Abstract of the Annual Town Meeting Held Monday, April 2, 2012, 7:00 P.M. Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Auditorium With Adjourned Sessions Held April 3, 2012 Number of Registered voters attending Town Meeting April 2, 2012 – 381, April 3, 2012 – 515 and April 4, 2012 - 165

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Aprirl 2, 2012

The Moderator, Mr. Mackenzie, called the 278th Annual Town Meeting to order on Monday, April 2, 2012, at 7:02 PM. He introduced Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes from St Matthew's United Methodist Church, who then gave the invocation.

Mr. Mackenzie gave an overview of the process of Town Meeting. He then explained some basic rules and parliamentary procedure of the Town Meeting as found in the back of the warrant.

The Moderator explained the Pro and Con microphones, time frame and process for all speakers, presenters and questions.

ARTICLE 1 CHOOSE TOWN OFFICERS

(Majority vote)

To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees and to fix the salaries and compensation of all the elective officers of the Town as follows:

Moderator	\$ 20.00 per Town Meeting session
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$ 750.00 per year
Board of Selectmen, Member	\$ 650.00 per year

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Gowing moves that the Town fix the compensation for elected officers as shown in the Article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Cornelia O. Huber, Trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund, nominates Peter Ashton of 1 Olde Barn Way, Acton, for the position of Trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund, term to expire 2015.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Pamela Cochrane, Trustee of the West Acton Citizens' Library, nominates Ellen Spero of 25 Windsor Avenue, Acton, for the position of Trustee of the West Acton Citizens' Library, term to expire 2015.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Harry Mink, Trustee of the Charlotte Goodnow Fund, nominates Cynthia Schimpf of 307 Littleton Road, Harvard, for the position of Trustee of the Charlotte Goodnow Fund, term to expire 2015.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Bruce Stone, Trustee of the Acton Firefighters' Relief Fund, nominates William Klauer of 70 Piper Road, Acton, for the position of Trustee of the Acton Firefighters' Relief Fund, term to expire 2015.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Budget Consent (Majority vote)

Article 2 * Council on Aging Van Enterprise Budget

Mr. Gowing moves that the Town appropriate \$95,586 for the purpose of operating the Town of Acton Senior and Disabled Citizens Van service, and to raise such amount, \$45,586 be raised from department receipts and \$50,000 be raised from general revenues.

Article 3 * Septage Disposal Enterprise Budget

Ms. Adachi moves that the Town appropriate \$151,870 for the purpose of septage disposal, and to raise such amount, \$151,870 be raised from department receipts.

Article 4 * Sewer Enterprise Budget

Ms. Adachi moves that the Town appropriate \$1,716,101 for the purpose of operating the sewer system, and to raise such amount, \$1,716,101 be raised from department receipts.

Article 5 * Ambulance Enterprise Budget

Mr. Sonner moves that the Town appropriate \$766,906 for the purpose of operating the ambulance service, and to raise such amount, \$495,906 be raised from department receipts and \$271,000 be raised from general revenues.

Article 7 * Self-Funding Programs (Revolving Funds)

Mr. Clough moves that the revolving funds for the Local School System, Historic District Commission, Building Department, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Health Department, and Fire Department be continued in the amounts and for the purposes set forth in the expenditure column of this Article.

Article 8 * Town Board Support – Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council

Ms. Adachi moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the ongoing expenses of the Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council.

<u>CONSENT MOTION</u>: **Mr. Gowing** moves that the Town take up the six budgetary articles in the Consent Calendar, except for Article 6, on pages 25 through 32 of the Warrant: Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 2 * COUNCIL ON AGING VAN ENTERPRISE BUDGET (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to operate the Senior Van Service, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53 F_{2} , Enterprise Fund Law, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Gowing moves that the Town appropriate \$95,586 for the purpose of operating the Town of Acton Senior and Disabled Citizens Van service, and to raise such amount, \$45,586 be raised from department receipts and \$50,000 be raised from general revenues.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 3 * SEPTAGE DISPOSAL ENTERPRISE BUDGET

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of septage disposal, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F¹/₂, Enterprise Fund Law, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the Town appropriate \$151,870 for the purpose of septage disposal, and to raise such amount, \$151,870 be raised from department receipts.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 4 * SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of operating and maintaining a sewer collection and treatment facility, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F¹/₂, Enterprise Fund Law, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the Town appropriate \$1,716,101 for the purpose of operating the sewer system, and to raise such amount, \$1,716,101 be raised from department receipts.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 5 * AMBULANCE ENTERPRISE BUDGET (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of health care, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section $53F_{2}$, Enterprise Fund Law, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Sonner moves that the Town appropriate \$766,906 for the purpose of operating the ambulance service, and to raise such amount, \$495,906 be raised from department receipts and \$271,000 be raised from general revenues.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 6 *TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING ENTERPRISE(Majority vote)BUDGET

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of solid waste disposal and recycling in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F¹/₂, Enterprise Fund Law, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Gowing moves that the Town appropriate \$803,921 for the purpose of solid waste disposal and recycling, and to raise such amount, \$168,500 be transferred from retained earnings and \$635,421 be raised from department receipts.

Held from consent

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 7 * SELF-FUNDING PROGRAMS (REVOLVING FUNDS) (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E¹/₂ to establish or continue revolving funds for the Local School System, to be expended by the Superintendent of Schools; and for the Historic District Commission, Building Department, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Health Inspectional Services and Fire Department Fire Alarm Network, to be expended by the Town Manager, as noted below:

	FY13 Estimated	FY13 Authorized
Fund	Revenue	Expenditure
School Department		
Douglas at Dawn/Dusk	\$ 291,500	\$ 291,500
Merriam Mornings/Afternoons/Summer	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000
Historic District Commission	\$ 1	\$ 1
Building Department	\$ 196,137	\$ 196,137

Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$ 13,182	\$ 13,182
Health Department		
Food Service Inspections	\$ 41,472	\$ 41,472
Hazardous Materials Inspections	\$ 45,686	\$ 45,686
Stormwater Inspections	\$ 41,087	\$ 41,087
Fire Department		
Fire Alarm Network	\$ 64,015	\$ 64,015

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clough moves that the revolving funds for the Local School System, Historic District Commission, Building Department, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Health Department, and Fire Department be continued in the amounts and for the purposes set forth in the expenditure column of this Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 8 * TOWN BOARD SUPPORT – (Majority vote) ACTON-BOXBOROUGH CULTURAL COUNCIL

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$2,000 to be expended by the Town Manager for the ongoing expenses of the Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council for programs in Acton, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the ongoing expenses of the Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 9 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Town Manager for the continuation of a town transportation program, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Gowing moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$206,000 to be expended by the Town Manager for the implementation or continuation of the town shuttle, dial-a-ride or other transportation-related programs, including state and federal grant fund matching and other costs incidental and related thereto.

Mr. William Mullin, from Finance Committee, asked to recues himself for this Article.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 10 BUDGET TRANSFER

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of money to defray necessary expenses above the amount appropriated at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clough moves that the Town:

- (1) Transfer from the fiscal year 2012 Town Operating Budget and appropriate \$40,000 for the purpose of supplementing the fiscal year 2012 transportation program appropriated under Article 30 of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting, and
- (2) Transfer from the fiscal year 2012 Town Operating Budget and appropriate \$100,000 for the purpose of supplementing the fiscal year 2012 Nursing Enterprise Budget appropriated under Article 4 of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 11 NURSING ENTERPRISE BUDGET

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to provide Public Health and Visiting Nurse Services, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F¹/₂, Enterprise Fund Law, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Dr. Harting-Barrat moves that the Town appropriate \$714,076 for the purpose of operating the Town of Acton Public Health Nursing Service, and to raise such amount, \$539,076 be raised from department receipts and \$175,000 be raised from general revenues.

Mr. William Mullin, from Finance Committee, asked to recues himself for this Article.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 12 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to defray the necessary expenses of the departments, offices and boards of the Town, exclusive of the School budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Gowing moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$27,649,225 to be expended by the Town Manager for the purpose of funding the fiscal year 2013 municipal budget, and that the Town authorize the Town Manager to sell, trade or dispose of vehicles and equipment being replaced and to expend any proceeds so received.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 13 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Town Manager for the improvement of facilities as listed below, including related incidental costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Senior Center Design	\$ 140,000

MOTION: Mr. Gowing moves that the Town transfer from Free Cash and appropriate \$140,000 to be expended by the Town Manager for Senior Center Design.

MOTION LOST

ARTICLE 14CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES AND INFRASTRUCTURE(Two-thirds vote)(BONDING)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds or borrow a sum of money, to be expended by the Town Manager for the purchase, replacement or improvement of facilities and equipment as listed below, including related incidental costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

A.	One-Ton Truck	\$ 51,000
В.	Sander/Dump Truck	190,346
С.	Utility Truck	42,000
D.	Towable Generator	55,000
Е.	Skid Steer (e.g. "Bobcat")	134,100
F.	Standby Generator at Senior Center	75,000
G.	Goward Playground	150,000
H.	F-350 Truck Replacement	44,000
I.	Quarry Road Drainage	189,000
J.	Portable Intersection Traffic Control System	150,000
К.	Emergency Communication Equipment	116,500
L.	Radio Narrowbanding and Interoperability	103,000
М.	Core Networking Equipment Replacement	47,000
N.	Unified Network File Storage System Replacement	79,100
0.	Town Hall Land Use Departments Renovations	400,000
	Total	\$1,826,046

MOTION: Mr. Gowing moves that the Town appropriate \$1,826,046 to be expended by the Town Manager for the purposes set forth in this Article including costs incidental and related thereto, and to raise such amount, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$1,826,046 under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 7, as amended, and that the Town transfer from the fund balance of the former North East Solid Waste Committee fund pursuant to Chapter 376 of the Acts of 2006 and appropriate \$30,000 for the payment of interest and underwriting costs on such borrowing in fiscal year 2013, and that the Town Manager be authorized to sell, trade or dispose of vehicles and equipment being replaced and to expend any proceeds so received.

