

**WARRANT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – APRIL 27, 2015  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Carlisle in the County of Middlesex:

**GREETINGS**

IN THE NAME OF the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Corey Building at 150 Church Street in said Carlisle on Monday, the Twenty-seventh of April next, at seven o'clock in the evening, and thereafter continuing from day to day until completed, then and there to act on the following articles:

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

In an effort to streamline Town Meeting and therefore to make it more inviting to voters, the Board of Selectmen has decided to continue with the concept of the Consent Agenda. This agenda speeds the passage of Articles that the Selectmen anticipate, in consultation with the Moderator and Finance Committee, are likely to generate no controversy and can be properly voted on without debate. The purpose of the Consent Agenda is to allow these Articles to be acted upon pursuant to a single motion, and to be passed without debate.

**THE TOWN WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE USE OF A CONSENT AGENDA UNDER ARTICLE 1.**

**Should the Town approve the use of a CONSENT AGENDA, the Selectmen have voted to recommend that the following Articles be acted upon under the Consent Agenda: Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.** The Articles to be taken up under the Consent Agenda are indicated by a double asterisk (\*\*).

At the call of the Consent Agenda, the Moderator will call out the numbers of the Articles, one by one. If one or more voters object to any particular Article being included in the

Consent Agenda, please say the word “Hold” in a loud voice when the number is called. The Article will then be automatically removed from the Consent Agenda and restored to its original place in the Warrant, to be debated and voted upon in the usual manner. After the calling of the individual items in the Consent Agenda, the Moderator will entertain a SINGLE MOTION that all items remaining on the Consent Agenda be acted upon favorably by the voters.

Please carefully review the list of proposed Articles, which appears in the printed Warrant Book that is mailed to each home. If you have any questions about the consent articles or procedure, please contact the Town Administrator at 978-371-6688 before Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 1 – Consent Agenda:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt certain procedures to govern the conduct of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, or to take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**ARTICLE 2 - Town Reports\*\*:** To hear and act upon the reports of Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners, and Trustees, or to take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**ARTICLE 3 - Salaries of Elected Officials \*\*:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the elected officers of the town as provided by M.G.L. c. 41, § 108, as amended, for the Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015, or to take any other action related thereto.

	Voted FY'14	Voted FY'15	Recommended FY'16
	_____	_____	_____
Moderator	\$50	\$50	\$50
Town Clerk	\$57,063	\$58,204	\$59,543
Assessors - Chairman	\$100	\$100	\$100
Second Member	\$100	\$100	\$100
Third Member	\$100	\$100	\$100

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN/FINANCE COMMITTEE)

*Finance Committee Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 3.*

**ARTICLE 4 – Actuarial Valuation of Post-Employment Benefits\*\*:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to be spent by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of professional services in connection with GASB 45 actuarial valuation of post-employment benefits for the Town, or to take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN/FINANCE COMMITTEE)

*Finance Committee Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends raising and appropriating \$4,000 to be spent by the Board of Selectmen for professional services connected with the Actuarial Valuation. The intent of this article is to plan for and budget a portion of the cost for the actuarial valuation that must be done every two years by the Treasurer.*

**ARTICLE 5 – Revaluation \*\*:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to be spent by the Board of Assessors for the purpose of professional services in connection with revaluation of real estate and personal property in the Town, or take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN/FINANCE COMMITTEE)

*Finance Committee Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 5 for \$5,000 to be spent by the Board of Assessors for professional services connected with revaluation. The intent of this article is to plan for and budget a portion of the cost for the revaluation that must be done every three years by the Assessors, in each of the years leading up to the revaluation.*

**ARTICLE 6 - Department Revolving Funds Authorization \*\*:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize or reauthorize certain revolving funds, as set forth below, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E ½ for the Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015, or to take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN/FINANCE COMMITTEE)

