

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
2015 *SPECIAL* TOWN MEETING
WARRANT REPORT**



**APRIL 27, 2015
WAREHAM HIGH SCHOOL
7:00 P.M.**

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WARRANT
TOWN OF WAREHAM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 27, 2015

WAREHAM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
VIKING DRIVE
WAREHAM, MA 02571

7:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

ARTICLE 1 –LINE ITEM TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money within the budget lines as voted in Article 6 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

Explanation:

This article allows inter and intra-departmental transfers for the end of the year.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 5-0-0

The Finance Committee does not recommend approval of this article: 6-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Town Administrator was still analyzing what line item transfers might be necessary, but would not have that finalized until after the Warrant Report goes to print, therefore the Finance Committee does not recommend action on this article. When presented with the final list of transfers, the Finance Committee may reconsider its vote and report a new recommendation directly to Town Meeting.

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ARTICLE 2 – FY15 CAPITAL PLAN

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds and authorize borrowing subject to MGL Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of capital improvement projects including replacement of vehicles and equipment and repairs to and improvements to town buildings, facilities and waterways, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

Explanation:

This article authorizes Capital purchases to be made in FY2015, in most cases the funding also within FY2015. The current list for Spring FY2015 Capital purchases is as follows:

Department	Item	Cost	Funding Source	Purchase, Borrow, Lease
Town Clerk	6 Imagecast Precinct Tabulator Bundles, aka Voting Machines	\$39,000	FY15 Certified Free Cash	Purchase
Harbormaster	Full size 4WD Diesel Truck & Equipment	\$20,000	Harbor Service Permit Receipts	Lease
Community Service Officers/ Parking Enforcement	Mid-Size 4WD Truck & Equipment	\$13,400	Article 4 of the Fall 2014 Town Meeting	Lease
WPCF	2015 CAT 930M Wheel Loader	N/A	Authorization only it is funded in the FY16 WPCF Budget. Cost estimate \$55,000 a year for 3 years.	Lease

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 5-0-0

The Finance Committee does not recommend approval of this article: 6-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Town Administrator had not yet defined a specific Capital Plan for FY2015 prior to the Warrant Report going to print, therefore the Finance Committee does not recommend action on this article.

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If a FY2015 Capital Plan is presented, the Finance Committee may reconsider its vote and report a new recommendation directly to Town

ARTICLE 3 – HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Harbor Services Permits Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account, to be transferred to the Harbormaster's Maintenance and Improvements account or to take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Harbormaster

Explanation:

The department's 2002 ½ ton pick-up truck being used, has 175,000 miles on it and is facing substantial mechanical repairs as well as structural frame and body rot. The amount being requested is for the first year lease payment of a ¾ ton, 4x4 pick-up truck equipped with a winch system and towing package. The vehicle will also need to be outfitted with communications and emergency equipment. This vehicle will be obtained through a capital lease program where at the end of the lease, the Town of Wareham retains the vehicle with no additional lease buyout payment.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The use of permit fees to replace a 13 year old pick-up truck with one having additional capacity and function will result in an upgrade of capability, reliability, and a reduction in operating costs. This is a responsible use of these funds.

ARTICLE 4 – ACCEPT M.G.L. CHAPTER 60, SECTION 15B – AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX TITLE COLLECTION REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to accept an amendment to the general laws (Chapter 390 of the Acts of 2014), specifically Chapter 60, Section 15B, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

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Explanation:

This article seeks to establish a revolving fund for the purposes of paying fees and costs associated with recording/filing documents, land court fees, legal fees, and generally costs associated with the Tax Title process. Fees that were added to taxes, tax title, and tax foreclosures would be credited into this account. The actual taxes collected would still go to the General Fund.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0
The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This amendment adds clarity and streamlines the handling of Tax Title fees and expenses.

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ARTICLE 5 – HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Health Insurance Trust Fund, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

Explanation:

This article is a placeholder pending the results of the Powers & Sullivan audit of the Health Trust Fund. The Town is no longer self-insured and is part of the Mayflower Municipal Health Insurance Group.

