this appropriation \$324,500 be appropriated from the Open Space Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund, \$773,000 be appropriated from the Historic Resources Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund, and \$838,135 be appropriated from the Unbudgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund; and
- n) That \$150,000 be appropriated for the Administrative Expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for FY2023 and to meet this appropriation \$150,000 be appropriated from the Unbudgeted Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund.

(Revised 03/14/22)

***Description:***

*Section 10a – requests that \$20,000 be appropriated for historic archives and records.*

*Section 10c – requests that \$28, 175 be appropriated for West Farm Meadow Preservation.*

*Section 10d – requests that \$1,459,591 be appropriated for Poured-in-Place surfaces at multiple school playgrounds (Bowman, Bridge, Estabrook, and Fiske).*

*Section 10g – requests that \$200,000 be appropriated for Park and Playground improvements (Kineens Park).*

*Section 10h – requests that \$250,00 be appropriated for Park Improvements-Athletic fields (Fiske).*

*Section 10j – requests that \$234, 000 be appropriated for LexHab for Preservation and Rehabilitation of community housing;*

*Section 10k – is indefinitely postponed.*

*Section 10l – requests that \$160,790 be appropriated for Lexington Housing Authority (Vynebrook Village preservation).*

*Section 10m – requests that \$1,935,635 be appropriated for CPA Debt Service and related costs.*

*Section 10n – requests that \$150,000 be appropriated for administrative costs.*

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**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee, Community Preservation Committee*

**ARTICLE 11** **APPROPRIATE FOR RECREATION CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**MOTION:** That \$95,000 be appropriated for Pine Meadows Golf Course improvements, and all incidental costs related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation \$95,000 be appropriated from Recreation Fund Retained Earnings.

(03/04/2022)

**Description:** *This article requests \$95,000 for golf course improvements.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee*

**ARTICLE 12** **APPROPRIATE FOR MUNICIPAL CAPITAL PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT**

**MOTION:** That the following amounts be appropriated for the following municipal capital improvements and that each amount be appropriated as follows:

- d) Transportation Mitigation - \$6,823.50 for the Transportation Safety Group for certain traffic, pedestrian and bike safety improvements, including the design and construction of smaller scale safety related projects and education programs related to alternative transportation and bike safety, and all incidental costs related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$6,823.50 be appropriated from the Transportation Network Company Special Revenue Fund;
- e) Replace Pumper Truck - \$650,000 to purchase a new pumper truck and all the incidental costs related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$650,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance;
- f) Townwide Culvert Replacement - \$390,000 for the repair and replacement of culverts, and to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor; and all incidental costs related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation \$390,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance;
- g) Equipment Replacement - \$1,536,000 for the cost of equipment for the Department of Public Works and all incidental costs related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, \$145,000 be appropriated from Water Fund Retained Earnings; \$145,000 be appropriated from Wastewater Fund Retained Earnings; \$1,246,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance;
- h) Sidewalk Improvements - \$800,000 for rebuilding and repaving existing sidewalks, and all incidental costs related thereto, and to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any

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fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor; and that to meet this appropriation \$563,077 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance; \$539 be appropriated from the unexpended bond proceeds issued under Article 6A of the 2009 Special Town Meeting; \$11,486 be appropriated from the unexpended bond proceeds issued under Article 10G of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting; \$48,644 be appropriated from the unexpended bond proceeds issued under Article 15A of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting; \$81,838 be appropriated from the unexpended bond proceeds issued under Article 4 of the 2016 Special Town Meeting; \$42,694 be appropriated from the unexpended bond proceeds issued under Article 16H of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting; \$1,090 be appropriated from the unexpended bond proceeds issued under Article 16H of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting; and \$50,632 be appropriated from the unexpended bond proceeds issued under Article 19 of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting;

