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36. Establishment of Water Advisory Commission	Disapproved	
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Agreeably to a Warrant signed by the Selectmen on May 19, 2020, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet and assemble at the Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, in said Andover, on

MONDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF JUNE, 2020

at seven o'clock P.M. to act upon the following articles:

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I the subscriber, one of the Constables of the Town of Andover, have notified the Inhabitants of said Town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes stated in said Warrant, by posting a true and attested copy of the same on the Town Hall, on each school house and in no less than five other public places where bills and notices are usually posted and by publication in the *Eagle Tribune*. Said Warrants have been posted and published fourteen days.

Ronald Bertheim, Constable
May 26, 2020

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39 Section 10A, the Moderator thrice recessed and postponed the Annual Town Meeting due to public health concerns relating to the novel Coronavirus Covid-19 epidemic. On June 1, 2020, the Moderator recessed and continued the Annual Town Meeting to July 22, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. On June 25, 2020, the Moderator recessed and continued the Annual Town Meeting to August 22, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. On August 11, 2020, the Moderator recessed and continued the Annual Town Meeting to September 12, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.

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The meeting was held under a 28,000-square foot tent in a field located behind West Middle School at 70 Shawsheen Road. Chairs were socially distanced. Voter check-in occurred at the four corners of the tent.

The check lists were used in electronic form with the aid of PollPad computing devices and Three Hundred and Sixty-Four Six (364) voters were admitted to the meeting.

Sheila M. Doherty, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Annie Gilbert, chair of the Select Board.

The invocation was given by Rev. Adam Isbitsky of Ballard Vale United Church.

The Moderator took a moment to remember the September 11th anniversary and those residents of the Town who have passed in the past year.

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Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to require that persons who are not wearing a face covering of their mouth and nose be seated in a section of the tent located separately from persons who are wearing such face coverings.

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to admit non-voters to the meeting, some of whom may be speaking. Twenty two (22) non-voters were admitted during the first night of the meeting.

The Moderator asked that all cell phones be silenced so as not to disturb the meeting.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was VOTED by majority consent to dispense with the reading of the Warrant and return of service of the Constable and to refer to the Warrant Articles by number and subject matter.

The Moderator announced the 12 voting sections of the tent.

The Moderator introduced the stage participants to meeting members.

The Moderator introduced Atty. Peter Caruso as the Town Meeting “Ombudsman,” and reminded meeting members that he would help them with questions regarding Town Meeting procedures and amendments to articles.

The Moderator outlined the Rules and Procedures of Town meeting to the members, including that voters must be seated to be counted and must have their voter stickers visible. The Moderator also explained the use of Pro, Con and Point of Order microphones during the meeting.

The Moderator took a vote to limit presenters of articles to five minutes of speaking time and speakers to two minutes, subject to her discretion. The Motion passed by a majority vote.

The Moderator then took up the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1	ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
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Annual Town Election: Moderator for one year, one Select Board member for three years, one School Committee member for three years, one Housing Authority member for five years, and two PUNCHARD Free School Trustees for three years, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Clerk

The Town Clerk reported the following were elected:

Moderator	One for One Year	Sheila M. Doherty 9 Juniper Road
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Select Board	One for Three Years	Laura M. Gregory 5 Embassy Lane
School Committee	One for Three Years	Lauren M. Conoscenti 129 Rattlesnake Hill Road
Trustees of the Punchard Free School	Two for Three Years	Donald F. Schroeder 204 Haggets Pond Road Paul T. MacKay 21 Fossen Way
Housing Authority	One for Five Years	Margaret V. O'Connor 22 Railroad Street

ARTICLE 2	ELECTION NOT REQUIRED BY BALLOT
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To elect all other officers not required by law to be elected by ballot, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Clerk

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED by a majority vote that Peter Witman of 48 Haggets Pond Road be elected Trustee of the Cornell Fund for three years.

ARTICLE 3	SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS
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To establish the salaries of the elected officers for the ensuing year, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Clerk

Upon motions made and duly seconded it was VOTED by majority vote that the salaries of the elected Town Officers be established as follows:

Town Moderator:	\$250.00 for each Annual Town Meeting and \$60.00 for each Special Town Meeting except when it falls within the Annual Town Meeting.
Select Board:	Chair - \$1,800.00 Members - \$1,500.00
School Committee:	Chair - \$1,800.00 Members - \$1,500.00

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The Town Clerk presided over the vote for the Moderator’s compensation. The Moderator presided over the vote for the Select Board and School Committee compensation.

Select Board Report: Approval
Finance Committee Report: Approval

ARTICLE 4	FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET
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To see if the Town will vote to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

It was moved and duly seconded to raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, the sum of \$200,584,197 less \$2,759,166 for a total of \$197,825,031 to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

The Town Manager, School Committee chair, Finance Committee chair, and Select Board chair each made presentations regarding the proposed budget.

It was moved by Mr. Donal Coleman of 91 High Street and duly seconded to amend General Government Personal Expenses by one third, from \$6,950,662 to \$4,656,944. A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion to Amend Failed.

It was moved by Mr. Jose Albuquerque of 197 Greenwood Road and duly seconded to amend Department of Public Works Personal Expenses from \$3,720,377 to \$2,809,103. A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion to Amend Failed.

VOTE: A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a majority vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
Finance Committee Report: Approval
School Committee Report: Approval

The FY 2021 Budget was approved as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Public Safety	\$ 17,974,915
General Government	\$ 9,126,788

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Public Works	\$ 9,356,326
Public Facilities	\$ 3,829,299
Library	\$ 2,915,530
Community Services	\$ 2,489,683
Unclassified	\$ 374,718
Schools	\$ 89,246,700
Sewer	\$ 3,188,979
Water	\$ 5,501,805
Technical Schools	\$ 740,000
Obligations	\$ 56,579,454
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 200,584,197
<i>less dedicated Revenues</i>	<u>(\$ 2,759,166)</u>
NET TOTAL	\$ 197,825,031

2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SPECIAL ARTICLES

SPECIAL ARTICLES FROM FREE CASH

Article 11	Unpaid Bills	\$ 3,870.00
Article 24	Capital Projects from Free Cash	\$2,860,000.00
Article 29	Acquisition of 157 Andover Street	<u>\$ 565,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$3,428,870.00

SPECIAL ARTICLES – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Article 7H	From Cable Franchise Fees to support PEG access services and other related expenses	\$ 385,975.00
Article 8A	From Overlay Surplus to fund expenses related to the FY2021 valuation of personal property accounts of locally assessed gas distribution companies	\$ 20,000.00
Article 8D	From the Spring Grove Cemetery Perpetual Care reserve account and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of cemetery maintenance including costs incidental and related thereto	\$ 6,000.00
Article 19	From the Elder Services Program Stabilization Fund established under Article 1 of the May 7, 2013 Special Town Meeting to be used for the development and implementation of new programs, services and activities as recommended by the Division of Elder Services and approved by the Town Manager	\$ 12,000.00
Article 20	From the Bond Premium Stabilization Fund to the General Fund to offset non-exempt debt interest Payments	\$ 100,000.00
Article 25	From the Cable Franchise Fee Account for the purpose	

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of purchasing or leasing services and materials related
to replacing student technological devices **\$ 200,000.00**

TOTAL **\$ 723,975.00**

SPECIAL ARTICLES – GENERAL FUND BORROWING

Article 22 Capital Projects from General Fund Borrowing **\$ 6,592,000.00**

SPECIAL ARTICLES – WATER/SEWER FUND BORROWING

Article 26 Capital Projects from Water and Sewer Borrowing **\$ 7,574,350.00**

SPECIAL ARTICLES – RESCIND BOND AUTHORIZATION

Article 9G Article 36, 2012 Annual Town Meeting –
WTP Filter Backwash Discharge Tank **\$ 300,000.00**

SPECIAL ARTICLES – FISCAL YEAR 2021 REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

Article 7G	Community Development & Planning Department	\$ 20,000.00
Article 7G	Memorial Hall Library – Lost/Damaged Materials	\$ 20,000.00
Article 7G	Health Clinic	\$ 60,000.00
Article 7G	Division of Recreation	\$ 625,000.00
Article 7G	Division of Youth Services	\$ 400,000.00
Article 7G	Field Maintenance	\$ 150,000.00
Article 7G	Division of Elder Services	\$ 225,000.00
Article 7G	Police Communications	\$ 50,000.00
Article 7G	School Photocopy Fees	\$ 10,000.00
Article 7G	Compost Program	\$ 60,000.00
Article 7G	Solid Waste	\$ 40,000.00
Article 7G	Stormwater Management	\$ 5,000.00
Article 7G	Fire Rescue	\$ 100,000.00
Article 7G	Health Services	\$ <u>100,000.00</u>

TOTAL **\$ 1,870,000.00**

SPECIAL ARTICLES FROM TAXATION

Article 5	Capital Projects Fund Appropriation	\$ 1,911,108.00
Article 8B	Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program	\$ 12,000.00
Article 8C	Support for Andover Day	\$ 5,000.00
Article 13	Jerry Silverman Fireworks Program	\$ <u>14,000.00</u>

TOTAL **\$ 1,942,108.00**

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On the request of the Town Manager and the Finance Committee

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED that the Town authorize the Town Manager to petition the General Court for legislation that would authorize the Town to borrow funds for a Pension Obligation Bond for the purposes of funding the unfunded pension liability, so-called of the Town’s retirement system and to include a provision in the legislation for a five member advisory board to the Andover Retirement Board, which advisory board is appointed solely by the Town Manager for up to three year terms for each member at the Town Manager’s discretion, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the required legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

It was moved by Mr. Jose Albuquerque of 197 Greenwood Road and duly seconded to amend the article to include the following sentence:

Authorization of any future amount of borrowing will require another Town Meeting approval and acceptance by Town Meeting voters of integrated [sic] long term financial plan for unfunded pension liability that shall include proposed reforms and professional company [sic] to manage the pension obligation bonds.

