

Booklet of Motions
Alford 2020 Annual Town Meeting

NEW: Consent Agenda for Articles 1 through 10

This year, in order to simplify the voting and shorten the Meeting, we will consider Articles 1 through 10 in what is known as a Consent Agenda. These Articles are thought to be non-controversial, although any voter has the right to object to, or to raise a question about, any of these Articles.

It has been customary in our Town for the Moderator to read each Article before requesting a relevant motion. This tradition probably dates back to the days before there were copy machines. Today, everyone will have a copy in front of them (or on their mobile device), and the reading is not necessary. In order to save time, we will forego this tradition for this Meeting.

If any voter has any motion or any amendment or alternative to a motion being made, as outlined here, that motion or amendment must be submitted in writing to the Moderator in advance of the Meeting, unless such an amendment is a simple change, such as in the amount of money being requested.

The Moderator will read aloud the Article numbers. Anyone wishing to object, or to ask a question, will raise their red voter card, and a "Hold" will be placed on that Article. After all ten numbers are recited, we will go back to any that have been held to see if the hold is an objection, requiring debate, or a question. If a question, the Moderator will seek an answer. If an objection, the Article will be removed from the Consent Agenda and handled separately.

For the Articles remaining on the Consent Agenda, the following Motion will be made. For any article(s) removed from the Consent Agenda, the appropriate Motion(s) will be selected from the list below.

Consent Motion: I move that the Town accept the Motions for Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10; as listed in the Motion Booklet prepared for this Meeting.*

* this motion may be modified, to exclude any Article(s) for which a separate vote is required

CONSENT AGENDA

ARTICLE 1. I move that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health to appoint any member of the Board of Selectmen, or Board of Health, respectively, to another office or position for the term provided by law, if any, otherwise for a term not to exceed one year, in accordance with Section 4A of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

ARTICLE 2. I move that the Town accept any and all funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Transportation (Mass DOT), under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges.

ARTICLE 3. I move that the Town fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2021, beginning on July 1, 2020, for the revolving funds established in the Town's by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies and officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, as follows:

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer	FY 2021 Spending Limit
Inspection Services		
	Fire Inspector	\$5,000
	Sanitation Inspector	\$5,000
	Electrical Inspector	\$5,000
	Plumbing Inspector	\$5,000

ARTICLE 4. I move that the Town transfer from the general fund free cash account, \$40,000.00 to increase the Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

ARTICLE 5. I move that the Town raise and appropriate \$150,000.00 to pay the cost of repairs and improvements to Alford Highways.

ARTICLE 6. I move that the Town authorize the Select Board to enter into up to a ten (10) year contract with the option for a five (5) year extension, commencing on July 1, 2020 with the qualified vendor selected by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass DEP) through a competitive bid process for recycling processing services for the Town, subject to the Select board's determination that the contract is in the best interests of the Town.

ARTICLE 7. I move that the Town transfer from the general fund free cash account \$50,300.00 to pay the cost of debt service on the 7 Alford Road Property.

ARTICLE 8. I move that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,563.00 for emergency medical services provided by the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance.

ARTICLE 9. I move that the Town transfer from the AlfordLink Enterprise free cash account \$30,000.00 to the AlfordLink Enterprise Stabilization Fund, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

ARTICLE 10. I move that the Town appropriate from receipts of AlfordLink the following sums for Fiscal Year 2021, to operate the AlfordLink Enterprise.

	<u>Broadband Enterprise</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>
1	ISP Subscription Fees	158,674	150,000
2	Salaries	10,000	10,000
3	Repairs, Maintenance	40,000	40,000
4	Contracted Services	14,400	32,400
5	CAF II Fees	1,500	1,500
6	Poles Fees	9,384	10,000
7	Insurance	3,555	10,000
8	Debt Service	90,000	90,000
9	Capital Replacement/Improvements	14,286	14,000
10	Reserve Fund	20,000	20,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES	361,799	377,900

Our final Article (11) contains the budget, and will be handled in a similar ["Consent"] fashion, as we have traditionally done. For this Meeting, however, the Moderator will read only the line numbers, and not the account names and amounts. That information, again, is contained in the Warrant, and every voter should have a copy of that.

After dealing with any "Hold" items, the following motion will be made, adjusted, if necessary, for any line items voted on separately:

ARTICLE 11. I move that the Town raise and appropriate the amounts needed to defray the charges and Expenses of the Town described in the Feature Accounts in the Warrant for this Meeting, including the salaries of the Town Officers and Employees for FY 2021.