Hold – A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I, J, K, L, M, N, O for questions.

MOTION CARRIES DECLARED 2/3 BY MODERATOR*

*Town of Acton has excepted MGL CH 39 Sec 15 at its Annual Town Meeting April 2001, Article 43 and the Amended Bylaw 5A was approved by the Attorney General on Aug. 6, 2001. (The Town Meeting Moderator is not required to count a 2/3 required vote.)

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mr. Ashton moves to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:35 PM, until Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Auditorium at 7 PM

MOTION CARRIES

April 3, 2012

The Moderator, Mr. Mackenzie, called the Annual Town Meeting to order on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 7:03 PM.

The Moderator introduced the Town Manager, Steve Ledoux who gave the presentation for the 7th annual recipient of the "Joseph A. Lalli Merit Award" for outstanding work of a Town of Acton employee. This year's Town Employee of the Year award is presented to Community Service Coordinator, Laura Ducharme. Ms Ducharme is the towns first Community Service Coordinator and has been for three years. Her extraordinary commitment and service to the town as the coordinator has had a significant impact on town. She has performed admirably over and above the requirements of her job.

Mr. Ledoux also honored the 4th annual recipient of the "Joseph A. Lalli Merit Award" for outstanding work of a Public Safety Employee. This year's Public Safety Employee of the Year is presented to Fire Fighter / EMT Tom Matthews, Acton Fire Department. Mr. Matthews is a member of the SAFE group (Student Awareness of Fire Education). Mr. Matthews was the driving force on the 9/11 Memorial project. Tom was Integral in the planning and completion of this outstanding memorial which has deep meaning for this community. His efforts were extraordinary to this project.

MOTION: Mr. Sonner moves to take up Article 24 next.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 24 ACTON 2020 COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN - GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Goals and Objectives of the Acton 2020 Comprehensive Community Plan (Master Plan):



Comprehensive Community Plan Goals and Objectives:

The Acton 2020 Plan is based on seven major goals that were developed through listening to nearly 2000 residents. Care has been taken to weave all of them together in a well thought out Implementation Plan, which can be viewed at <u>www.acton2020.info</u>. The seven goals and their corresponding objectives are listed below. Please note that the numbering of the Goals and Objectives does not reflect any prioritization of the Goals and Objectives.

GOAL 1: Preserve and Enhance Town Character

We feel strongly about preserving and enhancing what makes Acton special and unique, including its rural characteristics, historic buildings and landscapes, and its village centers.

- Objective 1.1: Strengthen planning tools to manage growth pro-actively.
- Objective 1.2: Preserve and enhance key centers.
- Objective 1.3: Preserve rural characteristics and open space.
- Objective 1.4: Preserve historic buildings and landscapes.
- Objective 1.5: Foster an understanding and appreciation for what makes Acton unique, including its history.

GOAL 2: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

We recognize that our health and well-being depend on protecting the web of life of which we are a part. Therefore, it is vital that we live and work here in a manner that supports that web and the well-being of people everywhere, including future Acton residents.

- Objective 2.1: Protect the quality and quantity of Acton's water.
- Objective 2.2: Reduce waste and the accumulation of toxins.
- Objective 2.3: Reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.
- Objective 2.4: Move toward patterns of land use and land protection that support broad biodiversity, soil preservation, and healthy local agriculture.

GOAL 3: Improve Connections

We recognize that a community that is connected is safer, stronger, and provides more opportunities for meaningful interaction. We envision supporting these connections through physical means including sidewalks, bike paths, trails and public transportation to connect people and places, and to support independent and safe travel for all. We also envision open communication as a means to further connect residents (e.g. through the web, cable TV, community bulletin boards, etc.).

- Objective 3.1: Make walking and biking easier and safer.
- Objective 3.2: Improve transportation around town.
- Objective 3.3: Promote communication among town government, citizens, schools, and the business community.
- Objective 3.4: Support and strengthen neighborhoods.

GOAL 4: Provide More Opportunities for Community Gathering and Recreation

We value the small town feeling and appreciate the sense of community that results from frequent opportunities for interaction. We support providing places for casual social interaction and organized events that bring members of the community together. We believe in offering opportunities for intergenerational experiences and for sharing of intercultural celebration, and we aim to provide recreational opportunities for all ages.

- Objective 4.1: Create new gathering spaces and make better use of existing ones.
- Objective 4.2: Provide more playgrounds, fields for team sports, parks, and conservation lands.
- Objective 4.3: Support additional cultural activities.

GOAL 5: Support Inclusion and Diversity

We value our diversity in all of its forms. We welcome citizens of all ages, socio-economic, cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds. We strive to foster respect and appreciation, promote interaction, and actively encourage a wide variety of individuals to live, work, and play in Acton.

- Objective 5.1: Support residents of all ages.
- Objective 5.2: Support households of all income levels.
- Objective 5.3: Embrace cultural diversity.
- Objective 5.4: Support citizens with disabilities in participating fully in the life of the community.

GOAL 6: Preserve and Enhance Town-Owned Assets & Services

We value our Town assets and wish to preserve and enhance them. These include our open spaces, schools, municipal properties and facilities.

- Objective 6.1: Protect Town-owned open space.
- Objective 6.2: Support excellence in schools.
- Objective 6.3: Manage the Town's facilities efficiently.
- Objective 6.4: Provide high quality services that are responsive to community needs.
- Objective 6.5: Provide excellent public health and safety services.

GOAL 7: Maintain and Improve the Financial Well-Being of the Town

We believe it is critical for us to sustain and strengthen our town's financial well-being. This includes commercial and economic development that reflects the long-term goals of both businesses and residents of the community. This also includes promoting vigilance in controlling town expenses and continual evaluation of the balance between reasonable taxation and providing quality town services.

- Objective 7.1: Promote fiscal responsibility.
- Objective 7.2: Promote economic development that supports other Acton 2020 planning goals.
- Objective 7.3: Improve existing commercial areas.
- Objective 7.4: Support the financial ability of all residents to stay in Acton for a lifetime.

MOTION: Ms. Busse moves that the Town adopt the goals and objectives of the Acton 2020 Comprehensive Community Plan as set forth in the article.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 15FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT –(Majority vote)POLICE PATROL OFFICERS (FY09-FY11)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the cost items contained in Collective Bargaining Agreement(s) between the Town and its police patrol officers union as filed with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the Town transfer from Free Cash and appropriate \$305,324 to fund the cost items contained in the fiscal year 2009 through 2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Acton Police Patrol Officers Association in accordance with the Decision and Award by the Arbitrator in Interest Arbitration Case No. JLMC-09-37P dated March 22, 2012.

The Moderator asked Town meeting to allow Chris Prehl, Vice President of the Acton Police Patrol Officers Association to speak on this Article. Motion Carries unanimously to allow speaker.

The Moderator asked Town meeting to allow Paul Hodnett, Labor council to speak on this Article.

Motion Carries unanimously to allow speaker.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Adachi moves that the Town transfer from Free Cash and appropriate \$140,197 to fund the additional cost items for fiscal year 2012 concerning the Acton Police Patrol Officers Association resulting from the Collective Bargaining Agreement determined by the Decision and Award by the Arbitrator in Interest Arbitration Case No. JLMC-09-37P dated March 22, 2012.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Adachi moves that the Town transfer from Free Cash and appropriate \$193,800 to fund the additional cost items for fiscal year 2013 concerning the Acton Police Patrol Officers Association resulting from the Collective Bargaining Agreement determined by the Decision and Award by the Arbitrator in Interest Arbitration Case No. JLMC-09-37P dated March 22, 2012.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 16FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT –(Majority vote)HIGHWAY AND MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES (FY09-FY11)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the cost items contained in Collective Bargaining Agreement(s) between the Town and its highway and municipal properties personnel union as filed with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the Town transfer from the fiscal year 2012 Town Operating Budget and appropriate \$145,443 to fund the cost items contained in the fiscal year

2009 through 2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Highway and Municipal Properties Union, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council #93, Local 1703.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 17FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT –(Majority vote)HIGHWAY AND MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES (FY12)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the cost items contained in Collective Bargaining Agreement(s) between the Town and its highway and municipal properties personnel union as filed with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the Town appropriate \$50,520 to fund the cost items contained in the fiscal year 2012 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Highway and Municipal Properties Union, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council #93, Local 1703, and to raise such amount,

\$27,520 be transferred from Free Cash and\$23,000 be transferred from the fiscal year 2012 Town Operating Budget.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 18FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT –(Majority vote)DISPATCH (FY12)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the cost items contained in Collective Bargaining Agreement(s) between the Town and its public safety dispatcher personnel union as filed with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the Town transfer from Free Cash and appropriate \$8,838 to fund the cost items contained in the fiscal year 2012 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Public Safety Dispatchers Union, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union 25.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 19FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT –(Majority vote)DISPATCH (FY13)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money necessary to fund the cost items contained in Collective Bargaining Agreement(s) between the Town and its public safety dispatcher personnel union as filed with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,775 to fund the fiscal year 2013 first-year cost items contained in the July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Public Safety Dispatchers Union, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union 25.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 20OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS LIABILITY TRUST(Majority vote)FUND - ACCEPT LEGISLATION C.32B S.20

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws relative to establishing an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clough moves that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws relative to establishing an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 21OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS LIABILITY TRUST(Majority vote)FUND - APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, and transfer a sum of money to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund established in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20, for the purpose of funding Other Post-Employment Benefits Liabilities, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clough moves that the Town transfer \$310,000 from the fund balance of the former North East Solid Waste Committee fund pursuant to Chapter 376 of the Acts of 2006 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of funding Other Post-Employment Benefits Liabilities.