A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion to Amend Failed.

VOTE: A two-thirds vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a vote of 225 in the affirmative and 23 in the negative.

ARTICLE 7	FINANCIAL HOUSEKEEPING ARTICLES (A THROUGH H)
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A. Budget Transfers To see if the Town will vote to transfer from amounts previously appropriated at the April 2019 Annual Town Meeting as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 33B, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Finance Director

B. Supplemental Budget Appropriations To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement appropriations voted at the April 2019 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

C. Stabilization Fund To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise from taxation or available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, as amended by Chapter

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46, Sections 14 and 50 of the Acts of 2003 and Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

- D. Free Cash** To see what amount the Town will vote to permit the Assessors to use in Free Cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2021 tax rate and to affect appropriations voted at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Finance Director

- E. Unexpended Appropriations** To see what disposition shall be made of unexpended appropriations and Free Cash in the treasury, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Finance Director

- F. Unexpended Appropriations Capital Projects Fund** To see what disposition shall be made of unexpended appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Finance Director

- G. Fiscal Year 2021 Revolving Accounts** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following expenditure limits for revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, or take any other action related thereto:

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Revolving Fund	FY2021 Limit
Community Development & Planning Department	\$20,000
Memorial Hall Library-Lost/Damaged Materials	\$20,000
Health Clinic	\$60,000
Division of Recreation	\$625,000
Division of Youth Services	\$400,000
Field Maintenance	\$150,000
Division of Elder Services	\$225,000
Police Communications	\$50,000
School Photocopy Fees	\$10,000
Compost Program	\$60,000
Solid Waste	\$40,000
Stormwater Management	\$5,000
Fire Rescue	\$100,000
Health Services	\$100,000
Sign Shop Revolving Fund	\$10,000

On the request of the Finance Director

H. PEG Access and Cable Related Expenses To see if the Town will vote to appropriate cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues to support PEG access services, cable related expenses, and oversight of the cable franchise agreements for fiscal year 2021, which begins on July 1, 2020, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Finance Director

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED that:

1. Articles 7A-7E be withdrawn;
2. Per Article 7F, that the Town close out the sum of \$4,915.21 from the following appropriations:
 - \$ 1,015.54 Article 5, 2008 Annual Town Meeting – Capital Projects Fund
 - \$.60 Article 5, 2009 Annual Town Meeting – Capital Projects Fund
 - \$ 18.59 Article 5, 2010 Annual Town Meeting – Capital Projects Fund
 - \$ 3,879.95 Article 5, 2012 Annual Town Meeting – Capital Projects Fund

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\$.33 Article 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting – Capital Projects Fund
\$.20 Article 5, 2015 Annual Town Meeting – Capital projects Fund

3. Per Article 7G, to remove the Sign Shop Revolving account and to approve Article 7G as amended.
4. To approve Article 7H as printed in the warrant and further that the Town appropriates \$385,975 for cable related purposes.

VOTE: A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a majority vote.

Select Board Report: Approval (A-H)
Finance Committee Report: Approval (F-H)
School Committee Report: Approval (G)

ARTICLE 8	MINOR FINANCIAL ARTICLES (A THROUGH D)
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A. Overlay Surplus Transfer To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000 from Overlay Surplus to fund expenses related to the FY2021 valuation of personal property accounts of locally assessed gas distribution companies, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Finance Director

B. Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation a sum not to exceed \$12,000 for the purpose of continuing to provide for an elderly and disabled transportation subsidy program, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Council on Aging

C. Support for Andover Day To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed \$5,000 for the purpose of paying a portion of the municipal costs associated with Andover Day in the downtown, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

D. Spring Grove Cemetery Maintenance To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,000 from the Spring Grove Cemetery Perpetual Care reserve account and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the purpose of cemetery maintenance including costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Director of Public Works

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E. Contracts in Excess of Three Years To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 12(b) to authorize the Town Manager or the Superintendent of Schools to solicit and award contracts for terms exceeding three years but no greater than five years, including any renewal, extension or option, provided in each instance the longer term is determined to be in the best interests of the Town by a vote of the Select Board or the School Committee, as appropriate, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

F. Accepting Easements To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and the School Committee to accept grants of easements for streets, water, drainage, sewer, public access and utility purposes or any public purpose on terms and conditions the Board and the Committee deem in the best interests of the Town, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

G. Rescinding of Bond Authorizations To see if the Town will vote to rescind unissued bond authorizations from prior Town Meetings, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Finance Director

Upon two motions made and duly seconded it was VOTED, first, to approve the consent agenda, Articles 9A through 9F, as printed in the warrant, and, second, that the Town hereby votes to rescind the following amount that has been authorized to be borrowed, but which is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was initially approved:

<u>Unissued Amount</u>	<u>Date of Approval</u>	<u>Warrant Article</u>	<u>Original Purpose</u>
\$300,000	4/30/12	36	WTP Filer Backwash Discharge Tank

VOTE: A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motions Passed by a majority vote.

Select Board Report: Approval (A-G)
Finance Committee Report: Approval (A, B, D, E, G)
School Committee Report: Approval (E, F)
Commission on Disability Report: Approval (D)

ARTICLE 10	GRANTING EASEMENTS
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To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and the School Committee to grant easements for water, drainage, sewer and utility purposes or any public purpose on terms and

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conditions the Board and the Committee deem in the best interests of the Town, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 10 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A two-thirds vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by more than a two-thirds vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
School Committee Report: Approval

ARTICLE 11	UNPAID BILLS
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To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay unpaid bills for which obligation was incurred in prior fiscal years, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Accountant

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED that the Town transfer from free cash and appropriate the sum of \$3,870.00 to pay D.C. MacRitchie, LLC for costs incurred in fiscal year 2019.

VOTE: A four-fifths vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a vote of 229 in the affirmative and zero in the negative.

Select Board Report: Approval
Finance Committee Report: Approval

ARTICLE 12	CHAPTER 90 AUTHORIZATIONS
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To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town to acquire any necessary easements by gift, by purchase or by right of eminent domain for Chapter 90 Highway Construction or any other federal or state aid program for road or sidewalk improvements, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to authorize the Town to acquire any necessary easements by gift, by purchase or by right of eminent domain for Chapter 90 Highway Construction or any other federal or state aid program for road or sidewalk improvements.

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VOTE: A two-thirds vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by more than a two-thirds vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
Finance Committee Report: Approval

ARTICLE 13	JERRY SILVERMAN FIREWORKS
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To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or available funds the amount of \$14,000 for the Jerry Silverman Fireworks Program as part of the Fourth of July festivities, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to appropriate and raise by taxation the amount of \$14,000 for the Jerry Silverman Fireworks Program as part of the Fourth of July festivities.

VOTE: A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a majority vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
Finance Committee Report: Approval

ARTICLE 14	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REVOLVING ACCOUNT
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To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ to allow all monies received by the School Department in connection with a fee based, Andover led professional development institute for teachers and educators, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the School Committee

It was first moved and seconded to approve Article 14 as printed in the Warrant. Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED that pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ the Town vote to amend General By-Law Article XII Section 48.5 by establishing, authorizing and adding a new Revolving Fund entitled “Professional Development Institute” with the School Superintendent authorized to spend from the fund monies received by the School Department in connection with a fee-based Andover led professional development institute for teachers and educators, and to authorize expenditures from the fund for professional development and instruction for fiscal year 2020 and subsequent years, and to authorize the amount of \$18,881.17 expended in fiscal year 2020, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, and to authorize the amount of \$50,000.00 to be expended in the fiscal year 2021.

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VOTE: A majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a majority vote.

School Committee Report: Approval
Select Board Report: Approval
Finance Committee Report: Approval

ARTICLE 15	SALE OF TOWN YARD PROPERTY AND A PORTION OF LEWIS STREET
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To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the land and buildings known as the Town Yard, and a portion of Lewis Street to be discontinued, which land and buildings are shown as Lot 1, and bounded and described on a Plan entitled “Plan of Land in Andover, Mass. Prepared for the Town of Andover, Date: February 13, 2020, Scale 1” = 30”” prepared by Andover Consultants, Inc., containing 3.404 acres, a copy of which Plan is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, from the Select Board for the purposes for which such land and buildings are currently held to the Select Board for the purposes of sale of said land and buildings, to declare said land and buildings available for sale and to authorize the Select Board to sell said land and buildings, according to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, substantially in accordance with the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth in the Request for Proposals on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, upon such final terms and conditions as the Select Board deems to be in the best interests of the Town, and further that the Select Board approve any other restrictions, including restrictions on use, that are in the best interests of the Town, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 15 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a majority vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
Historic Mill District Task Force Report: Approval
Planning Board Report: Approval
Finance Committee Report: Approval
School Committee Report: Approval

Also reporting approval, but not orally during meeting: the Andover Green Advisory Board, Preservation Commission, Economic Development Council, Design Review Board, Memorial Hall Library Board of Trustees, and the Commission on Disability.

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ARTICLE 16	DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF LEWIS STREET AS A PUBLIC WAY
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To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as a public way that portion of Lewis Street which is described as follows:

The area shown as “Portion of Lewis Street to be Discontinued 6,722 S.F.+/- ” on Plan of Land entitled “Discontinuance Plan, Portion of Lewis Street, Andover, Mass. Prepared for: Town of Andover, Date: March 2, 2017, Scale 1” = 40’, Andover Consultants, Inc., 1 East River Place, Methuen, Mass., 01844,” a copy of which Plan is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 16 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a majority vote.

