

**TOWN OF ATHOL
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT**



**MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016
7 P.M.
ATHOL MEMORIAL BUILDING
584 MAIN ST.**

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, S.S.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Athol, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Athol, qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Memorial Building in said Athol, on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on following articles:

Article 1 To see if the Town will choose all necessary Town Officers not already elected; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to choose all necessary Town Officers not already elected.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to review and act upon the reports of Town Offices and to receive the reports of any committee; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to review and act upon the reports of Town Offices and to receive the reports of any committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 3 To see if the Town will accept all donations and gifts received and turned into the treasury during fiscal year 2017; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town will accept all donations and gifts received and turned into the treasury during fiscal year 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 4 To see if the Town will accept all cemetery and other funds received and provided to the treasury during fiscal year 2017; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept all cemetery and other funds received and provided to the treasury during fiscal year 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 5 To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 2017 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 2017 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the Massachusetts General Laws.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 6 To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and or the Town Manager to apply for, accept and expend any and all State and Federal grants for fiscal year 2017, for which no additional appropriation by the Town is required; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and or the Town Manager to apply for, accept and expend any and all State and Federal grants for fiscal year 2017, for which no additional appropriation by the Town is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for fiscal year 2017 and make appropriations for same; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$14,615,746 to fund the fiscal year 2017 budget to be funded as follows: \$14,518,246 from taxation; transfer \$75,000 from free cash; transfer \$5,000 from Cemetery Trust Fund; transfer \$17,000 from parking meter receipt account; and transfer \$500 from Cemetery Lot Sales.

Division/Department	FY15	FY16	FY17	% DIF
Finance				
Accountant	113,721	118,513	120,966	2.07%
Assessor	116,581	110,509	116,191	5.14%
FWAC	75,000	85,750	80,250	-6.41%
Capital Planning Committee	1,020	1,120	1,120	0.00%
Collector/Treasurer	4,021,004	2,610,538	2,811,141	7.68%
Debt Exclusions		1,645,208	2,344,029	42.48%
Subtotal	4,327,326	4,571,638	5,473,697	19.73%
Public Safety				
Dept of Inspectional Services	107,485	133,268	142,516	6.94%
Fire Department	1,680,935	1,688,696	1,739,634	3.02%
Health Department	108,968	108,702	110,924	2.04%
Police Department	1,700,033	1,667,671	1,685,138	1.05%
Animal Control (regional)		77,305	78,698	0.00%
Sealer of Weights and Measures	7,485			
Wire Inspector	29,147			
Subtotal	3,634,053	3,675,642	3,756,910	2.21%
Public Services				
Board of Selectmen	622,020	613,546	521,915	-14.93%
Council on Aging	110,616	118,125	102,538	-13.20%
Conservation Commission	8,300	8,750	13,800	57.71%
Contributory Retirement	1,573,182	1,591,102	1,718,246	7.99%
Elections & Registration	23,100	21,294	31,744	49.07%
Library	464,545	482,844	498,451	3.23%
Parking	10,175	10,475	10,375	-0.95%
Planning Board	1,500			
Planner / CDBG	85,913	90,802	99,467	9.54%
Professional Services	157,633	161,793	297,022	83.58%
Recreation	29,300	27,115	19,565	-27.84%
Beaches	24,985	31,400	34,160	8.79%
Town Buildings	124,816	131,941	121,227	-8.12%
Town Clerk	124,502	129,765	140,644	8.38%
Town Manager	106,750	120,465	124,983	3.75%
Veterans Services	210,000	214,336	211,140	-1.49%
Zoning Board of Appeals	2,050	2,050	2,400	17.07%
Subtotal	3,679,387	3,755,803	3,947,677	5.11%
Public Works	1,357,565	1,405,262	1,437,462	2.29%
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	12,998,331	13,408,345	14,615,746	9.00%