MOTION TO AMEND: Mr. Kadlec moves to amend the amount to be transferred from \$310,000 to \$1,364,000.

MOTION TO AMEND LOST

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 22 # CITIZENS' PETITION – ESTABLISHMENT OF OTHER (Majority vote) POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) LIABILITY TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws relative to establishing an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Kadlec moves that the Town take no action.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 23 # CITIZENS' PETITION – OPEB APPROPRIATION (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, and transfer a sum of money to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund established in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20, for the purpose of funding Other Post-Employment Benefits Liabilities, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Kadlec moves that the Town take no action.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 25 ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to defray the necessary expenses of the Acton Public School System, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Coppolino moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$26,562,103 to be expended by the Superintendent of Schools to fund the fiscal year 2013 Acton Public Schools budget.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 26ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL(Majority vote)DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to defray the necessary expenses of the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Petersen moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$25,193,314 to be expended by the Superintendent of Schools to fund the fiscal year 2013 assessment of the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 27ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS(Two-thirds vote)LOWER FIELDS BORROWING

To see if the Town will approve the \$1.5 Million borrowing authorized by the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of construction of outdoor recreational and athletic facilities at the Regional School District property, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Regional School District School Committee, or take other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Petersen moves that the Town hereby approves the \$1.5 Million borrowing authorized by the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of construction of outdoor recreational and athletic facilities at the Regional School District property, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Regional School District School Committee.

MOTION CARRIES DECLARED 2/3 BY MODERATOR*

*Town of Acton has excepted MGL CH 39 Sec 15 at its Annual Town Meeting April 2001, Article 43 and the Amended Bylaw 5A was approved by the Attorney General on Aug. 6, 2001. (The Town Meeting Moderator is not required to count a 2/3 required vote.)

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mr. Gowing moves to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 11:10 PM, until Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Auditorium at 7 PM.

MOTION CARRIES

April 4, 2012

The Moderator, Mr. Mackenzie, called the Annual Town Meeting to order on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Mackenzie introduced the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Mike Gowing, who then introduced the members at the table. Eva Szkaradek - Town Clerk, Stephen Anderson - Town Council, Steve Ledoux – Town Manager, Pamela Harting-Barrat – Vice Chair, Janet Adachi – Clerk, as well as, John Sonner and David Clough members of the Board of Selectmen

The Moderator introduced the Chair of the Finance Committee, Doug Tindal,who then introduced the members of the Finance Committee. Pat Clifford, Mary Ann Ashton, Brandy Brandon, Clint Seward, Steve Noone, Bill Mullin, Paulina Knibbe, and Bob Evans.

ARTICLE 28MINUTEMAN REGIONAL SCHOOL(Majority vote)DISTRICT ASSESSMENT

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, and/or transfer and appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to defray the necessary expenses of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves that the Town appropriate \$801,938 to fund the fiscal year 2013 assessment of the Minuteman Regional School District, and to raise such amount, \$126,355 be transferred from Free Cash and \$675,583 be raised from general revenues.

The Moderator asked Town meeting to allow Dr. Bouquillon, Superintendent-Director of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District to speak on this Article. Motion Carries unanimously to allow speaker.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 29MINUTEMAN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT(Majority vote)FACILITY REPAIR ASSESSMENT (FY12)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, an additional sum of money to defray the necessary expenses of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District (the "District") for the District's 2012 fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves that the Town transfer from the fund balance of the former North East Solid Waste Committee fund pursuant to Chapter 376 of the Acts of 2006 and appropriate \$24,279 for the purpose of supplementing the fiscal year 2012 Minuteman School District Assessment appropriated under Article 17 of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting, bringing the total appropriation to \$801,440.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 30MINUTEMAN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT(Majority vote)AUTHORIZE STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will approve the establishment of a Stabilization Fund by the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District to pay costs of capital repairs, renovations, and improvements to the regional district school and its associated facilities, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 71 Section $16G^{1/2}$ of the Massachusetts General Laws; or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves that the Town authorize the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District to establish a stabilization fund as set forth in the article.

MOTION LOST

ARTICLE 31 (Majority vote) SENSE OF THE MEETING - REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE OF THE ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE – DRAFTING OF A NEW PRE-K TO GRADE 12 REGIONAL SCHOOL AGREEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a resolution in substantially the following form:

It is the sense of Town Meeting that the Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee direct the Regional School District Study Committee to draft a regional agreement between Acton and Boxborough that would include grades pre-kindergarten through 12 for approval at 2013 annual town meeting.

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Petersen moves that the Town adopt the non-binding resolution as set forth in the article.

The Moderator asked Town meeting to allow Mr. Mac Reed, member of the Regional School District study committee to speak on this Article. Motion Carries unanimously to allow speaker

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 32COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROGRAM –(Majority vote)DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS FROM FUND BALANCES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or set aside for later appropriation, and to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager to expend or set aside, from the FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund balances as set forth herein, the amounts listed below for community preservation purposes, with such expenditures to be subject to conditions listed in the Article's Summary and to be further specified in award letters from the Community Preservation Committee, with each item considered a separate appropriation;

FY 2011 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BALANCES	
FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund Revenues	
Community Preservation Fund Surcharge Collected in FY 2011	\$ 756,534.23
State Community Preservation Trust Fund Receipt, October 2011	\$ 202,313.00
Other FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund Components	
Interest Earned in FY 2011	\$ 21,994.22
Recapture of unspent previous years' project appropriations (2006, 2007,	\$ 83,832.50
and 2008)	
Unencumbered FY 2011 Fund Balance	\$ 324,593.03
Total - FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund Balance	\$ 1,389,266.98
FY 2011 Open Space Set-Aside	
Set-Aside Fund Balance from appropriations for the Acquisition,	\$ 1,395,000.00
Creation, and Preservation of Open Space, and its Rehabilitation and	

Restoration	
Recapture of unspent previous years' project appropriations (2010 –	\$ 182,537.1
Caouette land purchase) to the Set-Aside Fund Balance for the	
Acquisition, Creation, and Preservation of Open Space, and its	
Rehabilitation and Restoration	
Total FY 2011 Open Space Set-Aside Fund Balance	\$ 1,577,537.1
APPROPRIATIONS	
Purposes	Recommended Amount
Set Aside Appropriations for	
A. Acquisition, Creation, and Preservation of Open Space, and its Rehabilitation and Restoration	\$ 500,000.0
B. Acquisition, Preservation, Rehabilitation and Restoration of	\$ 528.0
Historic Resources; compensates for under-spending in 2007	
Spending Appropriations	
C. 468 Main Street - Access for Persons with Disabilities	\$ 70,000.0
D. Memorial Library - Window Restoration	\$ 12,000.0
E. Town Hall - Tower Clock Restoration	\$ 14,000.0
F. Regional Housing Services Program	\$ 40,000.0
G. Development Funds - Sachem Way	\$ 300,000.0
H. T.J. O'Grady Skate Park - Improvements	\$ 210,000.0
Administrative Spending Appropriation	
I. A fund for CPC direct expenses and for reimbursing the Town of	\$ 47,942.0
Acton for administrative services and operating expenses provided	
in support of the Community Preservation Committee	
Total Recommended Appropriations from FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund Balance and Current Historic Set-Aside Fund	\$ 1,194,470.0
Preservation Fund Balance and Current Historic Set-Aside Fund	
Resulting Fund Balances	
Remaining FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund Balance	\$ 194,797.0
Resulting Balance in the Set-Aside Fund for the Acquisition, Creation,	φ 121,727.0
and Preservation of Open Space, and its Rehabilitation and Restoration	
and restored of open space, and its reducintation and restoration	\$ 2,077,537.1
Resulting Balance in the Set-Aside Fund for the Acquisition,	
Preservation, Rehabilitation and Restoration of Historic Resources	\$ 528.0

, or take any other action relative thereto;

And, whereas Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B requires that the Town appropriate for spending, or set-aside for future spending, from the 2011 Community Preservation Fund Revenues at least 10% for open space, 10% for historic preservation, and 10% for community housing;

And, whereas the recommended appropriations for open space, historic preservation, and community housing each meet or exceed 10% of the 2011 Community Preservation Fund Revenues;

And, whereas Town Meeting may vote to delete or reduce any of the recommended amounts;

Therefore, in the event that recommended amounts are deleted or reduced, vote to appropriate as a set-aside for future spending from the FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund Balance the minimum necessary amounts to allocate not less than 10% of the FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for open space (\$95,884.73), not less than 10% of the FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for historic preservation (\$95,884.73), not less than 10% of the FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for historic preservation (\$95,884.73), not less than 10% of the FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund Revenues (\$95,884.73) for community housing, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Foster moves that the Town:

- (1) transfer to and from the Community Preservation Fund and appropriate, re-appropriate, or set aside for current or later appropriation, \$1,194,470, all as set forth in the article, and
- (2) authorize the Town Manager to expend or set aside amounts as set forth in the article, and in compliance with conditions to be noted in the Community Preservation Committee's award letters.

Hold - C, E, G, H, I, for questions

MOTION TO AMEND: Mr. Kadlec move to delete \$14,000 under item E - Town Hall Tower Clock Restoration.

MOTION TO AMEND LOST

MOTION TO AMEND: Mr. Farquhar move to strike all of section G as pertains to Development Funds of Sachem Way.