Select Board Report:	Approval
Historic Mill District Task Force Report:	Approval
Planning Board Report:	Approval
Finance Committee Report:	Approval
School Committee Report:	Approval

Also reporting approval, but not orally during meeting: the Andover Green Advisory Board, Preservation Commission, Economic Development Council, Design Review Board, Memorial Hall Library Board of Trustees, and the Commission on Disability.

ARTICLE 17	TAKING BY EMINENT DOMAIN OF TOWN YARD PROPERTY AND DISCONTINUED PORTION OF LEWIS STREET
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To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to take by eminent domain the land and buildings known as the former Town Yard and a discontinued portion of Lewis Street, shown as Lot 1, containing 3.404 acres, and the parcel of land shown as Parcel X containing 1,884 square feet, bounded and described on the plan entitled “Plan of Land in Andover, Mass.” Prepared for the Town of Andover, Date: February 13, 2020, Scale 1” =30’, prepared by Andover Consultants, Inc., a copy of which Plan is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, for the purpose of resolving any matters regarding the title and boundaries of said property, and to pay no damages for said taking, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 17 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a majority vote.

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Select Board Report:	Approval
Historic Mill District Task Force Report:	Approval
Planning Board Report:	Approval
Finance Committee Report:	Approval
School Committee Report:	Approval

Also reporting approval, but not orally during meeting: the Andover Green Advisory Board, Preservation Commission, Economic Development Council, Design Review Board, Memorial Hall Library Board of Trustees, and the Commission on Disability.

Virginia Cole Community Service Award

The Moderator then interrupted consideration of the Warrant to award the Virginia Cole Community Service Award. The Virginia Cole Award is presented at each Annual Town Meeting to an individual in gratitude for outstanding long-term contributions to the Town of Andover in an elected, appointed, or volunteer role.

The Virginia Cole Community Service Award was awarded to Charles Kendrick in recognition of his exemplary volunteer service to the Town of Andover. Mr. Kendrick lived in Andover for 40 years and, during his time as a resident, contributed to the thoughtful and constructive land use planning in Andover. In particular, with a special interest in the senior population, and his expertise in congregate care communities due to his volunteer work on the Board of Directors of the Edgewood Retirement Community in North Andover, Mr. Kendrick volunteered to chair the Franciscan Housing Overlay Task Force. In this assignment, he helped to write the zoning to bring affordable senior housing ownership opportunities to West Andover at the former Franciscan Center property. Further, Mr. Kendrick later brought his considerable experience in urban planning to the creation of the Andover Historic Mill Overlay District, as well as presiding as Chair of the Design Guidelines Task Force for the new District. The creation of the Historic Mill District and subsequent relocation of Town Yard out of the downtown will open up over three acres directly in the downtown for redevelopment opportunities.

The award was presented by Select Board chair Annie Gilbert and School Committee chair Shannon Scully. Mr. Kendrick accepted the award and expressed his appreciation to Town Meeting and explained that service to the community, such as his service, is made possible because of the Town’s dedicated and intelligent staff and residents.

ARTICLE 18	BALD HILL AND TEWKSBURY STREET LAND SWAP
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To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, and control of the parcel of land, consisting of approximately 7.419 acres, located at 126 Tewksbury Street, and recorded at Book 10031, Page 237 of the Essex North District Registry of Deeds, shown as Assessors Map 182, Parcel 7 which is being used for general municipal purposes from the Select Board to the Conservation Commission pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C and

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Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution for conservation and passive recreation purposes and to transfer the care, custody and control of two parcels of land on High Plain Road consisting of approximately 4.401 acres used as the Bald Hill composting facility and approximately .677 acres used as a dog park and parking lot, both parcels being a portion of the property described in a deed recorded at Book 1294, Page 232 and shown as Lot 1 and Lot 2 respectively on a plan on file at the Town Clerk’s Office titled “Plan of Land in Andover, Mass. Prepared for Town of Andover, Date January 20, 2020” by Andover Consultants Inc. from the Conservation Commission to the Select Board on the conditions that said composting facility shall remain as a composting facility only to be used for composting organic material such as leaves, sticks, grass clippings, wood chips and the like, and said dog park and parking lot shall remain as a dog park and parking lot and if the land transferred to the care, custody and control of the Select Board ceases to be used as a composting facility or dog park and parking lot, then that portion of the land which is not so used as a composting facility or dog park and parking lot shall revert back to the Conservation Commission of the Town of Andover for conservation and passive recreation purposes, and to authorize the Town Manager to petition the Legislature for special legislation to authorize the foregoing transfers and conditions, provided that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the required legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 18 as printed in the Warrant.

It was moved by Mr. Roger Marc Fournier of 134 Elm Street and duly seconded to amend the Article to insert “, and also recycling activities” after the words “... wood chips and the like” A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion to Amend Failed.

VOTE: A two-thirds vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a vote of 191 in the affirmative and 20 in the negative.

Select Board Report:	Approval
Finance Committee Report:	Approval
Planning Board Report:	Approval
Conservation Commission Report:	Approval

ARTICLE 19	APPROPRIATION FROM ELDER SERVICES PROGRAM STABILIZATION FUND
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To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from the Elder Services Program Stabilization Fund established under Article 1 of the May 7, 2013 Special Town Meeting to be used for the development and implementation of new programs, services and activities as recommended by the Division of Elder Services and approved by the Town Manager, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of Director of Community Services

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Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 19 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A two-thirds vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by more than a two-thirds vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
Finance Committee Report: Approval

ARTICLE 20	STABILIZATION FUND BOND PREMIUM
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To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the Bond Premium Stabilization Fund to the General Fund to offset non-exempt debt interest payments, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Finance Director

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 20 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A two-thirds vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by more than a two-thirds vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
Finance Committee Report: Approval

ARTICLE 21	WATER TREATMENT PLANT MAINTENANCE
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To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300,000 in the Water Enterprise Fund for the purpose of paying various maintenance costs related to the water distribution system and the Water Treatment Plant, including any other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Director of Public Works

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 21 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a majority vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
Finance Committee Report: Approval

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ARTICLE 22	CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM GENERAL FUND BORROWING
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To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, borrowing, transfer from available funds or by any combination thereof and appropriate the sum of \$8,392,000 to pay costs of purchasing capital equipment, making infrastructure improvements, or for purchasing services and materials related to capital improvements, as more particularly described below, including the payment of any other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action related thereto.

CIP #	Project	Amount	Statutory Citation
POL-2	Public Safety CAD/RMS System	\$332,000	C 44 Sec 7(9)
FR-1	Fire Apparatus Replacements	\$725,000	C 44 Sec 7(1)
FR-4	Fire Bi-Directional Amplifier System	\$300,000	C 44 Sec 7(1)
DPW-7b	Public Works Vehicles – Large	\$580,000	C 44 Sec 7(1)
DPW-8	Minor Storm Drain Improvements	\$300,000	C 44 Sec 7(1)
FAC-6	Major Town Projects	\$825,000	C 44 Sec 7(1)
FAC-7	Town & School Energy Initiatives	\$300,000	C 44 Sec 7(1)
SCH-5	Major School Projects	\$4,080,000	C 44 Sec 7(1)
TM-2	Sidewalk Program	\$950,000	C 44 Sec 7(1)

On request of the Town Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Director of Public Works, and Director of Facilities

Upon motion made and duly seconded, with the motion amending the Article as printed in the Warrant, it was VOTED that the Town appropriates \$6,592,000 to pay costs of purchasing the capital equipment, making the infrastructure improvements, or purchasing services and materials related to such capital improvements, as more particularly described below, including the payment of any other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §7, as described above, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Project	Amount
Public Safety CAD/RMS System	\$332,000
Fire Apparatus Replacements	\$725,000
Fire Bi-Directional Amplifier System	\$300,000
Public Works Vehicles – Large	\$580,000
Minor Storm Drain Improvements	\$300,000
Major Town Projects	\$825,000
Town & School Energy Initiatives	\$300,000
Major School Projects	\$2,280,000
Sidewalk Program	\$950,000

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VOTE: A two-thirds vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by more than a two-thirds vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
 Finance Committee Report: Approval
 School Committee Report: Approval

ARTICLE 23	ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT – SOLAR BYLAW
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To see if the Town of Andover will vote to add a new Section 6.10 to the Andover Zoning Bylaw, Article VIII and amend the Andover Zoning Bylaw, Article VIII, Section 3.1.3 Table of Use Regulations Appendix A Table 1, and Section 10 Definitions by adding the following:

Add to Section 3.1.3 Table of Use Regulations, Appendix A, Table 1:

E. Other Main Uses	SRA	SRB	SRC	APT	LS	OP	GB	MU	IG	IA	ID	ID2
9. Solar Energy Systems												
a. Roof/Building-mounted	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
b. Ground-mounted, small-scale as an accessory use (See Section 6.10)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
c. Ground-mounted, medium-scale as an accessory use (See Section 6.10)	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB	P B	PB	PB	PB
d. Ground-mounted, large-scale (See section 6.10)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	PB	PB	PB	PB

Add to Section 6.0 Special Regulations:

6.10 Solar

6.10.1 Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to encourage and regulate the creation, construction and operation of new solar energy installations by defining requirements for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources, and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

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6.10.2 Applicability

This section applies to solar energy systems proposed to be constructed after the effective date of this section, excluding those installed by or on behalf of the Town or on Town property. This section also pertains to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of such installations or related equipment.

The Planning Board shall act as the Special Permit Granting Authority.

6.10.3 Standards

Any installation of ground mounted solar shall meet the following standards.

