ARTICLE 4

FOURTH ARTICLE
Submitted by: Select Board

To see if the Town will authorize the Comptroller to close out either all or a portion of the unexpended balances in certain Special Appropriations and return said sums to the Surplus Revenue accounts, and rescind the unused portion of prior borrowing authorizations, or act on anything relative thereto.

PETITIONER'S ARTICLE DESCRIPTION

Section 2.1.4 of the Town's By-Laws requires that each Annual Town Meeting include a warrant article showing the status of all special appropriations.

SELECT BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION

This is an annual article required by Section 2.1.4 of the Town's By-Laws. The tables that appear on the following pages detail the status of capital projects and special appropriations broken out by those that are debt financed and those that are funded with current revenues.

Under state statutes, any revenue funds declared surplus must be closed out to free cash at the end of the fiscal year. No action by Town Meeting is required. Surplus funds from bond-financed projects may be appropriated by Town Meeting for any purpose for which a loan may be taken only under a warrant article calling for an appropriation that meets these requirements.

On April 25th the Select Board voted NO ACTION 3-0 on Article 4

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye:	Absent:
Greene	Aschkenasy
VanScoyoc	
Sandman	

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation: NO ACTION on Article 4 by a vote of 1–19 with no abstentions.

Summary: An Article similar to Article 4 is submitted each year by the Select Board to close out any Special Appropriations and/or rescind any unneeded Bond Authorizations. Section 2.1.4 of the Town's By-Laws requires that each Annual Town Meeting include a Warrant Article to: (1) show the status of all special appropriations to ensure that surplus funds, if any, are managed in a timely fashion; and (2) identify the unused portion of borrowing authorization that requires rescission.

The first part of Article 4 deals with Special Appropriations Closeouts. Under state statute, surplus funds for revenue-financed capital projects are transferred to Free Cash at the end of the respective fiscal year. The Town's Comptroller has the statutory authority to close out the unexpended balances in the accounts.

The second part of Article 4 raises the question of rescinding any – or any unused portion of – previously approved bond authorizations. There are currently no previously approved bond authorizations to rescind.

Accordingly, the Advisory Committee recommends NO ACTION on Article 4 by a vote of 1-19 with no abstentions.

ARTICLE 4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOTES

Article Description	**Close out special appropriations / bond authorization recission**
AC recommendation (Favorable Action unless indicated)	**1-19-0**
Ben Birnbaum	N
Harry Bohrs	N
Cliff Brown	
Patty Correa	N
John Doggett	N
Katherine Florio	
Harry Friedman	N
David-Marc Goldstein	Y
Neil Gordon	N

Susan Granoff	N
Kelly Hardebeck	N
Amy Hummel	N
Anita Johnson	
Alisa Jonas	N
Janice Kahn	N
Pam Lodish	N
Joslin Murphy	N
Donelle O'Neal, Sr.	
Linda Olson Pehlke	N
Markus Penzel	N
David Pollak	N
Stephen Reeders	N
Carlos Ridruejo	
Lee Selwyn	N
Alok Somani	
Carolyn Thall	N
Christine Westphal	
Dennis Doughty *	
* Chairperson does not vote except to break a tie	

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Available Budget Report - Capital Funds (Bond funded) for Fiscal Year 2023 as of 3/21/23

