

**TOWN OF BEDFORD**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts -- Warrant For A Special Town Meeting**  
To any of the constables of the Town of Bedford, in the County of Middlesex.

**Greetings:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the legal voters of said Town of Bedford, qualified to vote at Town Meeting for the transaction of Town affairs, to meet in said Town in the

**High School Auditorium – Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.**

Then and there to vote upon the following articles:

**Article 1 – Debate Rules**

To determine whether the Town will vote to adopt the following procedure for the current Special Town Meeting:

- A. A speaker presenting an article or amendment to an article shall be limited to ten (10) minutes;
- B. Other speakers shall be limited to five (5) minutes;
- C. No article shall be presented after 10:45 p.m.;
- D. Town Meeting by majority vote may waive A, B, or C;

pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article sets out time limitations on presentations and debate of articles before this Town Meeting.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Approval recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval recommended

**Article 2 – Miscellaneous Charter Amendments**

To determine whether the Town will vote to propose the following amendments to the Town of Bedford Charter:

**a. Section 1-2 Powers**

**Current**

**Proposed**

The form of government provided by this Charter shall be known as Selectmen-Open Town Meeting. Pursuant to the provisions of this charter and subject only to such limitations as may be imposed by the Constitution and General Laws, the Town of Bedford shall have all powers possible for a town to have as fully and completely as though they were specifically enumerated in this Charter.

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**b. Section 1-3 Construction**

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**c. Section 1-4 Intergovernmental Relations**

Subject to the applicable requirements of any provision of the Constitution or General Laws of the Commonwealth, the Town of Bedford may exercise any of its powers or perform any of its functions and may participate in the financing thereof, jointly or in cooperation, by contract or otherwise, with any one or more states or civil divisions or agencies thereof, or the United States or any agency thereof.

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**d. Section 2-1 Form of Town Meeting Membership**

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**g. Section 2-9 Town Meeting Vote by Consent**

In preparing the warrant for Town Meeting the Selectmen may, at their discretion, place two or more items subject to a vote at Town Meeting into one article titled "The Consent Article". A vote on the consent article shall be a vote on all items it contains; however, each item shall be printed in the article in a separate paragraph so that it is identifiable and distinct from all others. The Town Meeting may vote to amend the consent article by removing from it any item making that item subject to a separate vote. In that event the consent article shall be voted, as amended.

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### j. Section 2-15 Attendance of Town Officials

At least one member of each elected or appointed board, commission and committee shall attend all Annual and Special Town Meetings. However, no Town Meeting power or action otherwise authorized under the General Laws or Bylaw shall be nullified if one or more said town officers or members do not comply with the requirement of this section.

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### k. Section 2-16 Procedure to Create a Bylaw

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Every proposed Bylaw shall be inserted in the warrant as an article to be voted upon by Town Meeting. A public hearing shall be held by the Selectmen on each General Bylaw inserted in the warrant. Within fourteen days after they are approved by Town Meeting, proposed Bylaws shall be delivered to the Attorney General for his or her review. If not denied by the Attorney General, the Bylaw will take effect as provided by the General Laws and shall continue in force until amended or repealed.

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### l. Section 3-1 Establishment, General Powers

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### m. Section 3-2 Specific Powers

The Selectmen's specific powers shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

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- making appointments to the offices specified in Section 3 of Article 3 of this Charter. They shall also make appointments to any temporary posts and committees they create for a special purpose.

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		Years	
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Conservation Commission	7	3	
Constables	4	3	
Fence Viewers	5	1	
Historic District Commission	5	3	
Historic District Commission Alternate Members	2	3	
Historic Preservation Commission	7	3	
MBTA Representative	1	3	
Measurers of Wood, Bark and Manure	5	1	
Public Ceremonies Committee	7	3	
Recreation Commission	5	3	
Registrars of Voters	3	3	
Special Police Officers	Any	1	
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	1	3	
Town Manager	1	Pleasure of Selectmen	
Town Counsel	1	1	
Town Historian	1	3	
Veterans' Agent/Service Officer	1	1	
Veterans' Graves Officer	1	1	
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<b>Youth and Family Services Committee</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	
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**o. Section 3-4 Duties of Appointees**

Members of appointed offices shall carry out the duties and have the authority set forth in the Constitution and General Laws of the Commonwealth, this Charter, Bylaws, statutes and regulations of other government jurisdictions as applicable and as instructed and delegated by the Selectmen where they have the power to confer.

