



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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Article 2 – APPROPRIATE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS – ADDITIONS AND REMODELING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing additions to the Clarke and Diamond Middle Schools and for remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the existing Middle Schools, including original equipment and furnishings, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, possibly contingent on a referendum pursuant to MGL c.59, §21C, or by any combination of these methods; determine if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of state aid; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

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

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$65,826,000

DESCRIPTION: It is anticipated that there will be two parts to the motion for this article. The first part will seek an appropriation for renovation work at Clarke and Diamond Middle Schools (Phase 1) that, due to existing enrollment, it is imperative that the work be completed this summer, before the beginning of the 2016/2017 school year. The second part will be for the design and construction of renovations and additions to Clarke and Diamond Middle Schools (Phase 2) to address anticipated school enrollments. Phase 2 work will be completed over the next 18 months for the Clarke School and 30 months for the Diamond School. While it is anticipated that both Phase 1 and 2 of this project will be included as part of a Debt Exclusion question submitted to the voters later this spring, the Phase 1 work needs to be completed in time for the 2016/2017 school year. The contract for this work, therefore, will need to be signed the first week of April, before the likely debt exclusion vote. The contract for the Phase 2 work will go forward only if the debt exclusion vote is approved.



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Article 4 – APPROPRIATE FY2017 OPERATING BUDGET

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 Appendix A

DESCRIPTION: This article requests funds for the FY2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) 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. Appendix A lists, by account, FY2014 and FY2015 actual expenditures, FY2016 current appropriations and the preliminary FY2017 appropriations recommended by the Town Manager. Please note that figures for FY2016 have been restated to reflect the funding of negotiated salary agreements.

Article 7 – ESTABLISH AND CONTINUE DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 53E½ and 53F¾ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to re-authorize the use of existing revolving fund accounts in FY2017; to establish new revolving fund accounts, and to appropriate funds for the PEG Access special revenue account; to determine whether such revolving fund accounts shall be credited with the following departmental receipts; to determine which boards, departments or officers shall be authorized to expend amounts from such revolving fund accounts; and to determine whether the maximum amounts that may be expended from such revolving fund accounts in FY2017 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	Authorized Representative or Board to Spend	Departmental Receipts	FY2017 Authorization
Building Rental Revolving Fund	Public Facilities Director	Building Rental Fees	\$460,000



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DPW Burial Containers	Public Works Director	Sale of Grave Boxes and Burial Vaults	\$40,000
DPW Compost Operations	Public Works Director	Sale of Compost and Loam, Yard Waste Permits	\$615,000
Trees	Board of Selectmen	Gifts and Fees	\$45,000
Minuteman Household Hazardous Waste Program	Public Works Director	Fees Paid by Consortium Towns	\$180,000
Health Programs	Health Director	Medicare Reimbursements	\$14,000
Council on Aging Programs	Human Services Director	Program Fees and Gifts	\$75,000
Tourism/Liberty Ride	Economic Development Director	Liberty Ride Receipts, including ticket sales, advertising revenue and charter sales	\$285,000
School Bus Transportation	School Committee	School Bus Fees	\$1,050,000
Regional Cache – Hartwell Avenue	Public Works Director	User Fees for Participating Municipalities	\$10,000
Visitors Center	Economic Development Director	Sale of Goods, Program Fees and Donations	\$191,000
Program and Purpose Special Revenue Fund	Authorized Representative or Board to Spend	Receipts	FY2017 Appropriation
PEG Access	Board of Selectmen and Town Manager	License Fees from Cable TV Providers	\$500,000

DESCRIPTION: A revolving fund established under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ and a special revenue fund under Chapter 44, Section 53F¾ must be authorized or appropriated annually by vote of the Town Meeting. The Funds are credited with only the receipts received in connection with the programs supported by such funds, and expenditures may be made from the revolving fund without further appropriation.

Article 13 – APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to purchase additional equipment, furniture and systems for the schools, and to maintain and upgrade the schools' technology systems;



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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 School Committee)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$1,384,087

DESCRIPTION: For a description of the proposed projects see Section XI: Capital Investment section of the FY2017 Town Manager's Preliminary Budget and Financing Plan dated January 11, 2016 found at <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/fy17capital>.

Article 14 – APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC CALMING (Citizen Article)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing and installing flashing school zone traffic calming mechanisms in order to reduce vehicular speeding, increase driver awareness, and improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety around school grounds, namely Bowman, Bridge, Estabrook, Fiske, Harrington, Hastings, Clarke and Diamond; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereof.

(Inserted by Judy Crocker and 9 or more registered voters)

FUNDS REQUESTED: unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: Safe Routes To School proposes the installation of flashing school zone traffic calming mechanisms similar to those used in Winchester and Woburn. Their purpose is to reduce vehicular speeding, increase driver awareness, and improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety around school grounds for Lexington's 6925 public school students.

Article 15 – APPROPRIATE FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES CAPITAL PROJECTS

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

- a) Town-wide Roofing Program;
- b) School Building Envelopes and Systems Program;
- c) LHS Heating Systems Upgrade;
- d) Municipal Building Envelopes and Systems;
- e) Building Flooring Program;
- f) Public Facilities Bid Document;
- g) Diamond Middle School Renovations – Construction;
- h) Clarke Middle School Renovations – Construction;
- i) School Traffic Safety Improvements;
- j) Security Camera Upgrade to Digital from Analog;
- k) Munroe School Roof;
- l) LHS Security Evaluation and Upgrade;



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- m) LHS Guidance Space Mining – Design;
- n) LHS Nurse Office and Treatment Space – Design;
- o) LHS Fitness Center/Athletic Training Floor; and
- p) Fire Headquarters Exercise Room;

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: \$63,390,419

DESCRIPTION: For a description of the proposed projects see Section XI: Capital Investment section of the FY2017 Town Manager's Preliminary Budget and Financing Plan dated January 11, 2016 found at <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/fy17capital>.

<p>Article 21 – ESTABLISH AND APPROPRIATE TO AND FROM SPECIFIED STABILIZATION FUNDS</p>
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To see if the Town will vote to create, amend, 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, (d) School Bus Transportation, (e) Special Education, (f) Center Improvement District; (g) Debt Service, (h) Transportation Management Overlay District (TMO-1), (i) Avalon Bay School Enrollment Mitigation Fund, and (j) Capital; and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available 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: unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: This article proposes to establish 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.

<p>Article 23 – APPROPRIATE FROM DEBT SERVICE STABILIZATION FUND</p>

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Debt Service Stabilization Fund to offset the FY2017 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.



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(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.