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds or transfer from Capital Program unexpended funds or by borrowing a sum of money for the fiscal year 2017 Capital Improvement Plan as recommended by the Capital Program Committee; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$308,528 to fund the fiscal year 2017 Capital Improvement Plan to be funded as follows: \$294,073 from free cash and \$14,455 from the fiscal year 13 Capital Improvement Plan, Library Expansion Project as recommend by the Capital Program Committee and as detailed in the chart below:

Department	Item/Project	Dept Req. FY17	CPC Budgeted FY17
Town Clerk	Voting Machines	32,565.00	32,565.00
Town Manager	Econ. Dev. Grant Match	25,000.00	25,000.00
	Town Vehicle	25,000.00	0.00
	Subtotal	82,565.00	57,565.00
Fire - vehicles	Pick Up Truck	45,105.00	32,136.00
	Subtotal	45,105.00	32,136.00
DPW - Vehicles	SUV and 1st yr lease payments for 2 dump trucks	130,827.00	130,827.00
DPW - Buildings	DPW Garage Roof	50,000.00	0.00
DPW - Projects	Infrastructure Improvements	500,000.00	50,000.00
	Sub Total	990,827.00	180,827.00
Police - Vehicles	Cruiser Replacement	38,000.00	38,000.00
	Sub Total	38,000.00	38,000.00
	Total CPC Budget	1,156,497.00	308,528.00

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.
- CPC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds or transfer from the Water Enterprise reserve account a sum of money for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Water Division; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from the Water Enterprise reserve account \$275,000 for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Water Division.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.
- CPC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds or transfer from the Sewer Enterprise reserve account a sum of money for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Sewer Division; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from the Sewer Enterprise reserve account \$20,000 for the purchase of equipment and infrastructure improvements for the Sewer Division.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.
- CPC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds or transfer a sum of money to fund the second payment of a \$275,000.00 settlement agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency relative to the environmental cleanup completed at the former Rod & Gun Club; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from free cash \$88,056.94 in principal and interest to fund the second payment of a \$275,000.00 settlement agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency relative to the environmental cleanup completed at the former Rod & Gun Club.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding future Triennial Revaluations and Interim Year Value Adjustments, as required under M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 56, Ch. 58, Sections 1, 1A & 3 and Ch. 59 Section 2A. Such funding is to cover all aspects of revaluation including, but not limited to, statistical analysis, sales analysis, video imaging, field reviews and all other tasks deemed necessary for successful completion of these state mandated requirements; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from available funds \$51,000 for the purpose of funding future Triennial Revaluations and Interim Year Value Adjustments, as required under M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 56, Ch. 58, Sections 1, 1A & 3 and Ch. 59 Section 2A. Said appropriation is to be funded as follows: \$29,108 from the district investment financing account established with Article 12 voted at the Oct. 20, 2014 Fall Town Meeting to pay the principal and interest charges for the Templeton Road water line project, \$10,000 from Article 22 voted at the June 10, 2013 Annual Town Meeting for the FY11 Capital Planning Budget Grant Match account for the purpose obtaining temporary easements, to accept temporary easements in lieu of compensation, and / or to use eminent domain proceedings to obtain temporary easements from abutters along Canal Street and Walnut Street to allow construction of the Cass Meadow Overlook Project located at 210 Canal Street and \$11,892 from free cash. Such funding is to cover all aspects of revaluation including, but not limited to, statistical analysis, sales analysis, video imaging, field reviews and all other tasks deemed necessary for successful completion of these state mandated requirements.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the fiscal year 2017 assessment to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from taxation \$4,074,026 for the fiscal year 2017 assessment to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the fiscal year 2017 assessment to the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from taxation \$252,544 for the fiscal year 2017 assessment to the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the fiscal year 2017 tuition assessment for two Athol students to attend Franklin County Technical School in accordance with MGL Chapter 74; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from free cash \$35,100 for the fiscal year 2017 tuition assessment for two Athol students to attend Franklin County Technical School in accordance with MGL Chapter 74.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to set the salaries of several elected officers and appointed positions of the boards of the Town