		Revised Budget	YTD Expended	YTD Encumbered	Available	Status
C192	FIRE ENGINE TOWER #1 REPLACEME	1,599	0	0	1,599	complete
C193	FLEET MAINT FACILITY & TRAINING	753	0	0	753	Complete
C222	FIRE ENGINE #1	700,000		634,516	65,484	Contract signed - build in progress / available funds to be used for equipment
C233	FIRE ENGINE #4	800,000		734,583	65,417	Contract signed - build in progress / available funds to be used for equipment
	FIRE CAPITAL	1,502,352	0	1,369,099	133,253	
C199	ACQUISITION OF 111 CYPRESS ST	18,403	0	12,898	5,505	
	SELECT BOARD CAPITAL	18,403	0	12,898	5,505	
C185	RIDLEY SCHOOL RENOVATION	6,884,202	4,920	0	6,879,282	Complete (balance can shift to future project)
C195	ENVELOPE FENESTRATION	510,592	491,472	19,120	0	Ongoing
C204	BHS RENOVATION/EXPANSION	23,430,622	12,258,874	3,859,516	7,312,232	Ongoing
C208	TOWN/SCH BLDG ENV/FENESTRATION	1,372,284	150,418	0	1,221,866	Ongoing
C209	PIERCE SCHOOL FEASIBILITY	388,154	310,872	65,443	11,839	Ongoing
C210	DRISCOLL SCHOOL RECONSTRUCTION	91,486,038	36,950,998	53,415,767	1,119,273	Ongoing
C214	TOWN/SCH BLDG ROOF REPAIR	1,432,164	82,678	32,235	1,317,251	Ongoing
C220	ENVELOPE FENESTRATION	750,000	190,839	70,649	488,512	Ongoing
C230	TOWN/SCH BLDG ROOF REPAIR	650,000	0	0	650,000	Ongoing
C234	FIRE STATION RENOVATIONS	65,000,000	0	0	65,000,000	Underway - Architect to be hired
	BUILDING CAPITAL	191,904,056	50,441,071	57,462,730	84,000,255	
C150	MUDDY RIVER RESTORATION	39,726	37,873	0	1,853	In process
C157	NEWTON ST LANDFILL	2,274	0	879	1,395	Nearing Completion
C166	CARLTON ST FOOTBRIDGE RESTORAT	623,372	124,784	113,035	385,553	In process
C169	STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS	1,379	560	800	19	Near Closeout
C179	NEWTON ST LANDFILL CLOSE	50,987	0	1	50,986	In process
C180	VILLAGE SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS	1,200,000	0	0	1,200,000	
C181	SINGLETREE TANK IMPROVEMENTS	65,498	0	5,000	60,498	Completed
C182	SINGLETREE GATEHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS	13,011	0	10,583	2,428	Completed
C187	WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMP	9,787	6,138	2,190	1,459	Completed
C194	COREY HILL PLAYGROUND	3,224	0	3,224	0	Nearing Close-out.
C196	WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	4,437	0	4,437	0	In process.
C198	BROOKLINE RESERVOIR PARK	300,134	0	74,753	225,381	In process.
C200	WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	957,998	535,378	410,294	12,326	In process
C201	HARRY DOWNES FIELD/KRAFT FAM	14,547	0	2,568	11,979	Nearing project close-out.
C202	LARZ ANDERSON PARK	91,153	77,586	8,605	4,962	In process.
C206	WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	400,573	140,521	253,499	6,553	In process
C207	WASTE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT	2,896,400	1,773,221	1,085,909	37,270	In process
C211	WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	1,867,994	138,978	102,557	1,626,459	In process
C212	WASTE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT	3,000,000	0	0	3,000,000	Will follow current projects
C213	LARZ ANDERSON PARK	2,200,000	95,248	440	2,104,312	In process.
C216	WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	2,000,000	0	1,733,100	266,900	In process
C217	WASTE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT	3,000,000	0	0	3,000,000	In process
C218	MURPHY PLAYGROUND	915,000	0	756,431	158,569	In process
C219	ROBINSON PLAYGROUND	1,150,000	42,485	1,107,515	0	In process
C223	WASH/HARV/KENT/DAVIS TRAFFIC S	1,350,000	0	0	1,350,000	Design complete. Bidding schedule under discussion.
C224	STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS	600,000	0	0	600,000	In process
C225	WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	2,000,000	0	0	2,000,000	In process
C226	WASTE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT	3,000,000	9,365	165,225	2,825,410	In process

C227	NETHERLANDS ROAD FUEL UPGRADE	140,000	0	0	140,000	In process
C228	SKYLINE PARK	3,210,000	26,956	84,794	3,098,250	In process
C229	WILLOW POND REMEDIATION	2,800,000	0	0	2,800,000	In process
C231	ROBINSON PLAYGROUND II	275,000	0	246,387	28,613	In process
C232	MURPHY PLAYGROUND II	355,000	0	355,000	0	In process
	DPW CAPITAL	34,537,494	3,009,093	6,527,226	25,001,175	
C188	GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS	748,914	0	0	748,914	For on-going work including drainage, bunkers, and cart paths.
	RECREATION CAPITAL	748,914	0	0	748,914	

