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**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 requested 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 June 13, 2017 at **8 o'clock in the morning** to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator for said meeting.

Richard Nass was elected moderator 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.

163 Stacey-Horn, Kimberly - Elected
119 Williams, William L.
1 Write-in/Blank

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

199 Bearse, Jeanette E. - Elected
183 Shain, Judith K.- Elected
5 Write-in
179 Blanks

The polls for election of officers and the referendum questions will open immediately after the election of a Moderator and will remain open until **eight o'clock in the evening**. After the closing of the polls, the meeting will be recessed until **Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Nine o'clock in the morning**, when action on the remaining articles will begin at the Acton Elementary School.

ARTICLE 4: To choose two (2) members of the Conservation and Forest Committee for a three year term. (*Hannah Phillips and Mark Hurd's terms are expiring*)

Mark Hurd
Whitney Baker

ARTICLE 5: To choose three (3) members of the Warrant and Finance Committee for a two year term. (*William Williams, Robert T. Gore and James Driscoll's terms are expiring*) and one (1) alternate member for a two year term (*Elise Miller resigned; Lois Michaud appointed*)

2 Year Term - Regular:

William Williams
Robert T. Gore
Rollin Waterhouse

2 Year Term - Alternate

Lois Michaud

ARTICLE 6: To choose three (3) members of the Town Road Committee for a two year term. (*Cynthia Hart, Patrick Stevens and one open seat - William Gannon Resignation*).

Cindy Hart
Brendan Meehan
Patrick Stevens

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes to the Town of Acton Zoning Ordinance.

~~Strikethrough~~ reflects proposed language omitted or changed;

underline indicates proposed language added;

***** indicates unaffected language between proposed modifications

1.4.10.4 Expansion of Use – A non-conforming building, or structure may be repaired, replaced, maintained, or improved, but the area in non-conforming use may not be extended or expanded except in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance. In the Shoreland District, expansions of non-conforming uses are prohibited, except that non-conforming residential uses may, after obtaining a permit from the Planning Board, be expanded within existing residential structures or within expansions of such structures as allowed in Section 1.4.11.~~7.2~~ b. Expansions of non-conforming uses in the Resource Protection District are prohibited.

1.4.11 Non-Conforming Buildings or Structures –

~~1.4.11.1~~ **Maintenance or Enlargement** – A non-conforming structure may be repaired, replaced, maintained, or improved provided the repair, replacement, maintenance, or improvement does not increase the nonconformity of the structure by encroaching any further on any of the setbacks; and all required permits are obtained.

1.4.11.~~2~~ 1 Expansion in Shoreland District or Resource Protection District within the Shoreland Zone

a) A non-conforming structure may be added to or expanded after obtaining a permit from the same permitting authority as that for a new structure, if such addition or expansion does not increase the non-conformity of the structure and is in accordance with subparagraphs (b) and (c) below.

1.4.11.2 Expansion of Structures Existing Prior to September 29, 2011 in the Resource Protection District Outside of the Shoreland Zone

a) A non-conforming structure may be added to or expanded after obtaining a permit from the same permitting authority as that for a new structure, if such addition or expansion does not increase the non-conformity of the structure and is in accordance with subparagraphs (b) and (c) below.

b) If any portion of a structure in the Resource Protection District outside of the Shoreland Zone is less than the required setback from a tributary stream or upland edge of a wetland, that portion of the structure shall not be expanded, as measured in floor area or volume, by more than thirty percent (30%) during the lifetime of the structure.

If a replacement structure conforms with the requirements of Section 1.4.11.3, and is less than the required setback from a tributary stream or wetland, the replacement structure may not be expanded if the original structure existing on September 29, 2011 had been expanded by thirty percent (30%) in floor area or volume since that date.

c) Whenever a new, enlarged, or replacement foundation is constructed under a non-conforming structure, the structure and new foundation must be placed such that the setback requirement is met to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board, basing its decision on the criteria specified in subsection 1.4.11.4 below. If the completed foundation does not extend beyond the exterior dimensions of the structure, except for expansion in conformity with Section 1.4.11.2.b above, and the foundation does not cause the structure to be elevated by more than three (3) additional feet, as measured from the uphill side of the structure (from original ground level to the bottom of the first floor sill), it shall not be considered to be an expansion of the structure.

d) No structure which is less than the required setback from the a tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland shall be expanded toward the water body, tributary stream or wetland.

