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Notice of Public Meeting – (As required by G.L. c. 30 A, c. §18-25)

DEPT./BOARD: Ways and Means DPW/REC Subcommittee

DATE: Monday, January 13, 2020

TIME: 1:30 PM

PLACE: DPW Conference Room

Agenda Items

Items for Discussion by Warrant Article number for January Town Meeting

DPW 7. Auction Fund

DPW 9. Burlington Transportation Study

DPW 10. Transfer from Free Cash to Water Stabilization Fund

DPW 12. Accessibility Improvements at Burlington Historical Museum





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PLACE: DPW Conference Room

Items discussed by Warrant Article number for January Town Meeting:

DPW 7. Auction Fund - **Voted 2-0 to recommend postponement** of this request to transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of establishing an auction fund until May 2020 Town Meeting following introductory discussion by full Ways and Means. We had the following concerns with moving on this now:

- We normally try to consider these types of requests during the May Town Meeting
- Until the DPW facility is completed we do not have the space for storage of this type of equipment.
- Should consider putting the money toward upgrading vehicles on the replacement schedule to plow capable
- John Sanchez is concerned we would still have a hard time hiring a significant number of drivers based on current experiences from some other towns and the state
- The subcommittee is concerned with purchasing used equipment.

DPW 9. Burlington Transportation Study - **voted 0-2 against** a transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,000 to hire a consultant to report by April 30, 2020, on transportation infrastructure

- Did not have the proponent available - waiting for info during full meeting
- Have concerns about the described scope, goals, etc. vs. the requested amount
- Have concerns about the proposed timeline

DPW 10. Transfer from Free Cash to Water Stabilization Fund - **Voted 2-0 in favor** to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$355,760 to the Water Stabilization Fund

- This will become a normal financial article each year.
- The money represents the annual increase in the water bill that was approved to fund the MWRA capital improvements.





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- Once collected the money goes into the General Fund, becomes Free Cash, and will then need to be transferred to the Water Stabilization Fund for payments on the project.

DPW 12. Accessibility Improvements at Burlington Historical Museum - **Voted 2-0** in favor to transfer from available funds the sum of \$120,000 for the purpose of funding Handicap Accessibility Improvements at the Burlington Historical Museum with a subcommittee preference for "Not to exceed \$120,000" wording and a request that the Selectmen investigate lift options and request help with the funding from the Disability Access Commission.

- This article is needed at this time in order to have the facility ready for school field trips in the fall.
- A ramp was originally proposed by the Historical Commission but in order to have the proper engineering it would be very long and not fit the look of the building. Additionally access to the ramp would require the disabled person getting to the front of the building from parking in the back or across the street.
- A lift in the back will allow direct access from a disabled parking space.
- We discussed the option of the proposed enclosed lift and a less expensive outdoor lift.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