The Board of Selectmen did not vote on this article as of printing of Warrant.
The Finance Committee does not recommend approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

Since the Town has joined a new health insurance group, a final audit is currently being done on its self-insured health plan. A portion or all of any available surplus funds found in that audit should be transferred to the

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Health Insurance Trust Fund to cover any claims accrued. Since the results of the audit were not available at the time the Warrant Report went to print, the Finance Committee does not recommend approval of this article.

Audit results are expected to be available just prior to Town Meeting, whereas the Finance Committee may reconsider its vote and report a new recommendation directly to Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6 – PLYMOUTH COUNTY OPEB TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to fund the Plymouth County OPEB Trust, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

Explanation:

This article seeks to transfer a sum of money into the Plymouth County OPEB Trust Fund. This would remove an audit finding and help reduce the Town's OPEB liability.

The Board of Selectmen did not vote on this article as of printing of Warrant. The Finance Committee does not recommend approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

Per the Town Administrator, the only available funding source for this article would be from any extra funds within the FY2015 Health Insurance line. As previously stated in our recommendation for Article 5, since the results of the audit were not available at the time the Warrant Report went to print, the Finance Committee does not recommend approval of this article. Audit results are expected to be available just prior to Town Meeting, whereas the Finance Committee may reconsider its vote and report a new recommendation directly to Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 7 – POLICE UNION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Wareham Police Union, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

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Explanation:

This article seeks to fund the ratified Police Union contract. This contract has been expired since July 1, 2011. The funding sources for this contract will be the Stabilization Fund and/or FY2015 Free Cash. However, it will be required that when FY2016 Free Cash is certified, that not only is half the Free Cash transferred to the Stabilization Fund, but whatever was transferred out to fund this contract needs to be transferred back into the Stabilization Fund.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 5-0-0
The Finance Committee does not recommend approval of this article: 8-0-0**

Finance Committee Recommendation:

This Collective Bargaining Agreement had not yet been ratified, nor a funding source defined, at the time the Warrant Report went to print, therefore the Finance Committee does not recommend approval of this article. Should ratification occur prior to Town Meeting, the Finance Committee may reconsider its vote and report a new recommendation directly to Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 8 – LOTS & GRAVES ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 19 of the Spring 2014 Special Town Meeting so that the \$90,000 authorized is returned to the RRFA Sale of Lots and Graves Account, and further, vote to reduce the amount authorized in Article 14 of the Spring 2014 Annual Town Meeting from \$32,000 to \$12,000 so that \$20,000 is returned to the RRFA Sale of Lots and Graves Account, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

Explanation:

This article seeks to rescind previously approved articles so that \$110,000 is returned to the RRFA Sale of Lots & Graves account so there is enough money in the account to fund Article 9.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0
The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 5-3-0**

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Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article based on the plan that the Cemetery Commissioners believe the money would be better utilized to purchase the available land next door to the cemetery for expansion. The Town may not have this opportunity later. Repairs to the storage/maintenance building at Centre Cemetery can be done at a later date.

Minority Opinion: It is the minority opinion that we should follow through with the intent of Article 19 of the spring 2014 Special Town Meeting to remedy the sad shape of the storage/maintenance building servicing Centre Cemetery on Tihonet Road.

This building should not be ignored if it is needed. If it is not needed, it should be taken down before diverting these funds to another purpose.

ARTICLE 9 – AGAWAM CEMETERY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$170,000 from the RRFA Sale of Lots and Graves Account for the purpose of purchasing a lot of land known as 4 & 6 Mac Phillip Way located in the Town of Wareham, as more particularly described in a filing in the Town Clerk's Office titled "Agawam Cemetery Expansion", for the purpose of expanding Agawam Cemetery, or to take and action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

Explanation:

This article seeks to transfer \$170,000 from the RRFA Sale of Lots & Graves account for the purposes of purchasing property that will be used to increase Agawam Cemetery. If Article 8 passes, there will be \$206,008 in the account and this article would leave a balance of \$36,008.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 4-2-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. We feel buying this land is a smart move. We may not have another opportunity for direct

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expansion of the cemetery with available land and the money spent will eventually be recouped by the sale of lots and graves in the expanded area.