1.4.11.3 Reconstruction or Replacement – Any non-conforming structure which does not meet one or more of the required setbacks, including the required setbacks from a water body, tributary stream, or wetland in the Resource Protection District within the Shoreland Zone and Shoreland District and which is removed, or damaged, or destroyed regardless of the cause, by more than fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure over a five (5) year period before such damage, destruction, or removal, may be reconstructed or replaced provided that a permit is obtained within eighteen (18) months of the date of said damage, destruction, or removal, and provided that such reconstruction or replacement is in compliance with all required setbacks, and the water body, tributary stream or wetland setback requirements in the Resource Protection District within the Shoreland Zone and the Shoreland Districts, to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board in accordance with the purposes of this Ordinance. In no case shall a structure be reconstructed or replaced so as to increase its non-conformity. If the reconstructed or replacement structure is less than the required setback it shall not be any larger than the original structure, except as allowed pursuant to Section 1.4.11.2 above, as determined by the non-conforming floor area and volume of the reconstructed or replaced structure at its new location. If the total amount of floor area and volume of the original structure can be relocated or reconstructed beyond the required setback area, no portion of the relocated or reconstructed structure shall be replaced or constructed at less than the setback requirement for a new structure. When it is necessary to remove vegetation in order to replace or reconstruct a structure, vegetation shall be replanted in accordance with Section 1.4.11.2 ~~4~~ below.

1.4.11.4 Relocation – A non-conforming structure shall be relocated within the boundaries of the parcel on which the structure is located provided that the site of relocation conforms to all setback requirements to the greatest practical extent as determined by the Planning Board, and provided that the applicant demonstrates that the present subsurface sewage disposal system meets the requirements of State Law and the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules or that a new system can be installed in compliance with the law and said Rules. In no case shall a structure be relocated in a manner that causes the structure to be more non-conforming. In determining whether the building relocation meets the setback to the greatest practical extent, the Planning Board shall consider the size of the lot, the slope of the land, the potential for soil erosion, the location of other structures on the property and on adjacent properties, the location of the septic system and other on-site soils suitable for septic systems, and the type and amount of vegetation to be removed to accomplish the relocation. The Planning Board shall not consider any improvements to the property that have occurred within the preceding five (5) years. A building permit must be obtained within eighteen (18) months of Planning Board approval.

1.11 Effective Date –

~~B. Timber Harvesting, Sections 5.19.1 and 5.19.2. Section 5.19.1 is repealed on the statutory date established under 38 M.R.S.A. Section 438-A(5), at which time Section 5.19.2 shall become effective. Until such time as Section 5.19.1 is repealed, Section 5.19.2 is not in effect.~~

~~**NOTE:** The statutory date established under 38 M.R.S.A. Section 438-A(5) is the effective date of state-wide timber harvesting standards. That date is “the first day of January of the 2nd year following the year in which the Commissioner of Conservation determines that at least 252 of the 336 municipalities identified by the Commissioner of Conservation as the municipalities with the highest acreage of timber harvesting activity on an annual basis for the period 1992-2003 have either accepted the state-wide standards or have adopted an Ordinance identical to the state-wide standards.” 38 M.R.S.A. Section 438-A(5) further provides that “the Commissioner of Conservation shall notify the Secretary of State in writing and advise the Secretary of the effective date of the state-wide standards.”~~

ARTICLE 2 - ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

2.1.4 Little Ossipee District – extends to all land areas within ~~seven hundred fifty (750)~~ five hundred (500) feet from the normal high water mark of Balch Pond and the Little Ossipee River.

2.6 General Lot Standards –

~~**2.6.2** Flag and other odd shaped lots in which narrow strips are joined to other parcels in order to meet lot size requirements are prohibited.~~

~~**2.6.3**~~ **2** No portion of a building shall exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height except chimneys. Features of detached accessory buildings may exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height, but shall be set back from the nearest lot line a distance not less than the height of such structure, unless a greater setback is required by other provisions of this Ordinance.

~~**2.6.4**~~ **3** Any new lot shall meet minimum road frontage requirements for the district in which the frontage is located, and the road frontage must be based on the horizontal distance between the intersections of the side lot lines with the front lot line along a road that meets the Town of Acton Road Standards (Level A, B, or C).

~~**2.6.5**~~ **4** Minimum Lot Standards –

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes to the Town of Acton Zoning Ordinance.

2.7 LAND USE CHART

C = Conditional Use Review

LPI = Licensed Plumbing Inspector

N = Not Permitted (use not allowed)

P = Permitted (use allowed without a permit, must comply with all applicable land use standards)

R = CEO Review (use must be reviewed by CEO and a permit may be required)

S = Site Plan Review

SD = Subdivision Review

NA = Not applicable

Land Use Chart Footnotes:

2. Not allowed within seventy-five feet (75'), horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a stream, exclusive of those areas within two-hundred and fifty feet (250'), horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a great pond, or river, or within two hundred and fifty feet (250'), horizontal distance, of the upland edge of a freshwater wetland.
4. If the applicant has retained a forester to manage ALL AREAS to be harvested in the cut (not just in the Shoreland District and Resource Protection), no Planning Board review (i.e. Conditional Use Permit) shall be required. However, the State's Intent to Cut Form must be submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer for review in the Shoreland Districts and Resource Protection District prior to any cutting taking place.
6. New roads and driveways are prohibited in a Resource Protection District except that the Planning Board may grant a permit to construct a road or driveway to provide access to permitted uses within the district. A road or driveway may also be approved by the Planning Board in a Resource Protection District, upon a finding that no reasonable alternative route or location is available outside the district. When a road or driveway is permitted in a Resource Protection District, the road and/or driveway shall be set back as far as practicable from the normal high-water line of a water body, tributary stream, or upland edge of a wetland.

