

2024 Norwell Special Town Meeting Consent Agenda

A consent agenda's purpose is to act expeditiously upon certain types of articles that historically have generated no controversy and can reasonably be voted upon without debate. With a consent agenda, a number of articles can be addressed with a single vote, thereby ensuring that a greater proportion of Town Meeting's time is dedicated to articles that are the subject of genuine debate.

When the Consent Agenda is called, the Moderator will read out the number of each article, one by one. If a voter has a question or concern about a particular article's inclusion on the Consent Agenda, s/he should say "hold" when the article's number is called. If the purpose of the "hold" is only to ask a simple question, the Moderator will attempt to get the question answered quickly with the goal of leaving the article on the Consent Agenda. Failing that, or if the article is held for debate, the article will be removed from the Consent Agenda. After each article has been called, the Moderator will ask Town Meeting to pass all articles on the Consent Agenda that have not been otherwise removed. It is hoped that voters will remove articles from the Consent Agenda only in cases where genuine concern exists.

The Consent Agenda, included below, will be taken up before Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024.

MOTION: (for articles requiring a majority vote): *I move that the Town vote to take out of order Articles 2-8 and that they be "passed by consent" in accordance with the motions shown on the "2024 Norwell Town Meeting Motions List."*

Article 2	Departmental Supplemental Transfers <i>Finance Director</i>
Article 3	Transfer of Opioid Settlement Funds to Special Revenue <i>Finance Director</i>
Article 4	Snow and Ice Deficit <i>Highway Surveyor</i>
Article 5	Highway Maintenance of School Artificial Turf Field <i>Highway Surveyor</i>
Article 6	School Out of District Transportation <i>Schools</i>
Article 7	Council on Aging Remedial Work- Basement Water Infiltration <i>Council on Aging</i>
Article 8	Preservation and Restoration of Washington Street Cemetery Records <i>Community Preservation Committee</i>