MOTION TO AMEND LOST

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 33LAND TRANSFER – TOWN FOREST AND GENERAL(Two-thirds vote)MUNICIPAL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following real property from and to the following uses, contingent and effective upon the adoption of Article 97 Home Rule legislation pursuant to this Article:

- 1. To transfer from Town Forest uses to general municipal uses under the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen that portion of Parcel 34 on Town Atlas Map B-5 consisting of approximately 2.3 acres more or less and identified as "Portion of Town Forest to be Transferred to General Municipal Uses" on a plan of land entitled Quarry Road Town Forest Plan of Land in Acton, Massachusetts, prepared by the Town of Acton Engineering Department, dated March 20, 2012, on file with the Town Clerk (the "Plan"), being a portion of the premises acquired by the Town from Charles E. Davis and Estelle T. Davis by deed dated December 30, 1943 and recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds ("Registry") on December 31, 1943 at Book 6734, Page 596, and
- 2. To transfer from the municipal uses for which it was acquired and/or to which it has been put to Town Forest uses under the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen that portion of Parcel 3 on Town Atlas Map C-5 consisting of approximately 2.41 acres more or less and identified as "Portion of General Municipal Land to be Transferred to Town Forest Uses" on the Plan, being a portion of the premises acquired by the Town from Kennedy Land Corporation by deed dated January 28, 1976, recorded in the Registry on February 27, 1976, at Book 12940, Page 132,

And further to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the General Court for an Act pursuant to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, in a form acceptable to the Selectmen and Town Counsel, to authorize the transfer of the foregoing land from Town Forest uses to general municipal uses and from the municipal uses to Town Forest uses, all as set forth in this Article,

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Gowing moves that the Town:

- (1) authorize the transfer of the real property from and to the uses as set forth in the Article, both transfers to take effect if and when the General Court adopts Article 97 Home Rule legislation authorizing the transfers pursuant to this Article, and
- (2) authorize the Selectmen to petition the General Court for such Article 97 legislation as set forth in the Article.

MOTION CARRIES DECLARED 2/3 BY MODERATOR*

*Town of Acton has excepted MGL CH 39 Sec 15 at its Annual Town Meeting April 2001, Article 43 and the Amended Bylaw 5A was approved by the Attorney General on Aug. 6, 2001. (The Town Meeting Moderator is not required to count a 2/3 required vote.)

LAND LEASE OR EASEMENT – NARA MIRACLE FIELD

ARTICLE 34 (Two-thirds vote)

To see if the Town will vote to (a) authorize the transfer from the municipal use for which it was acquired and/or to which it has been put to recreational use under the care, custody and control of the Board of Selectmen or its designee a portion of Parcel 30-1 on Town Atlas Map B-5 consisting of approximately 41,000 square feet more or less as determined by the Selectmen (the "Property"); (b) authorize the Selectmen to accept on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine gifts and grants of funds, fixtures, products, equipment, labor, services, structures and improvements for the development on the Property of an active recreation area primarily for the use of individuals with physical and mental disabilities, and authorize the appropriation of such funds for such purposes; and (c) authorize the Selectmen to enter into one or more leases, licenses or other agreements and/or to pursue any necessary home rule or Article 97 legislation, all on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine, to ensure the development, improvement, use, care and maintenance of the Property for uses consistent with the purposes of this article, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Gowing moves that the Town:

- (1) authorize the transfer of the Property to recreational use and authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts and grants for the development of the Property for such use, and to enter into one or more leases, licenses or other agreements and to pursue any such necessary legislation for such purposes, all as set forth in the article and on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine; and
- (2) appropriate for such purposes any and all gifts and grants of funds accepted by the Selectmen for such purposes.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for an Act authorizing the continued employment of the deputy police chief in substantially the form set forth below, or take any other action relative thereto:

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ROBERT PARISI MAY CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF ACTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Robert Parisi, deputy police chief of the police department of the town of Acton, may continue in such office or position, or in such other office or position within the town's police department to which the appointing authority may in its discretion appoint him, until October 26, 2016 or until the date of his voluntary retirement, whichever occurs first, if he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of such office or position. The appointing authority may, at its own expense, require Robert Parisi to be examined by an impartial physician designated by the appointing authority to determine such capability. Robert Parisi shall hold the office or position subject to the approval of the appointing authority, and may be removed from the office or position by the appointing authority in accordance with any applicable provisions of the town charter and personnel bylaw. The appointing authority may grant Robert Parisi step or cost of living adjustments to his compensation in the normal course. Deductions shall continue to be made from the regular compensation of Robert Parisi under said Chapter 32 for any service performed before October 26, 2016, and upon retirement Robert Parisi shall receive a superannuation allowance, as applicable, equal to that appropriate for his full years of creditable service including any full years of service subsequent to the effective date of this act. If Robert Parisi is determined not to be capable of continuing in service pursuant to an examination by an impartial physician, as provided for in this act, he shall be retired for superannuation, and shall not be presumed by virtue of such determination to be disabled for the purposes of said Chapter 32.

Section 2: This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

MOTION: Mr. Sonner moves that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a Home Rule Act in substantially the form set forth in the Article.

The Moderator asked Town meeting to allow Marianne Fleckner, Director of Human Resources for the Town of Acton to speak on this Article. Motion Carries unanimously to allow speaker.

MOTION LOST

ARTICLE 36 HOME RULE PETITION – ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for an Act establishing a Town of Acton Energy Efficiency Fund, in substantially the form set forth below:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TOWN OF ACTON ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, there is hereby established in the Town of Acton a dedicated account to be known as the Town of Acton Green Energy Fund to provide funds for energy savings in Town-owned facilities or on Town-owned property, or for other energy efficiency, energy conservation, or renewable energy projects or activities of the Town.

SECTION 2. The Town may from time to time appropriate and transfer funds into said account by majority vote of Acton town meeting for the purpose of providing funds for said energy efficiency, energy conservation, or renewable energy projects or activities of the Town. Funds may also be deposited into said account, with the approval of a majority of the Acton board of selectmen, from gifts, grants and donations received from public or private sources; federal and state funding programs; revenues from energy efficiency incentive payments, power purchase agreements, renewable energy leases, and similar sources; and any other source authorized by law. Expenditures from said account may be made with the approval of a majority of the Acton board of selectmen without further appropriation.

SECTION 3. The Acton town manager, with approval of a majority of the Acton board of selectmen, may apply for public or private grants, incentives, or subsidies for energy efficiency, energy conservation, or renewable energy projects or activities, using any unencumbered balance of said dedicated account as necessary matching funds for such grants, incentives, or subsidies.

SECTION 4. Said account shall be maintained by the town treasurer as a separate account, and any interest accrued shall be credited to and become part of the fund. Any funds remaining in said account at the end of each fiscal year shall remain in said account to be used for the purposes provided for in this act. Each year the town treasurer shall provide a report to the Acton board of selectmen on monies deposited into and expended from said account.

SECTION 5. By two-thirds vote of the Acton town meeting, the Town may dissolve said account and, after paying any sums due therefrom, transfer the remaining unencumbered balance of said account to the Town's general fund.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

MOTION: Mr. Loria moves that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a Home Rule Act in substantially the form set forth in the Article.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 37 RESOLUTION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a resolution calling upon the Congress of the United States to pass and send to the States for ratification a constitutional amendment to reverse the decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, to declare that corporations are not "persons" under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and to restore to the People their right to regulate the expenditures of corporations to ensure fair elections, in substantially the following form:

WHEREAS, We the people adopted and ratified the First Amendment to the United States Constitution to protect the free speech and other rights of people, not corporations;

WHEREAS, Corporations are not people but entities created by the laws of states and nations;

WHEREAS, A narrow majority of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* overturned longstanding precedent which permitted under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution laws prohibiting corporations from spending corporate general treasury funds in our elections;

WHEREAS, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* invalidates federal laws, state laws and even state Constitutional provisions precluding the expenditure of corporate money in elections;

WHEREAS, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* has unleashed an infusion of corporate money into our political process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in United States history;

WHEREAS, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* presents a serious and direct threat to our republican democracy;

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers the people and the states of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct an egregiously wrong decision of the United States Supreme Court such as *Citizens United v*. *Federal Election Commission* which goes to the heart of our democracy and republican self-government; and

WHEREAS, the people and states of the United States of America have strengthened the nation and preserved liberty and equality for all by using the amendment process throughout our history, in several instances to reverse Supreme Court decisions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE THE PEOPLE OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS CALL UPON THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PASS AND SEND TO THE STATES FOR RATIFICATION A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REVERSE THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT IN *CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION*, TO DECLARE THAT CORPORATIONS ARE NOT "PERSONS" UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, AND TO RESTORE TO THE PEOPLE THEIR RIGHT TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURES OF CORPORATIONS TO ENSURE FAIR ELECTIONS.

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves that the Town take no action.

MOTION CARRIES

General Consent (**Two-thirds vote**)

[Note to Moderator: Please declare if a two-thirds vote is reached for this vote] (Articles requiring a two-thirds vote are listed in **bold**, majority vote are listed in *italics*)

<u>CONSENT MOTION</u>: **Mr. Gowing** moves that the Town take up the eighteen articles in the Consent Calendar, except for Article 51 and 53, on pages 65 through 89 of the Warrant: Articles *38*, **41**, **42**, **43**, **44**, **45**, **47**, **48**, **50**, **52**, *54*, *55*, *56*, *57*, *58*, *59*, **60** and *61*.

Hold 43

REMAINING CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Article 38 * Amend Town Bylaws – Commission on Disabilities Membership(majority vote) Ms. Adachi moves that the Town adopt the general bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

Article 41 * Amend Zoning Bylaw – Political Signs (two-thirds vote)

Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

Article 42 * Amend Zoning Bylaw – Definition of Agriculture (two-thirds vote) Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

Article 43 * Amend Zoning Bylaw – Brookside Shops (two-thirds vote) Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

Article 44 * Amend Zoning Bylaw –Specifications for Access, Frontage, Width, and Front Yard (two-thirds vote)

Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

Article 45 * Amend Zoning Bylaw – Residential Garages, Sheds, Barns, etc. (two-thirds vote)

Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

Article 47 * Amend Zoning Bylaw – Renting & Boarding Rooms (two-thirds vote) Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

Article 48 * Amend Zoning Bylaw – Vehicle Sales, Rental Repair and Body Shop (two-thirds vote)

Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

Article 50 * Revise Street Layout – Ticonderoga Road (two-thirds vote

Ms. Adachi moves that the Town modify the layout of the portion of Ticonderoga Road in the vicinity of 15 Ticonderoga Road as set forth in the Article.

