ARTICLE __ (Majority Vote)

INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FIELD LIGHTING PROJECT

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 4A, between the Town of Acton and the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District relative to use of certain fields and tennis courts at the Regional High School where new light poles and fixtures are to be installed with assistance from the Community Preservation Act Fund, which agreement shall be substantially in the form of the proposed Agreement on file with the Town Clerk, shall specify the Town's maximum financial liability as $150,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund appropriated under Article __ of the Warrant for this Town Meeting, and shall contain such further terms, conditions and modifications as the Board of Selectmen determine to be appropriate, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUMMARY

Under the Community Preservation Act, CPA Funds can be used for "the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space," where "open space is defined under to include, "land for recreational use," and "recreational use" is defined to include "noncommercial youth and adult sports, and the use of land as a park, playground or athletic field." The Inter-Municipal Agreement between the District and the Town allocates the use of the fields and courts and renders the lighting project under Article __ eligible for CPA funding. Under the Inter-Municipal Agreement, the Town and the community – which currently enjoy no opportunity to use the fields and courts after dark - will be allocated significant amounts of time for such recreational use. In turn, the Town's acquisition of this enforceable right to use the lighted fields and courts will have a positive effect on the Town's other recreational resources by freeing up other fields throughout the Town. The Town will therefore enjoy a substantial return on its CPA investment through the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, making the project eligible for CPA funding.

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Recommendations:	**Board of Selectmen**	**Finance Committee**
	Recommended	**Deferred**