

2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLE GUIDE

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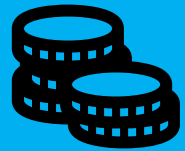
ARTICLE 1: HEAR REPORTS

Through this article, the Town accepts the reports of every department and committee in town for the previous calendar year.

 ARTICLE DETAILS

ARTICLE 3: FY22 BUDGET

This article approves the operating budgets for the Town, Sudbury Public Schools and Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School for the year starting on July 1, 2021. The budget includes all personnel, contractual services, goods and debt payments. More information can be found in the [Town Meeting Warrant](#) and Town Manager's [Proposed FY22 Budget](#); [FY22 SPS Budget](#) and [FY22 L-SRHS Budget](#).



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ARTICLE 4: FY22 CAPITAL BUDGET

This article includes capital needs for the Town that are under \$100,000. More information can be found in the [Town Meeting Warrant](#) and on page 79 of the [Proposed FY22 Budget](#)

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ARTICLE 5, 6, AND 7: ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGETS

These three articles appropriate the budgets for the Town's enterprise fund budgets. The Town has three enterprise fund budgets: pool, fields and the transfer station. Those budgets are funded through user fees rather than the tax levy. For more information, please see page 81 of the [FY 22 Proposed Town Budget](#). General information can be found in the [Enterprise Funds Guide](#).



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ARTICLE 8: SNOW AND ICE TRANSFER FY19

The Town budgets a level amount each year for snow and ice removal, but actual spending can vary wildly depending on the type of winter we have. Snow and ice budgets are the only Town budgets that are allowed by law to be overspent. Once the account is overspent, the funds need to be raised or transferred from other available funds. This year, the snow and ice account was overspent by \$349,264.

This article is requesting to use Free Cash to fund the deficit.

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ARTICLE 9: UNPAID BILLS

This is a housekeeping article that allows the Town to pay any bills that may remain unpaid from the last fiscal year. These are typically bills that were submitted late by a vendor or lost. This article is typically indefinitely postponed.




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ARTICLE 10: CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY FUNDING

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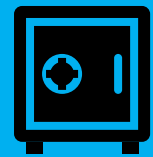
This article accepts the State aid that Sudbury receives for highway road work.

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ARTICLE 11: STABILIZATION FUND

Consent Calendar

The Town has a policy to maintain an amount equal to 5% of the total projected general fund operating revenues for the last fiscal year in the Stabilization Account. This article transfers \$281,268 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account to maintain that amount of reserves. A Stabilization Account is like a savings account for emergencies. It requires a 2/3rd vote of Town Meeting to use the funds.



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ARTICLE 12: FY22 REVOLVING FUND LIMITS

Consent Calendar

Under the Municipal Modernization Act, Towns are required to authorize revolving fund accounts and set limits for them every year by amending the Revolving Account bylaw.

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ARTICLE 14: FUND LITIGATION COSTS – EVERSOURCE

This article requests to transfer \$150,000 from Free Cash to fund litigation with Eversource regarding the proposed Sudbury to Hudson Transmission Line project. Information on the litigation can be found on the [Eversource Transmission Line](#) page.



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ARTICLE 16: CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING/LIVING ADDITION – FIRE STATION NO. 2

This article requests \$4,300,000 to construct a new housing/living/office to supplement existing Fire Station #2 at 550 Boston Post Road. If approved, \$500,000 of the project would be funded by proceeds from the former police station, another \$500,000 would be funded by Free Cash and the remaining \$3,300,000 would be funded by debt included in the existing tax levy.

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ARTICLE 17: MARLBORO ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT

Consent Calendar

This article requests \$400,000 to replace the culvert at 270 Marlboro Road. If approved, the project would be funded from Free Cash.



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ARTICLE 18: FRONT END LOADER WITH PLOW

Consent Calendar

This article requests \$230,000 to purchase a front-end loader, replacing an older truck which has exceeded its useful life. If approved, the truck would be funded from Free Cash.

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ARTICLE 19: MULTI-PURPOSE SIDEWALK TRACTOR

Consent Calendar

This article requests \$205,000 to purchase a new multi-purpose tractor. If approved, the tractor would be funded from Free Cash.

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ARTICLE 20: 6-WHEEL COMBO BODY DUMP TRUCK W/ PLOW & WING

Consent Calendar



This article requests \$285,000 to purchase a new 6-wheel dump truck with plow and wing. If approved, the truck would be funded from Free Cash.

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ARTICLE 21: STREET ACCEPTANCE – ANTHONY DRIVE

This article requests to designate Anthony Drive as a public way. If accepted, all future maintenance and repair of the roadway will be performed by the Town.

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ARTICLE 22: MEANS TESTED SENIOR TAX EXEMPTION EXTENSION

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This article requests to extend for the next three fiscal years Chapter 10 of the Acts of 2016, which reduces real property taxes for certain low to moderate-income seniors.

