



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**Town of Conway, Massachusetts**

**Annual Town Meeting  
 June 5, 2021**

**A**T A LEGAL TOWN MEETING of the inhabitants of the Town of Conway qualified to vote in town affairs, convened at the time and place and for the purpose specified in the warrant, 133 voters were checked at the door and issued electronic voting clickers for the purpose of voting. Tammy Bennett and Sarah Newman served as checkers. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator James Recore, and it was unanimously voted to dispense with the formality of having the warrant read by the Town Clerk. The following action was taken by those persons in attendance:

**ARTICLE 1:** Voted that Town Meeting pass over Article 1.

**ARTICLE 2:**

**Section A:** Voted that the Town approve Section A of Article 2 as presented in the warrant, for a subtotal of **\$2,652,425**.

**Section B:** Voted that the Town approve Section B of Article 2 as presented in the warrant, for a subtotal of **\$2,026,243**.

**Section C:** Voted I move that the Town approve Section C of Article 2 as presented in the warrant for a subtotal of **\$1,518,797**.

**Section D:** I move that the Town approve Section D of Article 2 as presented in the warrant for a subtotal of **\$146,711**.

A.

DEPT #	DEPARTMENT NAME	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 REC.*	FY21 – 22 CHANGE
114	MODERATOR	350	350	350	0
122	SELECTMEN	6,500	2,900	8,500	5,600
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	300	300	300	0
132	RESERVE FUND	40,000	40,000	40,000	0
135	TOWN AUDITS	1	1	1	0
141	ASSESSORS	8,155	10,690	12,008	1,318
141	ASSESSORS SALARY, WAGES	58,606	49,114	61,511	12,397
145-146	TREASURER-COLLECTOR	16,878	17,898	17,783	-115
145-146	TREASURER-COLLEC. SALARY, WAGES	60,337	60,337	63,391	3,054
150	TOWN ADMINISTRATION	18,700	16,000	18,700	2,700
150	TOWN ADMINISTRATION SAL., WAGES	88,787	98,787	106,380	7,593
151	LEGAL	11,000	10,000	10,000	0
159	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	29,980	34,431	37,586	3,155
161	TOWN CLERK	13,850	6,150	7,750	1,600
161	TOWN CLERK SALARY, WAGES	34,513	34,513	37,500	2,987
162-163	REGISTRARS AND ELECTIONS	8,950	9,600	15,800	6,200
170 SERIES	ConCom, Pl. Brd., ZBA, Ag. Com, Open Space	9,056	6,004	6,254	250
190	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	200	1	1	0
192	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	56,100	59,600	59,600	0
192	BUILDING MAINTENANCE SAL., WAGES	17,833	17,833	0	-17,833
193	TOWN INSURANCE	73,000	84,710	85,419	709
210	POLICE	18,150	18,050	18,775	725
210	POLICE SALARY, SALARY, WAGES	110,922	110,620	116,220	5,600
220	FIRE	36,945	36,005	39,805	3,800
220	FIRE SALARY, WAGES	30,693	36,673	39,600	2,927
231	AMBULANCE	25,000	22,400	25,000	2,600
290 SERIES	DOG & TREE WARDENS, EMERG. MAN.	7,535	7,535	7,635	100
422	HIGHWAY	256,000	256,000	256,000	0
422	HIGHWAY SALARY, WAGES	260,781	260,781	304,873	44,092
423	WINTER ROADS	105,000	103,000	103,000	0
423	WINTER ROADS WAGES	19,830	19,830	20,834	1,004
512	BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)	139,968	165,131	164,559	-572
512	BOH SALARY, WAGES	60,469	60,469	63,833	3,364
540 SERIES	HUMAN SERVICES (COA, VETERANS)	13,718	11,943	12,685	742
630	PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS	8,000	8,000	8,000	0
650	TOWN NEWSLETTER	0	0	6,000	6,000
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	400	400	400	0
751	DEBT SERVICE	33,441	103,046	102,149	-897
752	SHORT TERM INTEREST	1	1,650	1,650	0
830	FRCOG (Town Nurse under Board of Health)	51,992	56,474	56,716	242
900	EMPLOYEE COSTS	668,468	731,191	715,857	-15,334