Available Budget Report - Special Warrant Articles (Revenue-Financed) for Fiscal Year 2023 as of 3/30/23

Account	Account Name	Revised Budget	YTD Expended	YTD Encumbered	Available Balance	Comment
K017	TOWN FURNITURE UPGRADES	25,938	591	25,347	(0)	Ongoing town furniture replacement program.
K018	SCHOOL FURNITURE UPGRADES	34,446	0	5,524	28,922	Ongoing school furniture replacement program.
Sub-Total Finance Dept		**60,384**	**591**	**30,871**	**28,922**	
K042	CLASSROOM CAPACITY	1,868,445	1,751,524	65,577	51,344	Ongoing
K042	CLASSROOM CAPACITY (school org)	32,651	0	0	32,651	Ongoing
Sub-Total School Dept		**1,901,096**	**1,751,524**	**65,577**	**83,995**	
K122	RIVERWAY BIKE/PED PATH	40,000	0	0	40,000	Being Coordinated with USACE for Phase II Improvements.
K158	PLANNING AND ZONING REFORM	194,644	0	37,650	156,994	Ongoing
Sub-Total Dept of Planning & Community Development		**234,644**	**0**	**37,650**	**196,994**	
K169	RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE	1,908,472	1,171,887	492,386	244,199	Ongoing project
Sub-Total Police Dept		**1,908,472**	**1,171,887**	**492,386**	**244,199**	
K175	FIRE STATION ALERTING SYSTEM	110,935	49,976	40,679	20,280	Installation underway / 95% complete
Sub-Total Fire Dept		**110,935**	**49,976**	**40,679**	**20,280**	
K002	ENERGY CONSERVATION	103,328	103,328	0	0	Ongoing
K010	ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	100,000	97,928	0	2,072	Completed
K022	TOWN-SCHOOL SECURITY-LIFE SAFETY	364,806	129,128	177,421	58,257	Ongoing
K046	TOWN HALL/MAIN LIBRARY GARAGE IMPROVEMENTS	288,200	0	0	288,200	Ongoing
K050	ADA RENOVATIONS	113,461	48,688	64,648	125	Ongoing
K098	FIRE STATION RENOVATIONS	1,266,237	54,506	34,530	1,177,201	Ongoing
K109	TOWN/SCHOOL BUILDINGS ELEVATOR	180,000	180,000	0	0	Complete
K121	GARAGE FLOOR SEALANTS	150,000	0	0	150,000	Ongoing
K123	DEVOTION HOUSE / PUTTERHAM SCHOOL	30,960	0	0	30,960	Ongoing
K161	HVAC EQUIPMENT	150,498	32,388	55,549	62,561	Ongoing
K163	PUBLIC BUILDING FIRE ALARM UPGRADES	217,966	21,938	25,555	170,472	Ongoing
K168	DRISCOLL SCHOOL SCHEMATIC DESIGN	77,866	30,627	0	47,239	Ongoing
K182	PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG LOCKER RM	450,000	484	0	449,516	Just started - hired Architect
K183	UNDERGROUND TANK REMOVAL	50,000	50,000	0	0	Re-appropriated in FY23
Sub-Total Building Dept		**3,543,322**	**749,015**	**357,704**	**2,436,604**	
K051	TREE MANAGEMENT	676,902	190,423	184,654	301,826	In Process
K052	BICYCLE ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS	497,077	0	6,161	490,916	In Process
K054	STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENT	20,703	0	100	20,603	In Process
K055	CARLTON STREET FOOTBRIDGE	33,109	1,927	0	31,182	Anticipated completion calendar '23
K056	SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS	727,036	195,325	256,989	274,723	In Process
K058	STREET REHABILITATION	4,587,396	1,690,360	1,282,914	1,614,122	In Process
K065	RIVERWAY PARK IMPROVEMENT	86,369	4,106	0	82,263	Coordination & Planning - Will Follow Phase II Muddy River
K066	PLAYGROUND,FENCE,FIELD, EQUIPMENT	490,070	76,317	289,460	124,292	In Process
K069	TENNIS/BASKETBALL COURT REHAB	393,385	8,800	0	384,585	In Process
K070	LARZ ANDERSON PARK	1,365,586	11,532	90,162	1,263,892	Construction anticipated 2023.
K073	TOWN-SCHOOL GROUNDS REHAB	245,486	110,744	82,599	52,144	In Process
K078	MUDDY RIVER REMEDIATION	872,940	0	0	872,940	In Process
K083	TRAFFIC CALMING	872,797	228	18,285	854,284	Construction anticipated 2023.
K088	MOUNTFORT ST TRAFFIC SIGNAL	76,438	0	0	76,438	Awaiting MassDOT St. Mary's Bridge Project Approval & Funding
K093	WATER METER REPLACEMENT	139,528	138,869	175	484	Ongoing
K096	PARKING METERS	326,924	210,891	98,378	17,655	In Process
K097	LANDFILL SETTLEMENTS	125,606	12,251	29,001	84,354	In Process
K101	MUNICIPAL SERVICE CENTER REPAIRS	1,081	0	0	1,081	Nearing Close Out
K115	OLD BURIAL GROUNDS	75,604	16,355	16,356	42,893	In Process. Completion anticipated summer 2023.
K120	PARK COMFORT STATIONS	373,425	0	22,825	350,600	In Process
K124	WOODLAND RD / HAMMOND ST CROSSING STUDY	15,600	0	0	15,600	In Process. Awaiting funding for construction project for plans & specs
K125	BROOKLINE AVE PLAYGROUND	6,466	2,345	0	4,121	Nearing Close Out
K129	MBTA TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION	16,240	0	40	16,200	In Process. Initial round implemented in 2020.
K142	WINTHROP PATH REHABILITATION	65,000	0	0	65,000	In Process
K150	DAVIS PATH FOOTBRIDGE	567,241	4,869	10,900	551,472	Initial Planning and Cost Estimates moving to 25% Design
K151	MURPHY PLAYGROUND	60,817	18,500	16,200	26,117	In Process. Contract awarded and construction starting

