



TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY

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Mr. Angus Jennings, Town Manager
Town of West Newbury
381 Main Street
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Dear Mr. Jennings:

The following is a report of expenditures voted at the Special Town Meeting which convened on May 22, 2021 and adjourned the same date, together with other votes affecting the finances of the Town. Also, included with this report is a schedule of the funding of appropriations.

Pursuant to the Warrant issued by the Selectmen on April 29, 2021, which was posted on April 30, 2021 according to law by Constable Brian Richard, who made proper return of his doings thereon, the Special Spring Town Meeting was to be held on May 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Bandstand located behind the Town Annex, 379 Main Street, West Newbury MA. The meeting was called to order at 10:25 A.M. by the Moderator Kathleen C. Swallow, upon report of the Board of Registrars of Voters of a quorum of 90 or more registered voters. The Town Clerk read the return of service. There were no objections to non-resident Town Officials who were in attendance addressing the meeting, if necessary.

ARTICLE 1. NO MONEY ARTICLE

ARTICLE 2. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moved that the Town transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$33,000 for all costs and expenses pertaining to the repair and replacement of the fire alarm system at the John C. Page School building Any remaining funds will be closed out to the Capital Stabilization Fund at the close of Fiscal Year 2023.

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Since this was a expenditure from a stabilization account, the Moderator declared that a two thirds majority vote was necessary.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moved that the Town transfer from Community Preservation Act funds, undesignated fund balance, the sum of \$104,850 for all costs and expenses pertaining to the repair, restoration and preservation of the West Newbury Town Hall. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the Community Preservation Act undesignated fund balance at the close of Fiscal Year 2023.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moved that the Town to transfer from Community Preservation Act funds, undesignated fund balance, the sum of \$30,000 for costs and expenses pertaining to the design and construction of an all-access trail, commonly referred to as the "Whetstone Greenway" proposed to be located between River Meadow Drive and Sullivans Court Extension. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the Community Preservation Act undesignated fund balance at the close of Fiscal Year 2023.

The Moderator declared that the Motion passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 5. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moved that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$74,022 to fund the fiscal year 2021 snow and ice deficit

The Moderator declared the Motion passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 6. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moved that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3,137 to fund the Essex Agricultural and Technical High School fiscal year 2021 budget deficit

The Moderator declared that the motion passed unanimously.

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ARTICLE 7. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moved that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$287.57 to resolve a deficit resulting from the over-expenditure of funds from the World War II Gym Stabilization Fund that occurred in fiscal year 2016

Since this was an expenditure from an overspend account of a previous year, the Moderator declared that a 9/10's vote was required for passage.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moved that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3,948.03 to resolve deficits for expired grants that did not close out properly in fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9. The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moved that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$100,000 to fund unbudgeted costs associated with the operation and administration of public health clinics to administer the COVID-19 vaccine

The Moderator declared that the motion passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 10: The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moves that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$90,000 to fund unbudgeted personnel costs.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 11: The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moved that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$18,000 for all costs and expenses pertaining to the replacement of the public safety network server. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the general account fund balance at the close of Fiscal Year 2022.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed unanimously.

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ARTICLE 12: The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moved that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$15,000 to fund consulting support toward compliance with the stormwater management permit issued to the Town of West Newbury by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the general account at the close of Fiscal Year 2022.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moved that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$9,050 to fund all costs related to the Assessing Department network server. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the general account at the close of Fiscal Year 2022.

The Moderator declared that the motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: The Finance Committee recommended approval of this Article.

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moved that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$5,500 to fund all costs and expenses relating to a utility property revaluation analysis and report. Any remaining funds will be closed out to the general account at the close of Fiscal Year 2022.

Board of Assessor Member Richard Baker moved to amend the amount from \$5,500 to \$8,500 as it represented the amount in the Article.

The Moderator declared that the Motion to amend the amount to \$8,500 passed on a majority vote.

The Moderator declared the main motion, as amended, passed by majority vote.

ARTICLE 15: The Finance Committee gave no recommendation on this Article since the Committee was divided at 2-2.

Select Board Member Wendy Reed moved that the Town take NO ACTION on this Article.

The Moderator declared that the motion to take No Action passed by majority vote.

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At 10:42 A.M. on the motion of Select Board Member David Archibald, it was unanimously voted to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. McCarron". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Michael P. McCarron
Town Clerk

Cc: Board of Selectmen
Board of Assessors
Town Accountant (2)
Finance Committee