

**TOWN OF ACTON, MAINE
WARRANT
TO
Robert Anderson
A CITIZEN IN THE TOWN OF ACTON
YORK, SS
GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Acton Town Hall on **Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 8:00am**, to vote on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator for said meeting.

Richard Nass was elected by written secret ballot.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by secret ballot: one (1) Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for a three-year term.

Term 6/2021-6/2024

ARTICLE 3: To elect by secret ballot: two (2) members of the School Committee for a three-year term each.

Term 6/2021-6/2024

ARTICLE 4: To elect by secret ballot: one (1) Road Commissioner for District Two for a three year term.

Term 6/2021-6/2024

The polls for election of officers and the referendum questions will open immediately after the election of a Moderator and will remain open until 8 o'clock in the evening. After the closing of the polls, the meeting will be recessed until **Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 9:00am**, when action on the remaining articles will begin at the Acton Elementary School.

ARTICLE 5: To choose three (3) members of the Warrant and Finance Committee for a ~~two~~ one year term (COVID) and one (1) alternate member for a ~~two~~ one year term (COVID).

Term ~~6/2020~~ 06/2021-6/2022

(Arnold Murray, Dennis Long and Virginia Shea, all elected 06/16/2018 with term expiring 06/2020 - Extended to 2021 due to no Open Town Meeting per COVID)

(Carol Komezubumwe Alternate Member elected 06/16/2018 with term expiring 06/2020 - Extended to 2021 due to no Open Town Meeting per COVID)

Warrant & Finance Member Nominated for 1 year term: Rollin Waterhouse, Tucker Pearson, Leslie Berlan, Christopher Whitman, Virginia Shea, Geisine Weller, Jim Driscoll.

Elected were: Tucker Pearson – 49, Leslie Berlan – 42, Rollin Waterhouse – 29.

Alternate Warrant & Finance Member Nominated for 1 year term: Christopher Whitman, Shylean Gervereau, Geisine Weller, Bernard Broder III, Virginia Shea.

Elected was: Bernard Broder III – 36.

ARTICLE 6: To choose three (3) members of the Warrant and Finance Committee for a two year term, and one (1) alternate member for a two year term.

Term 6/2021-6/2023

(David Winchell Sr., Rollin Waterhouse, Robert Gore - Regular Members elected 06/22/2019, have terms expiring 06/21)

(Tucker Pearson Alternate Member elected 06/22/2019, has a term expiring)

Motion was made to address Article 6 out of order by Charlie Hyzek; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried.

Warrant & Finance Member Nominated for 2 year term: Joyce Bakshi, Thomas McGurty, Dennis Long II, Rollin Waterhouse, Shaylean Gervereau, Tucker Pearson, Virginia Shea, Leslie Berlan, Christopher Whitman, Geisine Weller, Jim Driscoll, Tom Gore – declined, Dee Richard – declined.

Elected were: Thomas McGurty – 40, Joyce Bakshi – 35, Dennis Long II – 31.

Alternate Warrant & Finance Member Nominated for 2 year term: Joe Ruma, Leslie Berlan, Christopher Whitman, Shaylean Gervereau, Geisine Weller.

Elected was: Joe Ruma – 25.

ARTICLE 7: To choose two (2) members of the Town Road Committee for a ~~three~~ two year term (COVID).

Term ~~6/2020~~ 6/2021-6/2023

(Jay Ward and Leslie Berlin were elected 06/16/2018 with expiring 06/2020 - Extended to 2021 due to no Open Town Meeting per COVID, this was previously a two year term which changed to a three year term per Road Committee Ordinance approved at June 2019 Town Meeting).

Town Road Committee Nominated for 2 year term: Jay Ward, Leslie Berlan, Joe Ruma, Cindy Hart.

Elected were: Jay Ward and Leslie Berlan.

ARTICLE 8: To choose three (3) members of the Town Road Committee for a 3 year term.

Term 6/2021-6/2024

(Cindy Hart, Dennis Long III, and Robin Ham, all elected 06/22/2019, have terms expiring 06/21; this was previously a two year term which changed to a three year term per Road Committee Ordinance approved at June 2019 Town Meeting).