Article 52 * Accept Land Gift – Faulkner Hill Road (two-thirds vote)

Mr. Clough moves that the Town accept the gift of land as set forth in the Article.

Article 54 * Hear and Accept Reports (majority vote)

Mr. Clough moves that the Town accept the reports of the various Town Officers and Boards as set forth in the 2011 Town Report and that the Moderator call for any other reports.

Article 55 * Highway Reimbursement Program (Chapter 90) (majority vote)

Ms. Adachi moves that the Town Manager is authorized to accept Highway funds from all sources and that such funds are hereby appropriated for highway purposes.

Article 56 * Insurance Proceeds (majority vote)

Ms. Adachi moves that the Town Manager is authorized to accept insurance proceeds of any name and nature whatsoever from all sources and such funds are hereby appropriated.

Article 57 * Gifts or Grants (majority vote)

Ms. Adachi moves that the proceeds of any gifts or grants from any source accepted pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53A, and any interest thereon, are hereby appropriated for the stated purposes of the gifts or grants, and may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen or otherwise as stated in Section 53A.

Article 58 * Federal and State Reimbursement Aid (majority vote)

Mr. Sonner moves that the Town Manager is authorized to accept federal and state reimbursement funds from all sources and that such funds are hereby appropriated for the purposes outlined by such reimbursement.

Article 59 * Performance Bonds (majority vote)

Ms. Adachi moves that the Town appropriate the proceeds of any performance bonds, for the purposes stated in said bonds, available as a result of any default, non-performance or other covered conditions.

Article 60 * Sale of Foreclosed Properties (two-thirds vote)

Dr. Harting-Barrat moves in the words of the Article.

Article 61 * Elderly Tax Relief – Reauthorize Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 (majority vote)

Dr. Harting-Barrat moves that the Town continue to accept the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, providing for a 100% increase in certain property tax exemptions.

ARTICLE 38 * AMEND TOWN BYLAWS - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MEMBERSHIP

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section B23 of Chapter B of the General Bylaws of the Town to read as follows:

B23. Commission on Disabilities

- **23.1** This Commission on Disabilities shall consist of five (5) members and two (2) associate members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, each serving a three (3) year term, pursuant to Charter § 4-2.
- **23.2** A quorum of the Commission on Disabilities shall consist of three (3) members or associate members, if designated by the Chair in the case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest on the part of any regular member, or in the event of a vacancy on the Commission.
- **23.3** The Commission on Disabilities shall act by a majority vote of its members or associate members, designated as described herein, present or otherwise entitled to vote under the Open Meeting Law, provided however, that if only a quorum of three (3) members or associate members is present, the vote must be unanimous to carry.

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the Town adopt the general bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 39AMEND ZONING BYLAW -(Two-thirds vote)SIGNS & ADVERTISING DEVICES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 7 (Signs and Advertising Devices) as follows:

- A. In section 7.2 Definitions, insert a new sub-section 7.2.11 as stated below and renumber current sub-sections 7.2.11 through 7.2.17 to 7.2.12 through 7.2.18 respectively:
 - 7.2.11 **LED SIGN** A SIGN that features light emitting diodes arranged in a pattern to create pictures, symbols or letters.

In sections 7.4.3.4 a), 7.5.16, and 7.5.17 replace all occurrences of the word "NEON" with "NEON or LED"; and

[Note - Sections 7.4.3.4 a), 7.5.16 and 7.5.17 currently read:

7.4.3.4 a) NEON SIGNS, subject to Sections 7.5.17 and 7.13.1.6.

7.5.16 WINDOW SIGNS – WINDOW SIGNS, other than a NEON SIGN, in the Business, Village, Industrial and Office Districts shall not require a SIGN Permit provided that their aggregate DISPLAY AREA covers no more than 25 percent of the window in which they

are ERECTED. Such SIGN shall not be illuminated. WINDOW SIGNS promoting a public service or charitable event shall not be calculated in the allowable 25 percent.

7.5.17 NEON WINDOW SIGNS – NEON WINDOW SIGNS in the Business, Village, Industrial, and Office Park Districts shall not require a SIGN Permit provided that the DISPLAY AREA shall not exceed ten square feet or cover more than 25% of the window in which they are ERECTED, whichever is less. There shall be not more than one such SIGN allowed per PRINCIPAL USE. In the Village Districts, a NEON WINDOW SIGN may only be placed in a ground floor window. As with any other SIGN, a NEON WINDOW SIGN shall not be illuminated longer than 30 minutes before opening of after closing of the store or business.]

In section 7.13 dealing with signs requiring a special permit from the Planning Board, delete sub-section 7.13.1.6, and replace it with the following:

7.13.1.6 Except in the Village Districts, a NEON or LED SIGN to be ERECTED on a LOT in place of a SIGN otherwise permitted, provided it features an individualized, custom made design showing only a drawing, logo, symbol or illustration, but not letters. A NEON or LED SIGN hereunder shall comply with all applicable dimensional standards. A NEON SIGN shall be composed of primarily single strand glass tubing with a maximum 1 inch diameter.

[Note - Section 7.13.1.6 currently reads:

7.13.1.6 Except in the Village Districts, a NEON SIGN to be ERECTED on a LOT in place of a SIGN otherwise permitted, provided it features an individualized, custom made design showing only a drawing, logo, symbol or illustration, but not letters. A NEON SIGN hereunder shall comply with all applicable dimensional standards. It shall be composed of primarily single strand glass tubing with a maximum 1 inch diameter.]

- B. In section 7.2 Definitions, insert a new sub-section 7.2.19 as follows:
 - 7.2.19 **TEMPORARY or SPECIAL EVENT SIGN** A temporary SIGN to announce a church bazaar, fair, circus, festival, business or shop opening, special sale by a store or business, or similar event; or a temporary SIGN for a business in place of a permanent sign.

And, except for section 7.10, change the words "Special Event Sign(s)" to "TEMPORARY or SPECIAL EVENT SIGN(S)" wherever they occur in the zoning bylaw.

- C. In section 7.3 Signs Prohibited in All Districts, delete section 7.3.8 and replace it with the following:
 - 7.3.8 Where this Bylaw requires minimum side or rear yards for BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, any FREESTANDING SIGN ERECTED in such minimum yard, unless such SIGN is a directional SIGN listed in Section 7.5.3.

[Note - Section 7.3.8 currently reads:

7.3.8 Any SIGN ERECTED in a side or rear yard required under this Bylaw unless such SIGN is affixed to an existing BUILDING, or unless such SIGN is a directional SIGN listed in Section 7.5.3.]

- D. Delete section 7.4.3.8 and replace it with the following:
 - 7.4.3.8 Where possible, the light fixtures used for SIGN illumination should be classified as "energy efficient", as defined by the power utility company serving the LOT.

[Note – Section 7.4.3.8 currently reads:

Light fixtures including bulbs or tubes used for SIGN illumination should be selected and positioned to achieve the desired brightness of the SIGN with the minimum possible wattage while ensuring compliance with all applicable requirements of this Bylaw. Where possible, the fixtures used for SIGN illumination should classify as "energy efficient", as defined by the power utility company serving the LOT.]

E. In section 7.6.2, Time Limitations for SIGN Permit, change the words "60 days" and "60 day" to "45 days" and "45 day" respectively.

[Note – Section 7.6.2 currently reads:

7.6.2 Time Limitations – The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall approve or disapprove any application for a SIGN Permit within 60 days of receipt of the application. If the Zoning Enforcement Officer should fail to approve or disapprove an application for a SIGN Permit within such 60 day period, the application shall be deemed to be approved.]

- F. Delete Section 7.10, Special Event Signs, and replace it with a new section 7.10 as follows:
 - 7.10 TEMPORARY and SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS -
 - 7.10.1 One SPECIAL EVENT SIGN may be ERECTED to announce a church bazaar, fair, circus, festival, business or shop opening, special sale by a store or business, or similar event. Such SIGN shall be ERECTED on the same LOT where the event is to occur. It may identify the event and the date of the event, and it may display the event's sponsor, organizer and main feature. Such a SIGN shall be removed not later than 1 day after completion of the event. The display time of SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS, taken together, shall be limited to 45 days per PRINCIPAL USE for each calendar year.
 - 7.10.2 In addition to SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS, any PRINCIPAL USE permitted in a Business, Industrial, Office or Village District that does not have a permanent FREESTANDING or EXTERIOR SIGN may ERECT one TEMPORARY SIGN on the same LOT where the PRINCIPAL USE is located for the duration between the application filing date for a permanent SIGN permit or special permit pursuant to section 7.6 and 7.13 and, if approved, up to 45 days after the issuance of a SIGN permit pursuant to section 7.6."
 - 7.10.3 Only one TEMPORARY or SPECIAL EVENT SIGN shall be ERECTED per PRINCIPAL USE at any given time.
 - 7.10.4 TEMPORARY and SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS shall not exceed 10 square feet in DISPLAY AREA.
 - 7.10.5 TEMPORARY and SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS shall neither be ERECTED on a sidewalk, walkway or driveway, nor within 5 feet from the sideline of a STREET or right of way customarily used by the general public.
 - 7.10.5 TEMPORARY and SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS shall comply with the provisions of Sections 7.3 and 7.4, except as set forth in this section, and they shall not be illuminated.
 - 7.10.6 Notwithstanding subsections 7.3.4, 7.3.6, and 7.4.1, TEMPORARY and SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS may be MOVABLE SIGNS, and in Village Districts may be made with materials not otherwise allowed; and SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS may consist of a flag or balloon, or may be decorated with ribbons, flags, streamers or balloons that remain reasonably within the confines of the SIGNS.

