

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF CONWAY  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

*Saturday, June 3, 2023*

**MOTIONS**

**ARTICLE 1:** I move that Town Meeting vote to accept the town reports as printed in the Town Annual Report.

**ARTICLE 2:**

A. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate for line items 114 through 900 of Article 2 as presented in the warrant, for a subtotal of **\$2,880,982**.

B. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate for line items 300A and 300B of Article 2 as presented in the warrant, for a subtotal of **\$2,135,585**.

C. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate for line items 310A, 310B and 310C of Article 2 as presented in the warrant for a subtotal of **\$1,604,965**.  
*(This amount differs from the warrant because the assessment of \$16,463 for the tennis courts listed on the warrant as part of the \$20,281 under 310C has been separated out as Article 29A.)*

D. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate for line items 320A, 320B and 320C of Article 2 as presented in the warrant for a subtotal of **\$171,272**.

E. I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate for line items 330A and 330B of Article 2 as presented in the warrant for a subtotal of **\$52,906, and a total in Article 2 of \$6,845,710**.

**ARTICLE 3:** I move that the Town vote to set the salaries of elected officials as provided by M.G.L. c. 41, section 108 to be made effective from July 1, 2023 as presented in the budget.

**ARTICLE 4:** I move that the Town vote to approve the **Frontier Regional School District** establish a **Capital Stabilization Fund**.  
*(A capital stabilization fund will allow Frontier Regional to create a dedicated account to save for future major capital projects. E & D/free cash, other available unrestricted funds and/or budgeted monies may be used as a funding source. The goal of the fund would be to reduce capital assessments to the Town by creating a transparent "savings account".)*

**ARTICLE 5:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$10,000 from **Free Cash** to pay for a state **Fire Marshall approved stage curtain** for the **Conway Grammar School** stage.

**ARTICLE 6:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$311,000 to construct an addition to the Public Safety Building and to meet said appropriation, the Town shall transfer \$311,000 from the Highway Maintenance Building Special Article, account number 001-422-5851 to a Public Safety Building Addition fund.

**ARTICLE 7:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$84,695.07 from the Sale of Real Estate special revenue fund #282 to the Public Safety Building Addition fund.

**ARTICLE 8:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$100,000 from **Free Cash** into the **Fire Truck Stabilization Fund**.

**ARTICLE 9:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$70,000 from the **Capital Stabilization Fund** for the purchase of a **side entry/exit, rubber tire Compact Loader**. *(2/3rds majority vote)*

**ARTICLE 10:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$80,000 from the **Capital Stabilization Fund** for the purchase of a **Plow Truck (a one ton four-door short bed, 6-cylinder, diesel, with new V plow)** *(2/3rds majority vote)*

**ARTICLE 11:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$40,000 from the **Highway Maintenance Building Special Article**, account number 001-422-5851 and authorize its use for a **used 60-70' straight Boom Lift**.

**ARTICLE 12:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$99,000 from the **Highway Maintenance Building Special Article**, account number 001-422-5851 for an **18" Chipper with winch** and a **Chipper box**.

**ARTICLE 13:** I move that the Town vote \$31,138 from the **Ambulance Receipts fund** for a **partial payment for Ambulance Department operational expenses**.

**ARTICLE 14:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$65,270 from **Free Cash** to pay for the paving note for **Shelburne Falls Road**.

**ARTICLE 15:** I move that the Town vote to transfer from **Free Cash**, or otherwise provide \$9,600 to pay for **Bid Phase Services, Construction Phase Services and Grant Administration Assistance for the Delabarre Avenue Pre-Hazard Mitigation grant project**.

**ARTICLE 16:** I move that the Town vote to authorize the following FY '24 expenditure limits for the **Town of Conway Revolving Funds**:

- up to \$5,000 from the **Medicaid** Revolving fund;
- up to \$6,000 from the **Dog Licenses** fund;
- up to \$10,000 from the **Newsletter** Revolving fund; and
- up to \$20,000 from the **Conway Youth Sports** Program Revolving fund

**ARTICLE 17:** I move Article 17 as printed in the warrant. *(2/3rds majority vote)*

**ARTICLE 18:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$20,000 from **Free Cash** into the **OPEB Trust Fund**, so that the Town may meet future retirements costs of current and future retirees.