Town Road Committee Nominated for 3 year term: Cindy Hart, Dennis Long III, Robin Ham, Pat Stevens.

Elected were: Cindy Hart, Dennis Long III, Pat Stevens.

ARTICLE 9: To choose two (2) members of the Conservation and Forest Committee for a three year term

Term 06/2021-06/2024

(Wesley Ham and William Maloney elected 6/18/2018 have terms expiring 06/2021)

Conservation and Forest Committee member Nominated for 3 year term: Wesley Ham, Kelly Collins, William Maloney.

Elected were: Kelly Collins – 45 and Wesley Ham – 38.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following changes to the Town of Acton Zoning Ordinances as related to Construction of Storage Buildings:

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2.7 Land Use Chart

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	Village Area	Transition Area (2-acre)	Rural Area (2 acre)	Critical Rural Area (5-acre)	Commercial A	Commercial B	Commercial C	Mixed Use	Resource Protection	Shoreland	Little Ossipee	Aquifer Protection District
2.7.3 COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL												

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i. <u>i.</u> Storage Buildings not exceeding five thousand (5,000) square feet in total floor area per building	N	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	N	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	N	N	N	<u>C</u>
j. <u>j.</u> Professional and business services having less than 2,500 square feet of gross floor area	C	C	C	N	C	C	C	C	N	N	N	C
k. <u>k.</u> Professional and business services having 2,500 square feet or more of gross floor area (does not include home occupation)	S	S	N	N	S	S	S	S	N	N	N	S
l. <u>l.</u> k. Child day care (as a home occupation)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	N	C	C	C
m. <u>m.</u> l. Child care facility	C	C	C	N	C	C	C	C	N	N	N	C
n. <u>n.</u> m. Facilities not listed above having less than 2,500 square feet of gross floor area (not including home	S	S	S	N	S	S	S	S	N	N	N	S

occupation)													
<u>o. n.</u> Facilities, which by the nature of their operation require a shorefront location, such as boatyards, marinas, and commercial fishing facilities	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	S	S	S

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ARTICLE 3 – CONSTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE AND DEFINITIONS

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3.2 Definitions – In this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless a contrary meaning is required by the content or is specifically prescribed.

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Storage Buildings: a building or group of buildings containing separate, individual and private storage spaces of varying sizes not exceeding five thousand (5,000) square feet in total floor area per building available for lease or rent for varying periods of time.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long II made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion failed.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following changes to the Town of Acton Zoning Ordinance as related to Structures Over Water:

SECTION 2.7.5 OTHER USES AND 5.16 DOCKS AND OTHER SHORELAND CONSTRUCTION

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ARTICLE 2 – ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

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2.7.5 OTHER USES												

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a. Piers, docks, wharfs, bridges, and other structures and uses extending over or below the normal high-water line or within a wetland												
1. Temporary	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	P	P	P	P

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5.16 Permanent Piers Docks and Other Shoreland Construction:

5.16.1 General Requirements:

- a) No causeway, bridge, marina, wharf, permanent dock, or any permanent structure shall be constructed in, on, over, or abutting any great pond; nor shall any fill deposited or dredging done therein; without a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Acton Code Enforcement Officer.
- ~~b) No causeway, marina, wharf, dock, or other permanent or floating structure shall extend more than ten (10) percent of the width of any stream, measured at its normal high-water elevation.~~
- ~~c) Access from shore shall be developed on soils appropriate for such use, and constructed so as to control erosion.~~
- ~~d) The location shall not interfere with existing developed or natural beach areas.~~
- ~~e) The facility shall be located so as to minimize adverse effects on fisheries.~~
- ~~f) The facility shall be no larger in dimension than necessary to carry on the activity, and be consistent with the surrounding character and uses of the area. A temporary pier, dock, or wharf~~

~~shall not be wider than six feet for non-commercial uses.~~

~~g) No new structure shall be built on, over, or abutting a pier, wharf, dock, or other structure extending beyond the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland unless the structure requires direct access to the water body or wetland as an operational necessity.~~

~~h) No existing structures built on, over, or abutting a pier, dock, wharf, or other structure extending beyond the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland shall be converted to residential dwelling units in any district.~~

~~i) b)~~ New permanent piers and docks shall not be permitted unless it is clearly demonstrated to the Planning Board that a temporary pier or dock is not feasible, and a permit has been obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Natural Resources Protection Act.

