



## Town Meeting Articles

The following article summaries are provided as a convenience for Town Meeting members. Included are the excerpts of specific requests from municipal and the school departments that benefit the Lexington Public Schools or our students. Questions should be directed to the originator of the article.

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## Town Meeting Articles benefitting the Lexington Public Schools

<b>Article 11</b>	<b>APPROPRIATE FY 2020 OPERATING BUDGET</b>
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To see if the Town will vote to make appropriations for expenditures by departments, officers, boards and committees of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by transfer from enterprise funds, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: See the most recent version of the FY 2020 budget proposals posted at <https://www.lexingtonma.gov/budget>.

DESCRIPTION: This Article requests funds for the FY 2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) operating budget. The operating budget includes the school and municipal budgets. The operating budget includes requests for funds to provide prospective salary increases for employees, including salaries to be negotiated through collective bargaining negotiations. The budget also includes certain shared expenses.

<b>Article 13</b>	<b>ESTABLISH AND CONTINUE DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS</b>
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To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 53E½ and of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 110 of the Code of the Town of Lexington, to continue existing revolving funds; to amend said Chapter 110 to establish new revolving funds; to determine whether the maximum amounts that may be expended from such new and existing revolving fund accounts in FY 2020 shall be the following amounts or any other amounts; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)*

FUNDS REQUESTED:

Program or Purpose for Revolving Funds	FY 2020 Authorization
School Bus Transportation	\$1,150,000
Building Rental Revolving Fund	\$545,000
DPW Burial Containers	\$50,000
Lexington Tree Fund	\$45,000
DPW Compost Operations	\$760,000
Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste Program	\$220,000
Regional Cache -Hartwell Avenue	\$10,000
Senior Services Program	\$75,000
Health Programs	\$45,000
Tourism/Liberty Ride	TBD
Visitors Center	TBD
Residential Engineering Review	TBD



DESCRIPTION: The amount that may be spent from a revolving fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ must be approved annually by Town Meeting. The Funds are credited with the receipts received in connection with the programs supported by such funds, and expenditures may be made from the revolving fund without further appropriation.

<b>Article 14</b>	<b>APPROPRIATE THE FY 2020 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OPERATING BUDGET AND CPA PROJECTS</b>
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To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the FY 2020 Community Preservation budget and, pursuant to the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund, or to reserve amounts in the Community Preservation Fund for future appropriations; for the debt service on previously authorized financing; for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for FY 2020; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space and community housing that is acquired or created with moneys from the Community Preservation Fund; to appropriate funds for such projects and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, or from estimated Community Preservation Act surcharges and the state match for the upcoming fiscal year, by transfer from available funds, including enterprise funds, by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Community Preservation Committee)*

**FUNDS REQUESTED:**

- a) Conservation Land Acquisition: TBD
- b) Willard’s Woods Site Improvements: \$138,273
- c) Archives & Records Management/Records Conservation & Preservation: \$20,000
- d) Battle Green Master Plan, Phase 3: \$253,394
- e) 9 Oakland Street, Renovation and Adaptive Re-Use: \$70,000
- f) Athletic Field Complex at Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School: TBD
- g) Old Reservoir Bathhouse Renovation: \$620,000
- h) Park Improvements, Hard Court Resurfacing: \$70,000
- i) Park Improvements, Athletic Fields: \$435,000 (subject to reduction if (f) is fully funded)
- j) Playground Replacement Program, Bridge Elementary School: \$302,000
- k) LexHAB, Preservation, Rehabilitation, and Restoration of Affordable Housing: \$99,700
- l) CPA Debt Service: \$3,094,680
- m) Administrative Budget: \$150,000

DESCRIPTION: This Article requests that Community Preservation funds and other funds, as necessary, be appropriated for the projects recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, the debt service on previously authorized projects, and for administrative costs.

<b>Article 19</b>	<b>APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT</b>
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To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to maintain and upgrade the schools’ technology systems and equipment; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from



available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the School Committee)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$1,743,900

DESCRIPTION: For a description of the proposed projects, see Section XI: Capital Investment section of the FY 2020 budget. The most recent version of the capital section can be found at <https://www.lexingtonma.gov/fy20capital>.

**Article 20      APPROPRIATE FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES CAPITAL PROJECTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for capital improvements and renovations, including new construction to public facilities for:

- a) Public Facilities Bid Documents;
- b) Facility and Site Improvements
  - Building Flooring Program;
  - School Paving & Sidewalks Program;
- c) Municipal Building Envelopes and Systems;
- d) School Building Envelopes and Systems;
- e) LHS Field House Track Resurfacing;
- f) Public Facilities Mechanical/Electrical System Replacements;
- g) Westview Cemetery Facility Construction; and
- h) Cary Library Children's Room Renovation Design.

and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, including enterprise funds, by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; to determine if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept, expend, and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such capital improvements; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$4,744,053

DESCRIPTION: For a description of the proposed projects, see Section XI: Capital Investment section of the FY 2020 budget. The most recent version of the capital section can be found at <https://www.lexingtonma.gov/fy20capital>.

**Article 22      ESTABLISH, DISSOLVE AND APPROPRIATE TO AND FROM SPECIFIED STABILIZATION FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to create, amend, dissolve, rename and/or appropriate sums of money to and from Stabilization Funds in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the purposes of: (a) Section 135 Zoning By-Law, (b) Traffic Mitigation, (c) Transportation Demand Management/Public Transportation, (d) Special Education, (e) Center Improvement District; (f) Debt Service, (g) Transportation Management Overlay District, (h) Capital; (i) Payment in Lieu of Parking; (j) Visitor Center Capital Stabilization Fund; (k) Affordable Housing Capital Stabilization Fund; (l) Water System Capital Stabilization Fund; and (m) Ambulance Stabilization Fund; determine whether such sums shall be provided by



the tax levy, by transfer from 12 available funds, from fees, charges or gifts or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: This Article proposes to establish, dissolve, and/or fund Stabilization Funds for specific purposes and to appropriate funds therefrom. Money in those funds may be invested and the interest may then become a part of the particular fund. These funds may later be appropriated for the specific designated purpose, by a two-thirds vote of an Annual or Special Town Meeting, for any lawful purpose.

**Article 24      APPROPRIATE FROM DEBT SERVICE STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Debt Service Stabilization Fund to offset the FY 2020 debt service of the bond dated February 1, 2003, issued for additions and renovations to the Lexington High School, Clarke Middle School, and Diamond Middle School, as refunded with bonds dated December 8, 2011; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$124,057

DESCRIPTION: This article would allow the Town to pay a portion of the debt service on the 2003 School Bonds from the Debt Service Stabilization Fund set up for that specific purpose.

**ARTICLE 36      IMPLEMENT AN OUTCOMES-BASED APPROACH TO TOWN BUILDING PROJECTS (Citizen Article)**

To see if the Town will vote to request the Board of Selectmen and School Committee adopt an outcomes-based, high performance building policy for operation of existing Town buildings and design and operation of all new Town building and renovation projects.

*(Inserted by Bridger McGraw and 9 or more registered voters)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: None

DESCRIPTION: This article seeks Town Meeting approval to adopt an outcomes-based building management process that emphasizes (a) Setting clear targets or outcomes for the performance of current and planned buildings in the areas of health, energy performance, energy management, and resilience; (b) Assessing gaps against those outcomes; and (c) Utilizing those outcomes for the beginning stages of future building development and in prioritizing operating/capital budget projects.