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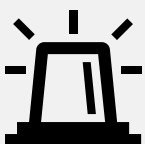
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ARTICLE 23: SUDBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS COVID-19 STUDENT ACADEMIC PROGRAM

This article requests \$309,540 to create a 5-week summer program, focused on numeracy and literacy skills, for elementary school students to help mitigate learning impacts resulting from COVID-19. If approved, the program would be funded from Free Cash.

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ARTICLE 24: SUDBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PETER NOYES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIRE ALARM SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

This article requests \$220,000 to replace the fire alarm system at Noyes Elementary. If approved, the upgraded system would be funded from Free Cash.

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ARTICLE 25: LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM FIELD AND COMMUNITY TURF FIELD REPLACEMENT

This article requests \$337,500 to replace Community Stadium Field Turf at L-SRHS. If approved, the field improvements would be funded from Free Cash.



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ARTICLE 26: AMEND ZONING BYLAW, ARTICLE IX: AMEND TEXT OF SECTION 2110, ESTABLISHMENT

This article seeks to modify the language of a Sudbury Zoning bylaw article in order to make it consistent with language in the Sudbury Town bylaws.

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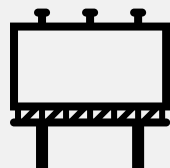
ARTICLE 27: AMEND ZONING BYLAW, ARTICLE IX: AMEND TEXT OF SECTION 2324 REGARDING TRAILERS OR OTHER STRUCTURES FOR STORAGE OR OFFICE PURPOSES

This article requests to update the bylaw which regulates use of trailers, containers, or other transportable components for storage or office purposes.



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ARTICLE 28: AMEND ZONING BYLAW, ARTICLE IX: AMEND TEXT OF SECTION 3200. SIGNS AND ADVERTISING DEVICES

This article requests to update the Signs bylaw to increase consistency and transparency of signage requirements.

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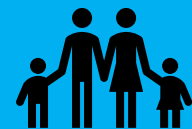
Town Meeting [ARTICLES 29 – 36](#) are Community Preservation Act (CPA) projects. These projects are vetted by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and funded as follows:

CPA Tax Surcharge + State Matching Funds = CPA Budget

ARTICLE 29: DR. BILL ADELSON PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Consent Calendar

This article requests \$285,000 to make improvements including removing and replacing poured-in-place surfaces, replacing equipment, preserving or planting new trees at the Adelson/SMILE Playground, which is located by Haskell Field. If approved, this would be funded by the CPA budget.



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ARTICLE 30: FRANK FEELEY FIELDS IMPROVEMENTS

Consent Calendar

This article requests \$386,000 for improvements to Feeley Fields including installing dugouts, constructing a protective guardrail for the batting cage, installing protective netting, and drainage improvements. If approved, this would be funded by the CPA budget.



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ARTICLE 31: HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

Consent Calendar

This article requests \$32,000 to fund the preparation of a town-wide Historic Preservation Plan. If approved, the design would be funded by the CPA budget.

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ARTICLE 32: HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN

Consent Calendar

This article requests \$36,000 to fund the updated study and design of the Town's Housing Production Plan. If approved, the remediation would be funded by the CPA budget.

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ARTICLE 33: SUDBURY HOUSING TRUST ALLOCATION

Consent Calendar

This article requests \$388,500 be allocated to the Sudbury Housing Trust to create, acquire, preserve, and support affordable community housing for families and individuals with greatest need. If approved, this would be funded by the CPA budget.



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ARTICLE 34: REGIONAL HOUSING SERVICES OFFICE (RHSSO) MEMBERSHIP FEE

Consent Calendar

This article requests \$30,000 to fund Sudbury's membership in the Regional Housing Services program, which supports the Town's affordable housing activities. If approved, the membership cost would be funded by the CPA budget.

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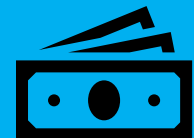
ARTICLE 35: REVERSION OF FUNDS

Consent Calendar

This article seeks to return \$530,639.21 left over from completed CPA projects back to the CPA account.

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ARTICLE 36: FY22 CPA BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Consent Calendar

This article requests approval for \$1,052,178 of the Sudbury CPA FY 22 budget to fund projects previously approved at Town Meeting and \$85,000 for administrative and operational expenses for the Community Preservation Committee. The 6 projects fall under the Historic Resources, and Open Space and Recreation categories. The CPA budget is funded by 1) a 3% property tax surcharge and 2) matching funds from the state.

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For general information about the outdoor
Town Meeting, please see:

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CONSENT CALENDAR- Articles on the Consent Calendar are voted as a unit, without debate, unless a voter "holds" an article(s) for discussion or clarification. The opportunity to hold an article takes place at the call of the Consent Calendar. For details, please see page ii of the [2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant](#).