~~j) Structures built on, over or abutting a pier, dock, wharf, or other structure extending beyond the normal high-water line of a water body or within a wetland shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height above the pier, dock, or other structure.~~

~~k) c)~~ New permanent structures, and expansions thereof, projecting into or over water bodies shall require a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Natural Resources Protection Act, 38 M.R.S.A. section 480-C. Permits may also be required from the Army Corps of Engineers, if located in navigable waters.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long II made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion failed.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to the Town of Acton Zoning Ordinance in relation to Timber Harvesting:

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2.7.1 RURAL USES

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e. Forest Management Activities (silviculture, which does not include commercial timber harvesting and land management roads)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Reserved)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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ARTICLE 3 – CONSTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE AND DEFINITIONS

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~~**Timber Harvesting** – Timber harvesting” does not include the cutting or removal of vegetation within the shoreland zone when associated with any other land use activities. The cutting or removal of trees in the shoreland zone on lot that has less than two (2) acres within the shoreland zone shall not be considered timber harvesting. Such cutting or removal of trees shall be regulated pursuant to Section 5.20 *Clearing or Removal of Vegetation for Activities Other than Timber Harvesting*~~

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long II made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion Carried, Article Passed.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to the Town of Acton Zoning Ordinance related to Short Term Rentals:

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2.7.2 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES AND USES												

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g. Short-term Rental Units	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
g. h. Home Occupation	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N	C	C	R
h. i. Structures and uses accessory to permitted uses	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N5	R	R	R
i. j. Structures and uses accessory to conditional uses	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
j. k. Two single family residential dwellings on one lot	R9	R9	R9	R9	R9	R9	R9	R9	N	N	N	R9

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Short-term Rental Units: Rental of a legally existing single-family dwelling, whole-house rental for a duration of up to sixty (60) days at a time.

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ARTICLE 5 – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

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5.11 Short-term Rental Units

- A. Purpose:** to authorize the use of a legally-existing, single-family dwelling for the accommodation of short-term guests for compensation for a duration of up to sixty (60) days.
- B. Permit Required:** effective January 1, 2021, no property owner shall operate a Short-Term Rental without first obtaining an annual permit from the Building Department and is subject to an annual inspection. Only one short-term rental unit per lot is allowed.
- C. Application Fee:** a non-refundable Short-term Rental fee shall accompany the application as set by the Board of Selectmen.
- D. Additional Requirements:**
 - 1. The property owner shall provide evidence of valid Certificate of Insurance covering short-term rental as a use;
 - 2. The property's E911 address, the telephone number of the property owner / agent and the approved Short-Term Rental Permit stating the conditions of the permit shall be posted in a visible place;
 - 3. The property owner/agent will be available within one (1) hour of the property at all times when the unit is rented;
 - 4. One (1) fire extinguisher shall be accessible on every floor of the building;
 - 5. Each bedroom shall have a code-compliant egress window or equivalent;
 - 6. Code compliant smoke / carbon monoxide detectors must be installed, one on each level and in each bedroom, hard wired with a battery backup;
 - 7. A State-approved subsurface septic system shall be installed. Maximum occupancy of the unit shall be no more than four (4) persons per bedroom count as stated on the septic plan.
- E. Operation without a Permit:** Operating a short-term rental on or after January 1, 2021 without obtaining the required permit is a violation of the Acton Zoning Ordinance.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Ought not to pass, 2/0- 1 abstention

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Table the article 6/0

Dennis Long II made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion failed.

ARTICLE 14 : To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate and expend monies from the undesignated fund balance for the purchase of equipment or to use as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during fiscal year 2021-2022. Expenditures in excess of \$500 shall require advice and recommendation of the Warrant and Finance Committee (Maximum expenditure of \$15,000.00).