<b>Revenue Funds</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Authority to Spend</b>	<b>Use of Fund</b>	<b>Spending Limit</b>
School Buses	User Fees Collected by School	School Committee	To provide transportation for 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students	\$60,000
Board of Health Inspections	Board of Health Fees	Board of Health	Specific expert engineering and consulting services to review septic and well installations and repairs, sanitary inspections and other appropriate reimbursable expenses.	\$50,000
Hazardous Wastes	Transfer Station User Fees & Grants Received	Board of Selectmen	Transfer Station recycling expenses and household hazardous waste collection /disposal	\$40,000
Trails Committee	Sale of Trails in Carlisle Book	Board of Selectmen	Building, maintaining and enhancing recreation trails.	\$10,000
Conservation Foss Farm	User Fees	Conservation Commission	Activities and maintenance associated with Foss Farm.	\$2,500
Conservation Building Maintenance	Fees and/or Rent	Conservation Commission	Maintenance and repairs associated with the Buildings located on Conservation Commission Lands	\$30,000
Historical Commission	Fees	Historical Commission	Reasonable expenses related to filings/applications.	\$3,000
Youth Commission	Event Admission Fees	Board of Selectmen	To provide for dances and other events sponsored by the Youth Commission.	\$10,000
Building	User	Board of	To cover inspectional services and administrative expenses.	\$100,000

Department	Fees	Selectmen		
Council on Aging	User Fees	Council on Aging	To provide for expenses for activities, programs and events sponsored by the Council on Aging.	\$25,000

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** *The Finance Committee recommends authorizing the following revolving special revenue funds, as specified in Article 6: School buses, Board of Health, Hazardous Wastes, Trails Committee, Conservation Foss Farm, Conservation Building Maintenance, Historical Commission, Youth Commission, Building Department, and Council on Aging. All of these Funds receive their revenues from user fees and grant awards, which are spent to provide services as determined in each of the fund's charter.*

**ARTICLE 7 – Real Estate Tax Exemption \*\*:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59, § 5 (clause 41C), to grant an additional real estate tax exemption of up to one hundred percent (100 %) of the amount permitted by this statute, or to take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN/BOARD OF ASSESSORS)

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** *The Finance Committee recommends authorizing the Board of Assessors to grant this exemption.*

**ARTICLE 8 - FY 2016 Chapter 90 Authorization \*\*:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to be used for reconstruction and improvements of Public Ways, as provided for under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 90, or to take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN/FINANCE COMMITTEE)

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** *The Finance Committee recommends appropriating Chapter 90 funds to fund road reconstruction and improvement of public ways. Under the General Laws, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will reimburse the Town for these monies.*

**ARTICLE 9 – Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Transfers:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money into various line items of the Fiscal Year 2015 operating budget from other line items of said budget, from unexpended funds in various accounts or from other available funds. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN/FINANCE COMMITTEE)

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** *The Finance Committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.*

**ARTICLE 10 – FY16 Operating Budget:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum of money to fund the various departments, boards, commissions, and operating expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015, or to take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN/FINANCE COMMITTEE)

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** *The Finance Committee recommends approval of a total FY2016 Operating Budget of \$27,523,585 as further detailed below:*

**Article 10**

	<b>FY 2015 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2016 Levy Limit Budget</b>
General Government	1,149,181	1,191,855
Protection of Persons & Property	2,283,187	2,380,577
Board of Health	88,822	91,085
Public Works	1,110,880	1,130,719
Public Assistance	204,026	219,791
Education	16,859,206	17,826,518
Library	574,053	594,064
Recreation	147,282	149,990
Insurance & Benefits	1,505,000	1,480,000
Unclassified	152,000	152,000
County Retirement	726,609	771,117
Long Term Debt	1,516,884	1,535,869
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,317,130</b>	<b>27,523,585</b>

## General Government

	FY 2015	FY 2016
	Budget	Levy Limit
	Budget	Budget
<b>General Government</b>		
General Expense & Town Hall	726,246	755,426
Citizen Recognition	275	275
Treasurer/Collector	144,677	151,547
Town Clerk	70,469	72,070
Registrars & Elections	13,723	13,988
Assessors	107,405	109,789
Planning Board	86,386	88,760
<b>sub-total</b>	<b>1,149,181</b>	<b>1,191,855</b>

**General Expenses & Town Hall:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$755,426 for this budget item.*

**Citizen Recognition:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$275 for this budget item.*

**Treasurer/Tax Collector:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$151,547 for this budget item.*

**Town Clerk:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$72,070 for this budget item.*

**Registrars and Elections:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$13,988 for this budget item.*

**Assessors:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$109,789 for this budget item.*

**Planning Board:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$88,760 for this budget item.*

**Protection of Persons and Property**

	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Levy Limit</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Protection of Persons &amp; Property</b>		
Police	1,368,980	1,422,264
Fire	427,072	457,346
Communications	324,487	332,046
Conservation	94,215	100,260
Dog & Animal Control	10,325	10,782
Inspectional Services	34,108	33,879
Street-Lighting	24,000	24,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>2,283,187</b>	<b>2,380,577</b>

