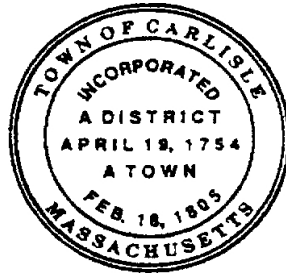


# Town of Carlisle



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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MOTIONS

Monday, October 16, 2023

Carlisle Public Schools

Corey Auditorium, 7 p.m.

with article summaries

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***MOTIONS***  
*SPECIAL TOWN MEETING*  
*OCTOBER 16, 2023*

**ARTICLE 1 – Long-Term Capital Requirements Committee Amendment**

**MOTION:** Kate Reid, on behalf of the Select Board, moves that the Town amend its General Bylaws by removing section 3.10 and renumbering the remaining sections appropriately.

*Summary: This article proposes that the Town eliminate the Long-Term Capital Requirements Committee from the General Bylaws. The rationale for this change is to increase the efficiency of long-term capital management and ensure compliance with evolving procurement law. The Select Board, the Town Administrator, or designee, can assemble advisory boards when necessary to help make decisions about the Town’s long-term capital requirements.*

- The Finance Committee and Select Board support this article.

**ARTICLE 2 - Town Building Committee Amendment**

**MOTION:** Kate Reid, on behalf of the Select Board, moves that the Town amend its General Bylaws by removing section 3.16 and renumbering the remaining sections appropriately.

*Summary: This article proposes that the Town eliminate the Town Building Committee from the General Bylaws. The rationale for this change is to increase the efficiency of the design, construction and renovation of public buildings and ensure compliance with evolving procurement law. The Select Board, the Town Administrator, or designee, can assemble advisory boards when necessary to help make decisions about the Town’s buildings.*

- The Finance Committee and Select Board support this article.

**ARTICLE 3 – Establish an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund**

**MOTION:** Kate Reid, on behalf of the Select Board, moves that the Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40, §5B, to establish an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, to be used, upon further appropriation, for the purposes of implementing the abatement strategies set forth in the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements, dated March 4, 2022; and further, to transfer from Free Cash Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Three dollars and 23 cents (\$27,303.23) into said Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund.

*Summary: The Select Board opted into the state’s opioid settlement with several drug manufacturers, resulting in additional revenue for the Town. The state mandated that these funds be used for specific purposes related to mitigating opioid abuse. The stabilization fund captures these revenues in a separate fund for accounting purposes and allows residents to vote at Town Meeting to allocate these funds for specific use. Included in the establishment of this fund is moving previously received settlement revenues into the fund for immediate availability.*

- The Finance Committee and Select Board support this article.

#### **ARTICLE 4 – Accept Fourth Paragraph of Chapter 40, Section 5B**

**MOTION:** Kate Reid, on behalf of the Select Board, moves that the Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Chapter 40, Section 5B, of the Massachusetts General Laws, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be effective for all fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2024.

*Summary: In connection with the establishment of an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, the acceptance of the fourth paragraph of G.L. c. 40, § 5B, allows funds received through the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements to be dedicated to that fund without the need for further appropriation.*

- The Finance Committee and Select Board support this article.

#### **ARTICLE 5 – Dedicate Receipts from Statewide Opioid Settlement**

**MOTION:** Kate Reid, on behalf of the Select Board, moves that the Town vote to dedicate all of the receipts from the Statewide Opioid Settlements, as defined in the State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements, to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund established in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, effective for the fiscal year 2025, beginning on July 1, 2024.

*Summary: Passage of this article puts into effect the dedication of receipts from the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund.*

- The Finance Committee and Select Board support this article.

## **ARTICLE 6 – Appropriating Opioid Settlement Funds for Immediate Use**

**MOTION:** Kate Reid, on behalf of the Select Board, moves that the Town vote to transfer from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Three dollars and 23 cents (\$27,303.23), for the purposes of municipal action that assists with opioid use disorder treatment, supporting people in treatment and recovery, connecting people to care, reducing the harm caused by opioid use, addressing the needs of criminal-justice-involved-persons, supporting pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome, and preventing the misuse of opioids/implementing prevention education, or some combination of these aims (2/3 vote required).

*Summary: As described in Article 3, the Town can appropriate funds from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to mitigate the impacts of opioid abuse in the community. This article lists the specific uses proposed by the Town and these uses are consistent with the state restrictions on how these settlement funds can be spent. An example of currently requested fund uses is the creation of a regional substance abuse coordinator that could assist Carlisle departments with responding to opioid related issues and educating residents about the danger of opioid misuse.*

➤ The Finance Committee and Select Board support this article.

## **ARTICLE 7 – CPA Article: Central Burying Ground Conservation**

**MOTION:** Drew McMorrow, on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee, moves that One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) be appropriated immediately from the Historic Reserve Fund to the Carlisle Historical Commission for the rehabilitation, preservation, and restoration of the Carlisle Central Burying Ground, which has been identified locally as a site of historic significance, to conserve and restore gravestones, repair the historic Litchfield seat, and repair the historic entrance pillars, and that such sums be expended by the Carlisle Historical Commission pursuant to the terms of the Town of Carlisle Community Preservation Committee Grant Agreement #2023-002, and further that any portion of such sums not expended by June 30, 2026, shall be returned to the Historic Reserve Fund.