2.7 LAND USE CHART

	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

RURAL USES

Timber Harvesting for Commercial	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R4	R4	R4	R4 P
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PUBLIC, SEMI-PUBLIC, AND INSTITUTIONAL

Public Utilities including sewage collection	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
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OTHER USES

Filling, grading, or other earth moving activity 500 to 9,999 cubic yards per year	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	C N	C N	C N	P
Filling, grading, or other earth moving activity 100 to 499 cubic yards per year	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	P
Filling, grading, or other earth moving activity less than 99 cubic yards per year	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	R	R	P

	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
Individual, private campsites	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Road construction	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N6	C	C	R
Land management roads	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	P	C	P
Parking facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	C2	C2	C

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Renewable energy installed on an existing structure	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Renewable energy not installed on an existing structure	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	N	C	C	C

Individual, private campsites	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Road construction	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	N6	C	C	R
Land management roads	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	P	C	P
Parking Facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	C2	C2	C

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

Robert T. Gore made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes to the Town of Acton Zoning Ordinance.

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.

Basement – Outside the Shoreland and Resource Protection District, this term shall mean a portion of the building partly underground but having less than half its clear height below the average grade of the adjoining ground. Within the Shoreland and Resource Protection District, this term shall mean any portion of a structure with a floor-to-ceiling height of 6 feet or more and having more than fifty percent (50%) of its volume below the existing ground level.

Foundation – Outside the Shoreland and Resource Protection Districts, the term shall mean the supporting substructure of a building or other structure including, but not limited to, basements, slabs, sills, posts, or frost walls. Within the Shoreland and Resource Protection Districts, the term shall mean the supporting substructure of a building or other structure, excluding wooden sills and post supports, but including basements, slabs, frost walls, or other base consisting of concrete, block, brick, or similar material. Any substructure that meets the Building Code.

ARTICLE 4 – LAND USE DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS –

4.3.2.1 DEFINITION – The Shoreland District shall include the land area located within the shoreland zone (which includes land located within two hundred and fifty (250') feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of any great pond, or river; within two hundred fifty (250') feet, horizontal distance, of the upland edge of a wetland; or within seventy-five (75') feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high water line of a stream) ~~and that is not within the Resource Protection District.~~

4.4 LITTLE OSSIPEE RIVER DISTRICT –

4.4.1 PURPOSE – The Little Ossipee River District extends to all land areas within ~~seven hundred and fifty feet (750')~~ five hundred (500') from the normal high water mark of Balch Pond and the Little Ossipee River. The purpose of this District is to control the use and development of undeveloped shoreland areas along the Little Ossipee River in conformance with the Limited Residential District established by the Saco River Corridor Commission.

5.4 INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE CAMPSITES – Individual, private campsites not associated with campgrounds are allowed provided the following conditions are met (When an individual private campsite is proposed on a lot that contains another principal use and/or structure, the lot must contain the minimum lot dimensional requirements for the principal structure and/or use, and the individual private campsite separately):

- f. When a recreational vehicle, tent, or similar shelter is occupied on-site for more than ~~one hundred and twenty (120)~~ thirty (30) days per year, all requirements for residential structures shall be met, including the installation of a subsurface sewage disposal system in compliance with the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules unless served by public sewage facilities.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes to the Town of Acton Zoning Ordinance.

5.19 TIMBER HARVESTING – The following standards shall govern Timber Harvesting within the ~~Shoreland District and Resource Protection District~~ shoreland and resource protection areas. ~~See Section 1.9.B for additional information pertaining to timber harvesting regulations.~~

5.19.1 TIMBER HARVESTING –

5.19.1.1 ~~In a Resource Protection District abutting a great pond, timber harvesting shall be limited to the following:~~

- ~~(a) Within the strip of land extending seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, inland from the normal high-water line, timber harvesting may be conducted when the following conditions are met:~~

- ~~(1) The ground is frozen;~~

~~(2) There is no resultant soil disturbance;~~

~~(3) The removal of trees is accomplished using a cable or boom, and there is no entry of tracked or wheeled vehicles into the 75-foot strip of land;~~