**Police:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$1,422,264 for this budget item.*

**Fire:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$457,346 for this budget item, with \$404,346 to be raised from taxation or other available funds of the town and \$53,000 to be transferred from the Ambulance Fund.*

**Communications:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$332,046 for this budget item.*

**Conservation:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$100,260 for this budget item.*

**Dog & Animal Control:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$10,782 for this budget item.*

**Inspectional Services:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$33,879 for this budget item.*

**Street Lighting:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$24,000 for this budget item.*

**Board of Health**

		<b>FY 2016</b>
	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>Levy Limit</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Board of Health</b>	<b>88,822</b>	<b>91,085</b>

***Board of Health:** The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$91,085 for this budget item.*

**Public Works**

		<b>FY 2016</b>
	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>Levy Limit</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Public Works</b>		
DPW (incl. trees)	696,413	714,742
Snow & Ice	65,440	65,558

Transfer Station	260,611	262,003
Road Maintenance	88,416	88,416
<b>sub-total</b>	<b>1,110,880</b>	<b>1,130,719</b>

***DPW:** The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$714,742 for this budget item.*

***Snow & Ice:** The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$65,558 for this budget item.*

***Transfer Station:** The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$262,003 for this budget item.*

***Road Maintenance:** The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$88,416 for this budget item.*

**Public Assistance**

	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Levy Limit</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Public Assistance</b>		
Youth Commission	2,806	2,872

Council on Aging	174,620	180,319
Senior Tax Voucher Program	25,000	25,000
Veteran's Agent and Benefits	1,600	11,600
<b>sub-total</b>	<b>204,026</b>	<b>219,791</b>

***Youth Commission:** The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$2,872 for this budget item.*

***Council on Aging:** The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$180,319 for this budget item.*

***Senior Tax Voucher Program:** The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$25,000 for this budget item.*

***Veteran's Agent:** The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$11,600 for this budget item.*

**Education**

		<b>FY 2016</b>
	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>Levy Limit</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Education</b>		
Carlisle Public Schools	10,012,736	10,441,674

CCRS	5,834,916	5,905,074
CCRS debt service	684,033	1,253,485
MMRHS, including debt service	327,521	226,285
<b>sub-total</b>	<b>16,859,206</b>	<b>17,826,518</b>

*Carlisle Public Schools: The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$10,441,674 for this budget item.*

*Concord Carlisle Regional High School (CCRS): The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$5,905,074 for this budget item.*

*Concord Carlisle Regional High School (CCRS) Debt Service: The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$1,253,485 for this budget item, with \$853,485 to be raised from taxation or other available funds of the town and \$400,000 to be transferred from Free Cash.*

*Minuteman Regional High School (MMRHS): The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$226,285 for this budget item.*

**Library**

		<b>FY 2016</b>
	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>Levy Limit</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>574,053</b>	<b>594,064</b>

**Library:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$594,064 for this budget item.*

**Recreation**

	<b>FY 2016</b>	
	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>Levy Limit</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Recreation</b>	<b>147,282</b>	<b>149,990</b>

**Recreation:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$149,990 for this budget item.*

**Insurance & Benefits**

	<b>FY 2016</b>	
	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>Levy Limit</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Insurance &amp; Benefits</b>		
Blanket Insurance	205,000	205,000
Group Insurance and Mitigation	1,000,000	1,000,000
Contribution to OPEB Trust	250,000	225,000

Unemployment Insurance	50,000	50,000
<b>sub-total</b>	<b>1,505,000</b>	<b>1,480,000</b>

**Blanket Insurance:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$205,000 for this budget item.*

**Group Insurance & Mitigation:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$1,000,000 for this budget item.*

**Contribution to OPEB Trust:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$225,000 for this budget item with \$125,000 to be raised from taxation or other available funds of the town and \$100,000 to be transferred from Free Cash.*

**Unemployment Insurance:** *The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$50,000.*

**Unclassified**

	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Levy Limit</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Interest, fees, & costs	1,000	1,000
Public Celebrations	1,000	1,000
Reserve Fund Balance	150,000	150,000

sub-total

152,000

152,000

*Interest, Fees, & Costs: The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$1,000 for this budget item.*