7.10.7 No TEMPORARY or SPECIAL EVENT SIGN shall be ERECTED without a SIGN permit issued by the office of the Zoning Enforcement Officer pursuant to section 7.6, which may be a blanket SIGN permit that covers all TEMPORARY and SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS for a PRINCIPAL USE for up to one calendar year. The SIGN permit shall state the specific dates and time periods during which the TEMPORARY and SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS may be ERECTED and the specific location or locations on a LOT.

[Note – Section 7.10 currently reads:

Special Event SIGNS – One SIGN may be ERECTED to announce a church bazaar, fair, circus, festival, business or shop opening, special sale by a store or business, or similar event. Such SIGN may identify the event and the date of the event, and it may display the event's sponsor, organizer or main feature. It shall not exceed 10 square feet in DISPLAY AREA and shall be ERECTED on the same LOT where the event is to occur. Such a SIGN shall neither be ERECTED on a sidewalk, walkway or driveway, nor be ERECTED within 5 feet from the sideline of a STREET or right of way customarily used by the general public. Such SIGN shall not be illuminated and shall comply with the provisions of Sections 7.3 and 7.4, except as set forth in this section. Notwithstanding subsections 7.3.4, 7.3.6, and 7.4.1, a Special Event SIGN may be a MOVABLE SIGN, may consist of a flag or balloon, may be decorated with ribbons, flags, streamers or balloons which remain reasonably within the confines of the SIGN, and in Village Districts may be made with materials not otherwise allowed. Such a SIGN shall be removed not later than 1 day after completion of the event. Only one such SIGN shall be ERECTED per PRINCIPAL USE at any given time. The display of all such SIGNS, taken together, shall be limited to 45 days per PRINCIPAL USE for each calendar year. No Special Event Signs shall be erected without a SIGN permit issued by the office of the Zoning Enforcement Officer pursuant to section 7.6, which may be a blanket SIGN permit that covers all special event SIGNS for a PRINCIPAL USE for up to one calendar year. The SIGN permit shall state the specific dates during which the Special Event SIGN may be ERECTED and the specific location on a LOT. The SIGN owner shall maintain records throughout the calendar year sufficient to demonstrate compliance with this section including without limitation dated photographs confirming when each Special Event SIGN was ERECTED and removed.]

- G. Delete section 11.1.2 and replace with:
 - 11.1.2 Fine Each day that a violation of this Bylaw continues shall constitute a separate offense. Violation of this Bylaw shall be punishable by a fine of \$300.00 for each offense, except that violation of Section 7 of this Bylaw shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00 for each offense for the first 7 days, and \$300.00 for each offense thereafter.

[Note – Section 11.1.2 currently reads:

11.1.2 Fine – Violation of this Bylaw shall be punishable by a fine of \$300.00 for each offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.]

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 40AMEND TOWN BYLAWS – NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION,(Majority vote)ZONING BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Chapter E (General Public Regulations) as follows:

In section E45 (Non-Criminal Disposition) delete Chapter M and replace with the following:

Chapter M - Zoning Bylaw; enforcing persons: Zoning Enforcement Officer. - Fine: Each day that a violation of the Zoning Bylaw continues shall constitute a separate offense. Violation of the Zoning Bylaw shall be subject to a penalty of \$300.00 for each offense, except that violation of Section 7 of the Zoning Bylaw shall be subject to a penalty of \$50.00 for each offense for the first 7 days, and \$300.00 for each offense thereafter.

[Note: This section currently reads:

Chapter M - Zoning Bylaw; enforcing persons: Zoning Enforcement Officer. - Fine: \$300 for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense."

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the general bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 41 * AMEND ZONING BYLAW – (Two-thirds vote) POLITICAL SIGNS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting section 7.5.12 and replacing it with a new section 7.5.12 as follows:

7.5.12 Political SIGNS – In addition to WINDOW SIGNS, SIGNS may be ERECTED on a LOT displaying political messages. Such SIGNS shall be stationary and shall not be illuminated. The height of such SIGNS shall not exceed 4 feet and their DISPLAY AREA shall not exceed 6 square feet. SIGNS associated with a political event such as elections, primaries, balloting, or voter registration shall be removed within 5 days after the event.

[Note – Section 7.5.12 currently reads:

7.5.12 Political SIGNS – In addition to WINDOW SIGNS, one SIGN may be ERECTED on a LOT displaying a political message. Such a SIGN shall be stationary and shall not be illuminated. Its height shall not exceed 4 feet and its DISPLAY AREA shall not exceed 6 square feet. SIGNS associated with a political event such as elections, primaries, balloting, or voter registration shall not be ERECTED earlier than 25 days prior to such event and shall be removed within 5 days after the event. SIGNS not associated with a particular political event shall be ERECTED for a period of no longer than 30 days, or if ERECTED for a longer duration shall not exceed 2 square feet in DISPLAY AREA. Such SIGN may be a MOVABLE SIGN.]

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 42 * AMEND ZONING BYLAW -(Two-thirds vote) DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting section 3.2.1 and replacing it with a new section 3.2.1 as follows:

3.2.1 Agriculture – Agriculture or farming as defined in M.G.L Ch. 128, s. 1A; the boarding, keeping or raising of livestock, including horses, as a commercial enterprise; aquaculture; silviculture; horticulture; floriculture; or viticulture; the use of BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES for the primary purpose of these activities; and the sale of farm products. The aforesaid uses and activities shall be limited to parcels of 2 acres or more, whereby land divided by a public or private way or a waterway shall be construed as one parcel, and they shall be subject to and in conformance with the definitions, criteria, thresholds, and requirements as they pertain to these activities conducted on not less than 2 acres or not less than 5 acres, respectively, all as set forth in MGL Ch. 40A, s. 3.

[Note – Section 3.2.1 currently reads:

3.2.1 Agriculture - On a parcel of more than five acres: Agriculture, including the boarding, keeping or raising of livestock; horticulture (including without limitation the growing and keeping of nursery stock and the sale thereof, whether such nursery stock is grown in the ground or in burlap, containers, or other suitable manner, provided it is nourished, maintained and managed while on the premises); floriculture; or viticulture; the use of buildings and structures for the primary purpose of these activities, including the sale of farm products. All of the aforesaid shall be subject to and in conformance with the definitions and requirements for these activities under MGL Ch. 40A, s. 3. On a parcel of two acres or more: Cultivating, harvesting and storing of field crops, produce or fruit, and storage of farm equipment that is necessary for these activities; the boarding, keeping and raising of not more than one horse, goat or sheep, plus its offspring up to one year of age.]

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 43 * AMEND ZONING BYLAW – (Two-thirds vote) BROOKSIDE SHOPS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Map Number 1, by changing the zoning district designation for Town Atlas parcel F-4/37 (145 to 149 Great Road) from Residence 8 (R-8) to Limited Business (LB), or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

MOTION LOST Declared 2/3 by Moderator*

*Town of Acton has excepted MGL CH 39 Sec 15 at its Annual Town Meeting April 2001, Article 43 and the Amended Bylaw 5A was approved by the Attorney General on Aug. 6, 2001. (The Town Meeting Moderator is not required to count a 2/3 required vote.)

ARTICLE 44 * AMEND ZONING BYLAW – SPECIFICATIONS FOR ACCESS, (Two-thirds vote) FRONTAGE, WIDTH AND FRONT YARD

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

- A. Delete section 1.3.1 (Definition of Access) and replace it with a new section 1.3.1 as follows:
 - 1.3.1 ACCESS: ACCESS shall mean that (1) there is sufficient right of vehicular passage onto the LOT from the STREET on which it has FRONTAGE and (2) vehicular passage is or may be provided between the FRONTAGE and the STRUCTURE on the LOT. Such ACCESS shall be consistent with the USE or potential USE of the LOT. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to require:
 - 1. Actual entry through the LOT'S FRONTAGE if, in the opinion of the license or permit granting authority, alternate means of entry will better fulfill the purposes of this Bylaw;
 - 2. Actual or potential ACCESS through the minimum required FRONTAGE set forth elsewhere in this zoning bylaw; or
 - 3. Actual or potential ACCESS through any portion of the LOT that meets minimum LOT width requirements set forth elsewhere in this zoning bylaw.

[Note – Section 1.3.1 currently reads:

1.3.1 ACCESS: The actual or potential provision of vehicular entry onto a LOT by means of its FRONTAGE on a STREET to a degree consistent with the USE or potential USE of the LOT. For example, in the case of a residential LOT, ACCESS shall mean that (1) there is sufficient right of vehicular passage onto the LOT from the STREET on which it has FRONTAGE and (2) vehicular passage is or may be provided between the FRONTAGE and the DWELLING UNIT on the LOT. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to require actual ACCESS over the STREET or through the FRONTAGE if, in the opinion of the license or permit granting authority, alternate means of ACCESS will better fulfill the purposes of this Bylaw.]

B. Delete section 1.3.10 (definition of frontage) and replace it with the following:

1.3.10 FRONTAGE A continuous LOT line along the sideline of a STREET. The sideline of a STREET is defined by the front boundary lines of LOTS along a STREET and not necessarily the pavement edge of a STREET or sidewalk.

[Note – Section 1.3.10 currently reads: 1.3.10 A continuous LOT line along the sideline of a STREET.]

- C. Delete section 5.2.2.2 (specification for measuring frontage for lots on more than one street) and replace it with a new section 5.2.2.2 as follows:
 - 5.2.2.2 If a LOT has FRONTAGE on more than one STREET, the FRONTAGE on one STREET only may be used to satisfy the minimum required LOT FRONTAGE.

