

MOTIONS – 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Updated June 13, 2020

Move that the Reading Town Meeting commence business at this meeting remotely using the video conferencing platform selected by the Moderator.

Move to indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Articles 2, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 18.

Move that the order of business be as follows: Article 4, Article 5, Article 7, Article 10, Article 16, Article 17, and Article 3.

Move that the Town Meeting adopt a preamble declaring all action taken at this Annual Town Meeting to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety, or convenience of the town.

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 4 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Move that the Town vote to amend the FY 2020-30 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

FY20: no changes

FY21: -\$555,000 net changes

\$25,000 Initial Project Funding for Parks & Fields space planning
\$25,000 DPW Mobile Compressors (moved up from FY22)
-\$10,000 Library equipment (fully deleted)
-\$25,000 DPW Fences repairs (50% cut)
-\$25,000 Town Technology projects (moved to FY22)
-\$40,000 Symonds Way parcel planning (moved to FY22)
-\$40,000 Senior/Community Center planning (moved to FY22)
-\$40,000 Camp Curtis planning (moved to FY22)
-\$50,000 Facilities skid steer (moved to FY22)
-\$50,000 DPW Sidewalk/Curb (50% cut)
-\$50,000 DPW Skim Coating/Sealing (50% cut)
-\$50,000 DPW Parking lot improvements (fully deleted)
-\$100,000 PBC funding (\$50,000 remains)
-\$200,000 School technology projects (move to FY22)

FY22: +\$1,365,000 net changes

\$1,300,000 Fire Ladder Truck (move up from FY26)
\$200,000 School technology projects (moved from FY21)
+\$65,000 DPW Bucket Truck (total now \$275k)
\$50,000 Facilities skid steer (moved from FY21)
\$40,000 Symonds Way parcel planning (moved from FY21)
\$40,000 Senior/Community Center planning (moved from FY21)
\$40,000 Camp Curtis planning (moved from FY21)
\$25,000 Town Technology projects (moved from FY21)
-\$25,000 DPW Mobile Compressors (moved up to FY21)
-\$30,000 Ambulance equipment (moved out to FY23)
-\$365,000 Ambulance (moved out to FY23)

FY23+

Various other changes made

Enterprise Funds – Water

FY20: +\$30,000

\$30,000 unidirectional flushing program

FY21: +\$560,000

\$500,000 Downtown project design

\$60,000 Replace 2003 Dump Truck (moved up from FY22)

FY22: -\$60,000

-\$60,000 Replace 2003 Dump Truck (moved up to FY21)

FY23+

Various changes made

Enterprise Funds – Sewer

FY20: +\$40,000

+\$40,000 Portable Pump (shared with Storm Water)

FY21: +\$125,000

\$100,000 Downtown project design

+\$25,000 Sewer Main projects

FY22: no changes

FY23+

Various changes made

Enterprise Funds – Storm Water

FY20: +\$40,000

+\$40,000 Portable Pump (shared with Sewer)

FY21: no changes

FY22: no changes

FY23+

Various changes made

Select Board

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 5 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Move that the Town vote to amend the Town's Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2019, as adopted under Article 20 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 2, 2019 and amended under Article 4 of the Subsequent Town Meeting of November 12, 2019; and to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to be added to the amounts appropriated under said Article, as amended, for the operation of the Town and its government:

General Fund – Wages and Expenses

<u>Account Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
B99 – Benefits expenses	Health Insurance Premiums -\$73,000 111F Pending Retirement (Fire) +\$73,000		\$0
C99 - Capital	<i>(\$20,000 item deleted since March)</i>		\$0
E99 – Vocational School Expenses	Essex North (enrollment) +\$35,000 <i>(new item since March)</i>		\$35,000
F99 – FINCOM Reserves	Covid-19 expenses (fund will be \$300,000)		\$200,000
G92 – Administrative Services Expenses	Legal services (Covid-19 & high volume)		\$60,000
H91 - Public Services Wages	Support staff vacancies -\$65,000	\$65,000	
H91 - Public Services Expenses	Outsourced professional services: \$10,000 Veteran's Aid -\$35,000	\$25,000	
J91 – Public Safety Wages	Fire OT (Covid-19) +\$50,000 Dispatch OT (Covid-19) +\$25,000 Police OT (Covid-19) +\$25,000		\$100,000
K92 – Public Works Expenses	Highway Outsourced Repairs +\$50,000		\$50,000
L91 – Library Wages	Sick/vacation buyback \$10,000		\$10,000
	Subtotals	\$90,000	\$455,000
	Net Operating Expenses		\$365,000
	From Free Cash		\$365,000

Enterprise Funds – Wages and Expenses

<u>Account Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
W99 – Water EF Expenses	\$30,000 capital (flushing) \$22,000 Prof Services (Auburn Tank) \$15,000 brass fittings \$15,000 parts & supplies		\$82,000
	Subtotals		\$82,000
	Net Operating Expenses		\$82,000
	Possible revenue deficit (new June 12th)		\$450,000
	From Water Reserves		\$532,000
S99 – Sewer EF	Possible revenue deficit (new June 12th)		\$430,000
	From Sewer Reserves		\$430,000

Finance Committee

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 7
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Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum **One hundred and twenty-five thousand (\$125,000)** and transfer the sum of **Seven hundred and eighty-four thousand (\$784,000) dollars** to the irrevocable trust for “Other Post-Employment Benefits Liabilities”. The sources of these funds are: \$625,000 from the General Fund; \$55,000 Water EF; \$22,000 Sewer EF; and \$7,000 Storm Water EF.

Select Board

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 10 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **Two million dollars (\$2,000,000)** for the purpose of making Sturges sewer station improvements, including the costs of 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, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said sum in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §8(5), or any other enabling authority; that the Select Board, Town Manager, or any other agency or official of the Town, is authorized to apply for a grant or grants, to be used to defray the cost of all, or any part of, said project; and that Town Manager is authorized to enter into any and all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Select Board

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 16 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Move that the Town vote to accept and expend such sum of money as may be available to the Town pursuant to Chapter 90, Section 34 of the Massachusetts General Laws as reimbursement for the costs of repair, construction, maintenance or preservation of the Town's roads and bridges and other related costs that qualify under the State Aid Highway Guidelines adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum in anticipation of such reimbursement, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Select Board

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 17 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

See BUDGET MOTIONS handout.

Finance Committee

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 3
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Move to indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article 3.

Select Board

Final Adjournment:

Move that the Town Meeting stand adjourned Sine Die.