*Public Celebrations: The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$1,000 for this budget item.*

*Reserve Fund: The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$150,000 for this budget item.*

### County Retirement

	FY 2015	FY 2016
	Budget	Levy Limit
	Budget	Budget
County Retirement	726,609	771,117

*County Retirement: The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$771,117 for this budget item.*

**Long Term Debt Service**

	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Levy Limit Budget</b>
<b>Long Term Debt</b>	<b>1,516,884</b>	<b>1,535,869</b>

***Long Term Debt:** The Finance Committee recommends a balanced budget appropriation of \$1,535,869 for this budget item with \$1,441,076 to be raised from taxation or other available funds of the town, \$14,945 to be transferred from the Stabilization fund, \$40,000 to be transferred from Free Cash, and \$39,848 to be transferred from the Reserve for Bond Premiums account.*

**ARTICLE 11 – Additional Appropriations:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of retaining consultants to conduct studies, provide services and complete projects for the following departments:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Council on Aging	\$6,500	Social Worker
Assessors	\$5,000	Updates to GIS Maps
Conservation	\$3,900	Greenough Dam Design
Selectmen	\$10,000	Fire Department Study
Selectmen	\$20,000	Facilities Condition Study

or to take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

*Finance Committee Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 11 with \$30,000 to be transferred from Free Cash and \$15,400 to be raised and appropriated through taxation.*

**ARTICLE 12 – Approve/Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding a successor collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Carlisle and the Carlisle Teachers’ Association, or to take any other action related thereto. (SCHOOL COMMITTEE)

*Finance Committee Recommendation: The Finance Committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.*

**ARTICLE 13 – Wage and Classification Study Adjustments:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of funding wage/salary adjustments for Town non-union personnel, or to take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

*Finance Committee Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 13.*

**ARTICLE 14 – CPA Annual Recommendations:** To see if the town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey, or accept as the case may be, appropriate historic preservation or conservation restrictions, and to take any other action related thereto. (COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE)

**Summary of Motion 1 - FY’16 CPA Appropriations:** That the following amounts be appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2016 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues to the Community Preservation Fund accounts as follows:

- a. Fifty One Thousand Dollars (\$51,000) be appropriated to the Open Space Reserve Fund.
- b. Fifty One Thousand Dollars (\$51,000) be appropriated to the Community Housing Reserve Fund.
- c. Fifty One Thousand Dollars (\$51,000) be appropriated to the Historic Reserve Fund.
- d. Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) be appropriated for Administrative Expenses.
- e. Three Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$354,500) be appropriated to the fiscal year 2016 Community Preservation Budget Reserve account.

**Summary of Motion 2 (FY'15):**

To rescind \$50,000 of the appropriation approved under Article 19, Motion 2, of the April 28, 2014 Annual Town Meeting to the Carlisle Affordable Housing Trust (“CAHT”), and returning the rescinded funds to the Community Housing Reserve Fund in fiscal 2015.

**Summary of Motion 3 (FY'15):**

To rescind the appropriation of \$25,000 under Article 24, Motion 6 of the May 5, 2011 Annual Town Meeting, as it relates to the appropriation to the Carlisle Recreation Commission for the design of an athletic field on Benfield land, approved under Article 20, Motion 9 of the May 23, 2005 Annual Town Meeting.

**Summary of Motion 4 (FY'15):**

To amend Article 21, Motion 4 of the May 10, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, to change the expiration date from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2018, pertaining to expenditures for the creation and preservation of open space and land for recreation use through planning and construction of new boardwalks, bridges, kiosk and signs constructed by the Carlisle Trails Committee on public lands in Carlisle.

**Summary of Motion 5 (FY'15):**

Appropriate \$52,000 from the Historic Reserve Fund to the Carlisle Public Library, for the preservation and conservation of historic artifacts. Any appropriation not expended by June 30, 2017 shall be returned to the Historic Reserve Fund.

**Summary of Motion 6 (FY'16):**

Appropriate \$400,000 (\$100,000 from the Open Space Reserve Fund and \$300,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance) in FY'16 to CC at Play for the development of recreational facilities at the Concord-Carlisle Regional High School. Any appropriation not expended by June 30, 2018 shall be returned to the CPA Undesignated Fund.