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Account	Account Name	Revised Budget	YTD Expended	YTD Encumbered	Available Balance	Comment
K152	STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS	231,753	108,408	113,157	10,189	In Process
K160	CYPRESS PLAYGROUND DESIGN	181,030	31,869	2,814	146,347	In Process
K164	NETHERLANDS ROAD FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS	137,245	0	1,325	135,920	In Process
K166	BROOKLINE RESERVOIR	13,861	0	13,861	0	In Process
K167	RIDE SHARE FUNDS	337,735	124,988	94,554	118,193	In Process
K170	FIRE ALARM CALL BOX	298,676	0	6,224	292,452	In Process
K171	ROBINSON PLAYGROUND	8,765	2,465	6,300	0	In Process. Contract awarded and construction starting
K174	CARLTON ST/MONMOUTH ST TRAF SIGNAL	202,127	128,490	73,637	0	Substantially Complete
K177	WASH/HARV/KENT/DAVIS TRAF SIG	121,595	119,513	2,082	0	Design complete.
K178	ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAL SIGNAL	95,896	9,266	241	86,389	In Process.
K179	WASHINGTON ST AND COMPLETE STS	1,300,000	152,747	446,528	700,725	In Process. Design Review Committee
K180	WILLOW POND ENV RESTORATION	231,150	50,176	31,374	149,600	In Process
Sub-Total DPW		**15,878,659**	**3,421,764**	**3,197,295**	**9,259,600**	
K106	EVELYN KIRRANE AQUATIC CTR	182,064	0	0	182,064	on-going
K172	ELIOT REC CTR RENOVAT	7,220	0	0	7,220	completed renovation
Sub-Total Recreation		**189,284**	**0**	**0**	**189,284**	
	TOTAL	**23,826,796**	**7,144,756**	**4,222,161**	**12,459,879**	