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the article as written, 5/1

Dennis Long II made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Bernard Broder III. Motion Carried, Article Passed.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of surplus town-owned equipment, with the exception of road equipment, having a value of less than or equal to \$500.00, on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable and to execute any necessary documents to accomplish said purpose. (All equipment having a value of more than \$500.00 shall be put out to public bid). Funds received from such sales shall be placed in a Capital Reserve account for the associated department.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To amend the article to read: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of surplus town-owned equipment, with the exception of road equipment, having a value of less than or equal to \$500.00, on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable and to execute any necessary documents to accomplish said purpose. (All equipment having a value of more than \$500.00 shall be put out to public bid). Funds received from such sales shall be placed in the undesignated fund account, 4/2.

Dennis Long made a motion to approve the article as Warrant & Finance recommended; seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion failed.

Rick Smith made a motion to reconsider Article 15 as written; seconded by Mary Stanton Motion Carried, Article Passed.

Rick Smith made a motion to adopt the article as written and recommended by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion Carried, Article Passed.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell any tax-acquired property and to issue a quit claim deed for the same, and to put funds received for sales into the Municipal Undesignated Fund. Sale to be by sealed bids or public auction if to other than the owner of record at the time of foreclosure, and no Selectman during the term of his or her office may acquire from the Town any interest in real estate acquired by the Town on account of nonpayment of taxes unless the owner of record at the time of foreclosure was the Selectman or the son, daughter, spouse, or parent of the Selectman. *Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s).*

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion Carried, Article Passed.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, upon request of the Treasurer, to allow the Treasurer to waive foreclosure of a tax lien on a specified property for a specified year with reference to the Tax Lien Certificate recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds, in circumstances where the Board of Selectmen determine that foreclosure may encumber the Town. A list of waived foreclosures shall be listed in the Annual Town Report by Map and Lot Number.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion Carried, Article Passed.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to have Real Estate and Personal Property taxes first payment come due on October 15, 2021 and the second payment on April 15, 2022, interest to be charged at 6% on all taxes paid after October 15, 2021 and April 15, 2022 and interest on abated taxes to be paid by the Town at 4% pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. 506-A, and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept the pre-payment of taxes before the tax commitment with no interest.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion Carried, Article Passed.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make application for and execute any documents related to any grant or donation, to accept any such grants or donations or any fees and appropriate such funds for their designated use so long as they do not require matching funds or encumber the Town in any way. The Treasurer shall be notified of any grant applications and a copy shall be kept on file in the Treasurer's Office.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion Carried, Article Passed.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to accept revenues received from MEMA/FEMA claims during the upcoming Fiscal Year into the Emergency Disaster Reserve Fund. Said funds are to be appropriated at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen to restore budgets of the various departments for expenses incurred during a declared event. The appropriation shall not exceed the expenditures incurred during the declared event.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion Carried, Article Passed.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to carry forward the following fund balances and allow the balance carried forward to be appropriated to the designated department(s) for the ensuing year:

APAT Capital Equipment Fund	Account: G 10-38006-00
Cemetery Committee Funds	Account: G 10-38010-00
Dist. 1 & Dist. 2 Road Surfacing and Reconstruction Funds	Account: G 10-38023-00/ G 10-38024-00
Dist. 1 & Dist. 2 Summer Maintenance Funds	Account: G 10-38018-00/ G 10-38019-00
FEMA- Emergency Disaster Reserve Fund	Account: G 10-38026-00
Forestry and Conservation Committee Funds	Account: G 10-38014-00
Forestry Reserve Funds	Account: G 10-38007-00
LRAP Fund	Account: G 10-38017-00

(Local Road Assistance Program funds are restricted State funds)

and to carry forward but **not** appropriate (unless previously appropriated in other articles) the following fund balances:

Ambulance Reserve Fund	Account: G 10-38031-00
Capital Improvement Fund	Account: G 10-37140-07
Dams Capital Improvement Fund	Account: G 10-38011-00
Fire Dept Capital Vehicle Fund	Account: G 10-38013-00
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	Account: G 10-38005-00

