

**Annual Town Meeting (May 20, 2019)**

<p>Article 1 (To receive reports from the Beal Early Childhood Center Building Committee, the Beal Reuse Committee, and the Electronic Voting Study Committee) *Passed</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Article 2 (To choose the trustees of the Wright and Harlow Charitable Fund) *Passed Unanimously</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Article 3 (To amend the consolidated Personnel Bylaw) *Passed</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Article 4 (To amend the Classification and Compensation Plan and the consolidated Personnel Bylaw) *Defeated</p>	<p>No - If Art. 3 fails, then I will support this Article</p>
<p>Article 5 (To raise and appropriate \$5,100 to pay the medical expenses of retired disabled police officers and firefighters) *Passed Unanimously</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Article 6 (To accept \$989,833 in Chapter 90 funds from the Commonwealth for the purposes of maintaining, repairing, improving and constructing towns ways, sidewalks and drains and related expenses) *Passed Unanimously</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Article 7 (To transfer a sum of money from available funds in the Treasury to various departmental appropriations for FY19)  *Passed Unanimously **Substituted motion</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Article 8 (To establish an <i>enterprise fund</i> for the financial management of the Water Service utility, and to establish an operating budget of \$2,398,799 for Water Services)  *Passed</p>	<p>Yes - Establishing an enterprise fund seems to be a much more efficient way for the specified departments, and will allow for the public to see in much more transparent way the funds that are being utilized, and allows for the retained earnings to remain within the department rather than having to be returned to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.</p>
<p>Article 9 (To establish an <i>enterprise fund</i> for the financial management of the Stormwater Service utility, and to establish an operating budget of</p>	<p>Yes</p>

\$1,205,078 for Stormwater Services) *Passed	
Article 10 (To establish an <i>enterprise fund</i> for the financial management of the Cable Television Public, Educational and Government Access Services, and to establish the operating budget of said services) *Passed	Yes
Article 11 (FY20 operating budget for all municipal departments and the school department - \$120,394,398)  *Passed Unanimously	Yes - I am pleased to see that the Town continues to appropriate over half of the Town's operating budget towards education. Specifically, I am happy that the Town increased education funding by 3.37% of the previous fiscal year, bringing the total appropriation to \$66,302,041. No cuts need to be made, which is always great news.
Article 12 (To establish the operating budget of \$2,254,969 for Municipal and Residential Solid Waste Collection, Processing, and Disposal Services) *Passed	Yes
Article 13 (To establish the operating budget of \$5,588,710 for Sewer Services) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 14 (To establish the capital improvement budget of \$1,703,000 for Sewer Services) *Passed By 2/3rds Majority	Yes
Article 15 (To establish the capital budget of \$2,489,761 for Water Services) *Passed By 2/3rds Majority	Yes
Article 16 (To establish the capital budget of \$250,000 for Stormwater Services) *Passed By 2/3rds Majority	Yes
Article 17 (The FY20 Capital Budget for all non-utility Town Departments - \$2,441,500) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 18 (To transfer \$18,000 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account to the Cemetery Department) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 19 (To fund bills incurred in a previous fiscal year) *Defeated	No - No bills to be paid
Article 20 ( <i>Citizens Petition</i> - To adopt a Town	Yes - The Town ought to prioritise using organic