**Summary of Motion 7 (FY'16):**

Appropriate \$50,000 from the Community Housing Reserve Fund in FY'16 to the Carlisle Affordable Housing Trust (“CAHT”) to provide community education and to support planning efforts related to a proactive response to Chapter 40B, to support the development of Community Housing by identifying, analyzing, and possibly securing options to purchase property or properties for possible future acquisition by the Town of Carlisle, and by providing support to developers of Community Housing projects deemed to be consistent with local needs. Any appropriation not expended by June 30, 2018 shall be returned to the Community Housing Reserve Fund.

**Summary of Motion 8 (FY'16):**

Appropriate \$6,000 from the Historic Reserve Fund to the Carlisle Town Clerk for the preservation of historic records. Any appropriation not expended by June 30, 2016 shall be returned to the Historic Reserve Fund.

*Beginning in FY15, the Community Preservation Committee began to require the execution of grant agreements with all recipients of CPA funding. The proposed appropriations listed above in Motions 5,6,7, and 8 will be subject to grant agreements. Summaries of those grant agreements can be found on pages XX - XX immediately following the Annual Town Meeting warrant. The complete text of the grant agreements can be found on the Town Meeting page of the Town's website at:*

*[http://www.carlislema.gov/Pages/CarlisleMA\\_Townmeetings/index](http://www.carlislema.gov/Pages/CarlisleMA_Townmeetings/index).*

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** *The Finance Committee takes no position on Article 14.*

**ARTICLE 15 – Capital Equipment:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money for various capital purposes, or provide by any combination of these methods, or take any other action related thereto. (LONG TERM CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS/BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**Long Term Capital Requirements**

**FY'16**

		Amount	Appropriation Expires
CPS	Technology Replacement	80,000	June 30, 2018
CPS	Annual Maintenance	25,000	June 30, 2018
CPS	Auditorium Seat Refurbishment	20,000	June 30, 2018
Police	Cruiser Replacement (2)	82,000	June 30, 2018
Police	Roofing Repair/Replacement	24,630	June 30, 2018
Police	Computer & Technology Replacement	4,000	June 30, 2018
Fire	Miscellaneous Maintenance Projects	5,000	June 30, 2018
Fire	Computer replacement	2,500	June 30, 2018
Fire	Vehicle Replacement	38,000	June 30, 2018

DPW	Snow Plow Equipment for New Truck	20,000	June 30, 2018
Library	Misc. Maintenance Projects	5,000	June 30, 2018
Library	Computer & Technology Replacement	4,000	June 30, 2018
Library	HVAC Repairs	60,000	June 30, 2018
Town Hall	Technology Upgrades	5,000	June 30, 2018
Town Hall	Major Repairs/Replacement	10,000	June 30, 2018
Recreation	Tennis Court Renovations	16,000	June 30, 2018
	TOTAL	401,130	

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN/LONG TERM CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE)

***Combined Finance Committee and Long Term Capital Requirements Committee Recommendations:***  
*Both Committees recommend approval of the preceding amounts for the items described under Article 15 for \$401,130, with \$101,130 to be raised from taxation or other available funds of the town, \$300,000 to be transferred from Free Cash, and further that after June 30, 2018, any residual unexpended portion of any list appropriation shall be returned to the General Fund.*

**ARTICLE 16 - Capital Funding for Technology:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from undesignated fund balance the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of funding for technology capital projects, or to take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

***Finance Committee Recommendation:*** *The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 16 and that the source of the \$20,000 funding should be Free Cash.*

**ARTICLE 17 - New CCRSD School Buses:** To see if the Town will vote to approve \$400,000, or any other sum of debt authorized by the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee for school bus replacement, or take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

***Finance Committee Recommendation:*** *The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 17.*

**ARTICLE 18 – Borrowing Authorization – Fire Department Tanker Truck (DEBT EXCLUSION):** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow, pursuant to any applicable statute, \$650,000 to provide funding, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen, to purchase a new tanker truck for the Carlisle Fire Department, provided that such amount shall be contingent upon successful passage of a debt exclusion referendum pertaining thereto on a Town Ballot, or take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN/LONG TERM CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE)

