

MOTIONS – 2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 2 2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING

Move to table the subject matter of Article 2.

Select Board

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 3 2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING

Move that the Town amend the FY 2025-35 Capital Improvements Program as provided for in Section 7-7 of the Reading Home Rule Charter and as previously amended, by making these changes:

General Fund

FY25: +\$ 2,052,000 net changes (\$1.3 million debt authorization)

- \$ 85,000 Bobcat UV56 (Facilities)
- +\$ 40,000 Parking Enforcement Vehicle (2013)
- +\$ 30,000 Highway pickup #18 (2006) (increase from \$80k to \$110K)
- \$ 30,000 Blower unit for loader (reduce price from \$250k to \$220k)
- +\$ 420,000 Road paving (increase from \$425k to \$845k)
- +\$ 100,000 Sidewalk work (increase from \$100k to \$200k)
- +\$ 32,000 Fencing around play area adjacent to Wood End School (new)
- +\$ 245,000 BM Phase II Design (debt issuance delayed savings used toward design)
- +\$1,300,000 RMHS Fieldhouse Floor and Bleachers (increase debt auth by \$1.3 million)

FY26: +\$ 15,000 net changes

- \$ 55,000 Carpenters Cut-away Van (move out 1 year and increase to \$60k)
- \$ 40,000 Doors and Windows at schools (move out 1 year)
- +\$ 15,000 Wood End Water Heater
- \$ 10,000 Library equipment (not needed)
- +\$ 20,000 ALS Defibrillator Monitor (increase from \$50k to \$70k)
- \$ 65,000 Small Dump Truck #7 (2012) (move out 1 year and increase from \$65k to \$120k)
- +\$ 35,000 Highway Truck #18 Sander (2006) (increase from \$240k to \$275k)
- +\$115,000 Road paving (increase from \$425k to \$540k)

FY27+

Various other changes made

Enterprise Funds – Water

FY25: +\$560,000 net changes

+\$560,000 Water Main Replacement Sanborn St

FY26: +\$600,000 net changes

+\$600,000 Water Main Replacement Hopkins St

FY27+

Various changes made

Enterprise Funds – Sewer

FY25: +\$ net changes

FY26: +\$40,000 net changes

+\$40,000 Sewer pickup #17 (increase price from \$60k to \$100k)

FY27+

Various changes made

Enterprise Funds – Storm Water

FY25: net changes

FY26: +\$ net changes

FY27+

Various changes made

Select Board

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 4
2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING**

Move that the Town amend the Town’s Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2024, as adopted under Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 25, 2024; and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money, to be added to the amounts appropriated under said Article, as amended, for the operation of the Town and its government, as provided in the below chart:

General Fund – Wages and Expenses

<u>Account Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
C99 - Capital	As described in Article 3, plus \$130k for additional funding for a fire truck not encumbered and closed to free cash in error		\$882,000
D-99- Debt	Delayed Borrowing BM PHII & Downtown Ph II	\$721,000	
E99- Voc. Ed	NERMVS +\$10k		\$10,000
F99 – FINCOM	Replenish for additional funds needed for DPW		\$135,000

	trucks \$135k		
G91 – Admin. Services Wages	Attrition Savings -\$7.5k	\$7,500	
G-92 – Admin Services Expenses	Property Casualty Insurance -\$25k	\$25,000	
G91a – Technology Wages	Extra OT for Cloud migration project		\$10,000
G-92a Technology Expenses	Technology Security Upgrades		\$25,000
H91 – Public Services Wages	Attrition Savings -\$7.5k	\$7,500	
H92 – Public Services Expenses	Regional Housing Expense +\$30k Veteran’s Assistance -\$20k		\$10,000
I91 – Finance Wages	Make temp part-time position full-time permanent +\$60k		\$60,000
J91 – Public Safety Wages	Retirement/Attrition savings -\$35k	\$35,000	
K-95 Rubbish	Compost Collection at Schools +\$50k		\$50,000
M91- Core Facilities	RMHS Extraordinary Repair -\$10k	\$10,000	
	Subtotals	\$806,000	\$1,052,000
	Net Operating Expenses		\$376,000
	From Free Cash		\$376,000

Enterprise Funds

<u>Account Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
W99 Water EF	Water Main Replacement – Sanborn St		\$560,000
	Subtotals		\$560,000
	From Water EF Reserves		560,000

Finance Committee

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 5
2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING**

Move to table the subject matter of Article 5.