- i) Townwide Signalization Improvements - \$125,000 for the replacement of traffic and pedestrian signals and related roadway work and expenses incidental thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$125,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance;
- j) Storm Drainage Improvements and NPDES compliance - \$570,000 for constructing and reconstructing storm drains and all incidental costs related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$570,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance;
- k) Comprehensive Watershed Stormwater Management - \$390,000 to fund watershed storm management projects and all incidental costs related thereto, and to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor; and that to meet this appropriation, \$390,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance;
- l) Street Improvements - \$2,669,767 for road reconstruction, repairs and resurfacing and all incidental costs related thereto, and to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor, and that to meet this appropriation \$2,669,767 be raised in the tax levy, and authorize the Town to accept and expend any additional funds provided or to be provided by The Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation;
- m) Hydrant Replacement Program - \$150,000 for the replacement of fire hydrants and all incidental costs related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$75,000 be appropriated from Water Fund Retained Earnings and \$75,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance;
- r) Network Redundancy and Improvement Plan - \$945,000 to build a stand-alone fiber network for town computing and communications, and all the incidental costs thereto, and to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary

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therefor, and that to meet this appropriation \$945,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance;

- s) Application Implementation -\$158,500 for Town software applications, implementation and related costs, and that to meet this appropriation \$158,500 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance; and
- t) Scanning - Electronic Document Management - \$110,000 to scan existing paper documents into the Town's document management systems, and that to meet this appropriation \$110,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance.

(03/09/2022)

**Description:**

*Section 12d – is for certain traffic, pedestrian and bike safety improvements, including the design and construction of smaller scale safety related projects and education programs related to alternative transportation and bike safety.*

*Section 12e – is an article to replace the next pumper truck in rotation.*

*Section 12f – is an ongoing program to replace culverts.*

*Section 12g – is an annual request to replace equipment that is beyond its useful life and whose mechanical condition no longer meets the requirements of the Department of Public Works.*

*Section 12h – is an ongoing program to rebuild and/or repair existing sidewalks that are in poor condition.*

*Section 12i – is an ongoing program to replace signals and surrounding roadwork.*

*Section 12j – is an ongoing program to replace and supplement existing drainage structures, issues typically uncovered during roadway related construction activity.*

*Section 12k – is an ongoing program that continues to manage stormwater compliance.*

*Section 12l – is an ongoing program to reconstruct, repair and/or resurface streets that are in poor condition.*

*Section 12m – is an ongoing program designed to replace 60 fire hydrants per year.*

*Section 12r – is to build a stand-alone fiber network for Town communications.*

*Section 12s – is for large scale software application migrations and implementations for municipal departments.*

*Section 12t – is to scan the Town's permanent records to a secure electronic document management system.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee*

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**ARTICLE 13** **APPROPRIATE FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

**MOTION:** That the Select Board be authorized to make water distribution system improvements, including the installation of new water mains and replacement or cleaning and lining of existing water mains and stand pipes, conducting engineering studies and the purchase and installation of equipment in connection therewith, and pay all incidental costs related thereto, in such accepted or unaccepted streets or other land as the Select Board may determine, subject to the assessment of betterments or otherwise, and to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor; and to appropriate \$2,200,000 for such distribution systems improvements and land acquisition; and that to meet this appropriation, \$600,000 be raised through water user fees, and \$1,600,000 be appropriated from Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings.

(03/04/2022)

**Description:** *This is an annual program that replaces unlined, inadequate, aged and vulnerable water mains, deteriorated service connections and eliminates dead ends in the water mains.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee*

**ARTICLE 14** **APPROPRIATE FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

**MOTION:** That the following be authorized, and that the following amounts be appropriated for the following capital improvements and that each amount be raised as indicated:

- (a) the Select Board be authorized to install sanitary sewer mains and sewerage systems and replacements thereof, and pay all incidental costs related thereto, in such accepted or unaccepted streets or other land as the Select Board may determine, subject to the assessment of betterments or otherwise, in accordance with Chapter 504 of the Acts of 1897, as amended, or otherwise, and to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor; to appropriate for such installation and land acquisition the sum of \$1,020,000; and that to meet this appropriation, \$300,000 shall be raised through wastewater user fees, and \$720,000 be appropriated from Wastewater Fund Retained Earnings; and that
- (b) \$2,000,000 be appropriated for pump station upgrades and all incidental costs related thereto, and to raise such amount \$500,000 be appropriated from Wastewater Fund Retained Earnings, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$1,500,000 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8(4) or any other enabling authority; and further that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water

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Resources Authority and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement.