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B.	300A	GRAM SCH OPERATING	1,868,752	1,868,752	1,945,554	76,802
	300B	GRAM SCH TRANSPORT	83,520	83,520	80,689	-2,831
C.	892A	FRONTIER REG OPERATING	1,478,594	1,473,565	1,477,649	4,084
	892B	FRONTIER TRANSPORTATION	54,729	38,734	41,148	2,414
D.	320A	TECHNICAL SCHOOLS	151,468	111,831	120,342	2,211
	320B	TECH SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION	--	20,443	26,369	5,926
	FY 20 to 21: 127,890 2.12%	<b>GRAND TOTAL for Operating Budget:</b>	6,037,472	6,165,362	<b>6,344,176</b>	<b>FY 21-22 178,814 2.90%</b>

*\*recommended unanimously by the Selectboard and Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 3:** Voted that the Town transfer \$71,000 from the Grammar School Capital Stabilization Fund to the general fund for **capital expenses of the Conway Grammar School.** *(Two-thirds vote.)*

**ARTICLE 4:** Voted that the Town transfer \$34,000 from free cash to the **Conway Grammar School capital stabilization fund.**

**ARTICLE 5:** Voted that the Town **Pass Over** Article 5.

**ARTICLE 6:** Voted that the Town borrow \$170,000 for **paving a section of Shelburne Falls Road,** and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided, however, that any bonds issued pursuant to this vote shall mature in not more than 15 years from their date of issue, excluding the term of any notes that may be issued in anticipation of the issuance of any such bonds, such borrowing to be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion ballot question. *(two-thirds vote.)*

**ARTICLE 7:** Voted that the Town transfer \$150,000 from free cash to the **Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund.**

**ARTICLE 8:** Voted that the Town transfer \$220,000 from the Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund for **capital improvements** as follows:

For the Highway Department – \$220,000 to **replace a 6-wheel Highway Truck.** *(Two-thirds vote.)*

**ARTICLE 9:** Voted that the Town transfer \$41,300 from free cash for **current year Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School tuition and transportation.**

**ARTICLE 10:** Voted that the Town transfer \$24,841 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund for a **partial payment for Ambulance Department operational expenses.**

**ARTICLE 11:** Voted that the Town transfer \$20,000 from free cash to the **OPEB Trust Fund.**

**ARTICLE 12:** Voted that the Town transfer \$15,290 from free cash to the general fund for a **retroactive pay raise for Town employees for FY 2021.**

**ARTICLE 13:** Voted that the Town transfer \$14,923 from free cash to the general fund for **partial debt service for the Highway Garage.**

**ARTICLE 14:** Voted that the Town transfer \$5,000 from free cash to the general fund as a partial contribution to the **recertification of property values.**

**ARTICLE 15:** Voted that the Town transfer \$5,000 from free cash to the general fund as a **partial contribution to replenish the Grant Match Fund.**

**ARTICLE 16:** Voted that the Town transfer \$2,707 from free cash to the **Field Library** to help ensure its accreditation.

**ARTICLE 17:** Voted that the Town will transfer \$3,775 from free cash to the general fund to pay a **prior year Assessors' bill for a software subscription.** *(four-fifths vote.)*

**ARTICLE 18:** Voted that the Town transfer \$1,065 from free cash for **prior year Town Office supply expenses.** *(four-fifths vote.)*

**ARTICLE 19:** Voted that the Town transfer \$570 from free cash for **prior year Board of Health payroll expenses.** *(four-fifths vote.)*

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**ARTICLE 20:** Voted that the Town **authorize the Selectboard to acquire in fee simple** by purchase, with CPA funds allocated by successful vote of article 23 A, for an amount not to exceed \$2,800, the appraised value of said property, a parcel of land owned by Judith Waldo which address is 0 Shelburne Falls Road, and more particularly described as follows: Assessors' Map 410, Lot 26.5. for the public purpose of the South River Flood Resiliency Project. *(Two-thirds vote.)*

