

# Town of Southwick, Massachusetts

454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077

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## Finance Committee's Pro's & Con's of ATM

Annual Town Meeting  
May 17, 2016  
PROS AND CONS

### ARTICLE 7

**PRO:**

Approving this article establishes the process by which monies are spent as well as a reserve fund for unforeseen expenses.

**CON:**

Disapproving this article would prevent the spending of monies on necessary expenses and eliminate the fund for unforeseen expenses.

### ARTICLE 8

**PRO:**

Approving this article provides the mechanism for establishing certain revolving funds for operational processes of various departments.

**CON:**

Disapproving this article would prevent the various departments the ability to function as designed.

### ARTICLE 9

**PRO:**

We will be moving ALS Ambulance Service which needs to acquire a new ambulance and require different equipment.

**CON:**

The Town can continue to rely on other towns for ALS services.

### ARTICLE 10

**PRO:**

Costs of gas savings are substantial. Savings of time labor costs efficiency in emergencies.

**CON:**

Cost of permits and inspections. Potential cost of equipment and environmental damage accidents resulting in personal injury.

### ARTICLE 13

**PRO:**

This Article allows the transfer of monies, not to exceed 4% of the collect taxes, to be used for administrative and operational expenses of the Community Preservation Committee. This provision is allowed under the agreement.

**CON:**

The Committee wouldn't have the monies to pay for administrative expenses.

**ARTICLE 14****PRO:**

This is using monies already paid into the Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing account. This Article would agree to utilize \$34,669.00 towards Depot Court for repairs.

**CON:**

If we do not approve this article, the monies for these repairs would have to be found from another account.

**ARTICLE 15****PRO:**

This is using monies already paid into the Community Preservation Fund – General Fund account. This Article would agree to utilize \$541,890 towards Whalley Park to make it operational.

**CON:**

If we do not approve this article, the monies for these repairs would have to be found from another account.

**ARTICLE 16**

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**PRO:~**

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a smart growth tool that helps communities preserve open space/historic sites, create affordable housing, and develop outdoor recreational facilities. This request aligns with the purpose of this program and will support affordable housing for community residents with disabilities.

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**CON: ~**

\$6,800 will be removed from the Town's CPA funds

**ARTICLE 17**

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**PRO:~**

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a smart growth tool that helps communities preserve open space/historic sites, create affordable housing, and develop outdoor recreational facilities. This request aligns with the purpose of this program and will support accessible recreation for children and families in our Town that is geared toward keeping our children active and healthy.

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**CON: ~**

\$54,000 will be removed from the Town's CPA funds. Whalley Park and the Schools both have accessible playgrounds within our Town. ~

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**ARTICLE 18**

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**PRO:~**

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is a smart growth tool that helps communities preserve open space/historic sites, create affordable housing, and develop outdoor recreational facilities. This request aligns with the purpose of this program and will support will support affordable housing for community residents residing in Depot Court.

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**CON: ~**

\$26,950 will be removed from the Town's CPA funds.