[Note – Section 5.2.2.2 currently reads: 5.2.2.2 If a LOT has FRONTAGE on more than one STREET, the FRONTAGE on one STREET only may be used to satisfy the minimum LOT FRONTAGE.]

- D. Delete section 5.2.3 (specification for measuring lot width) and replace it with a new section 5.2.3 as follows:
 - 5.2.3 LOT Width The minimum required LOT width shall be determined by measuring the diameter of a circle, which can be located along a continuous but not necessarily straight line from any LOT FRONTAGE to the principal STRUCTURE on the LOT without the circumference of the circle intersecting the side LOT lines.

[Note – Section 5.2.3 currently reads:

5.2.3 LOT Width – LOT width shall be determined by measuring the diameter of the largest circle which can be located along a continuous, but not necessarily straight line from the LOT FRONTAGE to the principal STRUCTURE on the LOT without the circumference intersecting the side LOT lines.]

- E. Delete section 5.2.4 (specification for measuring front yards) and replace it with a new section 5.2.4 as follows:
 - 5.2.4 Front Yards Front yards shall be the distance measured in a straight line between any LOT FRONTAGE and the nearest point of any BUILDING or STRUCTURE, excluding roof overhangs. Roof overhangs shall not extend further than two feet into the minimum required front yard. A LOT having FRONTAGE on two or more STREETS shall have two or more front yards, each of which shall comply with the minimum required front yard. In no case shall any BUILDING or STRUCTURE be located closer to the sideline of a STREET than the minimum required front yard. The sideline of a STREET is defined by the front boundary lines of LOTS along a STREET and not necessarily the pavement edge of a STREET or sidewalk.

[Note – Section 5.2.4 currently reads:

5.2.4 Front Yards – Front yards shall be the distance measured in a straight line between the LOT FRONTAGE and the nearest point of any BUILDING or STRUCTURE, excluding roof overhangs. Roof overhangs shall not extend further than two feet into the minimum required front yard. A LOT having FRONTAGE on two or more STREETS shall have two or more front yards, each of which shall comply with the requirements of the front yard provisions. In no case shall any BUILDING or STRUCTURE be located closer to the sideline of a STREET than the minimum required front yard.]

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 45 * AMEND ZONING BYLAW -(Two-thirds vote) RESIDENTIAL GARAGES, SHEDS, BARNS, ETC.

To see if the Town will vote to amend section 3.8.1 of the Zoning Bylaw (ACCESSORY USES Permitted in the Residential Districts and dwellings in the Non-Residential Districts) by deleting sub-section 3.8.1.1 and replacing it with the following:

3.8.1.1 Private garages or carports; solar systems; greenhouses; tool sheds; barns; swimming pools or tennis courts provided that such recreational facilities are used only by the residents and their guests.

[Note – Section 3.8.1.1 currently reads:

3.8.1.1 Private garage or carport for not more than four motor vehicles, solar system, greenhouse, tool shed or barn; swimming pool or tennis court provided that such recreational facilities are used only by the residents and their guests.]

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 46 AMEND ZONING BYLAW – (Two-thirds vote) NONCONFORMING LOTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting Sections 8.1 (Nonconforming Lots) and 8.3.6 (Structures on Nonconforming Lots) and replacing them with a new Section 8.1 as follows:

8.1 Nonconforming Lots

- 8.1.1 Continuation of Existing LOT The requirements of Section 6 of "The Zoning Act" Chapter 40A of the General Laws, as amended, shall apply.
- 8.1.2 Changes to Unimproved LOTS Any unimproved LOT which complied with the minimum area, FRONTAGE, LOT width, yard and depth requirements, if any, in effect at the time the boundaries of the LOT were defined by recorded deed or plan, may be built upon for single FAMILY, or where permitted two-FAMILY, residential USE, notwithstanding the adoption of new or increased LOT area, FRONTAGE, LOT width, yard or depth requirements, provided that:
 - 8.1.2.1 At the time of the adoption of such new or increased requirements such LOT was held, and has continued to be held, in ownership separate from that of adjoining land; and
 - 8.1.2.2 The LOT had at least 5,000 square feet of area and 50 feet of FRONTAGE at the time the boundaries of the LOT were defined; and
 - 8.1.2.3 Any proposed STRUCTURE is situated on an unimproved LOT so as to conform with the minimum yard requirements, if any, in effect at the time the boundaries of such LOT were defined. In the case where no minimum yard

requirements were in effect at the time the boundaries of such LOT were defined, the minimum front yard shall be 20 feet and the minimum side and rear yards shall be 10 feet.

- 8.1.3 Replacement of Single- and Two-Family Dwellings on Nonconforming Lots A STRUCTURE in single family residential USE on a nonconforming LOT may be razed and rebuilt for single family residential USE; and a STRUCTURE in two-family residential USE on a nonconforming LOT may be razed and rebuilt for two-family residential USE; in both cases subject to the following conditions and limitations:
 - 8.1.3.1 The replacement STRUCTURE shall not exceed the FLOOR AREA RATIO on the LOT of the STRUCTURE that existed on the LOT before it was razed or damaged.
 - 8.1.3.2 The replacement STRUCTURE shall meet all minimum yard and maximum height requirements of this Bylaw.
 - 8.1.3.3 In the absence of architectural and plot plans for the existing structure to be razed, the FLOOR AREA RATIO shall be determined by using the information on record at the Town of Acton Assessor's office.
 - 8.1.3.4 Additions to the replacement STRUCTURE may be made after two years following the date of initial occupancy of the replacement STRUCTURE, if otherwise permissible and subject to any permits and special permits that may be required.
- 8.1.4 Extensions, alterations or changes of Single- and Two-Family Dwellings on Nonconforming Lots – One or more extensions, alterations or changes to a single or twofamily residential STRUCTURE on a nonconforming LOT shall be deemed not to increase any nonconformity and shall not require special permits under Section 8.1.5, provided that such extensions, alterations or changes comply with all applicable yard requirements and in total do not increase the size of the STRUCTURE by more than 15 percent of the GROSS FLOOR AREA in existence on April 1, 2012 or the date that LOT became nonconforming, whichever is later.
- 8.1.5 In all other cases, the Board of Appeals may, by special permit, allow such reconstruction of, or extension, alteration or change to a single or two-family residential STRUCTURE on a nonconforming LOT, where it determines either that the proposed modification does not increase the nonconformity or, if the proposed modification does increase the nonconformity, it will not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing STRUCTURE on the nonconforming LOT.

[Note Sections 8.1 and 8.3.6 currently read:

- 8.1 Nonconforming LOTS Any LOT which complied with the minimum area, FRONTAGE, LOT width, yard and depth requirements, if any, in effect at the time the boundaries of the LOT were defined by recorded deed or plan, may be built upon or used for single FAMILY, or where permitted two-FAMILY, residential USE, notwithstanding the adoption of new or increased LOT area, FRONTAGE, LOT width, yard or depth requirements, provided that:
- 8.1.1 At the time of the adoption of such new or increased requirements such LOT was held, and has continued to be held, in ownership separate from that of adjoining land; and
- 8.1.2 The LOT had at least 5,000 square feet of area and 50 feet of FRONTAGE at the time the boundaries of the LOT were defined; and
- 8.1.3 Any proposed STRUCTURE is situated on an unimproved LOT so as to conform with the minimum yard requirements, if any, in effect at the time the boundaries of such LOT were defined. In the case where no minimum yard requirements were in effect at the time the boundaries of such LOT

were defined, the minimum front yard shall be 20 feet and the minimum side and rear yards shall be 10 feet.

8.3 Nonconforming STRUCTURES

- 8.3.6 Replacement of Single- and Two-Family Dwellings A STRUCTURE in single family residential USE on a nonconforming LOT, that cannot otherwise be built on under the requirements of Section 8.1, may be razed and rebuilt for single family residential USE, or rebuilt for single family residential USE after damage from fire or natural disaster except flood, regardless of the degree of damage; and a STRUCTURE in two-family residential USE on a nonconforming LOT, that cannot otherwise be built on under the requirements of Section 8.1, may be razed and rebuilt for two-family residential USE on a nonconforming LOT, that cannot otherwise be built on under the requirements of Section 8.1, may be razed and rebuilt for two-family residential USE, or rebuilt for two-family residential USE on a nonconforming LOT, that cannot otherwise be built on under the requirements of Section 8.1, may be razed and rebuilt for two-family residential USE, or rebuilt for two-family residential USE on a nonconforming to the requirements of Section 8.1, may be razed and rebuilt for two-family residential USE, or rebuilt for two-family residential USE after damage from fire or natural disaster except flood, regardless of the degree of damage; in both cases subject to the following conditions and limitations:
- 8.3.6.1 The replacement STRUCTURE shall not exceed the FLOOR AREA RATIO on the LOT of the STRUCTURE that existed on the LOT before it was razed or damaged.
- 8.3.6.2 The replacement STRUCTURE shall meet all minimum yard and maximum height requirements of this Bylaw.
- 8.3.6.3 In the absence of architectural and plot plans for the existing structure to be razed, the FLOOR AREA RATIO shall be determined by using the information on record at the Town of Acton Assessor's office.
- 8.3.6.4 Additions to the replacement STRUCTURE may be made after two years following the date of initial occupancy of the replacement STRUCTURE, if otherwise permissible and subject to any permits and special permits that may be required.]

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 47 * AMEND ZONING BYLAW -(Two-thirds vote) RENTING & BOARDING ROOMS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by deleting section 3.8.1.3 (renting of rooms or boarding as an accessory use in residential districts) and replacing it with as new section 3.8.1.3 as follows:

3.8.1.3 The renting of rooms or boarding for not more than three persons; except that by Special Permit from the Board of Appeals the renting of rooms or boarding to more than three persons may be allowed. In either case, the service shall be operated by a resident owner of the premises.