*Summary: The Carlisle Historical Commission seeks CPA Funds to preserve the Carlisle Central Burial Ground. The Historical Commission has designated this 18th century site as locally significant in the history and culture of the Town. The project would use CPA funds to complete the sensitive preservation of one of the Town's oldest historic sites. The scope of this project would conserve the burying ground gravestones. stabilize the Litchfield Memorial Seat, correct compromised mortar in the entrance pillars and relevant sitework to enhance and protect the preservation work described above.*

➤ The Finance Committee and Select Board support this article.

## **ARTICLE 8 – CPA Article: Gleason Public Library Renovations**

**MOTION:** Drew McMorrow, on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee, moves that Four Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000) be appropriated immediately from the Historic Reserve Fund, and Two Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Dollars (\$292,000) be appropriated immediately from the Undesignated Reserve Fund, or if Article 7 of this meeting is approved, that Three Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$365,000) be appropriated immediately from the Historic Reserve Fund and Four Hundred Two Thousand Dollars (\$402,000) be appropriated immediately from the Undesignated Reserve Fund to the Gleason Public Library Trustees for the purpose of renovating the Gleason Public Library, a building listed on the state register of historic places, to rehabilitate the interior of both the historic 1896 building and late-20th-century addition, to provide a more functional and flexible space, including new teen spaces, new and updated meeting room spaces, lighting fixture replacements, infrastructure improvements, and ADA accessibility improvements, all while maintaining the aesthetic character of the historic building, and that such sums be expended by the Carlisle Library Trustees pursuant to the terms of the Town of Carlisle Community Preservation Committee Grant Agreement #2023-003, and further that any portion of such sums not expended by June 30, 2026 shall be returned to the Historic Reserve Fund and the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund.

*Summary: The Gleason Public Library seeks CPA Funds to rehabilitate the interior of both the historic 1896 Library and its late-20th-century addition. The project will create new teen spaces; add meeting and workspaces and update existing meeting rooms; install improved lighting; make improvements to infrastructure and ADA accessibility; and provide a more functional and flexible space, all while maintaining the aesthetic character and distinctive features of the historic building. The requested CPA funds are 1/3 of the projected renovation cost and will require \$2 from outside sources to match each \$1 of CPA funding.*

➤ The Finance Committee and Select Board support this article.

## **ARTICLE 9 – Appointed Town Clerk**

**MOTION:** Kate Reid, on behalf of the Select Board, moves that the Town vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 41, §1B, to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk.

*Summary: To see if the Town will change from an elected Town Clerk to a Town Clerk appointed by the Select Board to report to the Town Administrator. If this measure passes by a majority vote at the Fall Town Meeting, a ballot question must be placed on the spring election warrant to see if the Town supports this structural change. Passage of both this article and a ballot question are required for this change to take effect.*

➤ The Select Board supports this article.

*The question to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Town Election scheduled for May 7, 2024, would read as follows:*

*Shall the Town vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk of the town? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_*

## **ARTICLE 10 – Citizens’ Petition: Adopt the Specialized Building Code:**

**MOTION:** John Kaufman, on behalf of the Petitioners, moves that the Town will vote to rescind Section 4.8 of the Town of Carlisle General Bylaws, Stretch Energy Code, and replace it with the following Section 4.8 entitled “Specialized Energy Code” for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, pursuant to the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, including future editions, amendments, or modifications thereto, with an effective date of July 1, 2024.

Bylaw:

### 4.8 Specialized Energy Code

#### 4.8.1 Definitions

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) – The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA state Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards and published in state regulations as part of 780 CMR.

Specialized Energy Code – Codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, the Specialized Energy Code adds residential and commercial appendices to the Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code, based on amendments to the respective net-zero appendices of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to incorporate the energy efficiency of the Stretch energy code and further reduce the climate impacts of buildings built to this code, with the goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from the buildings sector no later than 2050.

Stretch Energy Code – Codified by the combination of 225 CMR 22 and 23, not including Appendices RC and CC, the Stretch Energy Code is a comprehensive set of amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) seeking to achieve all lifecycle cost-effective energy efficiency in accordance with the Green Communities Act of 2008, as well as to reduce the climate impacts of buildings built to this code.

#### 4.8.2 Purpose

The purpose of 225 CMR 22.00 and 23.00 including Appendices RC and CC, also referred to as the Specialized Energy Code, is to provide a more energy efficient and low greenhouse gas emissions alternative to the Stretch Energy Code or the baseline Massachusetts Energy Code, applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

#### 4.8.3 Applicability

This energy code applies to residential and commercial buildings.

#### 4.8.4 Specialized Code

The Specialized Code, as codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23, including Appendices RC and CC, including any future editions, amendments, or modifications, is hereby incorporated by reference into the Town of Carlisle General Bylaws, Article IV.

#### 4.8.5 Enforcement

The Stretch Energy Code is enforceable by the Building Commissioner and Deputy Inspector of Buildings.

**Summary:** *The 2021 MA Climate Bill established a requirement for the state to create an additional tier of specialized “net zero energy ready” building code for municipality opt-in vote at a Town Meeting.*

*The Specialized Code portion of the building code is designed to help Massachusetts achieve its goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050, as well as the intermediate goals between now and then. This bylaw applies only to NEW buildings. The Specialized Code is structured to encourage all-electric new construction but does not prevent the use of fossil fuels for any application in a home. The Specialized Code will result in lower home ownership and operating costs than if not adopted and will generate dramatically lower greenhouse gas emissions for new homes built in Carlisle.*

*Carlisle’s Master Plan Goal #16 states “Lower energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in transportation and the built environment.” Adopting the Specialized Energy Code portion helps fulfill this requirement of the Master Plan.*

*If adopted, the effective date of this new energy code in Carlisle will be July 1, 2024.*

➤ The Finance Committee does not support this article.