Moderator	\$ 194.00	
Selectmen, Chairman	\$1652.00	
Selectmen, all other (4)	\$1377.00	
Assessors, Chairman	\$1652.00	
Assessors, all other (1)	\$1350.00	
Constable	None	
Board of Health, Chairman	\$1652.00	
Board of Health, all other (2)	\$1377.00	
Library Trustees	None	
School Committee	None	<i>;or act in relation thereto.</i>

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to set the salaries of several elected officers and appointed position of the boards of the Town as printed in the warrant article above.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Department of Public Works/Water Division Enterprise Fund; *or act in relation thereto:*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from available funds \$1,182,828 to operate the Department of Public Works/Water Division Enterprise Fund for fiscal year 2017.

Water Division	Expenses
Operational Expenses	\$818,306
Debt	\$203,396
Health Insurance	\$63,326
Overhead	\$97,800
Capital	0
Total	1,182,828

and that \$1,182,828 be raised as follows:

Water Division	Revenues
Water Rates	1,092,328
Water Service	8,000
Water Interest	5,000
Water Account Charges	77,500
Total	1,182,828

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Department of Public Works/Sewer Division Enterprise Fund; *or act in relation thereto;*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from available funds \$1,463,973 to operate the Department of Public Works/Sewer Division Enterprise Fund.

Sewer Division	Expenses
Operational Expenses	\$911,177
Debt	367,458
Health Insurance	87,538
Overhead	97,800
Capital	0
Total	1,463,973

and that \$1,463,973 be raised as follows:

Sewer Division	Revenues
Sewer Rates	1,391,473
Sewer Service	1,000
Sewer Interest	4,000
Sewer Acct. Charge	67,500
Total	1,463,973

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Department of Public Works /Transfer/Recycling Enterprise Fund; or act in relation thereto:

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from available funds \$406,932 to operate the Department of Public Works /Transfer/Recycling Enterprise Fund.

Transfer Station	Expenses
Operational Expenses	347,095
Debt	38,800
Health Insurance	21,037
Overhead	0
Total	406,932

and that \$406,932 be raised as follows:

Transfer Station	Revenues
Departmental Receipts	405,935
Retained Earnings for Expenses	997
Total	406,932

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize the following revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for fiscal year 2017; *or act in relation thereto.*

Revolving fund	Authorized to spend	Revenue source	Use of fund	FY2017 spending limit
Plumbing Inspection	Selectmen	Plumbing Inspection fees	Pay plumbing insp. & asst. plumb. insp.	\$20,000
Recycling	Board of Health Town Manager	Grants, bulky waste, PAYT, recycling containers, compost bins	Expenses and equipment	\$20,000
Gas Inspections	Selectmen	Gas inspection fees	Pay gas insp. & asst. gas insp.	\$2,500
Waste Facility Debt	Town Manager	Sewer user fees	Pay upgrade debt	\$60,000
Trench Permit	Building Dept.	Permit Fees & Reimbursement	Enforcement	\$5,000
Vaccinations	Board of Health	Insurance Reimbursements & User Fees	Public Health Administration	\$25,000
Recreation	Recreation Commission	Registration Fees	Program Administration	\$10,000
Total Spending				\$142,500

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to establish and reauthorize the following revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for fiscal year 2017 as printed in the warrant article above.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize the following revolving fund for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53C for fiscal year 2017; *or act in relation thereto.*

Police Detail	Police Chief	Contractors	Pay police	\$100,000
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MOTION: I move that the Town vote to establish and reauthorize the following revolving fund for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53C for fiscal year 2017 as printed in the warrant article above.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of paying one-time costs attributable to the retirement of one employee of the Town; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from the district investment financing account established with Article 12 voted at the Oct. 20, 2014 Fall Town Meeting to pay the principal and interest charges for the Templeton Road water line project \$50,892 to be used for the purpose of paying one-time costs attributable to the retirement of one employee of the Town.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 23 To see if the Town will to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the “Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund;” *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash \$10,736 to the “Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Building Department’s budget line item, Secure Buildings, for the purposes of demolishing or securing unsafe structures and to remove debris and other materials for the health and safety of the public; or to act in relation thereto.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash \$7,500 to the Building Department’s budget line item, Secure Buildings, for the purposes of demolishing or securing unsafe structures and to remove debris and other materials for the health and safety of the public.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.
- BPCD unanimously recommends this article.