1. The construction and operation of all solar energy systems shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements. All buildings and fixtures forming part of a solar energy installation shall be constructed in accordance with the State Building Code.
2. Solar energy systems, ground-mounted small-scale and medium-scale shall be allowed as an accessory use in rear yards and side yards, but not in front yards, provided such they are not located nearer to any property line of the rear yard than 10 feet or the system height, whichever is greater, they comply with the minimum setback requirements for side yards in the particular district, and do not exceed 15 feet in height in a residential district.
3. Landscaping that visually buffers the solar energy system from adjacent properties, including, but not limited to, walls and fences, shall be properly maintained.
4. Solar energy systems and access drives will not be allowed within critical habitats, wetlands and wetland buffer zones unless approved by the Conservation Commission or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection; however solar energy systems panels are allowed to overhang in the wetland buffer zones.

6.10.4 Special Permit Standards

The following are in addition to the standards located in section 6.10.3 that shall apply for Medium-Scale and Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems.

1. The size of a solar energy system as an accessory use within the residential and business districts shall be limited to that needed to generate energy consumed on-site on an annual basis as documented by prior energy usage and any permitted improvements within the next year and included in the special permit application.
2. For ground-mounted installations requiring a special permit, reasonable efforts, as determined by the Planning Board, shall be made to minimize visual impacts by preserving natural vegetation, screening abutting properties, or other appropriate measures. The Planning Board may also require that ground-mounted installations not occlude building signage or entry ways.

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3. Any solar carport system for non-residential use must have a minimum clearance for emergency vehicles.
4. Lighting of ground-mounted solar energy systems shall be consistent with local, state and federal law. Lighting of the system's components, including appurtenant structures, shall be limited to what is required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be reasonably shielded from abutting properties. Where feasible, lighting shall be directed downward and shall incorporate full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.
5. Signs affixed to or associated with ground-mounted solar energy installations shall comply with Section 5.2. A sign consistent with Section 5.2 shall be required to identify the owner and provide an up-to-date 24-hour emergency contact phone number.
6. Reasonable efforts shall be made to place all utility connections from the solar installations underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.
7. Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the installation or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws.
8. For large-scale ground-mounted solar energy systems, height, front, side and rear setbacks shall meet the dimensional requirements of the district.
9. The installation owner or operator of a ground-mounted solar energy system may be required to provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the Fire Chief. Upon request the owner or operator shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of shutting down the solar energy installation shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation.
10. The solar energy system owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the Fire Chief and Emergency Medical Services. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar energy installation and any access road(s), unless accepted as a public way.
11. Any ground-mounted solar energy system which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned shall be removed. The owner or operator shall remove all structures associated with the solar energy system within one year of the cessation of said use. The owner or operator shall notify the Inspector of Buildings by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. Decommissioning shall consist of:

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- Physical removal of all medium-scale and large-scale ground-mounted solar energy installations, structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site.
 - Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
 - Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion.
12. The Planning Board may impose a condition requiring the owner/operator to post a bond or other financial surety acceptable to the town in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of removal and disposal of the solar energy system.
13. Access driveways for large-scale ground mounted solar energy systems shall be constructed to a minimum of 20 feet wide and constructed for perimeter access. Aisle width access should be reviewed by the fire department for access for emergency vehicles with a turnaround. Access drives do not have to be paved.
14. The land area being disturbed for the installation of large-scale ground mounted solar installations shall be landscaped to minimize surface water run-off and soil erosion.

Application:

A special permit application shall follow the provisions of subsections 9.5.3 and 9.5.4.

Add to Section 10.0 Definitions:

Solar Energy Systems - A system of devices and/or structures whose primary purpose is to transform solar energy into another form of energy or to transfer heat from a collector to another medium using mechanical, electrical, or chemical means. Includes solar photovoltaic systems, which convert solar energy to electricity, and solar-thermal collectors, which heat water.

Solar Energy Systems, Ground-mounted - A solar energy system that is structurally mounted to the ground and not to a building.

- Small-scale - Having 1,750 square feet or less of solar panel area, except within the SRA and SRB Districts the solar panel area is limited to 1,000 square feet or less, including Solar Carport Systems.
- Medium-scale - Having more than 1,750 square feet of solar panel area, or more than 1,000 square feet in districts SRA and SRB and not more than 25,000 square feet, including Solar Carport Systems.
- Large-scale - Having more than 25,000 square feet of solar panel area, including Solar Carport Systems. A large-scale system can be a primary use or an accessory use.

Solar Carport System - A ground-mounted solar energy system that provides cover or shade for parking or pedestrian areas.

On request of the Andover Green Advisory Board

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 23 as printed in the Warrant.

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It was moved by Mr. Harry Vorhees of 51 Maple Avenue and duly seconded to amend Section 6.10.3, paragraph 4 by deleting the following: “however solar energy systems panels are allowed to overhang in the wetland buffer zones.” A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion to Amend Passed.

VOTE: A two-thirds vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion, as amended, Passed by more than a two-thirds vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
 Finance Committee Report: Approval
 Planning Board Report: Approval

ARTICLE 24	CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM FREE CASH
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To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds and appropriate the sum of \$3,660,000 to pay costs of purchasing capital equipment, infrastructure, or for purchasing services and materials related to capital improvements, as more particularly described below, including any other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action related thereto.

CIP #	Project	Amount
CDP-2	Historic Mill District Feasibility Study/Svs to Support Municipal Land Disp.	\$20,000
IT-1	Annual Staff Device Refresh	\$156,914
IT-2	Student Device Refresh	\$80,086
IT-3	IT Platforms and Infrastructure	\$75,000
POL-1	Police Vehicle Replacement	\$103,000
DPW-2	Minor Sidewalk Repairs	\$200,000
DPW-5	Two Way Radio System Phase 2	\$75,000
DPW-7a	Public Works Vehicles – Small	\$120,000
DPW-28	Spring Grove Cemetery Improvements	\$20,000
FAC-1	Town Projects – Building Division	\$380,000
FAC-2	Town Projects – Mechanical & Electrical Division	\$250,000
FAC-3	Town & School Security Projects	\$110,000
TM-1	Town Off. Meeting Room Exp. & Public Access Imp.	\$625,000
TM-5	Tree Fund	\$125,000
TM-6	Merrimack River Access	\$510,000
FAC-4	Town Vehicle Replacement	\$35,000
SCH-1	School Projects – All Schools	\$450,000
SCH-2	School Projects – By Building	\$325,000

On request of the Town Manager, Planning Director, Chief Information Officer, Police Chief, Public Works Director, Facilities Director, and Superintendent of Schools

Upon motion made and duly seconded, with the motion amending the Article as printed in the Warrant, it was VOTED that the Town appropriate \$2,860,000 to pay costs of purchasing or

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leasing, capital equipment or infrastructure, or for purchasing services and materials related to capital improvements, as more particularly described below, including any other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, said amount shall be transferred from Free Cash.

Project	Amount
Town Off. Meeting Room Exp. & Public Access Imp.	\$625,000
Tree Management Fund	\$125,000
Merrimack River Access	\$510,000
Historic Mill District Feasibility Study	\$20,000
Annual Staff Device Refresh	\$156,914
Student Device Refresh	\$80,086
IT Platforms and Infrastructure	\$50,000
Police Vehicle Replacement	\$103,000
Minor Sidewalk Repairs	\$200,000
Two Way Radio System Phase 2	\$75,000
Public Works Vehicles – Small	\$120,000
Spring Grove Cemetery Improvements	\$20,000
Town Projects – Building Division	\$380,000
Town Projects – Mechanical & Electrical Division	\$250,000
Town & School Security Projects	\$110,000
Town Vehicle Replacement	\$35,000

It was moved by Ms. Andrea P. Stidsen of 38 Canterbury Street and duly seconded to amend Article 24 by removing “Town Offices Meeting Room Expansion & Public Access Improvement - \$625,000” in its entirety. A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion to Amend Failed.

VOTE: A majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion, as amended, Passed by a majority vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
 Finance Committee Report: Approval
 School Committee Report: Approval
 Commission on Disability Report: Approval

ARTICLE 25	CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM SPECIAL DEDICATED FUNDS
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To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to pay costs of purchasing, or leasing capital equipment, infrastructure, or for purchasing services and materials related to capital improvements, including any other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Chief Information Officer

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Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to transfer the sum of \$200,000 from the Cable Franchise Fee Account and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of purchasing or leasing services and materials related to replacing student technological devices, including any other costs incidental and related thereto.

VOTE: A majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by more than a majority vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
 Finance Committee Report: Approval
 School Committee Report: Approval

ARTICLE 26	CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS
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To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, borrowing, transfer from available funds or by any combination thereof and appropriate the sum of \$8,549,350 to pay costs of purchasing capital equipment, making infrastructure improvements, and purchasing services and materials related to making capital improvements, as more particularly described below, including the payment of any other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action related thereto.

CIP #	Project	Amount	Statutory Citation
DPW-12	Water & Sewer Vehicles (WER)	\$225,000	N/A
DPW-14	Water Main Replacement Projects (WEB)	\$6,000,000	Ch 44 Sec 8 (5)
DPW-17	Hydrant Replacement Program (WER)	\$100,000	N/A
DPW-18	Water Treatment GAC Replacement (WER)	\$450,000	N/A
DPW-23	Shawsheen Pump Station (SEB)	\$1,574,350	Ch 44 Sec 7 & 8
DPW-24	Minor Sanitary Sewer Collections System Imp (SER)	\$50,000	N/A
DPW-30	Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Removal Program (SER)	\$150,000	N/A

On request of the Director of Public Works

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED that the Town appropriate \$8,549,350 to pay costs of purchasing capital equipment, making infrastructure improvements, and purchasing services and materials related to making capital improvements, as more particularly described below, including the payment of any other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, (i) \$775,000 is transferred from Water Enterprise Reserves, (ii) \$200,000 is transferred from Sewer Enterprise Reserves, and (iii) the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$7,574,350 in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §§7 and 8, as described above, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

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Project	Amount
Water & Sewer Vehicles (WER)	\$225,000
Water Main Replacement Projects (WEB)	\$6,000,000
Hydrant Replacement Program (WER)	\$100,000
Water Treatment GAC Replacement (WER)	\$450,000
Shawsheen Pump Station (SEB)	\$1,574,350
Minor Sanitary Sewer Collections System Imp (SER)	\$50,000
Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Removal Program (SER)	\$150,000

VOTE: A two-thirds vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by more than a two-thirds vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
Finance Committee Report: Approval

ARTICLE 27	AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS
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To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 148, Section 26 I, relating to automatic sprinklers, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Fire Chief and the Inspector of Buildings

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 27 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a majority vote.