All other unexpended fund balances and revenues to lapse into the undesignated fund. *Lapsed school balances to be designated for school funding only.*

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the article as written, 6/0

For Informational Purposes Only: The following funds will automatically carry forward and be expensed as necessary: Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund, Mary Grant Fund, Fuel Assistance Donation Fund, Fire Department Grants-Donations-Scholarships Fund, Lincoln Schoolhouse Donations, MEHAF Grant Funds, Statutory Private Road Association Reserve, Statutory Bridge/Culvert Capital Improvement Reserve (if approved)

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion Carried, Article Passed.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds received from the State of Maine and the Federal Government and appropriate any designated revenues received to their designated use.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the article as written, 6/0

Rollin Waterhouse made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion Carried, Article Passed.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Fiscal Year 2021-2022 anticipated Municipal Revenues from the categories listed below, and to use of funds from the Municipal Undesignated Fund Balance to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation during the tax commitment:

Revenue Categories:

Excise tax, interest and penalties, plumbing and building permits, tree growth reimbursement, town animal fees, victualer's licenses, vital records, agent fees, investment earnings, ambulance service fees, recycling returns, and miscellaneous non-restricted State Revenue not previously appropriated in other articles.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the article as written, 6/0

Rollin Waterhouse made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Arnold Murray. Motion Carried, Article Passed.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,050,465** for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT** for wages, operational costs, and employee benefits for the following departments: (Dept 102)

Acct	Description	Estimated need
102-01	Governing Body/Selectmen	\$ 30,271
102-02	Storage building- electricity	\$ 800
102-03	Office Assistants	\$ 80,820
102-05	Municipal Management	\$ 559,753
102-07	Elections	\$ 7,959
102-08	Registrar of Voters	\$ 4,570
102-11	Finance/Treasury	\$ 60,653
102-12	Town Administrator/TC/TC	\$ 91,788
102-13	Assessment	\$ 45,400
102-15	Land Use	\$ 168,451

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for the **Earned Paid Leave Fund** pursuant to 26 M.R.S §637 (*effective 01/01/2021*) for all non exempt employees and to carry any unexpended funds into the next fiscal year, FY 22-23. (Dept 421)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: To amend the article to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for the **Earned Paid Leave Fund** pursuant to 26 M.R.S §637 (*effective 01/01/2021*) for all non exempt employees, 4/2

Rick Smith made a motion to adopt the article as written and recommended by the Selectmen; seconded by Dennis Long. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Revaluation Fund** for the town wide property assessment revaluation, and to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund the sum of **\$130,000** for the same and to carry the balance into the next fiscal year. (Dept 421)

Note: Total amount needed in the reserve over next 2 years is \$195,000; the last revaluation was completed in 2010, requiring \$65,000 additional to be appropriated in next fiscal years warrant for final payment.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Accept the article as written, 5/1

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote appropriate from the Undesignated Fund, **\$50,000** for the **Exterior repairs to the Acton Town Hall**, including but not limited to **Siding** on the back of the building (Dept 117)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Ought not to pass, 4/1

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund, **\$25,000** for purchase and installation of new HVAC system in the **Acton Town Hall and Town House Meeting Room** (Dept 117)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 4/2

Dennis Long made a motion to amend the article to approve \$20,000; seconded by Mike Long. Motion failed.

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; Christopher Whitman seconded. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to establish, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S Section 5801(1) a Capital Improvement Reserve fund for **Town Hall Parking Lot Reconstruction** and to raise and appropriate **\$75,000** for the same. (Dept 117)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Ought not to pass, 5/1

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund, **\$175,194** for the payoff of the **Sand/Salt building loan** (Dept 102-05)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,259** for **HEALTH & WELFARE**, this includes \$259 for Health Officer Stipend cost and \$3,000 for General Assistance. (Dept 103)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$704,080** for wages and operation expenses of the **FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT**. (Dept 104-03)