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to reimburse the Stabilization Account from money received from New England Equestrian Land Management Conservation Corporation for the construction of a road in the Equestrian Park for vehicle traffic as voted at the June 13, 2011 Annual Town Meeting; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to reimburse the Stabilization Account from New England Equestrian Land Management Conservation Corporation for the construction of a road in the Equestrian Park for vehicle traffic as voted at the June 13, 2011 Annual Town Meeting

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing two (2) IV Infusion Pumps to be used by the Fire Department; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from the Ambulance Reserve Fund \$11,685 for the purpose of purchasing two (2) IV Infusion Pumps to be used by the Fire Department.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 27 To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV of Chapter IX of the bylaws relating to the Administration of Personnel by striking out subsection “A” that portion of the compensation schedule presently applying to the following positions and substitute the following compensation schedule to apply effective July 1, 2016:

Position	Minimum	Maximum
Probationary Call Firefighter Duty Pay	Minimum Wage	
Call Firefighter Duty Pay	\$14.00	
Call Lieutenant Duty Pay	\$15.00	
Call Captain Duty Pay	\$16.00	

;or act in relation thereto.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend Section IV of Chapter IX of the bylaws relating to the Administration of Personnel by striking out subsection “A” that portion of the compensation schedule presently applying to the following positions and substitute the following compensation schedule to apply effective July 1, 2016 as printed in the warrant article above.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to reduce the contribution of ten (10%) percent of ambulance revenue to Receipts for Ambulance Appropriation for fiscal year 2017 to five (5%) percent of ambulance revenue, with the balance of receipts being allocated to the General Fund; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to reduce the contribution of ten (10%) percent of ambulance revenue to Receipts for Ambulance Appropriations for fiscal year 2017 to five (5%) percent of ambulance revenue, with the balance of receipts being allocated to the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to amend its action taken under Article 1 of the Warrant at the Special Town Meeting held on January 13, 2014, so as to also permit the use of funds appropriated there under to pay costs of completing the paving of the driveway from the Athol Community Elementary School to Pleasant Street, *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to amend its actions taken under Article 1 of the warrant at the Special Town Meeting held on January 13, 2014, so as to also permit the use of funds appropriated there under to pay costs of completing the paving of the driveway from the Athol Community Elementary School to Pleasant Street. The cost of said project is estimate to be \$350,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the premium paid to the Town upon the sale of bonds dated March 15, 2016 for the construction of the Riverbend Elementary School, also known as the Athol Community School which bonds are the subject of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion, to pay costs of the project being financed by such bonds or notes and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project, but not yet issued by the Town, by the same amount, *or act in relation thereto*.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$540,000 from the premium paid to the Town upon the sale of bonds dated March 15, 2016 for the construction of the Riverbend Elementary School, also known as the Athol Community Elementary School which bonds are the subject of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion, to pay costs of the project being financed by such bonds or notes and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project, but not yet issued by the Town, by the same amount.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 31

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by sale or any other lawful means, for a minimum amount to be specified, the buildings and land identified as Assessor’s Parcel Nos. 031-219 and 031-229, comprising the campus of the Ellen Bigelow and Riverbend elementary schools, and shown on plan entitled “Riverbend and Ellen Bigelow Schools”, available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, upon said property being declared no longer necessary for the purpose for which it was originally acquired and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article; *or act in relation thereto*.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by sale or any other lawful means, for a minimum amount to be specified, the buildings and land identified as Assessor’s Parcel Nos. 031-219 and 031-229, comprising the campus of the Ellen Bigelow and Riverbend elementary schools, and shown on plan entitled “Riverbend and Ellen Bigelow Schools”, available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, upon said property being declared no longer necessary for the purpose for which it was originally acquired and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.
- BPCD unanimously recommends this article.