(03/09/2022)

**Description:** *These annual programs provide for rehabilitation of sanitary sewer infrastructure including pumping stations and related equipment to improve energy efficiency and avoid emergency expenditures.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee*

**ARTICLE 15                    APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT**

**MOTION:** That \$1,343,006 be appropriated for maintaining and upgrading the Lexington Public School technology systems, including the acquisition of new equipment in connection therewith, and that to meet this appropriation \$1,343,006 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance.

(03/04/2022)

**Description:** *This is an annual request from the School Department for continued support for student access to devices to allow for innovative learning, as well as maintain and improve current infrastructure such as networks, access points and servers.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee*

**ARTICLE 16                    APPROPRIATE FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**MOTION:** That the following amounts be appropriated for the following capital improvements to public facilities and that each amount be raised as follows:

- a) Public Facilities Bid Documents - \$100,000 for professional services to produce design development, construction documents, and bid administration services for capital projects and all incidental costs related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$100,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance;
- b) Facility and Site Improvements - \$295,000 for building flooring programs, school paving and sidewalk improvement programs, and school traffic safety improvements and all incidental costs related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation \$295,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance;
- c) Public Facilities Mechanical/Electrical System Replacements - \$787,000 for replacement of HVAC and electrical systems that have exceeded their useful life, and that to meet this appropriation \$787,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance;



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- d) Municipal Building Envelopes and Associated Systems - \$219,540 for extraordinary repairs and modifications to municipal buildings and systems, and that to meet this appropriation \$219,540 be raised in the tax levy;
- e) Townwide Roofing Program - \$428,000 for roof replacements and repairs, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, \$428,000 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance;
- f) School Building Envelopes and Associated Systems - \$251,400 for extraordinary repairs and modifications to school buildings and systems, and that to meet this appropriation \$251,400 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance;

(03/29/2022)

**Description:**

*Section 16a – is an annual request for funding of professional services to produce design development, construction documents and/or bid administration services for smaller school projects to ensure projects can be completed within the then-current construction season.*

*Section 16b – is an ongoing program to replace flooring systems in both municipal and school buildings as well as the ability to replace sidewalks, bus loops and parking areas on school grounds as needed. For FY2023 the focus for flooring will be at Bowman, Bridge, Clark, Fiske and Harrington. For FY2023 the focus of sidewalk/paving will be at Clarke Middle School.*

*Section 16c – is an annual request that replaces HVAC and electrical systems.*

*Section 16d – is an ongoing program to maintain municipal buildings, and for FY2023 will fund the window replacement project at the Lexington Community Center.*

*Section 16e – is an ongoing program to repair and replace roofs on Town and School buildings, and for FY2023 will repair/replace portions of roof of the Central Administration building's asphalt shingle roof to prevent water infiltration.*

*Section 16f – is an ongoing program to maintain school buildings, and for FY2023 will be used to address water and air infiltration of gaskets, caulking, doors, and windows at Central Administration Building.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support, Board of Selectmen, Appropriation Committee and Capital Expenditures Committee*

**ARTICLE 17            APPROPRIATE TO POST EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LIABILITY FUND**

**MOTION:** That \$1,935,486 be appropriated to the town of Lexington Post Employment Insurance Liability Fund established pursuant to Chapter 317 of the Acts of 2002, and that to meet this appropriation, \$2,761 be appropriated from Water Fund receipts, \$3,004 be appropriated

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from Wastewater Fund receipts, \$750,000 be raised in the tax levy, and \$1,179,721 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance.