Select Board Report: Approval

ARTICLE 28	COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION
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To see if the Town will vote to grant the Select Board authority to initiate a municipal aggregation program to aggregate the electrical load of interested residents and businesses within the Town independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retain the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164. Sec. 134; and to authorize the Select Board to (i) enter into one or more agreements with one or more consultants to assist the Town with the development, implementation and administration of such aggregation program for a term of more than three years; and (ii) take any actions and execute any other documents and ancillary agreements necessary, convenient, or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing and to implement and administer the aggregation program and consultant agreements, which agreements and documents shall be on such terms and conditions and for such

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ARTICLE 30	ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL LAW PROVISION TO CONSOLIDATE MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS OF SCHOOLS AND TOWN
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To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 37M for the purpose of consolidating the maintenance functions of the Andover School Committee with those of the Town or take any other action with respect thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 30 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a majority vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
School Committee: Approval
Finance Committee Report: Approval

ARTICLE 31	LEASE OF LAND AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
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To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to renew a lease with the Federal Aviation Administration for a parcel of land containing 0.01 acres of land, more or less, located at the water treatment plant for the purpose of an outer marker, for a term not to exceed twenty years, including renewals, upon terms and conditions the Select Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 31 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A two-thirds vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by more than a two-thirds vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
Finance Committee Report: Approval

ARTICLE 32	ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT – TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS TEMPORARY AND SEASONAL PLACEMENT OF TABLES AND CHAIRS
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To see if the Town will amend APPENDIX A TABLE 1 Section 3.1.3 Table of Use Regulations by amending the N (prohibited use) to a BA (Special Permit/Board of Appeals) in the IA, ID and ID2 Districts of the F. Accessory Uses 8. Temporary and seasonal placement of tables and chairs in the:

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	Residential Districts				Business Districts				Industrial Districts			
	SRA	SRB	SRC	APT	LS	OP	GB	MU	IG	IA	ID	ID2
F. Accessory Uses (See Section 3.2)												
8. Temporary and seasonal placement of tables and chairs	N	N	N	N	BA	N	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA

On the request of the Planning Board

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 32 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A two-thirds vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by more than a two-thirds vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
 Planning Board Report: Approval

ARTICLE 33	ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT – SECTION 5.2 SIGN BYLAW
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To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VIII, Section 5.2 of the Andover Zoning Bylaws titled “Signs” by deleting the language stricken from the bylaw as shown below and adding the language in bold and italic which is shown as follows:

5.2 SIGNS.

[Amended 4-30-2002 ATM, Art. 57; 5-2-2005 ATM, Arts. 42, 43, 44, 45, 47 and 48; 5-26-2009 ATM, Art. 36]

5.2.1 Purpose.

The following sign regulations are intended to:

1. Preserve the historical ambiance, *small-town character* and aesthetic *appeal* character of the town;
 2. *Preserve views of greenery and landscapes;*
 3. ~~2.~~ Maintain public safety by eliminating potential hazards to motorists *and pedestrians* ~~created by distracting or confusing sign displays and excessive illumination;~~
 4. *Preserve the value of private and public property;*
 5. *Preserve the non-commercial character of residential neighborhoods.*
- ~~3. Encourage efficient communication for business identification and public information.~~

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The following sign bylaws are crafted to be compatible with the 2015 decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Clyde Reed v. Town of Gilbert, Arizona and are intended to avoid constitutionally suspect regulations related to time limits on legal signs on private property. The Reed decision stated that sign bylaws which are content-based must withstand strict scrutiny. That is, the government must have a compelling reason to regulate speech based on content.

5.2.2 Definitions.

In this bylaw, the following terms shall apply:

1. *Sign*: A sign shall consist of any of the following elements:

a. Lettering, words, numerals, emblems, trademarks, logos, images, drawings, pictures, graphics, pennants, streamers, or other devices of any material or construction, however displayed, whether as an independent structure or as part of a building or other structure or object;

b. Any visual device designed to inform, attract or draw the attention of persons outside the premises on which the device is located, including messages within or attached to windows and doors;

c. Any exterior building surface that is internally illuminated or decorated with gaseous tubing, LED displays or back lighting.

2. *Sign Area*: The area of the smallest horizontal or vertical rectangle enclosing the entire display area of the sign. The display area of a sign is the entire area, different in color or composition from the facade or common trim of the building, used to frame or provide a background for the sign. The display area may contain open space and irregular shapes if they are part of the sign. The display area shall also include internally illuminated, back-lit or decoratively lighted sign support structures if such elements are present. The area of double-sided signs shall be calculated using the area of only one face of the sign.

3. *Sign Height*: The distance measured from the ground level at the base of the sign to the top of the sign or support structure, whichever is higher. For freestanding signs, the land under or surrounding the sign may not be built up or elevated to reduce the calculated height of the sign.

4. *Sign Support Structure*: Any device, such as a pole, bracket or post, used to support a sign. The sign support structure shall be excluded from the calculation of the sign area if it contains none of the elements described in § 5.2.2.1 above, and, for freestanding signs, the total width of the support structure is less than 25% of the width of the supported sign.

5. *Attached Sign*: A sign that is either attached parallel to the facade of a building, facing in the same direction as the facade, or displayed on the fixed canopy or awning of a building.

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6. Freestanding Sign: A sign that is supported by its own structure and is not attached to a building or other structure.

7. Projecting Sign: A sign mounted perpendicular to the building facade.

8. Double-sided Sign: A freestanding or projecting sign having two parallel opposite faces separated by a distance of not more than 12 inches. A sign with two opposite faces that are not parallel shall be considered a double-sided sign if the two faces are joined to each other, or to a common support structure, at one end, and the angle of separation between the two faces does not exceed 30°.

~~**9. Temporary Sign:** A non-permanent sign that is displayed for a limited duration. Temporary signs may be exterior (displayed on the exterior or outside of a structure) or interior (attached or displayed from the inside of a structure, viewed from the outside through a window or other opening).~~

~~**9.10. Portable or Removable Sign:** A temporary sign of any shape or configuration that is self supporting and not permanently fixed or mounted to the ground or to another structure.~~

~~**10.11. Internally Illuminated Sign:** A sign that is illuminated by a light source internal to the sign. Signs having a light source that forms the exterior surface of the sign or all or part of the design elements, shall be considered to be internally illuminated.~~

~~**11.12. Nonconforming Sign:** A sign, including its support structure, that does not conform to the regulations prescribed in this bylaw, but which was in existence at the time the regulations became effective and was lawful at the time it was installed or erected.~~

~~**12.13. Open Space:** For the purposes of this Section 5.2. open space shall be defined as undeveloped land available to the public at no cost, for passive recreation such as hiking, bird watching, fishing, photography, picnicking, cross country skiing, biking, horseback riding or other activities which do not alter or disturb the terrain and at the same time to conserve natural and scenic resources, protect air, streams or water supply, and enhance the value of the land to the public.~~

~~**13.14. Awning:** A fixed or retractable structure, whether made of canvas, plastic, metal or other material, placed over a storefront, door or window. For the purpose of this Section 5.2. Signs, awnings shall not be considered a sign. Lettering, symbols or graphic elements appearing on either the body or the valance of an awning (and not otherwise exempt) shall constitute an Attached Sign. The area of a sign displayed on an awning consists of the area encompassed by any lettering, symbols, or graphic elements distinct from the awning background color.~~

[Added 4-28-2010 ATM, Art. 49]

14. Commercial Sign: A sign that directly or indirectly describes or proposes a transaction involving the exchange of money or goods.

5.2.3 General Provisions.

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1. *Exemptions.* The following signs are exempt from the provisions of the bylaw:

a. Flags and insignia of any government, except when they are displayed in connection with the advertising or promotion of a commercial product or service.

b. Legal notices or informational devices erected or required by public agencies.

c. Signs affixed to *a pump from which motor fuel is sold at retail that are required by MGL Part I Title XV Chapter 94 Section 295C and/or 202 CMR 2.06.* ~~standard gasoline pumps bearing the formula and price of gasoline. Such signs shall not exceed two square feet in area. Additional signage on the pumps may not exceed 20% of the surface area of the pump.~~

d. Integral decorative or architectural features of buildings, except for lettering, trademarks, moving parts or parts internally illuminated or decorated with gaseous tube or other lights.

e. On-premises signs intended to guide and direct traffic and parking, not exceeding two square feet in area and four feet in height and bearing no *elements, as defined in 5.2.2.1.a, that are not necessary to guide and direct traffic and parking,* ~~advertising matter or~~ *and having no* internal illumination.

f. On valances of awnings or similar devices, lettering, symbols, or graphic elements not exceeding six (6) inches in height and not exceeding 75% of the height of the valance. [Amended 5-8-2013 ATM, Art. 47]

~~g.~~ On awnings or similar devices, one symbol or graphic element, without text, not exceeding five square feet per awning.

