

February 5, 2019 Special Town Meeting Warrant Finance Committee Recommendations

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On January 15 & 17, 2019 the Finance Committee held public hearings to review the 2 warrant articles and voted recommendations on January 17, 2019.

Recommendations

ARTICLE 1: Transfer funds

Recommend **Favorable** Action

Vote: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee supports the transfer of money in order to fund the Town Managers financial recovery plan. The transfer will allow the Town to maintain daily financial business, complete outstanding financial reporting and fund full-time accounting and treasurer positions at an increased pay scale. A successful recovery plans will ensure that the Town continues to receive state aid, including Chapter 70 school aid and Chapter 90 highway aid.

Transfers to pay for this initiative can come from the Stabilization account or from identified fiscal year 2019 surplus.

Strict management oversight at all levels will be necessary to ensure that taxpayer funds are spent judiciously.

ARTICLE 2: Release of Deed Restriction

Recommend **Favorable** Action

Vote: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee supports the removal of the deed restriction which will allow for the development of the parcel according to the Town's bylaws.

Below are the Finance Committee responsibilities as described in the Charter and Bylaws:

Uxbridge Town Charter

SECTION 3: FINANCE COMMITTEE

The finance committee shall report the action it recommends be taken on the articles contained in a town meeting warrant, in writing, together with a brief statement of the reasons for each such recommendation.

General Bylaws

§ 35-4. Duty to study warrants and to act thereon

All articles in any Warrant for every Town Meeting shall be referred to the Finance Committee for its consideration. The Selectmen, after drawing any such Warrant, shall transmit a copy by e-mail to the Committee Chairman and other Committee members, and by registered mail or by delivery in hand to each member of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall then hold a public hearing at least 14 days before such Town Meeting, upon all Articles, and a notice of such public hearing shall be given by posting a copy thereof at the Town Hall and at all post offices in the Town of Uxbridge and by advertising in a newspaper

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having circulation in the Town. After due consideration of the subject matter of the Articles in any Warrant, the Finance Committee shall make a written publicized report thereon at least five days prior to any Town Meeting, and shall also make such recommendations to every Town Meeting as it deems best to serve the interests of the Town.

§ 35-5. Study of and recommendations for expenditures

It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to annually consider the annual expenditures of all of the various municipal boards, officers, committees, commissions and departments in the previous and present year, and the estimated requirements of the ensuing year; requirements prepared by the Town Manager and his/her staff in a document having such form and detail as may be prescribed by the Finance Committee for its due and serious consideration. The Finance Committee shall then add to said document its "recommendations", giving the amounts which, in its opinion, are expedient and proper, together with its reasons therefor.

Submitted by:

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Finance Committee Chair