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**q. Section 5-1 Conditions of Office, Duties - Paragraph 1**

The Selectmen shall appoint a Town Manager who shall be qualified by education, training, or previous experience in public administration to perform the duties of the office. He or she shall be the chief administrative officer of the Town. The individual shall not have served in an elective office in the Town during the twelve months prior to the appointment. He or she shall devote full-time to the business of the Town. The Town Manager's compensation shall be set by the Selectmen within the amount appropriated by the Town Meeting. The Town Manager shall serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen; however, at least four Selectmen must vote for dismissal if the individual is to be removed from office. The Town Manager shall be responsible for the conduct of affairs placed in his or her charge by Charter or by other legal source or delegation of authority. Among the powers and duties of the Town Manager are the following:

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**r. 5-1h Conditions of Office, Duties**

**h.** Be responsible for the negotiation of all contracts within the Selectmen's jurisdiction. For the purposes of collective bargaining under Chapter 150E of the General Laws, the Selectmen shall be the Chief Executive Officer and the Town Manager shall be the designated representative under Section 1 of said Chapter. Contracts negotiated by the Town Manager shall be subject to the policy of and final approval of the Selectmen. The Selectmen may authorize the use of additional persons to assist the Town in negotiation of collective bargaining contracts as they deem advisable.

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**s. Section 5-1j Town Manager – Conditions of Office, Duties**

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#### u. Section 6-2 The Capital Expenditure Committee

The Capital Expenditure Committee shall consist of nine members who shall serve for three-year terms. The Selectmen, the School Committee and the Finance Committee shall each designate a person from its membership to serve on the Capital Expenditure Committee. The remaining six members shall be appointed by unanimous vote of the Chairman of the Selectmen, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Chairman of the School Committee.

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The Capital Expenditure Committee shall prepare and annually update a six-year plan for spending on town capital projects. It shall be submitted in written form to the Selectmen and The Finance Committee not less than ten working days before the end of the calendar year. The plan shall include expenditures for new construction, major improvements to the existing town property and for major purchases of equipment by all town departments, offices, boards, commissions and committees. The plan shall be prepared on the basis of town-wide priorities and shall consist in part of a list of expenditures, by item, for each year in the plan. The definition of a major improvement or purchase shall be established by the committee after consultation with knowledgeable officials of the Town and may be changed from time to time to reflect current economic considerations.

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#### v. Section 8-1 Holders of an Elective Office May Be Recalled

Any holder of an elective office may be recalled and removed therefrom by the qualified voters of the Town as herein provided. Recall is intended to be utilized when, in the opinion of the number of voters herein after specified, an elected official, acting as such, has caused a loss of confidence in his or her judgment or ability to perform reasonably the duties and responsibilities of the office.

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**w. Section 8-2 Affidavit, Petition, Preparation and Filing**

Any ten qualified voters of the Town may file with the Town Clerk an affidavit containing the name of the officer sought to be recalled and a statement of the grounds of recall. The Town Clerk shall forthwith transmit a copy of such affidavit to the officer sought to be recalled and to the Selectmen. Within five days from the date of the filing of the affidavit, the Town Clerk shall deliver to the ten voters making such affidavit a sufficient number of copies of petition blanks demanding such recall. The blanks shall be issued, consecutively numbered, by the Town Clerk with the signature and official seal of the Town Clerk attached thereto; they shall be dated and addressed to the Selectmen, shall contain the name of the person sought to be recalled, the grounds of recall as stated in said affidavit, and the names of the persons to whom issued, and they shall demand the election of the successor to such office. The recall petition shall be returned and filed with the Town Clerk at or before 5:00 p.m. of the thirtieth day after issuance of the petition. Said petition before being returned and filed shall be signed by at least ten percent of registered voters and to every signature shall be added the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number. The Town Clerk shall deliver the petition to the Registrars of Voters, and the Registrars shall, within five days, certify thereon the number of signatures which are names of voters of the Town.

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**x. Section 8-6 Form of Ballots for Recall**

Ballots used in recall election shall submit the following propositions in the order indicated:

For the removal of (name of officer).

Against the removal of (name of officer).

Under the propositions shall appear the word "Candidates" and the direction "Vote for One" and beneath this the names of candidates nominated as herein before provided. In the event the recall petition is passed, the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed elected.