~~h.~~ Signs located on facilities or land under the care and control of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority;

~~i.~~ ~~Banners installed subject to the provisions of the Andover General Bylaw, Article XII § 44.~~

2. *Relevance.* ~~A sign shall pertain to the premises on which it is located or to products, accommodations, services or activities that regularly occur or are offered on the premises.~~

2. ~~3.~~ *Maintenance.* All signs shall be maintained in a safe and neat condition to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Buildings and in accordance with the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts State Building Code, 780 CMR.

3. ~~4.~~ *Nonconforming Signs.*

a. Any nonconforming sign and/or support structure, legally permitted and erected prior to the adoption of this provision, or any amendments thereto, which remains unaltered in any way, may be continued and maintained.

b. ~~Any sign associated with a business that has terminated activities loses its relevance~~

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~~and therefore becomes nonconforming. Any nonconforming sign and/or support structure shall be removed within 30 days of a change in use or termination of activities on the premises. [Amended 4-28-2010 ATM, Art. 49]~~

~~b. e.~~ Nonconforming signs shall not be enlarged, rebuilt, restored or altered except in conformity with this bylaw.

~~c. d.~~ Any sign which has been destroyed or damaged to the extent that the cost of repair or restoration will exceed 1/3 of the replacement value as of the date of such damage or destruction shall not be repaired, rebuilt, restored or altered except in conformity with this bylaw.

~~4. 5.~~ *Liability.* No sign shall project more than five feet over any public right-of-way or other public property. Any sign projecting over a public right-of-way shall be covered by liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000 as verified by a certificate of insurance filed with the Town Clerk. ***The Town of Andover shall be named as additional insured on all such certificates.***

5.2.4 Sign Permit.

Unless specifically exempted or provided for elsewhere in this section, no sign shall be installed, erected, enlarged, redesigned or structurally altered without a sign permit issued by the Inspector of Buildings.

1. Application and Review.

a. Sign Permit Application: A completed sign permit application, fulfilling all requirements for requested materials and documents and specifying all pertinent dimensions and materials, shall be submitted to the Inspector of Buildings prior to the installation or alteration of any sign for which a permit is required.

b. Review by the Design Review Board: Prior to the issuance of a sign permit, the Design Review Board (DRB) shall, within 30 days of submission of an application for a sign permit, review an application for: (a) a municipal sign in any district; and (b) a sign greater than four square feet in the General Business (GB) and Mixed Use (MU) Districts. Applications for review by the Design Review Board shall be submitted on a standard application form specified by the DRB. See § 5.2.15, Design Guidelines for Signs. **[Amended 4-28-2010 ATM, Art. 49]**

2. Criteria for a Special Permit. When acting on an application for a special permit, the Board of Appeals shall consider the following:

a. The character of the proposed sign and its suitability to the building and the surrounding neighborhood.

b. Its relationship to the architectural style, size and scale of the building.

~~**c.** The relevance of the information on the sign to the business or activities conducted on the premises.~~

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c. ~~d.~~ The impact of the size and illumination of the sign on other establishments and the surrounding neighborhood.

d. ~~e.~~ The criteria specified in § 9.6.4 of this Bylaw, and such other factors as the Board of Appeals deems appropriate in order to assure that the public interest is protected.

5.2.5 Prohibited Signs and Devices.

1. No sign shall be lighted, except by a steady external and stationary light source which is shielded and directed solely at the sign, unless specifically provided for in this bylaw.

2. No illumination shall be permitted which casts glare onto any residential premises or onto any portion of a way so as to create a traffic hazard.

3. No ~~commercial~~ signs shall be illuminated in any residential district, or within 200 feet of a residential district, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., unless the establishment is open to the public.

4. No sign shall be illuminated by any color other than colorless or white light, except for temporary holiday lighting.

5. No animated, revolving, flashing, backlit, exposed neon or similar exposed gaseous tube illuminated signs shall be permitted.

6. No signs shall be attached to motor vehicles, trailers or other movable objects regularly or recurrently located for fixed display.

7. Visibility for motorists and pedestrians shall not be obstructed at any intersection, driveway, or crosswalk. See also Article VIII, § 4.1.3.2.g.

8. No portable or removable sign shall be allowed in any zoning district except as permitted under § 5.2.7.3.

9. No attached exterior sign shall cover any portion of a window or door casing.

10. No signs shall be allowed on the uppermost roof of any building.

11. No portion of a sign shall extend above the highest point of the roof or parapet of the building to which it is attached.

12. *No commercial sign is allowed in zoning districts SRA, SRB, SRC and APT unless the sign pertains to an allowed commercial activity relating to or occurring on the property.*

5.2.6 Permanent Signs allowed ~~in all zoning districts~~ without a permit.

The following signs are allowed ~~in all zoning districts~~ *in addition to the signs allowed in other sections of these bylaws and not otherwise prohibited.* See also specific requirements for each

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zoning district in § 5.2.9 through § 5.2.14, inclusive.

1. Limitations.

a. A sign allowed by Section 5.2.6.2.a may be lighted or illuminated. No other sign allowed in Section 5.2.6 shall be lighted or illuminated.

b. A projecting sign always requires a permit.

c. No sign allowed in Section 5.2.6 may be erected on premises occupied by a business or organization until a sign permit has been issued for at least one other sign on the premises, except in the following cases:

i. Signs allowed by Section 5.2.6.2.a, Section 5.2.6.2.b and Section 5.2.6.2.c may always be erected.

ii. When a building, or of a unit of a building, in which a business or organization may operate is unoccupied, signs allowed in Section 5.2.6 may be erected.

iii. When land is undeveloped, signs allowed in Section 5.2.6 may be erected.

iv. When a residence contains a customary home occupation, signs allowed in Section 5.2.6 may be erected.

2. Signs allowed without a permit in all zoning districts.

~~a.1. One sign, either attached or freestanding, indicating only the name of the owner or occupant, street number and permitted uses or occupations engaged in thereon, does not require a sign permit if it does not exceed two square feet in area.~~

~~b.2. Open Space signs. A sign on open space or other undeveloped property open to the public, bearing no commercial, or advertising material and displaying historical, cultural, educational, environmental, or safety information pertaining to such property and/or rules relating to the public use thereof, requires no sign permit if the sign is less than 35 square feet in area.~~

~~c.5.2.7.2.a Interior temporary signs that do not exceed 30% of the transparent area of the window and/or door on which they are affixed or displayed **do not require a sign permit.**~~

~~d.5.2.7.2.b One or more exterior signs not exceeding 15 square feet in aggregate area do not require sign permits. Each residential unit in multiple-family residences and each unit in multiple-unit nonresidential properties may erect such signs. No additional signs are allowed beyond the 15 square feet in aggregate area because of the existence of a customary home occupation at a residence.~~

~~e.5.2.7.2.e One exterior temporary sign **per property does not require a sign permit** related to property maintenance or improvement which does not require a building permit, shall be allowed on the premises associated with the maintenance or~~

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~~improvement, subject to~~ *if it meets* the following conditions:

~~i. The sign shall not be lighted or illuminated.~~ ii. The sign shall have an area not to exceed six square feet.

ii. ~~iii.~~ The sign shall be set back a minimum of 15 feet from the nearest vehicular public or private way and shall not obstruct the line of sight for vehicles entering or exiting the property or adjacent properties.

~~iv. The sign shall be removed within 30 days of the completion of the work on the premises.~~

3. Sign allowed without a permit only in zoning districts SRA, SRB and SRC.

One exterior sign per property does not require a permit if it meets the following conditions:

i. The sign area shall not exceed 15 square feet.

ii. A freestanding sign shall have a height not to exceed five feet and a sign attached to a structure shall have a height not to exceed 10 feet above the ground level.

4. Sign allowed without a permit in all zoning districts except SRA, SRB and SRC.

One exterior sign per property does not require a permit if it meets the following conditions:

i. The sign area shall not exceed 25 square feet.

ii. The sign height shall not exceed 10 feet.

~~3. Off Premises Directional Signs.~~

~~a. The Board of Selectmen may allow, by special permit, one un-lighted off-premises directional sign or signs within the public right of way or at any intersection designating the route to an establishment not on the street or way to which the sign is oriented.~~

~~b. The Board of Appeals may allow, by special permit, an off-premises directional sign or signs on private property designating the route to an establishment provided that the sign will not endanger public safety and is of such size, location and design that it will not be detrimental to the character of the neighborhood.~~

~~c. No off-premises directional sign shall exceed two square feet in area.~~

~~d. At locations where directions to more than one establishment are to be provided, all such directional signs shall be incorporated into a single sign support structure that shall not exceed six feet in height.~~

~~4. Except as provided in Section 5.2.7. Political speech signs shall be allowed in all zoning districts but may not exceed the regulations for signs in said district.~~

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5.2.7 Temporary Signs allowed in all zoning districts.