*Finance Committee Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 18.*

**ARTICLE 19 - PEG ACCESS AND CABLE-TELEVISION RELATED FUND:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, § 53F¾ and to authorize the Town Accountant to create a separate account on the Town’s books to be known as the PEG Access and Cable-Related Fund into which shall be credited funds received in connection with the cable television franchise agreement between the Town and Comcast Corporation (Comcast), or any other cable provider, said funds to be used only for cable-related purposes consistent with the franchise agreement; and further, to appropriate the sum, or any other sum estimated to be received from Comcast during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 (FY16); and further to appropriate and transfer from the current Comcast account any amounts received from Comcast in FY15 and not previously expended for PEG Access prior to the establishment of the PEG Access and Cable-Related Fund and to appropriate as a current year appropriation said amount from the Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen for such PEG access services; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term contract of up to ten years or such lesser term as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be in the best interest of the Town for the provision of PEG community access television services; or take any other action related thereto. (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

*Finance Committee Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 19.*

## **ARTICLE 20 - CARLISLE NONZONING WETLAND BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wetlands Bylaw of the Town of Carlisle as follows:

1. Amend Section 1.5, Section 7.1, and Section 11.1 by striking “May 2008” as it appears throughout, and replacing same with “October 24, 2014”;
2. Amend Section 2.5 by adding the words “Certificate of Mailing” after “(return receipt requested), so that Section 2.5 read as follows:

Any person filing a Notice or a Request with the Commission shall give at the same time written notification thereof, by certified mail (return receipt requested), Certificate of Mailing, or hand delivery to the owner and all abutters at their mailing addresses shown on the most recent certified Abutters List.

3. Amend Section 11.1.1 by deleting the words “of four (4) or more months during which the average rainfall for each month is fifty (50) percent or less of the ten (10) year average for that same month” and substituting the following therefor: “during which the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force declares a Drought Watch for Northeast Massachusetts” so that Section 11.1.1 reads as follows:

Pond (inland) shall be defined as any open body of fresh water, either naturally occurring or man-made, with a surface area observed or recorded within the last ten (10) years of at least ten thousand (10,000) square feet, and which is never without standing water due to natural causes, except during periods of extended drought. For purposes of this definition, extended drought shall mean any period during which the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force declares a Drought Watch for Northeast Massachusetts. Basins or lagoons which are part of waste water treatment plans shall not be considered ponds, nor shall swimming pools or other impervious man-made retention basins.

or take any action related thereto.

(CONSERVATION COMMISSION)

And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Carlisle, qualified as aforesaid, to go to the Town Hall Building at 66 Westford Street in said Carlisle on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015 between the hours of seven o'clock forenoon and eight o'clock in the afternoon and there to vote on the following:

## **BALLOT QUESTIONS**

**TOWN ELECTION – MAY 5, 2015**

**7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – To see if the Town will vote on the election of the following Town Officers:

Moderator	one for a term of one year
Selectmen	two for a term of three years
Board of Assessors	one for a term of three years
Board of Health	two for a term of three years
Housing Authority	two for a term of five years
Library Trustees	one for a term of three years
Planning Board	two for a term of three years
School Committee	one for a term of three years

## **DEBT EXCLUSION QUESTION**

M.G.L. c. 59, § 21C(k)

**Question 1:** Shall the Town of Carlisle be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the Town of Carlisle's apportioned share of a bond to be issued by the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District to purchase new school busses for the District?

YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_

**Question 2:** Shall the Town of Carlisle be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond to be issued to fund the purchase of new pumper truck for the Fire Department?

YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_

**NON-BINDING BALLOT QUESTION**

**BOW HUNTING ON TOWN-OWNED LANDS**

**Question 3:** Shall the Town of Carlisle request the Selectmen to place an article on the next Town Meeting warrant to regulate bow hunting on Town-owned lands as an approach to deer management?

YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy thereof at the Town Hall and at the Post Office in said Town of Carlisle at least seven days prior to the time of holding said meeting.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 24th day of March in the Year of Our Lord 2015.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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John Gorecki, Chairman

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Douglas A.G. Stevenson

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Peter Scavongelli

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Vanessa Hunnibell Moroney

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Nathan C. Brown

A True Copy Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_, Constable

Middlesex, ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Carlisle by posting up attested copies of the same at the United States Post Office and on the Town Bulletin Board in said town at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

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Constable of Carlisle

Date Posted: \_\_\_\_\_