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**z. Section 9-3 Phasing of Terms of Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees**

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Elections and appointments to all boards, commissions and committees consisting of more than one member and where terms are greater than one year shall be made in a manner that all terms of all incumbents do not expire in the same year. Wherever possible, an equal number of members of each board, commission and committee shall come to the end of their terms of office in each year.

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**aa. Section 9-13 Date of Appointments**

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Terms of appointment shall end on June 30, or until another is duly appointed and qualified.

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**bb. Section 9-10 Qualification of Elected and Appointed Officials**

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**gg. Section 9-12 Interpretation of Powers**

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**Interpretation of Powers**

Where questions arise concerning the power of the Town Meeting versus the Powers of other bodies of Bedford town government, the intent of this Charter is that a liberal interpretation shall be given to the powers of the Town Meeting.

**Section 9-10 ~~9-12~~**

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**ii. Section 9-7 Severability**

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**Severability**

If any provisions of this Charter are held invalid, the other provisions of the Charter shall not be affected thereby. If the application of the Charter or any of its provisions to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the application of this Charter and its provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 9-11 ~~9-7~~**

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**jj. Section 9-8 Specific Provisions Shall Prevail**

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**Section 9-12 ~~9-8~~**

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**kk. Section 9-6 Relation of Charter to Town Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Orders, and Special Laws**

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Where provisions of this Charter conflict with provisions of Town Bylaws, rules, regulations, orders and special laws, the Charter provisions shall govern. All provisions of Town Bylaws, rules, regulations, orders and special laws not superseded by this Charter shall remain in force.

**Section 9-13 ~~9-6~~**

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**ll. Section 9-11 Charter Revision**

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**Charter Revision**

Amendments to this Charter relating in any way to the composition of the Town Meeting or the composition or mode of election or terms of office of the Selectmen may be proposed only by a Charter Commission elected under Chapter 43B of the General Laws.

Amendments to the Charter relating to other matters may be proposed by a two-thirds vote at a duly called Town Meeting in accordance with the said General Law.

Proposed amendments under this Charter shall be acted upon by ballot of the whole Town at a regular or special election of Town officers in accordance with the General Laws.

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**Section 9-14 ~~9-11~~**

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**mm. Section 9-15 Amendments**

*The first three paragraphs of former 9-11.*

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*Amendments to the Charter have been proposed following study by the Charter and Bylaw Review Committee and a Selectmen's public hearing. The proposals are largely in the interest of language that remains consistent, clear and gender neutral, including eliminating use of terms such as herein and thereon. Town Meeting proposals clarify that all registered voters are eligible to vote at Town Meeting and allow for multiple consent articles. Selectmen's committee appointments would add Youth and Family Services and delete Public Ceremonies. The proposal for the Capital Expenditure Committee would remove the description of duties and replace it in the Bylaws thus being consistent with other committees.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Approval recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval recommended

**Article 3 – General Bylaw Amendment – Capital Expenditure Committee**

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend Article 15 of the General Bylaws known as the Capital Expenditure Committee Bylaw as follows:

**Current**

**15.1 Authority**  
The Capital Expenditure Committee was established by the Charter of the Town adopted in March 1974.

**Proposed**

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The Capital Expenditure Committee was established by the Charter of the Town adopted in March 1974.

**15.2 Structure of the Capital Expenditure Committee**

The Capital Expenditure Committee shall consist of nine voting members. Six of the members shall be appointed at large by unanimous vote of the Chair of the Selectmen, the Chair of the School Committee, and the Chair of the Finance Committee. There shall be three *ex officio* members, one each from the membership of the Selectmen, the School Committee, and the Finance Committee. The Committee shall elect a chair from the at large members.

An at large member of the Capital Expenditure Committee shall not be a member of any other Town body or hold an office involved in planning, considering, or executing an expenditure that may be subject to review by the Committee. A member of the Capital Expenditure Committee may be a member of a body considering overall fiscal planning for the Town.

**15.3 Purpose**

The Capital Expenditure Committee shall consider capital appropriations and make recommendations to Town Meeting.

**15.4 Definition of Capital Expenditures**

Capital expenditures are for items and projects that are expected to last more than one year, and have significant monetary value. The Capital Expenditure Committee shall annually establish the level for the minimum appropriation and the life expectancy that are considered capital expenditures.