~~(4) There is no cutting of trees less than 6 inches in diameter; no more than thirty percent (30%) of the trees 6 inches or more in diameter, measured at 4 ½ feet above ground level, are cut in any 10-year period; and a well-distributed stand of trees and other natural vegetation remains; and~~

~~(5) A licensed professional forester has marked the trees to be harvested prior to a permit being issued by the municipality.~~

~~(b) Beyond the seventy-five foot (75') strip referred to in Section 5.19.1.1.(a) above, timber harvesting is permitted in accordance with Section 5.19.1.1 below, except that in no case shall the average residual basal area of trees over four and one-half inches (4 1/2") in diameter at four and one-half feet (4 1/2') above ground level be reduced to less than thirty square feet (30 sq. ft.) per acre.~~

5.19.1.2 Except in areas as described in Section 5.19.1.1 above, timber harvesting shall conform with the following provisions:

~~(a) Selective cutting of no more than forty percent (40%) of the total volume of trees four inches (4") or more in diameter measured at four feet (4 1/2') above ground level on any lot in any ten (10) year period is permitted. In addition:~~

~~(i) Within one-hundred feet (100'), horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a great pond or a river flowing to a great pond, and within seventy-five feet (75'), horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of other water bodies, tributary streams, or the upland edge of a wetland, there shall be no clear cut openings; and a well-distributed stand of trees and other vegetation, including existing ground cover, shall be maintained.~~

~~(ii) At distances greater than one-hundred feet (100'), horizontal distance, of a great pond or a river flowing to a great pond, and greater than seventy-five feet (75'), horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of other water bodies or the upland edge of a wetland, harvesting operations shall not create single clear cut openings greater than ten thousand square feet (10,000 sq ft) in the forest canopy. Where such openings exceed five thousand square feet (5,000 sq. ft.), they shall be at least one hundred feet (100'), horizontal distance, apart. Such clear cut openings shall be included in the calculation of total volume removal. Volume may be considered to be equivalent to basal area.~~

NOTE: Subparagraph 5.19.1.2(b) below, should be included only if a municipality desires to permit harvesting operations to exceed 40% of the volume of trees in a 10-year period if necessary for good forest management. The adoption of subparagraph 5.19.1(2)(b) not required.

~~(b) Timber harvesting operations exceeding the forty percent (40%) limitation in Section 5.19.1.2.a above, may be allowed by the planning board upon a clear showing, including a forest management plan signed by a Maine licensed professional forester, that such an exception is necessary for good forest management and will be carried out in accordance with the purposes of this Ordinance. The Planning Board shall notify the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection of each exception allowed, within fourteen (14) days of the planning board's decision.~~

- ~~(c) No accumulation of slash shall be left within fifty feet (50'), horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a water body. In all other areas, slash shall either be removed or disposed of in such a manner that it lies on the ground and no part thereof extends more than four feet (4') above the ground. Any debris that falls below the normal high-water line of a water body or tributary stream shall be removed.~~
- ~~(d) Timber harvesting equipment shall not use stream channels as travel routes, except when:

 - ~~i. Surface waters are frozen; and~~
 - ~~ii. The activity will not result in any ground disturbance.~~~~
- ~~(e) All crossings of flowing water shall require a bridge or culvert, except in areas with low banks and channel beds which are composed of gravel, rock or similar hard surface which would not be eroded or otherwise damaged.~~
- ~~(f) Skid trail approaches to water crossings shall be located and designed so as to prevent water runoff from directly entering the water body or tributary stream. Upon completion of timber harvesting, temporary bridges and culverts shall be removed and areas of exposed soil revegetated.~~
- ~~(g) Except for water crossings, skid trails and other sites where the operation of machinery used in timber harvesting results in the exposure of mineral soil shall be located such that an unscarified strip of vegetation of at least seventy-five feet (75'), horizontal distance, in width for slopes up to ten percent (10%) shall be retained between the exposed mineral soil and the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland. For each ten percent (10%) increase in slope, the unscarified strip shall be increased by twenty feet (20'), horizontal distance. The provisions of this paragraph apply only to a face sloping toward the water body or wetland, provided, however, that no portion of such exposed mineral soil on a back face shall be closer than twenty-five feet (25'), horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of a water body or upland edge of a wetland.~~

5.19.2 Timber Harvesting—Statewide Standards Effective on effective date established in Section 1.9.B—

5.19.2.1 5.19.1 Shoreline Integrity and Sedimentation – Persons conducting timber harvesting and related activities must take reasonable measures to avoid the disruption of shoreline integrity, the occurrence of sedimentation of water, and the disturbance of water body and tributary stream banks, water body and tributary stream channels, shorelines, and soil lying within water bodies, tributary streams and wetlands. If, despite such precautions, the disruption of shoreline integrity, sedimentation of water, or the disturbance of water body and tributary stream banks, water body and tributary stream channels, shorelines, and soil lying within water bodies, tributary streams, and wetlands occurs, such conditions must be corrected.