Wages, Taxes, Benefits	\$573,350
Operational Expenses	\$130,730

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,000** for purchase and installation of a new **Generator** for the **FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT**. (Dept 104-03)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Ought not to pass, 5/1

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$58,333** for **PUBLIC SAFETY** to be expended as follows: (Dept 104-07 to 104-40)

<u>Account</u>	<u>Department</u>	
104-07	Street Lights	\$ 1,900
104-09	Animal Control	\$ 18,108
104-30	Communications	\$ 34,449
104-40	Emergency Management	\$ 3,876
TOTALS:		\$ 58,333

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Michael Long. Motion Carried. Article Passed.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to pay wages and equipment for **repair and maintenance of public ways** according to the following schedule:

Wages

Road Commissioners \$30.00 per hour

Equipment w/operator

Flagger (Laborer w/no equipment)	\$ 18.00
Backhoe 2wd	\$ 71.81
Backhoe 4wd	\$ 81.81
Loaders (base rate for 1 yd loader)	\$ 64.41
Loaders over 1 yard capacity, add	\$ 22.15

Loader at stockpile (price per yard loaded)	\$ 2.50
Grader GVW 21,000	\$102.01
Chainsaw and hand held power tools	\$ 33.99
Mowing Tractor w/sickle bar/rake	\$ 67.01
Trucks 1-2 cubic yards	\$ 61.01
Trucks 3-4 cubic yards	\$ 66.01
Trucks 5-7 cubic yards	\$ 71.01
Trucks 12 cubic yards	\$ 81.01
Tri Axle	\$ 91.01
Patrol Trucks	\$ 54.86
Excavators up to 20,000 lbs	\$ 94.66
Excavators over 20,000 lbs	\$104.66
Excavators over 40,000 lbs	\$124.66
Multi Use Tractors/Skidsteer	\$ 78.66
Attachment	\$ 12.00
Winter Road Equipment w/operator	
2wd 26,000 GVW+	\$ 94.78
4wd 26,000 GVW +	\$107.21
10 Wheeler	\$ 91.01
4wd 1 ton up to 12,499 GVW	\$ 70.38
4wd 1 ton between 12,500- 25,999 GVW	\$ 75.38
¾ ton truck	\$ 65.61
Trucks w/wing add	\$ 5.00
Contractor owned sander 2.5yd	\$ 5.00
Contractor owned sander 6yd –12yd	\$ 10.00
Sand Screen	\$ 43.05

In the event that the Road Commissioner is the operator of the equipment, a deduction of \$27.01 will be taken from the equipment rates listed above

Town to furnish cutting edges and bolts for equipment used EXCLUSIVELY for winter maintenance on Town of Acton roads.

Cost of Operations: The above rates are based on fuel prices up to and including \$4.30 per gallon. The Town of Acton will pay an additional \$1.00/hr for each \$0.25 increase per gallon for equipment utilizing diesel fuel. This will be based on the fuel price at Boonies in Shapleigh on each Sunday. Such price will determine the fuel allowance for the following week’s warrant.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$365,534** and appropriate **\$389,728** with *\$24,194 to be appropriated from the State LRAP funds received for Surfacing/Reconstruction for the District One Road Department.* Said funds to be disbursed after a project list, including line item budgeting, has been presented to the Board of Selectmen, to be expended as follows: (Dept 105-10 to 105-14)

District One:

105-10	Winter Maintenance	\$ 96,811
105-12	Summer Maintenance:	\$ 92,917
105-14	Paving & Reconstruction	\$200,000

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$370,534** and appropriate **\$394,728** with *\$24,194 to be appropriated from the State LRAP funds received for Surfacing/Reconstruction for the District Two Road Department.* Said funds to be disbursed after a project list, including line item budgeting, has been presented to the Board of Selectmen, to be expended as follows: (Dept 105-20 to 105-26)

District Two:

105-20	Winter Maintenance:	\$ 96,811
105-22	Summer Maintenance:	\$ 92,917
105-24	Paving & Reconstruction	\$200,000
105-26	Flatground Road	\$ 5,000

