

14 articles so far slated for Provincetown's fall STM

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The articles submitted thus far cover budget adjustments and paying prior year's bills, compensation to volunteer firefighters for the completion of training, and a transfer of funds to complete the retrofitting for town offices at Veteran's Memorial Elementary School and the Freeman Street Building, which houses PTV and the tourism department.

One article seeks to increase the borrowing authorization for phase 3 of the sewer project, which has received more interest than expected from property owners seeking to connect to the sewer. Those funds get repaid by the betterments that are charged for properties to hook up.

There are articles dealing with yard sales, obstructing public ways and adopting the stretch energy code. Article 9 would establish a bike committee; currently there is a bicycle working group appointed by the town manager.

Zoning amendments include changes to parking requirements for new structures and uses, amendments to the sign regulations, an increase in the allotment of gallons for economic development permits, amendments to the wireless telecommunications facilities provisions and an article permitting the installation of solar energy facilities.

The warrant will be posted on the town website, www.provincetown-ma.gov, after it closes on Friday.