



2020 Town Meeting Update for Articles 27 and 28 (Community Preservation Act Articles)

The following is an update on Articles 27 and 28 for the 2020 Town Meeting. At the time the Annual Town Meeting was approved and posted by the Board of Selectmen (April 7, 2020) the Community Preservation Committee was not able to formally meet to approve its formal recommendation and appropriations for Articles 27 and 28 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Town Meeting Warrant was approved, posted, and mailed leaving the appropriations blank with the following explanatory note posted after each Article:

Due to the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Community Preservation Committee has yet to formally meet to provide its formal recommendation and appropriations for this Article. The Community Preservation Committee will do so prior to the Annual Town Meeting and this information will be publicly available on the Town's website at www.ayer.ma.us and on file with the Town Clerk's Office prior to Town Meeting.

Since that time, the Community Preservation Committee was able to meet using remote public participation in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order regarding the Open Meeting Law on April 23, 2020 at which time the Community Preservation Committee approved both a 1% and 3% appropriations recommendation contingent on whether the CPC Surcharge passed the ballot at the Annual Town Election. The 3% CPC Surcharge did pass at the Annual Town Election. The appropriations are provided below in each Article and are highlighted in yellow. These appropriations reflect the 3% CPA Surcharge approved by the 2019 Fall Special Town Meeting and the 2020 Annual Town Election. Articles 27 and 28 will be presented and moved with these appropriations at the Town Meeting on June 15, 2020. Please direct any questions regarding Articles 27 and 28 prior to Town Meeting to the Town Manager's Office at 978-772-8220 or to atm@ayer.ma.us Thank you.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 27: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

To see if the Town will hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Act budget, and appropriate from the estimated FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues:

- A sum of money equal to five percent, and not to exceed **\$5,000** to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2021.

And further, to reserve for future appropriation from the estimated FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues the following sums of money, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for each of the following purposes:

- A sum of money equal to **\$67,984** more or less, for acquisition, creation and preservation of open space excluding land for recreational use, and
- A sum of money equal to **\$67,984** more or less, for acquisition, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources, and
- A sum of money equal to **\$67,984** more or less, for acquisition, creation and preservation

and support of community housing.

And the remainder sum of \$458,885 for the Community Preservation FY 2021 Budgeted Reserve.

Or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

Explanatory Note: Disbursement required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under M.G.L. Chapter 44B for the estimated FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues. Due to the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Community Preservation Committee has yet to formally meet to provide its formal recommendation and appropriations for this Article. The Community Preservation Committee will do so prior to the Annual Town Meeting and this information will be publicly available on the Town's website at www.ayer.ma.us and on file with the Town Clerk's Office prior to Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 28: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND FY 2021 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Community Preservation Fund FY 2021 estimated annual revenues, the sum of \$12,000 to be added to the amount appropriated for the Community Preservation Committee FY 2021 administrative expenses under Article 27 of this Annual Town Meeting, such sum to be used for due diligence, including title searches and related administrative tasks, for potential open space acquisitions; or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee

Board of Selectmen: Recommends

Finance Committee: Recommends

Simple Majority Vote Required

Explanatory Note: Due diligence for future appropriations by the Community Preservation Committee for general open space purposes. Due to the unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Community Preservation Committee has yet to formally meet to provide its formal recommendation and appropriations for this Article. The Community Preservation Committee will do so prior to the Annual Town Meeting and this information will be publicly available on the Town's website at www.ayer.ma.us and on file with the Town Clerk's Office prior to Town Meeting.