**15.2 Structure of the Capital Expenditure Committee Membership**

The Capital Expenditure Committee shall consist of nine voting members **who shall serve for three-year terms.** ~~There shall be three *ex officio* members, one each from the membership of the Selectmen, the School Committee, and the Finance Committee.~~ **The Selectmen, the School Committee and the Finance Committee shall each designate a person from its membership to serve on the Capital Expenditure Committee.** Six of the members shall be appointed at-large by unanimous vote of the Chair of the Selectmen, the Chair of the School Committee, and the Chair of the Finance Committee. The Committee shall elect a chair from the at-large members.

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**15.3 Purpose**

The Capital Expenditure Committee shall consider capital appropriations and make recommendations to Town Meeting **based on a six-year plan.**

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**15.5 Duties of the Capital Expenditure Committee**

The duties of the Committee are described in the Town Charter.

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**The Capital Expenditure Committee shall prepare and annually update a six-year plan for spending on town capital projects. It shall be submitted in written form to the Selectmen and the Finance Committee not less than ten working days before the end of the calendar year. The plan shall include expenditures for new construction, major improvements to existing town property and for major purchases of equipment by all town departments, offices, boards, commissions and committees. The plan shall be prepared on the basis of town-wide priorities and shall consist in part of a list of expenditures, by item, for each year of the plan.**

*This proposal would clarify the committee’s membership and responsibilities in a format consistent with other Bylaw committees.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen: Approval recommended  
Finance Committee: Approval recommended

***Article 4 – General Bylaw Amendment – Town Meeting Procedure***

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Article 4 known as Town Meeting Procedure, Section 4.4.9 Secret Ballot by striking the second sentence of the section as follows:

**Current**

**Proposed**

**4.4.9 Secret ballot**

A majority of those present and voting may choose to vote on any article or amendment by secret ballot. All motions on articles involving bond or note issues shall be voted upon by Secret ballot, and such action shall require a two-thirds vote.

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*This proposal would amend the requirement for Secret Ballot for bonding votes at Town Meeting.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen: Approval recommended  
Finance Committee: Approval recommended

***Article 5 – General Bylaw Amendment – Transportation Advisory Committee***

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town by adding a new Bylaw, Transportation Advisory Committee as follows:

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Authority

The Transportation Advisory Committee is established by the Selectmen.

### Membership

The Transportation Advisory Committee, appointed by the Selectmen for three year terms, shall consist of seven members to include one Selectman and one Planning Board member, one member each representing bicycle interests, pedestrian interests, local business interests and two at-large residents.

### Purpose

To examine, evaluate and advise the Selectmen regarding board actions and measures that will improve overall resident mobility, expand the use of non-automobile based methods of local and regional transportation, and improve traffic circulation and availability of transportation services that implement the transportation-related recommendations of the Town's Vision Statement and Comprehensive Plan.

### Responsibilities

- To identify priority locations for sidewalk and crosswalk additions and extension and to secure public support for proposed sidewalk projects.
- To determine feasibility of preferred traffic calming and safety techniques/locations including signage improvements consistent with sound engineering principles.
- To recommend intersection and roadway improvements as well as bicycle path/route upgrades and additions.
- To investigate expansion of transportation services including interconnections with neighboring Town services and MBTA services.
- To engage residents and businesses in the establishment of a Transportation Management Association or similar employer-based organization.
- To identify funding opportunities for implementation of recommended actions.

*This proposal would add the Transportation Advisory Committee to the Bylaws.*

### Recommendations:

Selectmen:	Approval recommended
Finance Committee:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

### ***Article 6 – General Bylaw Amendment – Bicycle Advisory Committee***

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws by deleting Article 26, Bicycle Advisory Committee, in entirety as follows:

#### **~~Article 26. Bicycle Advisory Committee~~**

##### **~~26.1—Authority~~**

~~The Bicycle Advisory Committee is established by the Selectmen.~~

##### **~~26.2—Membership~~**

~~The Bicycle Advisory Committee members are appointed by the Selectmen who also determine the number of members and their terms.~~

**~~26.3 — Purpose~~**

~~The purpose of the Bicycle Advisory Committee is to encourage use of bicycles by Bedford residents, workers, and visitors in order to decrease traffic congestion and air pollution, and increase recreational opportunities.~~

**~~26.4 — Responsibilities~~**

~~The responsibilities of the Bicycle Advisory Committee are monitoring activities on current bike paths, planning additional bike paths, signage and facilities for bikers, and working to make bicycle use in Bedford safe.~~

*This proposal would eliminate the Bicycle Advisory Committee from the Bylaws. The responsibilities presently assigned to this Committee would be applied to the Committee established under Article 6.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting
Finance Committee:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