5.19.2.2 5.19.2 Slash Treatment – Timber harvesting and related activities shall be conducted such that slash or debris is not left below the normal high-water line of any water body or tributary stream, or the upland edge of a wetland. Section 5.19.2.2 does not apply to minor, incidental amounts of slash that result from timber harvesting and related activities otherwise conducted in compliance with this section.

5.19.2.3 5.19.3 Timber harvesting and related activities must leave adequate tree cover, and shall be conducted so that a well-distributed stand of trees is retained. This requirement may be satisfied by following one of the following three options:

5.19.2.4 5.19.4 Skid Trails, Yards and Equipment Operation – This requirement applies to the construction, maintenance, and use of skid trails and yards in shoreland areas.

5.19.2.5 5.19.5 Land Management Roads – Land management roads, including approaches to crossings of water bodies, tributary stream channels, and freshwater wetlands, ditches, and other related structures, must be designed, constructed, and maintained to prevent sediment and concentrated water runoff from directly entering the water body, tributary stream, or wetland. Surface water on, or adjacent to, water crossing approaches must be diverted through vegetative filter strips to avoid sedimentation of the watercourse or wetland. Because roadside ditches may not extend to the resource being crossed, vegetative filter strips must be established in accordance with the setback requirements in Section 5.19.2.7 of this rule.

5.19.2.6 5.19.6 Crossings of Waterbodies – Crossings of rivers, streams, and tributary streams must allow for fish passage at all times of the year, must not impound water, and must allow for the maintenance of normal flows.

5.19.2.7 5.19.7 Slope Table – Filter strips, skid trail setbacks, and land management road setbacks must be maintained as specified in Section 5.19.2, but in no case shall be less than shown in the following table.

5.20 CLEARING OR REMOVAL OF VEGETATION FOR ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN TIMBER HARVESTING

5.20.6 Revegetation Requirements

When revegetation is required in response to violations of the vegetation standards set forth in Section 5.19 to address the removal of non- native invasive species of vegetation, or as a mechanism to allow for development that may otherwise not be permissible due to the vegetation standards, including removal of vegetation in conjunction with a shoreline stabilization project, the revegetation must comply with the following requirements.

- (1) The property owner must submit a revegetation plan, prepared with and signed by a qualified professional, that describes revegetation activities and maintenance. The plan must include a scaled site plan, depicting where vegetation was, or is to be removed, where existing vegetation is to remain, and where vegetation is to be planted, including a list of all vegetation to be planted.
- (2) Revegetation must occur along the same segment of shoreline and in the same area where vegetation was removed and at a density comparable to the pre-existing vegetation, except where a shoreline stabilization activity does not allow revegetation to occur in the same area and at a density comparable to the pre-existing vegetation, in which case revegetation must occur along the same segment of shoreline and as close as possible to the area where vegetation was removed:
- (3) If part of a permitted activity, revegetation shall occur before the expiration of the permit. If the activity or revegetation is not completed before the expiration of the permit, a new revegetation plan shall be submitted with any renewal or new permit application.
- (4) Revegetation activities must meet the following requirements for trees and saplings:
 - (a) All trees and saplings removed must be replaced with native noninvasive species:

- (b) Replacement vegetation must consist of one (1) point trees, two (2) inches at dbh at a minimum;
 - (c) If more than three (3) trees or saplings are planted, then at least three (3) different species shall be used;
 - (d) No one species shall make up fifty (50) percent or more of the number of trees and saplings planted;
 - (e) If revegetation is required for a shoreline stabilization project, and it is not possible to plant trees and saplings in the same area where trees or saplings were removed, then trees or sapling must be planted in a location that effectively reestablishes the screening between the shoreline and structures; and
 - (f) A survival rate of at least eighty (80) percent of planted trees or saplings is required for a minimum five (5) years period.
- (5) Revegetation activities must meet the following requirements for woody vegetation and other vegetation under three (3) feet in height:
- (a) All woody vegetation and vegetation under three (3) feet in height must be replaced with native noninvasive species of woody vegetation and vegetation under three (3) feet in height as applicable;
 - (b) Woody vegetation and vegetation under three (3) feet in height shall be planted in quantities and variety sufficient to prevent erosion and provide for effective infiltration of stormwater;
 - (c) If more than three (3) woody vegetation plants are to be planted, then at least three (3) different species shall be planted;
 - (d) No one species shall make up fifty (50) percent or more of the number of planted woody vegetation plants; and
 - (e) Survival of planted woody vegetation and vegetation under three feet in height must be sufficient to remain in compliance with the standards contained within this chapter for minimum of five (5) years
- (6) Revegetation activities must meet the following requirements for ground vegetation and ground cover:
- (a) All ground vegetation and ground cover removed must be replaced with native herbaceous vegetation, in quantities and variety sufficient to prevent erosion and provide for effective infiltration of stormwater, a minimum of 3' (three feet) on center;
 - (b) Where necessary due to a lack of sufficient ground cover, an area must be supplemented with a minimum four (4) inch depth of leaf mulch and/or bark mulch to prevent erosion and provide for effective infiltration of stormwater; and
 - (c) Survival and functionality of ground vegetation and ground cover must be sufficient to remain in compliance with the standards contained within this chapter for minimum of five (5) years.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes to the Town of Acton Zoning Ordinance.