**ARTICLE 21:** Voted move that the Town will **authorize the Selectboard to acquire in fee simple** by purchase, with CPA funds allocated by successful vote of article 23 A, for an amount not to exceed \$3,700, the appraised value of said property, a parcel of land owned by Mary Boeh which address is 0 Shelburne Falls Road, and more particularly described as follows: Assessors' Map 410, Lot 26.5, being part of the property conveyed to John and Mabel Chesbro, probably as recorded in Book 623, page 90 or in Book 482, page 54 in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds for the public purpose of the South River Flood Resiliency Project. *(Two-thirds vote.)*

**ARTICLE 22:** Voted that the Town transfer the remainder of the Cricket Hill Road Special Revenue Fund and the remainder of the Sale of Real Estate, Ch. 44, Sec. 63 Special Revenue Fund, as a portion of the cost for the public purpose of purchasing a parcel of land owned by the South River Trust, which address 69 Main Street, and more particularly described as Assessors' Map 102, Lots 2 and 2.1, as part of the South River Flood Resiliency Project and further to authorize the Selectboard to acquire in fee simple by purchase said property. *(Two-thirds vote.)*

**ARTICLE 23:** Voted that the Town appropriate, or reserve for later appropriation, monies from the **Community Preservation Fund** as listed in the warrant, with each item considered a separate appropriation.

A: \$50,000 from the Unbudgeted Reserve for Expenses for land acquisition at 69 Main Street and two unnumbered, unbuildable parcels along Shelburne Falls Rd., for costs not to exceed \$80,000, the appraised values of the parcels;

B: \$15,000 from the Unbudgeted Reserve for Expenses for a Chapter 21 E Phase 2 environmental assessment for 69 Main Street;

C: \$45,000 from the Housing Reserve for a Habitat for Humanity house at 638 South Deerfield Rd.; and

D: From FY 2022 Annual Revenue:

10% to the Community Preservation Historical Resources Reserve (\$9,378, estimated);

10% to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve (\$9,378, estimated);

10% to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve (\$8,378 estimated);

5% from FY 2021 Annual Revenues for Administration of the Community Preservation Committee (\$4,689, estimated); and

the remainder to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve (\$60,957, estimated).

*(Two-thirds vote.)*

**ARTICLE 24:** Voted that the Town authorize the Treasurer to spend \$15,000 from the **Medicaid Revolving Fund** to pay related reimbursement fees.

**ARTICLE 25:** Voted that the Town amend its General Bylaws to change the date of its annual Town Meeting, as printed in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 26:** Voted that the Town amend its General Bylaws to rename the Board of Selectmen as the Select Board, and, for such purposes, to **replace throughout the by-laws the words "Board of Selectmen" or "Selectmen" with "Selectboard," and "Selectman" with "Selectboard Member"**, and to authorize the Town Clerk to make non-substantive ministerial revisions to ensure that gender and number issues in related text is revised to properly reflect such change in title; and, further, to amend the General Bylaws by inserting new Sections therein as printed in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 27:** Voted that the Town **amend its Protective (Zoning) Bylaws** to replace the words "Board of Selectmen" where they appear in Sections 6-61 and "Selectmen" where it appears in Sections 6-62 with "Selectboard," as printed in the warrant. *(Two-thirds vote.)*

**ARTICLE 28:** Voted that the Town amend its Protective (Zoning) Bylaws, as referenced in Article 2 of those by-laws, to remove the Fournier parcel, so called, (off Fournier Road) from the Solar Overlay District and to adopt an amended Official Zoning Map dated February 22, 2021, as printed in the warrant. *(Two-thirds vote.)*

**ARTICLE 29:** Voted that the Town amend its Protective (Zoning) Bylaws, Article 9, Large Scale Solar Facilities Bylaw, as printed in the warrant. *(Two-thirds vote.)*

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At 4:30 p.m., the meeting adjourned until Thursday, June 5, 2021, to the Town Hall between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., to bring in their votes for:

- One Selectman for three years;
- One Assessor for three years;
- Two members of the Board of Health for three years;
- Two members of the local School Committee for three years;
- One member of the local School Committee for one year;
- Two members of the Planning Board for three years;
- One Moderator for one year: and

To vote the following question related to barrowing \$170,000 for paving a section of Shelburne Falls Road,  
as printed in the warrant

A true record of the Meeting,  
Attest:

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Laurie L. Lucier, Town Clerk