Select Board

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 6
2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING**

Move that the Town transfer \$39,000 received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on May 20, 2024, in payment for development within the Town's 40R Smart Growth Zoning Districts from Free Cash into the Smart Growth Stabilization Fund.

Select Board

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 7
2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING**

Move that the Town vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025, and vote to dedicate all of the payments received from the Commonwealth pursuant to Chapter 40R of the Massachusetts General Laws to the Town's Smart Growth Stabilization Fund, effective for fiscal year 2026, beginning on July 1, 2025.

Select Board

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 8
2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING**

Move that the Town vote to transfer \$81,157 received from Opioid Settlements from Free Cash to the Opioid Settlement Receipts Special Reserve Fund.

Select Board

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 9
2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING**

Move to indefinitely postpone Article 9.

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 10
2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING**

Move that the Town vote to adopt a mandatory charge per kilowatt-hour upon Reading Municipal Light Plant's electricity consumers located within the Town of Reading by accepting the provisions of G.L. c. 25, § 20(c), and authorize the Select Board to execute all documents necessary to qualify the Town as a Green Community under G.L. c.25A, § 10, including the Renewable energy Trust Fund Membership Agreement.

Select Board

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 11
2022 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING**

Move that the Town vote to amend Section 8.8.1.3 of the General Bylaws, Effective Voice Control, by deleting the section and inserting, in place thereof, the following:

8.8.1.3 Effective Voice Control

An animal shall be deemed to be "under effective voice control" if it is (i) within the handler's sight, (ii) refrains from aggressive behavior, (iii) comes immediately when called by its handler, and (iv) the handler is carrying a leash per dog. Aggressive behavior is any behavior that would cause a reasonable person to believe the dog poses an unjustified imminent threat of physical injury to a person or another dog, including but not limited to jumping on, repeatedly barking at, or approaching any person without their consent.

Town Forest Committee/Board of Health

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 12
2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING**

Move that the Town vote to amend Section 8.8.3.2 of the General Bylaws by

(1) inserting a new Section 8.8.3.2.3, as follows:

8.8.3.2.3

Town Forest

The maximum number of off-leash dogs shall not exceed two per handler in the Town Forest. Any dog that does not remain under effective voice control, as defined in Section 8.8.1.3, must be placed on a leash or removed from the Town Forest immediately. Dog waste must be removed in accordance with Section 8.8.3.3. Dogs must be leashed when entering or exiting the Town Forest. Visitors who do not abide by these rules may be required to leave the Town Forest, in addition to any enforcement action provided for under G. L. c.40, §21D and Section 1.8 of these Bylaws.

and (2) renumbering the remaining sections accordingly

Town Forest Committee/Board of Health

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 13
2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING**

Move that the Town vote to transfer \$150,000 from free cash for the Town Forest thinning project, which will include \$50,000 for Phase 4 of the dead tree removal program and \$100,000 for Phase 5 of the invasive plants control program.

Town Forest Committee

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 14
2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING**

Move that the Town vote pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 15A, to transfer care, custody, management and control of the property known as 371 Grove Street (or "Grove Street Lot 5"), Assessor Map 44 Lot 136, as shown on a plan of land entitled "GROVE STREET, LOT 5 PARKING," prepared by Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., date January 23, 2023, such plan on file with the Town Clerk, to the Reading Conservation Commission for the sole purpose of passive recreation and open space management, including the installation, maintenance, and repair of a passive trail network with associated signage; provided, however, that Reading Department of Public Works shall have the right to replace, repair, maintain, and make necessary improvements to the existing parking area on the property, as shown on said plan.

Select Board

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 15

2024 SUBSEQUENT TOWN MEETING

Move that the Town vote to borrow \$1.3 million for the purposes of making improvements, including full replacement of the floor at the Reading Memorial High School Field House, including the costs of installation, construction, consulting services, audits, plans, documents, cost estimates, bidding services and all related expenses incidental thereto and necessary in connection therewith, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Town Manager; and, for the purpose of meeting such appropriation, authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority.

Select Board