ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – ARTICLE 11 – ONE TIME COSTS

A version of this Article is generally included in every Annual Town Meeting Warrant to fund projects which are generally ‘one-time’ expenses.

The projects to be funded at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting include:

- Maintenance & Equipment Upgrades – Facilities Department ($100,000)
  In an ongoing effort to catch up with long-deferred maintenance, the Facilities Department annually requests funding for projects and minor equipment purchases which are below the threshold for a capital project, but which are more expensive than would normally be carried in the annual operating budget.

  Examples of prior work include individual window replacements in each of the School buildings, acquisition of maintenance equipment, repairs to sidewalks around Town buildings, replacement of individual air conditioning units, repair/replacement of lighting fixtures in parking lots

  In FY2021 these funds are expected to be allocated to projects associated with health and safety upgrades in the Schools and other Town buildings

- Supplies & Equipment – Various Departments ($50,000)
  In light of the public health emergency, and the difficulty in procuring items such as personal protective equipment for first responders and other staff, the Town seeks to increase its stock of critical equipment to sustain operations during a future emergency.

  Examples of the type of equipment to be procured include cleaning materials, safety supplies such as gloves/masks-face shields, and emergency supplies for the Board of Health including thermometers and alcohol wipes
- Consulting Services – Various Departments ($50,000)
  As part of the budget adjustments for FY 21 made in response to the projected drop in several revenue streams, funding for a variety of consulting services was removed from Departmental Budgets.

These funds will be used as necessary to cover any necessary consulting services needed during the year, including such items as engineering services for small projects, planning support services, grant-related assessments for projects such as energy efficiency and harbor improvements, and assessments for minor building repairs.

- Waterways Fund ($10,000)
  This now annual allocation from the Waterways Account (which is funded by a portion of the boat excise tax) frees up funds for a variety of work around the Harbor, including dock repair, minor work on seawalls, and the purchase of equipment for the patrol boat and other operations of the Harbormaster.

- Elementary Math Curriculum ($75,000)
  This funding will assist the School Department in making a one-time purchase of a new math curriculum for the Elementary Schools.