<p>Property Pesticide Reduction Bylaw)</p> <p><b>*Defeated By Standing Vote, YES 50, NO 113</b>  <b>**Substituted motion</b></p>	<p>pesticides on Town property. One provision that I specifically like about this is that the Director will need to provide an annual report that reflects the usage of pesticides. A report of this should already be recorded by the Town so that residents may know what is used to care for Town property, and how much of these products are being used. For this reason, I will be supporting this Article.</p>
<p>Article 21 (<i>Citizens Petition</i> - To address the high levels of Hexavalent Chromium in the water supply)</p> <p><b>*Passed By Standing Vote, YES 118, NO 35</b>  <b>**Substituted motion</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b> - This substituted motion asked for the Town to effectively communicate water issues in a better fashion with residence of the town. I supported this resolution because there has been an ongoing water quality issue in town, and I think that communicating with residence and working towards a cleaner, safer water supply is a goal that should be prioritized in order to reduce the existing problems.</p>
<p>Article 22 (<i>Citizens Petition</i> - To restore the quiet enjoyment of residents residing within the Historic District, and to express that the area be classified as “Thickly Settled” for traffic purposes)</p> <p><b>*Defeated</b>  <b>**Substituted motion</b></p>	<p><b>No</b> - Although I am sympathetic to the needs of the residents and abutters of the area, I think that this Article is not well-written, and would be extremely difficult to implement. I do support converting the area to Thickly Settled, but that classification would be done by the DPW (According to information gathered at Pre-Town Meeting), and thus is not something that Town Meeting is able to do itself.</p>
<p>Article 23 (<i>Citizens Petition</i> - To establish a Town Comparison Study Committee)</p> <p><b>*Defeated</b>  <b>**Substituted motion</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b> - Many towns and cities across the Commonwealth have different town structures and departments, with many different positions being appointed/elected that the Town does not itself do. I think that studying neighboring towns and other communities that are comparable to Shrewsbury would be good to see if we can make our community both more efficient and more reflective of the community at large.</p>
<p>Article 24 (<i>Citizens Petition</i> - To establish term limits for Town-wide elected officials)</p> <p><b>*Removed By Moderator</b></p>	<p><b>No</b> - Because this Article was filed incorrectly to the Town, the Town Moderator will rule this Citizens Petition out of order. Despite this, I still would have voted down this Article because I do not believe in term limits, and believe that the voters themselves are smart enough and capable of deciding when someone should be voted out of their position.</p>

<p>Article 25 (<i>Citizens Petition</i> - To adopt a Historic Preservation By-law)</p> <p><b>*Defeated</b></p>	<p><b>No</b> - This Article will be asked by the petitioners to be defeated at Town Meeting. Although I am supportive of the intent of this Article, I was concerned with the process and means by which a demolition delay would occur. In the future when/if the petitioners return with a revised Article that has sufficient input by effected residents, I will be more inclined to support it.</p>
<p>Article 26 (To accept certain chapters in Mass. General Laws to provide a complete property tax exemption for Gold Star Parents)</p> <p><b>*Passed</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>
<p>Article 27 (To amend the Zoning By-law of the Town to provide maximum allowable scale at which two-family duplexes may be built to ensure compatibility with the scale and mass of surrounding residences)</p> <p><b>*Passed Unanimously</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b> - Many neighborhoods have seen the building of massive homes that are out of character of the surrounding houses. This Article would help ensure that two-family duplexes that are built are more compatible with the neighborhood.</p>
<p>Article 28 (To amend the Zoning By-law of the Town to introduce a “lot shape” requirement)</p> <p><b>*Passed Unanimously</b> <b>**Substituted motion</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b> - Lots would be required to be more regular, since the use of irregular lot shapes has become an increasing issue. The Town would have more control to regulate density and enforce other zoning requirements that the irregular lots have avoided.</p>
<p>Article 29 (To amend the Zoning By-law related to Continuing Care Retirement Communities to expand the number of potential locations and may provide more opportunities for housing for senior citizens)</p> <p><b>*Defeated</b></p>	<p><b>No</b> - The Developer who placed this Article on the warrant has asked for this to be defeated.</p>
<p>Article 30 (A Home Rule Petition to allow the Town to count manufactured and mobile homes towards the Town’s affordable housing inventory)</p> <p><b>*Passed</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b> - This Article would help the Town get closer to its 10% affordable housing inventory goal that is set by the Commonwealth, and would help limit the development of 40Bs from entering the Town. As of now, the Town current affordable housing inventory is 6.37%.</p>
<p>Article 31 (To transfer \$100,000 from Free Cash to Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services)</p> <p><b>*Passed Unanimously</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>
<p>Article 32 (To transfer \$20,000 from Free Cash to be paid to the Lake Quinsigamond Commission to fund expenses associated with the management of the Lake)</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>

Article 33 (To transfer \$750,000 from Free Cash to the General Stabilization Account) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 34 (To set the FY20 spending limits for the Council on Aging Transportation Fund - \$75,000, and the Donahue Rowing Center - \$250,000) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 35 (To accept \$800,000 from the Municipal Light Dept. CATV, and appropriate said sum to the use of the Board of Assessors in fixing the tax rate for FY20) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 36 (To accept \$237,569 from the Municipal Light Dept., and appropriate said sum to the use of the Board of Assessors in fixing the tax rate for FY20) *Passed Unanimously	Yes
Article 37 (To transfer \$500,000 from Free Cash and appropriate said sum to the use of the Board of Assessors in fixing the tax rate for FY20) *Passed Unanimously	Yes