Article 32

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by sale or any other lawful means, for a minimum amount to be specified, the buildings and land identified as Assessor’s Parcel No. 029-224, comprising the campus of the Sanders Street Elementary School, and shown on plan entitled ”Sanders Street Elementary School”, available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, upon said property being declared surplus and no longer necessary for the purpose for which it was originally acquired and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by sale or any other lawful means, for a minimum amount to be specified, the buildings and land identified as Assessor’s Parcel No. 029-224, comprising the campus of the Sanders Street Elementary School, and shown on plan entitled ”Sanders Street Elementary School”, available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, upon said property being declared surplus and no longer necessary for the purpose for which it was originally acquired and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.
- BPCD unanimously recommends this article.

Article 33

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a portion of Lake Ellis Road as a public way, and abandon its rights therein, said portion containing approximately 8,437 sq. ft. of land and shown as “Area to Be Discontinued” on a plan entitled “Layout Plan,” dated April 14, 2016, and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to discontinue a portion of Lake Ellis Road as a public way, and abandon its rights therein, said portion containing approximately 8,437 sq. ft. of land and shown as “Area to Be Discontinued” on a plan entitled “Layout Plan,” dated April 14, 2016, and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

Article 34

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or by eminent domain, an easement or the entire fee interest, for public street purposes, and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town, in the real property containing approximately 8,904 sq. ft. of land and shown as “New Road Layout” on a plan entitled “Layout Plan,” dated April 14, 2016, and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, and any associated drainage, utility or other easements; and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefore and all expenses in connection therewith; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or by eminent domain, an easement or the entire fee interest, for public street purposes, and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town, in the real property containing approximately 8,904 sq. ft. of land and shown as “New Road Layout” on a plan entitled “Layout Plan,” dated April 14, 2016, and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, and any associated drainage, utility or other easements; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.
- BPCD unanimously recommends this article.

Article 35

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by sale a parcel of land being approximately 8,437 sq. ft. and shown as “Area to Be Discontinued” on a plan entitled “Layout Plan,” dated April 14, 2016 and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk [said parcel being a former portion of Lake Ellis Road], upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by sale a parcel of land being approximately 8,437 sq. ft. and shown as “Area to Be Discontinued” on a plan entitled “Layout Plan,” dated April 14, 2016 and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk [said parcel being a former portion of Lake Ellis Road], upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.
- BPCD unanimously recommends this article.

Article 36

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by sale for a minimum amount to be specified, a parcel of land being approximately 9,192 sq. ft. and shown as "Outlot" on a plan entitled "Layout Plan," dated April 14, 2016, and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, said property having been declared as no longer necessary for the purpose for which it was originally acquired and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town. And to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of by sale for a minimum amount to be specified, a parcel of land being approximately 9,192 sq. ft. and shown as "Outlot" on a plan entitled "Layout Plan," dated April 14, 2016, and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, said property having been declared as no longer necessary for the purpose for which it was originally acquired and upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town. And to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.
- BPCD unanimously recommends this article.