[Note: Section 3.8.1.3 currently reads:

3.8.1.3 The renting of rooms or boarding for not more than four persons; except that by Special Permit from the Board of Appeals the renting of rooms or boarding to more than four persons may be allowed. In either case, the service shall be operated by a resident owner of the premises.

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 48 *AMEND ZONING BYLAW - VEHICLE SALES,(Two-thirds vote)RENTAL REPAIR AND BODY SHOP

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 3.5.20 (Vehicle Repair), 3.5.21 (Vehicle Body Shop), and 3.5.22 (Vehicle Sale Rental) by deleting from each of these sections the words "maximum gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds and a wheel base no larger than 135-inches" and replacing them in each of these section with:

"maximum gross vehicle weight of 14,000 pounds".

[Note: Sections 3.5.20 through 3.5.22 currently read:

3.5.20 Vehicle Repair – Establishment where the principal service is the mechanical repair, excluding body work, of automobiles, trucks, boats, motorcycles, trailers, recreational vehicles, farm equipment or similar motor vehicles, having a maximum gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds and a wheel base no larger than 135-inches, provided that all but minor repairs shall be conducted entirely within a BUILDING.

3.5.21 Vehicle Body Shop – Establishment where the principal service is the repair and painting of automobiles, trucks, boats, motorcycles, trailers, recreational vehicles, farm equipment or similar motor vehicles having a maximum gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds and a wheel base no larger than 135-inches, provided that all but minor repairs shall be conducted entirely within a BUILDING.

3.5.22 Vehicle Sale, Rental – Facility for the rental, leasing or sale of automobiles, trucks, boats, motorcycles, trailers, recreational vehicles, farm equipment or similar motor vehicles having a maximum gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds and a wheel base no larger than 135-inches; including open-air display. The open-air display area shall comply with the standards of Section 6.7 of this Bylaw.

See separate article in this warrant proposing to change the gross vehicle weight limit to 14,000 pounds.]

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 49AMEND ZONING BYLAW - MOTOR VEHICLE SALES(Two-thirds vote)AS ACCESSORY USE TO VEHICLE REPAIR

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by inserting under section 3.8.3 (Accessory Use Permitted in any Zoning District) a new sub-section 3.8.3.7 as follows:

- 3.8.3.7 In any zoning district where, pursuant to the Table of PRINCIPAL USES, Vehicle Repair is a USE allowed by right (Y) or by special permit (SPS), the sale of used motor vehicles as an ACCESSORY USE to Vehicle Repair, provided that:
 - a) Any motor vehicle that is for sale does not exceed a maximum gross vehicle weight of 14,000 pounds;
 - b) Not more than 10 used motor vehicles shall be for sale at any one time;
 - c) Where Vehicle Repair requires a special permit, such special permit has been issued and the Vehicle Repair USE is in compliance with said special permit; and
 - d) Where Vehicle Repair requires a special permit, not more than 5 motor vehicles that are for sale shall be placed for open-air display between the STREET and any BUILDING on the LOT. Where such open-air display occurs, the open air display

area shall comply with the standards of Section 6.7 or 6.9 of this Bylaw as applicable for the zoning district in which the Vehicle Repair USE is located.

[Note: Related Use Definitions in the Zoning Bylaw:

3.5.20 Vehicle Repair – Establishment where the principal service is the mechanical repair, excluding body work, of automobiles, trucks, boats, motorcycles, trailers, recreational vehicles, farm equipment or similar motor vehicles, having a maximum gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds and a wheel base no larger than 135-inches, provided that all but minor repairs shall be conducted entirely within a BUILDING.

3.5.22 Vehicle Sale, Rental – Facility for the rental, leasing or sale of automobiles, trucks, boats, motorcycles, trailers, recreational vehicles, farm equipment or similar motor vehicles having a maximum gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds and a wheel base no larger than 135-inches; including open-air display. The open-air display area shall comply with the standards of Section 6.7 of this Bylaw.

See separate article in this warrant proposing to change the gross vehicle weight limit to 14,000 pounds.]

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clymer moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article

MOTION CARRIES DECLARED 2/3 BY MODERATOR*

*Town of Acton has excepted MGL CH 39 Sec 15 at its Annual Town Meeting April 2001, Article 43 and the Amended Bylaw 5A was approved by the Attorney General on Aug. 6, 2001. (The Town Meeting Moderator is not required to count a 2/3 required vote.)

ARTICLE 50 * REVISE STREET LAYOUT – TICONDEROGA ROAD (Two-thirds vote)

To see if the Town will vote to modify the layout of that portion of Ticonderoga Road in the vicinity of 15 Ticonderoga Road to abandon from the layout an area of land shown as "Easement for Road Extension" on that certain plan recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 984 of 1961, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, because the Town no longer needs an easement for road extension access across 15 Ticonderoga Road and has terminated its easement rights to said parcel of land pursuant to that certain Termination of Road Easement dated October 17, 2011 and recorded with said Registry in Book 57709, Page 179; or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the Town modify the layout of the portion of Ticonderoga Road in the vicinity of 15 Ticonderoga Road as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 51 * ACCEPT LAND GIFT – SQUIRREL HILL ROAD

(Two-thirds vote)

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise and to accept the deed of a fee simple interest in a certain parcel of land on Squirrel Hill Road that is owned by the Colonial Realty Trust, containing approximately 3,818 square feet of land more or less, and shown on Town Atlas Map G-1 as Parcel 322, for municipal purposes, and further to see if the Town will raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, or accept gifts for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clough moves that the Town take no action.

Held from consent

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 52 * ACCEPT LAND GIFT – FAULKNER HILL ROAD

(Two-thirds vote)

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise and to accept the deed of a fee simple interest in a certain parcel of land on Faulkner Hill Road that was conveyed on August 3, 1993 by a deed to Robert Magliozzi, recorded in the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds in Book 23497 Page 123, containing approximately 12,060 square feet of land more or less, and shown on Town Atlas Map H-3A as Parcel 60, for municipal purposes, and further to see if the Town will raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, or accept gifts for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clough moves that the Town accept the gift of land as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 53 * ACCEPT LAND GIFT – QUARRY ROAD

(Two-thirds vote)

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise and to accept the deed of a fee simple interest in a certain parcel of land on Quarry Road that was conveyed on June 2, 1989 by a deed to Mary Gustin, David Flavin, Maureen Sloan, Margaret Doran and Richard Flavin, recorded in the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds in Book 19913 Page 577, containing approximately 1.5 acres of land more or less, and shown on Town Atlas Map B-5 as Parcel 13, for municipal purposes, and further to see if the Town will raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, or accept gifts for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clough moves that the Town authorize the Selectmen to accept the gift of land as set forth in the Article, subject to a deed restriction or conservation restriction for conservation purposes, on such terms and conditions as the selectmen may determine.

Held from consent

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 54 * HEAR AND ACCEPT REPORTS

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will accept reports and hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen at any previous Town Meeting that has not already reported, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Clough moves that the Town accept the reports of the various Town Officers and Boards as set forth in the 2011 Town Report and that the Moderator call for any other reports.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 55 * HIGHWAY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM (CHAPTER 90) (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money for highway improvements under the authority of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90, and any other applicable laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the Town Manager is authorized to accept Highway funds from all sources and that such funds are hereby appropriated for highway purposes.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 56 * INSURANCE PROCEEDS

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the proceeds of any insurance policy reimbursements of costs incurred as a result of any covered loss, including without limitation any liability insurance, property insurance, casualty insurance, workers' compensation insurance, health insurance, disability insurance, automobile insurance, police and fire injury and medical costs, and any other insurance of any name and nature whatsoever, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the Town Manager is authorized to accept insurance proceeds of any name and nature whatsoever from all sources and such funds are hereby appropriated.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 57 * GIFTS OR GRANTS (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the proceeds of any gifts or grants accepted pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53A, and any interest thereon, and that, consistent with the requirements of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 4A, the Board of Selectmen or Town Manager are authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements on behalf of the Town, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen or the Town Manager may determine, for the stated purposes of the gifts or grants, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the proceeds of any gifts or grants from any source accepted pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53A, and any interest thereon, are hereby appropriated for the stated purposes of the gifts or grants, and may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen or otherwise as stated in Section 53A.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 58 *FEDERAL AND STATE REIMBURSEMENT AID(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any Federal Government and State Government reimbursement for costs incurred as a result of any declared emergencies or other occurrence, and that, consistent with the requirements of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 4A, the Board of Selectmen or Town Manager are authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements on behalf of the Town, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen or the Town Manager may determine, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Sonner moves that the Town Manager is authorized to accept federal and state reimbursement funds from all sources and that such funds are hereby appropriated for the purposes outlined by such reimbursement.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 59 * PERFORMANCE BONDS

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the proceeds of any performance bonds for the purposes stated in said bonds available as a result of any default, non-performance or other covered conditions, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Adachi moves that the Town appropriate the proceeds of any performance bonds, for the purposes stated in said bonds, available as a result of any default, non-performance or other covered conditions.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 60 * SALE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

(Two-thirds vote)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of foreclosed properties acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Dr. Harting-Barrat moves in the words of the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 61 *ELDERLY TAX RELIEF –(Majority vote)REAUTHORIZE CHAPTER 73 OF THE ACTS OF 1986

To see if the Town will vote to continue to accept the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, providing for a 100% increase in certain property tax exemptions, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Dr. Harting-Barrat moves that the Town continue to accept the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, providing for a 100% increase in certain property tax exemptions.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Ann Chang moves to desolve the 278th Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Acton at 11:07 PM.

Town Meeting Tellers

Charlie Kadlec, Head Teller Jo-Ann Berry Dick Calandrella Ann Chang Brewster Conant Al Doskocil Lois Doskocil Karen Dudziak Joan Gardner Bob Ingram Herman Kabakoff Pam Lynn