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 5/1

Dennis Long made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$184,063** for the **SHARED ROADS ACCOUNTS** to be expended as follows: (Dept 105-30 to 105-32)

105-30	Sand/Salt Stockpile	\$163,025
105-32	Public Works Building/Grounds	\$ 21,038

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$125,000** for the **repair of Canal Road Bridge** in conjunction with the Town of Wakefield, NH and to place any unexpended funds to the Statutory Bridge & Culvert Reserve Account. (Dept 421)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 5/1

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Christopher Whitman. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Undesignated Fund, \$75,000 to the Statutory Bridge/Culvert Reserve account (Dept 421)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Ought not to pass, 4/2

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Noah Gallant. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$311,470 for the operation of the TRANSFER STATION. (Dept 105-40)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Noah Gallant. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,500 for installing fencing and a new concrete pad at the TRANSFER STATION. (Dept 105-40)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Noah Gallant. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250 for CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE. (Dept 106-01)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Jeanette Bearse. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,077 for PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT to be expended as Forester's Stipend. (Dept 107-05)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to approve the article as written; seconded by Noah Gallant. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

Dennis Long made a motion to combine articles 45 – 68; seconded by Rick Smith. No objections heard.

ARTICLE 45: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,000** for the **CEMETERY COMMITTEE** for maintenance, placement of flags, markers, and repair of Veteran's graves. (Dept 109-01)
Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 5/0, 1 abstention

ARTICLE 46: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,500** for the **Acton Ecumenical Food Pantry** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 47: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500** for the **American Red Cross** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Ought not to pass, 5/1

ARTICLE 48: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** for the **Cornerstone Visiting Nurses** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 5/1

ARTICLE 49: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$734** for **Caring Unlimited** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 50: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$400** for **Kids Free to Grow** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 51: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$610** for the **Lifelight Foundation** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 5/1

ARTICLE 52: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500** for **Sexual Assault Response Services** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 5/1

ARTICLE 53: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,500** for **Southern Maine Agency on Aging** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 54: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** for **the York County Shelter Program** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 55: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,600** for **York County Community Action** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 56: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** for **the Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Ought not to pass, 4/2

ARTICLE 57: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,742** for **the Acton Public Library** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 58: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$100** for **the Center for Wildlife** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 59: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** for **the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery Association** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 60: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500** for **the Trafton Center** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Ought not to pass, 4/2

ARTICLE 61: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** for **the Acton-Wakefield Watershed Alliance** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 62: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$22,000** for **Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 63: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$300** for **the Saco River Corridor** (Dept 109-20)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 64: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$14,613** for **Dam** expenditures: (Dept 109-50)

Mousam Watershed Dam Coalition Annual Maintenance	\$ 8,863
Dam Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 5,000
Balch Lake Dam Operator Stipend	\$ 750
	\$14,613

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 4/2

ARTICLE 65: To see if the Town will raise **\$3,500** and appropriate **\$37,696**, with \$34,196 to come from FY22 Franchise Fee Revenues for operation of the **ACTON PUBLIC ACCESS TV**(also known as APAT), and to carry over any unused funds to an APAT Capital Equipment Fund. (Dept 111)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 66: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$12,470** and appropriate **\$15,340** for operation of the **RECREATION DEPARTMENT** with \$2,870 to come from anticipated revenues. (Dept 113)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 3/3

ARTICLE 67: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$5,000** from the Recreation Capital Improvement fund for **tree removal** at the Route 109 ball field. (Dept 113)

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

ARTICLE 68: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all the funds received from the State from snowmobile registration revenue to local Snowmobile Clubs for maintaining their snowmobile trails, on condition that those trails are to be open to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the articles 45 – 68 collectively as written; seconded by Bernard Broader III. Motion Carried; Articles Passed.

ARTICLE 69: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Acton by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3/0

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Adopt the article as written, 6/0

Dennis Long made a motion to adopt the article as written; seconded by Nancy Ruma. Motion Carried; Article Passed.

Signed this 19th day of May 2021

Kimberly Stacey-Horn

Edward Walsh

David Winchell Jr.