1. General requirements.

- ~~a. Temporary signs shall be allowed if the sign announces or provides directions to a sale or a special event having a limited and specific duration.~~
- ~~b. Temporary signs shall not advertise a continuing or regularly recurring business operation, product or a routinely provided service.~~
- ~~c. Temporary signs shall be removed promptly when the information they display is out of date or no longer relevant.~~
- ~~d. Except for political signs in Section 5.2.7.2.c below, temporary signs may be installed or in place for a period not to exceed 30 days unless otherwise specified in this By-law.~~

[Amended 4-27-2011 ATM, Art. 47]

2. Temporary signs not requiring a sign permit:

- ~~a. Interior temporary signs that do not exceed 30% of the transparent area of the window and/or door on which they are affixed or displayed.~~
- ~~b. Exterior temporary signs, unless otherwise stipulated in this bylaw, shall not exceed 10 square feet in aggregate area per business entity. Permanently installed sign support structures erected solely for the display of 'temporary signs' are prohibited.~~
- ~~c. Political signs pertaining to a candidate or ballot question appearing in an upcoming duly called election in the Town of Andover.
 - ~~i. Such signs shall be permitted only on private property.~~
 - ~~ii. Such signs shall have an area not to exceed six square feet.~~
 - ~~iii. Such signs shall not be higher than three feet above ground level.~~
 - ~~iv. Such signs shall be stationary and shall not be illuminated.~~~~
- ~~d. Unless otherwise specified in this Bylaw, temporary signs pertaining to other noncommercial issues shall require no sign permit and shall be allowed in all zoning districts. Such signs shall be subject to the requirements set forth in § 5.2.7.2.c above.~~
- ~~e. One temporary sign, related to property maintenance or improvement which does not require a building permit, shall be allowed on the premises associated with the maintenance or improvement, subject to the following conditions:
 - ~~i. The sign shall not be lighted or illuminated.~~~~

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~~ii. The sign shall have an area not to exceed six square feet.~~

~~iii. The sign shall be set back a minimum of 15 feet from the nearest vehicular public or private way and shall not obstruct the line of sight for vehicles entering or exiting the property or adjacent properties.~~

~~iv. The sign shall be removed within 30 days of the completion of the work on the premises.~~

~~f. One temporary sign, related to the construction, maintenance or improvement of a property requiring the issuance of a building permit, shall be allowed on the property associated with the building permit, subject to the following conditions:~~

~~i. The sign shall not be lighted or illuminated.~~

~~ii. A freestanding sign shall have an area not to exceed 15 square feet and a height not to exceed five feet.~~

~~iii. A sign attached to the structure under construction shall have an area not to exceed 15 square feet and a height not to exceed 10 feet above the ground level.~~

~~iv. A freestanding sign shall be set back a minimum of 15 feet from the nearest vehicular public or private way and shall not obstruct the line of sight for vehicles entering or exiting the property or adjacent properties.~~

~~v. The sign shall be removed within 30 days of project's completion, or when an occupancy permit is issued, whichever is sooner.~~

~~g. A non profit entity or institution may install a temporary sign announcing or providing directions to a specific event or occurrence, subject to the following conditions:~~

~~i. The sign area shall not exceed 12 square feet.~~

~~ii. The sign may be installed for a period not to exceed 30 days.~~

5.2.7 3. Temporary Signs requiring a Sign Permit: a. Portable or Removable Sign:

In addition to the signs allowed in other sections of these bylaws ~~the~~ Inspector of Buildings may issue a permit for the temporary placement of a portable or removable sign ***in any zoning district***, that announces or provides directions to a specific event or occurrence, subject to the following conditions: The permit may impose limiting conditions, including among other matters ~~the number of signs allowed at each location.~~

i. The sign shall be securely anchored so as not to be dislodged or blow over.

ii. The sign shall be neat and professional in appearance. The sign must be placed along a street, road or parking lot on which the property has frontage and only

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one sign is allowed per tenant on each such street, road or parking lot.

iii. The sign shall have an area not to exceed six square feet and a height not to exceed four feet.

iv. ~~The sign shall be removed at the close of each business day and at the expiration of the permit.~~

iv.v. The sign shall not obstruct a public or private walkway.

~~b. Real Estate Signs: The Inspector of Buildings may issue a renewable one-year permit for the temporary placement of a sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises or subdivision on which the sign is erected. No sign permit for an individual sign shall be required if the erecting agent has obtained a blanket one-year permit for erecting such signs. All real estate signs shall meet the following requirements:~~

~~i. In the SRA, SRB, and SRC zoning districts, the sign area shall not exceed eight square feet.~~

~~ii. In all other zoning districts, the sign area shall not exceed 25 square~~

~~feet. iii. The sign shall not be lighted or illuminated.~~

5.2.8 Signs in Residential Districts (SRA, SRB, and SRC, APT).

1. *Single Family Residential Districts (SRA), (SRB), and (SRC).* In addition to the signs allowed in § 5.2.6 *and* § 5.2.7, the following signs are allowed:

a. One sign, either attached or freestanding, ~~indicating only the name of the owner or occupant, street number and permitted uses or occupations engaged in thereon;~~ does not require a sign permit and shall not exceed two square feet in area.

b. Any sign, either attached or freestanding, that exceeds two square feet in area may be allowed by special permit from the Board of Appeals. In no case, however, shall the sign area exceed six square feet or the sign height exceed four feet.

2. *Apartment Districts (APT).* In addition to the signs allowed in § 5.2.6 *and* § 5.2.7, the following signs are allowed:

a. One freestanding sign, ~~identifying entry points to the housing complex~~ on each street on which the complex has street frontage, provided that the frontage also provides vehicular or pedestrian access to the complex. The sign area shall not exceed 15 square feet and the sign height shall not exceed eight feet.

5.2.9 Signs in General Business (GB) Districts.

In addition to the signs allowed in § 5.2.6 *and* § 5.2.7, the following signs are allowed for commercial or business uses:

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1. One attached sign shall be allowed, oriented to each street and parking lot on which the commercial or business use has a facade, providing that such facade has either a window or a direct entryway into the use's space.[Amended 4-28-2010 ATM, Art. 47]

a. The sign may be either attached flat against the wall or placed on an awning or fixed canopy of the building.

b. No portion of the sign shall extend above the highest point of the roof or parapet of the building to which it is attached.

c. The sign area of a flat attached sign for any individual commercial or business use shall not exceed 15% of the portion of the facade associated with that use.

d. Flat attached signs oriented to the street shall not exceed 50 SF in area.

e. Flat attached signs oriented to a parking lot shall not exceed 25 SF in area unless they mark the primary entrance to a building or establishment, in which case the sign area shall not exceed 50 square feet.

f. Attached signs displayed on the body of awnings or canopies shall not exceed 20% of the area of the awning or canopy, and in no case shall they exceed 25 square feet.

[1] *Editor's Note: Former Section 5.2.9.1.g, which immediately followed, regarding lettering on the valance of an awning, was repealed 5-8-2013 ATM, Art. 47.*

2. In addition to the above, each building that is set back a minimum of five feet from the property line may install one freestanding sign, with a sign area not to exceed 12 square feet and a sign height not to exceed six feet above ground level.

3. In addition to the above, each commercial or business use may install one projecting sign on each facade providing that such facade has either a window or a direct entryway into the use's space, subject to the following conditions:

a. The sign area shall not exceed nine square feet, excluding sign support structure.

b. The bottom of a projecting sign shall be at least eight feet above the ground, and the top of the sign shall be no more than 25 feet from the ground.

c. No sign shall project more than five feet from the facade to which it is attached.

d. A larger sign may be allowed by special permit from the Board of Appeals; in no case, however, shall the sign area exceed 15 square feet.

4. A building occupied by multiple commercial or business uses may install a single ~~directory~~ sign, either attached to or projecting from the building, ~~identifying those occupants~~. The total area of such a ~~directory~~ sign shall not exceed one square foot per occupant.

5. Unlighted graphics, lettering or symbols with transparent background mounted on the inside of windows or transparent entry doors shall require no sign permit if their area does not

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exceed 30% of the glass or transparent area. ~~Telephone numbers, web addresses, prices, and similar text shall not exceed two inches in height.~~

5.2.10 Signs in Mixed Use (MU) Districts.

In addition to the signs allowed in § 5.2.6 *and* § 5.2.7, the following signs are allowed:

1. One attached sign shall be allowed, oriented to each street and parking lot on which the commercial or business use has a facade, providing that such facade has either a window or a direct entryway into the use's space.[Amended 4-28-2010 ATM, Art. 47]

a. The sign may be either attached flat against the wall or placed on an awning or fixed canopy of the building.

b. No portion of the sign shall extend above the highest point of the roof or parapet of the building to which it is attached.

c. The sign area of a flat attached sign for any individual commercial or business use shall not exceed 10% of the portion of the facade associated with that use and in no case shall the sign area exceed 80 square feet.

d. Attached signs displayed on the body of awnings or canopies shall not exceed 20% of the area of the awning or canopy, and in no case shall they exceed 25 square feet.

[1]*Editor's Note: Former 5.2.10.1.e, which immediately followed, regarding lettering on the valance of an awning, was repealed 5-8-2013 ATM, Art. 47.*

2. In addition to the above, each building that is set back a minimum of five feet from the property line may install one freestanding sign, with a sign area not to exceed 25 square feet and a sign height not to exceed eight feet above ground level.

3. In addition to the above, each commercial or business use may install one projecting sign on each facade of the building, subject to the following conditions:

a. The facade shall have either a window or a direct entryway to the premises.

b. The sign area shall not exceed nine square feet, excluding any sign support structure.

c. No sign shall project more than five feet from the facade to which it is attached. The bottom of a projecting sign shall be at least eight feet above the ground, and the top of the sign shall be no more than 25 feet from the ground.[Amended 4-28-2010 ATM, Art. 49]

d. A larger sign may be allowed by special permit from the Board of Appeals; in no case, however, shall the sign area exceed 15 square feet.

4. A building occupied by multiple commercial or business uses may install a single ~~directory~~ sign, either attached to or projecting from the building, ~~identifying those occupants.~~ The total area of such a ~~directory~~ sign shall not exceed one square foot for each

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occupant listed thereon.