Article 37

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to file with the General Court a petition for Special Legislation, to authorize the Town to dispose of and acquire real property described as follows:

a. Notwithstanding MGL c. 30B or any other general or special law, the Town of Athol is authorized to convey of the real property being:

i. approximately 8,437 sq. ft. and shown as "Area to Be Discontinued" on a plan entitled "Layout Plan," dated April 14, 2016, and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town;

ii. approximately 9,192 sq. ft. and shown as "Outlot" on a plan entitled "Layout Plan," dated April 14, 2016, and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town; and

b. In exchange for such conveyance, the Town of Athol is authorized to acquire the fee simple interest in a portion of land being approximately 8,904 sq. ft. and shown as New Road Layout on a plan entitled "Layout Plan," dated April 14, 2016, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town.

c. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article; *or act in relation thereto.*

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file with the General Court a petition for Special Legislation, to authorize the Town to dispose of and acquire real property described as follows:

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c. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.
- BPCD unanimously recommends this article.

Article 38 Citizen Request Article 1

To see if the Town of Athol will vote to amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article III, Sec. 3.23.3 by deleting the following language:

3.23.3 The Accessory Agriculture use shall only be permitted in the Medium Single-Family Residential (RB), Rural Single Family Residential (RC) and the Industrial Commercial (I) zoning districts.

And replacing it with the following:

3.23.3 The Accessory Agriculture use shall only be permitted in the Multi-Family Residential (RA), Medium Single-Family Residential (RB), Rural Single-Family Residential (RC) and the Industrial Commercial (I) zoning districts; *or act in relation thereto.*

Article 39 Citizen Request Article 2

To see if the Town of Athol will vote to amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article III, Sec. 3.23.3 by deleting the following language:

3.23.3 The Accessory Agriculture use shall only be permitted in the Medium Single-Family Residential (RB), Rural Single Family Residential (RC) and the Industrial Commerical (I) zoning districts.

And replacing it with the following:

3.23.3 The Accessory Agriculture use shall only be permitted in the Medium Single-Family Residential (RB), Rural Single-Family Residential (RC) and the Industrial Commercial (I) zoning districts with a permit as granted by right by the Building Inspector and in Multi-Family Residential (RA) by Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch 40A, Sec. 9. ;*or act in relation thereto.*

Article 40 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, *or take any action in relation thereto.*

<p>MOTION: I move that the Town vote to transfer from free cash \$14,460 to the Stabilization Fund.</p>
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- FWAC unanimously recommends this article.

The Finance Committee will hold a meeting on the foregoing articles beginning on May 10, 2016 in the Memorial Building at 6:30 p.m. And you are hereby directed to serve the warrant by posting attested copies hereof in Quabbin Valley Healthcare, of the Town of Athol, Post Office of said Town, the uptown branch of the Athol Savings Bank and the Memorial Building of said Town, seven days, at least before the time for holding said meeting and by publishing a notice of said meeting in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

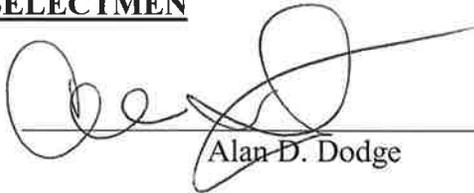
Hereof, fail not, and make due return of the warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk of the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of May in the year two thousand and sixteen.

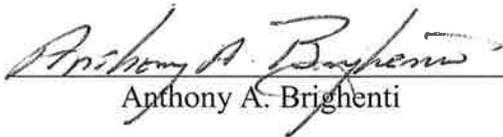
ATHOL BOARD OF SELECTMEN



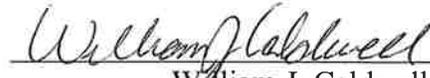
Stephen R. Raymond



Alan D. Dodge



Anthony A. Brighenti



William J. Caldwell

Lee E. Chauvette, Chairman

I have served the within amended warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof in the Quabbin Valley Healthcare, of the Town of Athol, Post Office of the Town of Athol, the uptown branch of the Athol Savings Bank and the Athol Memorial Building and a notice published in the Athol Daily News having general circulation in the Town on May 10, 2016. I mailed a copy, postage prepaid, to each member of the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee, Moderator, Town Counsel and the Board of Planning and Community Development and have returned this warrant to the Clerk of the Town of Athol on May 10, 2016 with my doings hereon.



Kevin Materas, Constable