Minority Opinion: It is the minority opinion that Wareham would be better served with this land staying on the tax rolls and the Cemetery Commissioners using their current resources to catch up on maintenance needs and initiate plans to build a mausoleum.

Agawam Cemetery has 36,000 square feet of undeveloped land available for internment. The Cemetery Commissioners recognize the need for a mausoleum within the foreseeable future and they appear to have funds to act in advance of the need. The proposed land purchase currently generates \$2,600 in tax revenue with the potential for more when built on. Prudence would suggest using existing funds to move toward a more land efficient internment strategy.

ARTICLE 10 – ADDITIONAL LIQUOR LICENSE

To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature for special legislation for an additional year-round all alcoholic liquor license to be exercised only at 167 Onset Avenue, Onset, MA (Map 1, Lot A); such license will not count against the Town's liquor license quota, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

Explanation:

This article seeks to petition the Legislature for an additional year-round all alcoholic license that can only be used at the 167 Onset Avenue location. The business is currently being renovated and anticipates opening in the spring of 2016. Therefore, if this article passes, the license should be available just in time for the planned opening.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. A successful restaurant needs a liquor license as a driver of profits. The location is one that can attract visitors to the Town.

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ARTICLE 11 – OAKDALE PLAYGROUND

To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Unallocated Funds or any available monies in the Community Preservation Fund under Recreation, a grant to the Wareham Open Space Committee, the sum of \$45,000 to fund rehabilitation at Oakdale Playground, located at 23 Apple Street, Wareham, MA or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Community Preservation Committee

Explanation:

The Town of Wareham's 2010-2017 Open Space Goals and Recreation Plan listed 21 playgrounds and three open space areas. The Town's goal is to expand and improve recreational facilities for the residents of Wareham. This site was chosen to be the first model project because the residents of the Oakdale neighborhood have spent hours addressing the condition of this playground and proven their dedication to maintaining this site. CPC monies cannot be used for maintenance.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 7-0-1

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The Oakdale Playground is one of 21 public open space parks owned and maintained by the Town of Wareham. The playground abuts the Wareham River & wetlands. The opportunity exists through Community Preservation Funds to construct rehabilitate the playground equipment and facilities.

ARTICLE 12 – RESCIND PRIOR YEAR BOND AUTHORIZATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following unissued balances of prior year bond authorizations, or to take any action relative thereto.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Original Authorization</u>	<u>Unissued Balance</u>	<u>Reason</u>
11/1/2012	3	Town Hall Security Upgrades	25,000	10,740	Unexpended Balance
11/1/2012	3	Three Town Vehicles	47,500	757	Unexpended Balance
11/1/2012	3	School Roof Repair	110,000	33,210	Unexpended Balance

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Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Treasurer

Explanation:

This is a housekeeping article. An affirmative vote will remove these authorizations from our books.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. It is important to clear these un-issued balances off the Town's books so that it doesn't affect the Town's ability to borrow in the future.

ARTICLE 13 – ALLEN STREET

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 14 of the 2008 Fall Town Meeting concerning 18-20 Allen Street, Assessors map 50F, lots 140 and 141, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

Explanation:

The property located at 18-20 Allen Street was put in the custody of the Board of Selectmen through the MGL, Chapter 30B process in anticipation of sale.

However, the subsequent sale of this property was unsuccessful due to the buyer being unable to obtain financing. In order to recommence sale of this property, it needs to be returned to the custody of the Treasurer/Collector and placed back on the tax roll.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-0-0

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Finance Committee Recommendation

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The Town must follow the proper procedures regarding handling of this parcel so that it can be sold. The Town, following the future sale of this property, will benefit by generating a positive tax revenue stream in the form of real estate taxes.