**ARTICLE 19:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$12,811 from **Free Cash** to pay for the **partial debt service for the Highway Garage Facility**.

**ARTICLE 20:** I move that the Town vote to authorize the **Treasurer and Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements**.

**ARTICLE 21:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$10,000 from **Free Cash** to cover **compensated absences**..

**ARTICLE 22:** I move that the Town vote to transfer up to \$24,000 from the **Overlay** account for **conversion expenses for use by the Board of Assessors.**

**ARTICLE 23:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$5,000 from **Free Cash** to fund a partial contribution for **future revaluation work.**

**ARTICLE 24:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$5,000 from **Free Cash** to fund a **partial contribution to replenish the Grant Match and Administration Account.**

**ARTICLE 25:** I move that the Town vote to transfer \$2,845 from **Free Cash** to the **Field Library** to help ensure its accreditation.

**ARTICLE 26:** I move that the Town vote to **rescind Article 3 of the May 14, 2018 Annual Town Meeting which was to pay for the cost of bridge repair** for North Poland Road.

**ARTICLE 27:** I move that the Town vote to **allow the Selectboard to apply for**, accept, and expend state, federal and other **grants**, which do not require a town appropriation or town meeting approval.

**ARTICLE 28:** I move that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to **acquire in fee by eminent domain**, for flood control, public safety, other municipal purposes related to the South River Flood Resiliency Project and other municipal purposes the following described parcel: **the half interest in the property owned by the Estate of Mary V. Boeh and the half interest in the property owned by the Salvation Army** for a total sum of the appraised price, of \$4,700, the property being located at 0 Shelburne Falls Road, Assessors Tax Map 410 Lot 26.6 and consisting of 1.36 acres more or less. *(2/3rds majority vote)*

**ARTICLE 29:** I move that the Town vote to appropriate, or reserve for later appropriation, monies from the **Community Preservation Fund**, with each item considered a separate appropriation.  
*(The amount for the tennis courts is reduced from the estimate of \$17,000 listed in the warrant.)*

A. \$16,463 to the Frontier Regional School Committee for the reconstruction of Frontier Regional tennis courts, including lining for pickleball courts, for school and community use, from the Open Space/Recreation Account Fund.

B. \$45,000 to the Town of Conway Selectboard to provide a 13.89% match for a \$324,000 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Grant that will model and study potential impacts of South River flooding on the Town Center and provide solutions for the Center's protection, from the Budgeted Reserve Account Fund.

C. From FY 2024 Annual Revenue (estimated):

10% to the Community Preservation Historical Resources Reserve (\$9,500, estimated);

10% to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve (\$9,500, estimated);

10% to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve (\$9,500, estimated);

5% from FY 2024 Annual Revenues for Administration of the Community Preservation Committee (\$4,750, estimated); and

the remainder to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve (\$61,750, estimated)

**ARTICLE 30:** I move that the Town vote to amend its General Bylaws by removing from **Section 9: Personnel Bylaw**

~~f) All voting members appointed must not be a current employee or elected official for a period of three (3) years prior to serving on the personnel committee.~~

And replacing it with

*f) All voting members appointed must not be currently paid employees of the Town of Conway.*

**ARTICLE 31:** I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, c. 39 sec 23D for all adjudicatory hearings as presented in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 32:** I move that the Town vote to accept Mass G L c 44 sec 53G and amend its General Bylaws by adding the language to the Town Bylaws pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, section 53G as presented in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 33:** I move that the Town vote to amend its existing Zoning Bylaws by amending Article 11, Adult Use Recreational Marijuana Establishments, section 11.5R as presented in the warrant. *(2/3rds majority vote)*

**ARTICLE 34:** I move that the Town vote to amend its existing Zoning Bylaws by amending Article 8 as presented in the warrant. *(2/3rds majority vote)*

**ARTICLE 35:** I move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to forward the non-binding citizen's petition on making Conway Pollinator-Friendly to Governor Maura T. Healy, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner Ashley E. Randle, State Senator Paul W. Mark and State Representative Natalie M. Blais.

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I move to **adjourn** this Town Meeting until Thursday, June 8, 2023 to the Town Hall, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., to bring in their votes for various Town Officers as set forth in the town warrant.