6.2 BUILDING OR USE PERMIT –

6.2.3 Within ~~seven (7)~~ thirty (30) days of the filing of an application for a building or use permit, the Code Enforcement Officer shall approve, deny, or refer to the Planning Board for conditional use, all such applications. His/her decision shall be in writing on a form designed for the purpose, and communicated directly to the applicant. One copy of the Code Enforcement Officer's decision shall be filed in the Municipal Office. In cases where the Code Enforcement Officer deems that a Conditional Use Permit is required, he/she shall also provide a copy of his/her decision to the Planning Board. In instances of new construction, increase in floor area of an existing structure or a structure, being moved, an on-site inspection prior to issuance of permit shall be required.

- 6.2.7**
- a. All new one or two family dwellings, their accessory buildings, renovations or additions on existing structures shall be built in compliance with the ~~2009~~ International Residential Code (IRC), as adopted by the State of Maine including Chapter One and all amendments.
 - b. All new multi-family dwellings, commercial structures, their accessory buildings, and any renovations or additions on existing structures shall be built in compliance with the ~~2009~~ International Building Code (IBC), as adopted by the State of Maine including all amendments.
 - c. All applicable construction shall meet the ~~2009~~ International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to regulate the design and construction of all buildings for the effective use of energy, as adopted by the State of Maine including all amendments.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 12: 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 2017-2018. (Maximum expenditure of \$15,000.00).

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of surplus town-owned 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: Approve the article as written, 5-0

Rollin Waterhouse made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 14: 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. 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.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 4-1

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to put the funds received from the sale of the tax acquired property during the year 2017/2018 into the Capital Improvement Fund.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 2-3 MOTION FAILED

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 16: 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.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to have Real Estate and Personal Property taxes first payment come due on October 17, 2017 and the second payment on April 17, 2018.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 18: To see what interest the Town will vote to charge on all taxes after October 17, 2017 and April 17, 2018. Maximum rate of interest allowed is 7 % per annum.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written and charge 7%, 3-0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written at 7% annum. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 3%, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. 506-A.

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

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote 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: Approve the article as written, 5-0

Rollin Waterhouse made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Lois Michaud. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 21: 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: Approve the article as written, 5-0

Rollin Waterhouse made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 22: 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: Approve the article as written, 5-0

Rollin Waterhouse made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Lois Michaud. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate revenues received from MEMA/FEMA claims during the upcoming Fiscal Year into the Emergency Disaster Reserve Fund. Said funds are to be utilized at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen to restore budgets of the various departments for

expenses incurred during a declared event.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-2

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ **868,740** for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT** for wages, operational costs, and employee benefits for the following departments:

		<i>Estimated need</i>
102-01	Governing Body/Selectmen	\$ 29,389
102-02	Town Gym	\$ 4,550
102-03	Office Assistants	\$ 46,011
102-04	Warrant and Finance Committee	\$ 266
102-05	Municipal Management	\$ 477,201
102-07	Elections	\$ 6,883
102-08	Registrar of Voters	\$ 4,570
102-11	Finance/Treasury	\$ 50,173
102-12	Town Administrator/TC/TC	\$ 86,720
102-13	Assessment	\$ 41,400
102-15	Land Use	\$ 121,577

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

Rollin Waterhouse made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$**4,108** **FOR HEALTH & WELFARE**, this includes \$108 for Health Officer Stipend cost and \$4,000 for General Assistance.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

Rollin Waterhouse made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$**593,427** for wages and operation expenses of the **FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT**.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$0 to the **EQUIPMENT EXPENSE RESERVE** for the Fire-Rescue Department.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

Rollin Waterhouse made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to the **FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND** toward the future purchase of a new fire truck.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 2-3 MOTION FAILED

Rollin Waterhouse made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$31,779 for the purchase of **Fire Department Turnout Gear**.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 4-1

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Lois Michaud. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$44,005 for **PUBLIC SAFETY** to be expended as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Department</u>	
104-07	Street Lights	\$ 1,700
104-09	Animal Control	\$ 9,946
104-30	Communications	\$ 31,066
104-40	EMA Director	\$ 1,293
TOTALS:		\$ 44,005

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Lois Michaud. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will appropriate \$17,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance, towards the purchase of a **new Patrol Vehicle for the York County Sheriff Contract Deputy**. *Total purchase price of \$34,000 to be split equally with the Town of Shapleigh.*

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to ratify the overdraft in the **District One and District Two Winter Plowing and Sand/Salt Stockpile** accounts in the amount of **\$66,397.09** from the undesignated fund.