ARTICLE 14 - GENERATOR

To see if the Town will vote to amend the action taken under Article 6 of the 2010 Fall Town Meeting by adding the words "and Police Station" following the words "Upgrade of Generator Multi-Service Building" or to take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

Explanation:

The Capital Project Committee sought funds at the 2010 Fall Town Meeting to upgrade the generator at the Multi-Service Center. This request was granted by the voters.

However, it has come to the attention of the Town Administrator, that the generator at the Police Station will more than adequately power the Multi-Service Center and its elevators.

Moving and installing the Police Station generator to the Multi-Service Center and purchasing a smaller replacement generator for the Police Station, will result in a savings to the Town.

Therefore, it is necessary to amend the language in the October 25, 2010 Town Meeting Warrant, Article 6 by means of Article 14 to facilitate this transfer of generators and purchase a smaller generator for the Police Station.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0
The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-0-0**

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. The transfer of an existing generator and the cost savings to the Town by the purchase of a

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smaller generator should result in less money being spent. Any remaining surplus monies that were allocated for this capital improvement project will be returned to the General Fund.

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ARTICLE 15 - AMENDMENT TO JUNK DEALER BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend Division II, Article II, Section 1 by deleting from the first sentence the word "five" and inserting in its place "twenty-five" or to take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation:

This article seeks to increase the number of junk dealer licenses from five to twenty-five.

The Board of Selectmen recommends further study of this article: 4-1-0

The Finance Committee does not recommend approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

After a discussion with the proponents of this article, it became clear that some further study is needed on the impact this Bylaw change might have on the Town. Therefore, the Finance Committee does not recommend approval of this article.

APPENDIX 1

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

**TOWN OF WAREHAM
ACCOUNTING OFFICE
DATED - April 16, 2015**

TRANSFER TO:

Veteran Services - Expenses 10000-5-5430-2-0000-0000-578000-00	\$ 68,000.00
Inspectional Services - Professional Services 10000-2-2400-2-0000-0000-530500-00	\$ 37,426.00
Police -Salaries 10000-2-2100-1-0000-0000-511000-00	\$ 20,000.00
Library - Salaries 10000-6-6100-1-0000-0000-511000-00	\$ 18,988.00
Street Lights Electricity 10000-4-4240-2-0000-0000-521000-00	\$ 35,000.00
Municipal Maintenance - Repair & Maint. Vehicles 10000-4-4200-2-0000-0000-524200-00	\$ 5,000.00
Town Administrator - Salaries 10000-1-1230-1-0000-0000-511000-00	\$ 7,300.00
Treasurer/Collector - Expenses 10000-1-1450-2-0000-0000-530850-00	\$ 2,000.00
Elections & Registration - Purchased Services 10000-1-1620-2-0000-0000-529100-00	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 196,714.00

TRANSFER FROM:

Town Planner - Salaries 10000-1-1750-1-0000-0000-511000-00	\$ 68,000.00
Inspectional Services - Salaries 10000-2-2400-1-0000-0000-511000-00	\$ 37,426.00
Police - Gas Diesel & Oil 10000-2-2100-2-0000-0000-548000-00	\$ 20,000.00
Library - Electricity 1000-6-6100-2-0000-00000-521000-00	\$ 18,988.00
Municipal Maintenance - Salaries 10000-4-4200-1-0000-0000-511000-00	\$ 35,000.00
Municipal Maintenance -Salaries 10000-4-4200-1-0000-0000-511000-00	\$ 5,000.00
Town Accountant - Salaries 10000-1-1350-1-0000-0000-511000-00	\$ 7,300.00
Treasurer/Collector - - Salaries 10000-1-1450-1-0000-0000-511000-00	\$ 2,000.00
Elections & Registration - Salaries 10000-1-1620-1-0000-0000-512.000-00	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 196,714.00

APPENDIX 2
CHAPTER 390 OF THE ACTS OF 2014

- **Acts of 2014**
- **Chapter 390** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX TITLE COLLECTION REVOLVING FUNDS