(03/04/2022)

**Description:** *This article seeks approval to appropriate funding for other post-employment funding benefits.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee*

**ARTICLE 18**

**RESCIND PRIOR BORROWING AUTHORIZATIONS**

**MOTION:** That the unused borrowing authorities as set forth below be and are hereby rescinded:

<b>Article</b>	<b>Town Meeting Action</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Amount to be Rescinded</b>
10	2014 STM	Community Center Renovations	\$ 10,453.00
4	2015 STM	Pelham Road Accessibility Study	\$ 41,340.00
12I	2017 ATM	Dam Repair	\$ 126,284.00
16I	2019 ATM	DPW Equipment	\$ 98,445.00
27	2019 ATM	Visitors Center Supplemental	\$ 70,947.00

(03/09/2022)

**Description:** *This article seeks approval for the rescission of prior borrowing authorizations. This relates to projects authorized at prior town meetings funded through the issuance of debt, which are complete and cost less than the original appropriation. Consequently, less debt was issued than originally contemplated leaving a balance of debt authorized but unissued that can now be rescinded.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee*

**ARTICLE 20**

**APPROPRIATE FOR PRIOR YEARS' UNPAID BILLS**

**MOTION:** That the Department of Public Facilities be authorized to pay an invoice for \$6,261.75 to Bay State Consultants for services rendered in fiscal year 2021, and that to meet this appropriation, \$6,261.75 be appropriated from the General Fund unreserved fund balance.

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**Description:** *This is an annual article that seeks to pay outstanding invoices from previous fiscal years.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee*

**ARTICLE 22 APPROPRIATE FOR AUTHORIZED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

**MOTION:** That this article be indefinitely postponed.

(03/04/2022)

**Description:** *This article has been indefinitely postponed.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee*

**ARTICLE 23 APPROPRIATE FROM DEBT SERVICE STABILIZATION FUND**

**MOTION:** That \$191,112.60 be appropriated from the Debt Service Stabilization Fund to offset the FY2023 debt service of the bond dated February 1, 2003 issued for funding additions and renovations to the Lexington High School, Clarke Middle School and Diamond Middle School as refunded with bonds dated December 8, 2011.

(03/09/2022)

**Description:** *This article will appropriate \$191,112.60 from the Debt Service Stabilization Fund, originally received as part of the Mass. School building Authority reimbursement program, to offset a portion of the debt service on the 2003 School Bonds. FY2023 is the last payment due on this bond.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee*

**ARTICLE 29 ACCEPT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 41 SECTION 110A**

**MOTION:** That the Town accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 110(a) and authorize the Town Manager to close any Town office on any Saturday to the same extent as if such Saturday were a legal holiday.

(01/25/2022)

**Description:** *This article will allow for required deadlines that might fall on the weekend, to be handled on regular weekday dates.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee, Recreation Committee*

**ARTICLE 32 SELECT BOARD TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS**

**MOTION:** That, until July 1, 2023, the Select Board be authorized to acquire on behalf of the Town easements for the following purposes: roads, sidewalks, vehicular, bicycle or pedestrian access or passage,

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and drainage and utilities, where such easements are acquired at no cost to the Town; and are required pursuant to a land use permit, site plan review, or memorandum of understanding.

(03/17/2022)

**Description:** *This article allows for the Select Board to accept easements on the Town's behalf for trails and perhaps some construction that originated from various Planning board decisions and is not part of a Conservation Commission land. These easements are required to be recorded before occupancy permits are issued.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Planning Board*

**ARTICLE 33**

**AUTHORIZE AND RATIFY REMOTE TOWN MEETINGS**

**MOTION:** That this article be indefinitely postponed.

(03/09/2022)

**Description:** *This article has been indefinitely postponed.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board*

**ARTICLE 36 AMEND ZONING BYLAW AND ZONING MAP-MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS AND MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING**

**MOTION:** That this Article be referred to Planning Board.

(Revised 03/07/2022)

**Description:** *This article has been referred back to the Planning Board for further evaluation.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Planning Board*

**ARTICLE 40  
(Citizen Article)**

**AMEND ZONING BYLAW SUSTAINABLE RESIDENTIAL INCENTIVES**

**MOTION:** That the Article be referred to the Planning Board.

(03/07/2022)

**Description:** *This article has been referred back to the Planning Board for further evaluation.*

**Position:** *Unanimous support Select Board, Planning Board*