Breakdown of Overdraft:

District One Plowing	(\$25,618.91)
District Two Plowing	(\$18,412.44)
Sand/Salt Stockpile	(\$22,365.74)

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to pay wages and equipment for **repair and maintenance of public ways** according to the following schedule:

(Note: * indicates a change from current year)

Wages

Road Commissioners	\$30.00 per hour*
Laborer,	\$11-\$18 per hour*
Operators, CDL Drivers	\$18-\$22 per hour*

General Equipment

Backhoe 2WD	\$44.80 per hour
Backhoe 4WD	\$54.80 per hour*
Loaders (base rate for 1 yd loader)	\$37.40 per hour
Loaders over 1 yd capacity add	\$22.15 per hour*
Loader at stockpile	\$ 2.50 per yard*
Grader GVW 21,000	\$75.00 per hour*
Chainsaw & hand held power tools	\$ 6.98 per hour
Mowing Tractor/sickle bar/rake	\$40.00 per hour*
Trucks 4 cubic yds	\$34.00 per hour
Trucks 7 cubic yds	\$44.00 per hour
Trucks 12 cubic yds	\$54.00 per hour
Tri Axle/10 Wheeler	\$64.00 per hour
Patrol Trucks	\$27.85 per hour
Excavators up to 20,000 lbs	\$67.65 per hour*
Excavators over 20,000 lbs	\$77.65 per hour*
Excavators over 40,000 lbs	\$97.65 per hour*
Multi-use Tractors	\$51.65 per hour*
Equipment Attachments	\$10.00 per attachment*

Winter Road Maintenance Equipment

2WD 12,500-25,999 GVW	\$55.22 per hour*
4WD 26,000 lbs GVW and over	\$57.65 per hour*
10 Wheeler	\$64.00 per hour*
4WD 1 Ton between	\$43.37 per hour
¾ Ton Truck	\$38.60 per hour
Trucks with wing add	\$ 5.00 per hour*
Contractor owned sander 2.5yd	\$ 5.00 per hour
Contractor owned sander 6-12yds	\$10.00 per hour*
Sand Screen	\$43.05 per hour

Town to furnish cutting edges, bolts and brushes for mechanical sweepers and cut off wheels for equipment used exclusively for maintaining 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, 2-1

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

David Winchell made a motion to amend the Cost of Operations portion of the article to read:

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. To include time and half on major holidays and after consecutive 8 hours of work plowing and sanding. Motion seconded by Scott Mooney. The article was approved as amended.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$251,076** and appropriate **\$276,100** for **District One Roads** to be expended as follows: (*\$25,024 appropriated from the Road Capital Improvement fund for Surfacing/Reconstruction.*)

105-10	District 1 Winter Maintenance	\$ 84,183
105-12	District 1 Summer Maintenance	\$ 92,917
105-14	District 1 Road Surfacing/Reconstruction	\$ 99,000

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 4-1

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$251,076** and appropriate **\$276,100** for **District Two Roads** to be expended as follows: (*\$25,024 appropriated from the Road Capital Improvement fund for Surfacing/Reconstruction.*)

105-20	District 2 Winter Maintenance	\$ 84,183
105-22	District 2 Summer Maintenance	\$ 92,917
105-24	District 2 Road Surfacing/Reconstruction	\$ 99,000

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 4-1

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$147,460** for **Shared Road Accounts** to be expended as follows:

105-30	Stockpile-Sand/Salt	\$ 132,422
105-32	Public Works Building/Equipment	\$ 15,038

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 2-3 MOTION FAILED

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$34,407** for wages and operational costs of the **ACTON PUBLIC ACCESS TV**, *also known as APAT*.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$284,248** for the operation of the **TRANSFER STATION**.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$12,113** and appropriate up to **\$16,763** for operation of the **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**. (\$4,650 to come from anticipated Revenues)

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250 for **CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE**.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$ 302,534 for **COUNTY TAX**.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$538 for **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT** to be expended as Forester's Stipend.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 4-1

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,750 for **CEMETERY** maintenance, placement of flags, markers, and repair of Veteran's graves.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 4-0-1

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,600 for donation to **York County Community Action** as requested by the Agency.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$1,600 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 45: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for donation to **Home Health Visiting Nurses** as requested by the Agency.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$1,000 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse.
Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 46: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,500** for donation **Southern Maine Agency on Aging** as requested by the Agency.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$1,500 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse.
Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 47: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** for donation to the **American Red Cross** as requested by the Agency.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$1,000 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse.
Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 48: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$400** for donation to **Child Abuse Council, Kids Free to Grow program** as requested by the Agency.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$400 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse.
Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 49: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500** for donation to **York County Shelter Program** as requested by the Agency.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$500 as requested (5-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse.
Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 50: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$612** for donation to **Lifeflight Inc** as requested by the Agency.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$612 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse.

Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 51: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$20,435** for donation to the **Acton Public Library** as requested by the Agency.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$20,435 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 52: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$22,000** for donation to **Acton Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corp** as requested by the Agency.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$22,000 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 53: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$10,000** for donation to **Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance** as requested by the Agency.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$10,000 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 54: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$300** for donation to **Saco River Corridor Commission** as requested by the Agency.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$300 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 55: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$734** for donation to **Caring Unlimited** as requested by the Agency.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$734 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 56: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** for donation to **Maine Behavioral Health** as requested by the Agency.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$1,000 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 57: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500** for donation to **Sexual Assault Response Agency** as requested by the Agency.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$500 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 58: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,000** for donation to the **Acton-Shapleigh Historical Society** as requested by the Agency.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$1,000 (6-0)

Lois Michaud made a motion to raise and appropriate \$1000 as recommended by the W/F Committee. Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 59: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** for donation to **Southern Maine Veteran's Cemetery Memorial Association** as requested by the Agency.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$1,000 as requested (5-0-1 abstention)

James Bachelor made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Lois Michaud. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 60: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,000** for donation to the **Great East Lake Improvement Association** as requested by the Agency.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$2,000 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 61: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,500** for donation to the **Acton Ecumenical Food Pantry** as requested by the Agency.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-0
Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$2,500 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 62: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$5,000** for donation to **Balch Lake Improvement Association** as requested by the Agency.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$5,000 as requested (6-0)

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 63: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500** for donation to the **Trafton Center** as requested by the Agency.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$300 (6-0)

Lois Michaud made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the Warrant and Finance Committee, in the amount of \$300, seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as recommended.

ARTICLE 64: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$500** for donation to the **Center for Wildlife** as requested by the Agency.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$250 (6-0)

Lois Michaud made a motion to approve the article as recommended by the Warrant and Finance Committee, in the amount of \$250, seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as recommended.

ARTICLE 65: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$250** for donation to the **Acton Homesteaders 4-H group** as requested by the Agency.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Raise and Appropriate \$250 as requested (6-0)

Lois Michaud made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Rollin Waterhouse. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 66: To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$10,975** and appropriate **\$18,128 FOR DAMS:** *\$7,153 to come from the Dams Capital Improvement Fund.*

Mousam Watershed Dam Coalition Annual Maintenance	\$ 5,450
Mousam Watershed Dam Coalition 2017 Capital Improvements	\$ 7,153
Dam Capital Improvement Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000
Balch Lake Dam Operator Stipend	\$ 525

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 4-1

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 67: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$30,000** from the *Undesignated Fund* for replacing **Siding** on the rear of the Town Hall.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 3-2

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 68: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$12,000** from the *Capital Improvement Fund* for replacing **Doors** at the Town Hall.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 4-1

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 69: 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 for the ensuing year.

Ambulance Reserve Fund

Cemetery Fund

Forestry and Conservation Committee

Dist. 1 & 2 Road Surfacing and Reconstruction

Dist. 1 & 2 Summer Maintenance

FEMA- Emergency Disaster Reserve Fund

Fire Dept Equipment Reserve Fund

Gravel Processing

Road Capital Improvement Fund (*LRAP Funds*)

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

Capital Improvement Fund

Dams Capital Improvement Fund

Fire Dept Capital Improvement Fund (*Truck*)

Recreation Capital Improvement Funds

The following non-fiduciary 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, Gym Donations Fund.

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: Approve the article as written, 4-1

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 70: 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: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 71: To see if the Town of Acton will authorize the transfer of excess funds from the School's Undesignated Fund Balance to offset taxes, contingent on the Acton School Department Fund Balance Policy and there being a surplus at the end of the Fiscal Year.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by Mary Stanton. Motion carried; article passed as written

ARTICLE 72: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$636,400** from Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Municipal Revenues and up to \$300,000 from Municipal Undesignated Fund Balance to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation during the tax commitment.

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

Warrant and Finance Committee Recommends: Approve the article as written, 5-0

William Williams made a motion to approve the article as written. Seconded by William Lotz. Motion carried; article passed as written

Signed this 23rd day of May, 2017.

Edward Walsh

William Shields

Elise Miller

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ss/Jennifer Roux