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for a tax title collection revolving funds in cities and towns, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

Chapter 60 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15 the following section:-

Section 15B. (a) Notwithstanding sections 53 and 55 of chapter 44, a city or town that accepts this section may establish a tax title collection revolving fund pursuant to subsection (c) for 1 or more of the following officers: tax collector, treasurer and treasurer-collector. Such tax title collection revolving fund shall be accounted for separately from all other monies in the city or town and to which shall be credited any fees, charges and costs incurred by such officer under sections 15, 55, 62, 65, 68 or 79 and collected upon the redemption of tax titles and sales of real property acquired through foreclosures of tax titles. Expenditures may be made from such revolving fund without further appropriation, subject to this section; provided, however, that expenditures shall not be made or liabilities incurred from this revolving fund in excess of the balance of the fund nor in excess of the total authorized expenditures from this fund, nor shall any expenditures be made unless approved in accordance with sections 52 and 56 of chapter 41.

(b) Interest earned on a tax title collection revolving fund balance shall be treated as general fund revenue of the city or town. Expenditures from a tax title collection revolving fund authorized for the tax collector, treasurer or treasurer-collector shall be spent to pay expenses incurred by such officer under this chapter in connection with a tax taking or tax title foreclosure, including, but not limited to, fees and costs of recording or filing documents and instruments, searching and examining titles, mailing, publishing or advertising notices or documents, petitioning the land court, serving court filings and documents and paying legal fees.

(c) A city or town that accepts this section may establish a tax title collection revolving fund by: (i) by-law; (ii) ordinance; or (iii) a vote of the legislative body of a city or town taken upon the recommendation of the chief executive officer of a city or town or, in the case of a city with a Plan E form of government, the recommendation of the mayor or city manager. The establishment of such a fund shall be made not later than the beginning of the fiscal year in which the fund shall begin.

(d) The officer having charge of such tax title collection revolving fund shall annually report to the board of selectmen, the mayor of a city or city manager in a Plan E city or in any other city or town to the chief administrative or executive officer, the total amount of receipts and expenditures for the tax title collection revolving fund under its control for the prior fiscal year, by the date the by-law, ordinance or vote prescribes, together with other information as such by-law, ordinance or vote requires.

(e) Upon revocation of this section, or termination of any fund, the balance in the fund at the end of that fiscal year shall revert to surplus revenue.

(f) This section shall take effect in any municipality that accepts it by vote of the legislative body, subject to the charter of the municipality; provided, however, at any time after the expiration of 3 years from the date on which a municipality accepts this section, the municipality may revoke its acceptance in the same manner required for acceptance.

The director of accounts in the department of revenue may issue guidelines further regulating a tax title collection revolving fund established pursuant to this section.

Approved, December 16, 2014.

APPENDIX 3

ARTICLE 6 OF THE 2010 FALL TOWN MEETING

This is the article and explanation for Article 6 from the Fall 2010 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6 - PURCHASE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$130,000) to purchase or lease the following equipment:

Chipper Municipal Maintenance Department	\$55,000
Upgrade of Generator Multi-Service Building	\$75,000

or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Capital Project Committee

Explanation:

The intent of this article is to purchase new equipment for the Municipal Maintenance Department and to upgrade a generator at the Multi-Service Center. The cost of a new chipper is \$55,000. The chipper is utilized on a regular basis all over Town to clear fallen trees and limbs. The chipper currently being utilized by the Municipal Maintenance Department can only handle branches one inch in diameter and does not have required safety features. The current chipper is a 1979 model.

The cost to upgrade the generator at the Multi-Service Center Building is \$75,000. The current generator being utilized is inadequate in an emergency to operate the elevator. This upgrade will replace it with a properly sized unit capable of handling emergency situations.

The Board of Selectmen Voted: Favorable Action 5-0-0

The Finance Committee Voted: Favorable Action 9-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends Favorable Action on this article.