***Article 7 – General Bylaw Amendment – Public Ceremonies Committee***

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the Town’s General Bylaws by deleting Article 33, Public Ceremonies Committee, in entirety as follows:

**~~Article 33. — Public Ceremonies~~**

**~~33.1 — Membership~~**

~~— The Committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the Selectmen.~~

**~~33.2 — Purpose~~**

~~— The Public Ceremonies Committee shall have the authority to plan and carry out the proper observance of holidays and special events as designated by the Selectmen.~~

*This proposal would eliminate the Public Ceremonies Committee from the Bylaws whose functions have been assigned to the Patriotic Holiday Committee or the Recreation Department.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Approval recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval recommended

***Article 8 – Amend Fiscal Year 2010 Community Preservation Budget***

The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the following additional amounts be appropriated from Fiscal Year 2010 Community Preservation Fund revenues and reserves, unless otherwise specified, for Fiscal Year 2010 Community Preservation Purposes with each item considered a separate appropriation:

	<b>Previous FY10 Appropriation</b>	<b>CPA Available Funds</b>	<b>Total FY10 Recommended</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
C. New Sidewalks	\$250,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$400,000.00
D. Administrative Costs	15,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00
F. CPA Land Acquisition Fund	0.	31,377.72	31,377.72
G. CPA Historic Properties Preservation Fund	200,000.00	12,231.66	212,231.66

pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article proposes amendments to the Fiscal Year 2010 Community Preservation Budget adopted at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. The Community Preservation Committee is recommending that additional appropriations be made for certain items. Funding for these appropriations is available as a result of Bedford having accepted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in March 2001. The descriptions of the proposed projects are contained below:*

- C. **New Sidewalks** - \$150,000 would be added to the \$250,000 previously appropriated at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting for new sidewalks as recreational opportunities.*
- D. **Administrative Costs** - \$5,000 would be added to the \$15,000 appropriated at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting for legal and clerical costs related to Community Preservation.*
- F. **CPA Land Acquisition Fund** - \$31,377.72 would be appropriated for land acquisition from accrued CPA fund interest.*
- G. **CPA Historic Properties Preservation Fund** - \$12,231.66 would be appropriated for historic preservation from accrued CPA fund interest.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen: Approval recommended  
 Finance Committee: Approval recommended  
 Capital Expenditure Committee: Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

**Article 9 - Community Preservation Bond Authorization - Town Center North Wing**

To determine whether the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,535,000 or any other sum for the restoration of Town Center, 12 Mudge Way, under the Community Preservation Program, including the cost of issuance of bonds or notes; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$1,535,000 under General Laws, Chapter 44 or Chapter 44B, Section 11 or any other enabling authority; pass any vote or to take any action relative thereto.

*This article would appropriate funds and authorize the issuance of bonds for the restoration of a portion of the Town Center building. When the original Town Center restoration and addition project was considered, work in the North Wing was not programmed due to budget constraints. The building systems in this section of Town Center date back to its original construction in the early 1950's. If this article is approved, windows, floor tiles, the lighting system, and the heating and air conditioning system would be replaced, all bathrooms would be upgraded, and a new fire protection system would be installed in this portion of the building. In addition, all walls, doors and door frames would be repainted and current day accessibility requirements would be met.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen: Approval recommended  
 Finance Committee: Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting  
 Capital Expenditure Committee: Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

### ***Article 10 – Transfer of Excess Balances from Community Preservation Projects***

To determine whether the Town will vote to transfer the following excess sums, or any other sums, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, from prior approved Community Preservation Projects to the undesignated Community Preservation fund balance for future use:

<b>Article</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Remaining Balance</b>
<i>November 12, 2002 Special Town Meeting</i>		
Article 6 – Amendment to 2003 Community Preservation Budget	A. Old Town Hall Preservation and Restoration	\$12,681.33
<i>2006 Annual Town Meeting</i>		
Article 29 – Community Preservation Budget – Fiscal Year 2007	A. Rufus Porter Murals Preservation	\$725.00
	C. Town Center Tot Lot	\$4,215.07
<i>2007 Annual Town Meeting</i>		
Article 14 – Community Preservation Budget – Fiscal Year 2008	F. Tennis Court Practice Walls	\$8,871.16

pass any vote or take any other action relative thereto.

