



Town of Lexington Annual Town Meeting 2022

Article 10: Appropriate for Community Preservation Committee Operating Budget and CPA Projects

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is recommending 11 projects to the Annual Town Meeting for funding under this article. Items a, c, d, g, h, j, k, l, m and n are on the consent agenda. Item 10m is an appropriation for CPA debt service and Item 10n for the CPC administrative budget for FY2023.

The following projects have been recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and will be taken up individually by Town Meeting:

Item 10b: Wright Farm Barn Stabilization & Preservation

This is a funding request for \$155,000 to initiate the first phase of the Wright Farm Barn Stabilization and Preservation Project. Funding would be used to develop plans and bid documents for stabilizing the barn to prevent further water and weather damage and support hazardous material testing. The Select Board unanimously supports passage of item 10b.

Item 10c: Center Recreation Complex Bathroom & Maintenance Building Renovations

This is a funding request for \$680,000 for the construction phase of the renovation of the Center Recreation Bathrooms and DPW maintenance building. In FY21 (Article 16b, 2020 ATM), funding was approved for the design and engineering of the building. The project would include increasing safety, installing six individual restrooms, plumbing upgrades, a new roof and improving storage conditions for DPW staff for maintenance of the complex. The Select Board has 4 members who support passage of the article and 1 who is opposed.

Item 10f: Park Improvements – Hard Court Resurfacing

This is a funding request for \$2,500,000 for resurfacing, painting, striping of the hard-court surfaces at the Farias Basketball Courts and the Gallagher Tennis Courts, and various site amenities. The Select Board has 4 members who support passage of the article and 1 who is opposed.

Item 10i: Community Park Master Plan – Lincoln Park

This is a funding request for \$100,000 for a complete master plan of Lincoln Park. In the 2020 Community Needs Assessment, Lincoln Park was identified as a recreational asset to the

community. The master plan would incorporate the findings of the Needs Assessment, incorporate community and stakeholder feedback, and create a roadmap for implementing future capital improvements. The Select Board unanimously supports passage of this article.

For both 10e and 10f the member of the Board who opposes the motions supports the projects but does not support any additional construction projects in the center recreation and school complex until the Town has determined how best to lay out all the facilities in the center complex to make best use of land. The upcoming high school project is likely to be the largest ever undertaken by Lexington and the member believes we should not constrain its design or placement, nor should we risk tearing down a newly built restroom or hardcourt facility. Conducting a comprehensive analysis of how these facilities will best be laid out to serve Lexington's educational and recreational needs should not take too long, at which point the member would support moving forward with these projects at the locations that are appropriate for the long term.

A detailed description of all projects, including CPA debt service obligations and CPC administrative budget, can be found in the CPC Report to 2022 Annual Town Meeting.