5. Unlighted graphics, lettering or symbols with transparent background mounted on the inside of windows or transparent entry doors shall require no sign permit if their area does not exceed 30% of the glass or transparent area. ~~Telephone numbers, web addresses, prices, and similar text shall not exceed two inches in height.~~

5.2.11 Signs in Office Park Districts (OP) and Limited Service Districts (LS).

In addition to the signs allowed in § 5.2.6 *and* § 5.2.7, the following signs are allowed:

1. One freestanding sign shall be allowed for each street upon which a building or complex has frontage, subject to the following conditions:

a. The sign area shall not exceed 25 square feet and the sign height shall not exceed eight feet.

b. The Board of Appeals may grant, subject to the criteria of § 5.2.4.2, a special permit for a larger sign if required for legibility, up to 16 feet in height, if the property fronts on a high-speed, limited access highway.

2. In addition to the above, one attached sign for each street upon which a building or complex has frontage. The sign may be either attached flat against the wall or placed on an awning or fixed canopy of the building. No portion of the sign shall extend above the highest point of the roof or parapet of the building to which it is attached. The sign area of a flat attached sign shall not exceed 25 square feet. Attached signs displayed on the body of awnings or canopies shall not exceed 20% of the area of the awning or canopy, and in no case shall they exceed 25 square feet. [Amended 4-28-2010 ATM, Art. 48; 5-8-2013 ATM, Art. 47]

3. In addition to the above, each business or tenant shall be limited to one sign (attached or projecting) for each street and parking lot on which the business or tenant has an entryway. The sign area shall not exceed three square feet. [Amended 4-28-2010 ATM, Art. 48]

4. The Board of Appeals may grant, subject to the criteria of § 5.2.4.2, a special permit for a second sign on a building facing a limited access, high-speed highway. ~~The content of a second sign shall be limited to the name of the principal tenant of the building.~~

5.2.12 Signs in Industrial G (IG) Districts.

In addition to the signs allowed in § 5.2.6 *and* § 5.2.7, the following signs are allowed:

1. One sign attached flat against the wall or placed on an awning or fixed canopy of the building, ~~identifying the name of the firm and/or goods and services available or produced on the premises,~~ subject to the following conditions: [Amended 4-28-2010 ATM, Art. 48]

a. The sign area of a flat attached sign shall not exceed 20% of the area of the side of the building to which it is attached, or 80 square feet, whichever is less. Attached signs displayed on the body of awnings or canopies shall not exceed 20% of the area of the awning or

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canopy, and in no case shall they exceed 25 square feet. [Amended 5-8- 2013 ATM, Art. 47]

b. No portion of the sign shall extend above the highest point of the roof or parapet of the building to which it is attached.

2. In addition to the above, one freestanding sign, ~~identifying the name of the firm and/or the goods and services available or produced on the premises,~~ for each street on which the property fronts, subject to the following conditions:

a. The area of each sign shall not exceed 50 square feet.

b. No part of any such sign shall be more than eight feet above ground level.

c. No such sign shall be located closer than five feet to any property line or the line of any street or way.

3. The Board of Appeals may grant, subject to the criteria of § 5.2.4.2, a special permit for a larger or an internally-illuminated sign.

5.2.13 Signs in Industrial A (IA) Districts.

In addition to the signs allowed in § 5.2.6 *and* § 5.2.7, the following signs are allowed:

1. One or more signs attached flat against the wall or placed on an awning or fixed canopy of a building, ~~identifying the name of the firm and/or the goods and services available or produced on the premises,~~ subject to the following conditions: [Amended 4-28-2010 ATM, Art. 48]

a. The total area of all such signs on a building shall not exceed 20% of the area of the side of the building to which they are attached, or 200 square feet, whichever is less. Attached signs displayed on the body of awnings or canopies shall not exceed 20% of the area of the awning or canopy, and in no case shall they exceed 25 square feet. [Amended 5-8-2013 ATM, Art. 47]

b. No portion of the sign shall extend above the highest point of the roof or parapet of the building to which it is attached.

2. One freestanding sign, ~~identifying the name of the firm and/or the goods and services available or produced on the premises,~~ for each street on which the property fronts, subject to the following conditions:

a. The area of each sign shall not exceed 100 square feet.

b. No part of any such sign shall be more than 25 feet above ground level.

c. No such sign shall be located closer than five feet to any property line or the line of any street or way.

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3. Internally illuminated signs are allowed.

5.2.14 Signs in Industrial D (ID) and Industrial 2 (ID2) Districts.

[Amended 4-28-2010 ATM, Arts. 48, 49; 5-8-2013 ATM, Arts. 47, 50]

In addition to the signs allowed in § 5.2.6 *and* § 5.2.7, the following signs are allowed:

1. One or more signs attached flat against the wall or placed on an awning or fixed canopy of a building, ~~identifying the name of the firm and/or the goods and services available or produced on the premises,~~ subject to the following conditions:

a. The total area of all such signs on a building shall not exceed 10% of the area of the side of the building to which they are attached, or 200 square feet, whichever is less. Attached signs displayed on the body of awnings or canopies shall not exceed 20% of the area of the awning or canopy, and in no case shall they exceed 25 square feet.

b. No portion of the sign shall extend above the highest point of the roof or parapet of the building to which it is attached.

2. In addition to the above, one freestanding sign, ~~identifying the name of the firm and/or the goods and services available or produced on the premises,~~ for each street on which the property fronts, subject to the following conditions:

a. The area of each sign shall not exceed 100 square feet.

b. No part of any such sign shall be more than 12 feet above ground level.

c. No such sign shall be located closer than five feet to any property line or the line of any street or way.

3. Internally illuminated signs are allowed.

5.2.15 Design Guidelines for Signs.

The following are further means by which the objectives for signs stated in Section 5.2.1 can be served. These guidelines are not mandatory, but the degree of compliance with them shall be considered by the Special Permit Granting Authority in acting upon special permits, and by the Design Review Board as authorized hereunder.

1. Efficient Communication.

a. ~~Signs should not display brand names, symbols or slogans of nationally distributed products except in cases where the majority of the floor or lot area of the premises is devoted to manufacture, processing or sale of that specific product.~~

b. ~~Premises chiefly identified by or associated with a specific product brand name (such as gasoline or automobiles) should devote some part of their permitted sign area to displaying the identity of the local outlet or proprietor.~~

c. ~~Signs should not contain advertising slogans or other advertising material which is~~

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~~not an integral part of the name or other identification of the product or enterprise.~~

a.d. Sign content normally should not occupy more than 40% of the sign background, whether a signboard or a building element.

b.e. Non-verbal devices should be considered, in addition to text, as such graphic images can provide rapid and effective communication as well as character.

2. Environmental Relationship.

a. Sign brightness should not be excessive in relation to background lighting levels, e.g., averaging not in excess of one-hundred-foot-lamberts in the downtown or similarly bright areas and not in excess of twenty-foot-lamberts in unlighted outlying areas.

3. Relationship to Buildings.

a. Signs should be sized and located so as to not interrupt, obscure or hide the continuity of columns, cornices, eaves, sill lines or other architectural elements of the building and, wherever possible, should reflect and emphasize the building's architectural form.

b. Sign materials, colors and lettering should be representative of and appropriate to the character of the building to which the sign relates, just as sign size should be related to building size.

On the request of Andrew Rouse and others

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 33 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A two-thirds vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by more than a two-thirds vote.

Select Board Report: Approval

Planning Board Report: Approval

ARTICLE 34	ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT – SECTION 10 DEFINITIONS
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To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VIII, Section 10-1 of the Andover Zoning Bylaws titled “Definitions” by deleting the language within brackets from the bylaw as shown below:

Portable or Removable Sign: A [temporary] sign of any shape or configuration that is self supporting and not [permanently] fixed or mounted to the ground or to another structure.

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On the request of Andrew Rouse and others

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 34 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A two-thirds vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by more than a two-thirds vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
Planning Board Report: Approval

ARTICLE 35	MISCELLANEOUS BYLAW AMENDMENT – BANNERS IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
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To see if the town will vote to amend Article XII Section 44 of the Andover Bylaws titled “Banners in the General Business District” by deleting all sections, paragraphs and text and by replacing the title of Section 44 with the new title “Reserved”.

On the request of Andrew Rouse and others

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 35 as printed in the Warrant.

VOTE: A majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a majority vote.

Select Board Report: Approval
Planning Board Report: Approval

ARTICLE 36	ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION
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To see if the Town will vote to establish a Water Task Force comprised of a 5 residents appointed by the Select Board. The mission of the Water Task Force is to serve as a dedicated resource to both Town staff and the Select Board in their role as Water Commissioners. The Task Force will provide information and guidance related to the actual drinking water quality experienced by users and potential options for improvements thereto. Development and ongoing updating of recommendations for both long & short term water quality improvement plans to the Water Commission will be their primary responsibility. The Water Task Force will hold regular public meetings to accomplish its mission as well as to collect direct feedback from citizens, review successful best practices utilized statewide, and communicate progress on implemented water quality improvement measures.

On the request of Jenny Ezell and others

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Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to approve Article 36 as printed in the Warrant.

It was moved by Ms. Stacey Albuquerque of 197 Greenwood Road and duly seconded to amend the Article to read “To see if the Town will vote to establish a Water Task Force comprised of a 5 residents appointed by the Town Manager” A simple majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion to Amend Passed.

VOTE: A majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion, as amended, Failed.

Select Board Report: Approval

ARTICLE 37	DEDICATION AND NAMING OF FIRE STATION
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To see if the Town will vote to Authorize the Board of Selectmen and The Town Manager to officially Dedicate and Name the Ballardvale Fire Station in the Honor of William T Downs.

On the request of John Hines and others

Upon motion made and duly seconded it was VOTED to withdraw Article 37.

VOTE: A majority vote required for passage, the Moderator declared the Motion Passed by a majority vote.

On motion of Town Counsel, Thomas J. Urbelis, made and duly seconded it was voted by a majority vote to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 3:27 P.M.

A true record
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Austin P. Simko
Town Clerk