*This article proposes the transfer of excess balances from prior approved Community Preservation projects which have been completed. The funds would be transferred to the undesignated balance within the Community Preservation fund and be available for future appropriation.*

#### **Recommendations:**

Selectmen: Approval recommended  
Finance Committee: Approval recommended

### ***Article 11 - Utilization of High School Project Bond Premium***

To determine whether the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing, equipping and furnishing an addition or additions and for remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to Bedford High School, such sum of money representing the balance of the premium, after payment of underwriter's discount and costs of issuance, received from the sale of the Town's \$16,939,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes and \$15,885,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2009 Bonds; to see if the Town will reduce the appropriation and borrowing authority authorized for such project under the vote of the Town Meeting passed March 27, 2006 (Article 5) and excluded from the limitations of Proposition 2 1/2 on April 8, 2006 by such amount; or

to determine whether the Town will vote to establish a stabilization fund under G.L. c.44, §5B or any other enabling authority to be called the "Bond Premium Stabilization Fund" and to see if the Town will vote to appropriate to such fund the amount representing the balance of the premium, after payment of underwriter's discount and costs of issuance, received from the sale of the Town's \$15,885,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2009 Bonds (the "Bonds") and/or the \$16,939,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes") allocable to the financing of the high school project authorized pursuant to a vote of the Town passed March 27, 2006 (Article 5), the debt service of which was excluded from the limitations of Proposition 2 1/2 on April 8, 2006; such stabilization fund to be used for the annual payment of a portion of the interest on the Bonds in order to offset the reduction in interest excluded from Proposition 2 1/2 pursuant to G.L. c.44, §20; or

to authorize the Selectmen to take any action in regard to the above, pass any vote or take any other action relative thereto.

*This article proposes two different alternatives for utilization of a bond premium that was paid to the Town when it sold bonds related to the Bedford High School project this past July. The first (preferred) method would allow the Town to reduce the previous amount of the bond authorization and use the bond premium as revenue for the project. Town officials are in discussions with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue seeking approval to use this method. The second method would create a Bond Premium Stabilization Fund. The bond premium would be deposited in the new fund which would then be the source of future appropriations to reduce the annual debt service cost for the Bedford High School project during the life of the bonds.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Approval recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval recommended

***Article 12 - FY10 Operating Budget Amendments***

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the sums appropriated under Article 25 of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting, Operating Budgets — Fiscal Year 2010, for expenditures by Officers, Boards, Committees, and for the Reserve Fund in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, as amended, under Article 7 of the August 3, 2009 Special Town Meeting, by either increasing or decreasing said sums, and to determine whether such appropriations shall be raised in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, transferred from the Stabilization Fund, borrowed, or by any combination of these methods; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article would allow amendments to the Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budget which was adopted at the Annual Town Meeting this past spring. Some amendments may be recommended by the Finance Committee after final revenue estimates are determined for the current fiscal year.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting
Finance Committee:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

***Article 13 - First Parish Town Common Building Restriction Amendment***

To determine whether the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to amend the restrictions contained in the Stipulation of Easements, Restrictions and Covenants between The First Parish in Bedford, Unitarian-Universalist and the Town of Bedford, dated June 10, 1976 and recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Registered Land Section as Document Number 550138 and noted on Certificate of Title Numbers 150442 and 150443 with regard to a portion of the land known as the Town Common, such amendment to be in the following form:

Paragraph 4.(b) (iii) is hereby amended by striking at the end of the paragraph “three thousand two hundred fifty (3,250) square feet.” and substituting therefore “three thousand four hundred (3,400) square feet.”;

and further to determine whether the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the General Court, if necessary, for a special act authorizing the Selectmen to execute on behalf of the Town of Bedford, said Amendment with The First Parish in Bedford, Unitarian-Universalist; pass any vote or take any other action relative thereto.

*This article would authorize the Selectmen to amend a restriction previously agreed to by The First Parish in Bedford whose building is located on the Town Common. For the purpose of replacing its elevator, First Parish is considering a reconfiguration of its Elm Street entrance which could exceed the present ground area restriction. State legislation may also be required for the restriction to be amended; thus, this article further proposes to authorize the Selectmen to file this legislation, if necessary.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting
Finance Committee:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

and you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and in at least three other public places in the Town at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereof at the time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands on this 5th day of October in the year Two Thousand and Nine.

**Selectmen of Bedford**

Mark Siegenthaler, Chair

Angelo A. Colao

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