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Town of North Attleborough
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

43 South Washington Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760
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PUBLIC MEETING

JANUARY 27, at 7:00 PM

JoAnn Cathcart Conference Room
43 South Washington St. North Attleborough, MA

I. Pledge Of Allegiance

II. Approval Of Minutes

- a. Approval of Joint Town Council & School Committee Minutes of January 13, 2024
- b. Approval of Joint Town Council & School Committee Executive Session Minutes of January 13, 2027

III. Town Councilor Community Updates

IV. Town Manager's Report

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

V. Resident And Community Comment

VI. Confirmations

- a. Measure 2025-018- Confirmation of Appointment of Sandra McCrory as the Conservation Administrator
- b. Measure 2025-022- Confirmation of Appointment of Bryan Butler as the Building Commissioner

VII. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Finance
 - i. Measure 2025-029- Authorization to finance Dispatch Console Replacement project with free cash re-purposed from Emergency Operations Center Upgrade project and Capital Improvement Program

Stabilization funds.

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2025-029-AUTHORIZATION TO FINANCE DISPATCH CONSOLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH FREE CASH RE-PURPOSED FROM EOC PROJECT.SIGNED.PDF*](#)

- ii. Measure 2025-030-Authorization to transfer FY25 Free Cash in the amount of \$294,076.00 to the School Department for Chapter 70 Differential

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2025-030-AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FREE CASH TO THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR CHAPTER 70 DIFFERENT.SIGNED.PDF*](#)

- iii. Measure 2025-032- Authorization to repurpose \$28,786.00 of funds that had been allocated from the Martin Boiler Project to be used to fund the Roosevelt Hot Water Replacement Project for the School Department

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2025-032-AUTHORIZATION TO REPURPOSE 28,786.00 FROM MARTIN PROJECT TO ROOSEVELT PROJECT.SIGNED.PDF*](#)

- iv. Measure 2025-033- Authorization to transfer FY25 Free Cash in the amount of \$3.2 mm to the Capital Improvement Program Stabilization Account
- v. Measure 2025-035- Authorization to Transfer \$22,945.04 accumulated interest from Sewer Retained Earnings to Sewer I&I Stabilization Fund

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2025-035-AUTHORIZATION TRANSFER INTEREST TO I AND I STABILIZATION.SIGNED.PDF*](#)

- vi. Measure 2025-038- Appropriation request for use of FY25 retained earnings from Comcast PEG Access for North TV information technology equipment replacement in the amount of \$23,031.70

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2025-038 NORTH TV IT REPLACEMENT \(V2\).SIGNED.PDF*](#)

- vii. Measure 2025-039- Authorization to transfer \$37,042.94 from the Reserve Account to the Insurance Premiums Account to pay the Insurance Premium for the Town's Insurance Policies

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2025-039-AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT TO INSURANCE PREMIUMS ACCOUNT.PDF*](#)

- viii. Measure 2025-040- Authorization to Re-purpose Funds from Town Clerk's CIP Digitization Project to Purchase Office Furniture in the amount of

\$11,485.83

Documents:

[*MEASURE 2025-040-AUTHORIZATION TO RE-PURPOSE FUNDS FROM TOWN CLERKS CIP PROJECT FO OFFICE FURNITURE.PDF*](#)

- b. Economic Growth & Sustainability
- c. By-Law
- d. Rules
- e. School Committee Representative
- f. School Building Committee (MSBA)
- g. Communication, Public Participation & Engagement
- h. Local Emergency Planning
- i. Audit Review Committee

VIII. Old Business

- a. None at this time

IX. New Business

- a. Measure 2025-041- Acceptance of the alteration of the layout of a portion of Plain Street Right of Way as shown on a plan entitled "Street Layout Plan Plain Street North Attleboro MA", prepared for Groundrules LLC by Risser Engineering Company, dated October 25, 2024, and the discontinuance of a portion of the Right of Way, "Parcel A" which contains 17,506 square feet more or less.
- b. Measure 2025-042- Request the Town Council to authorize the Town Manager to conduct a sale utilizing M.G.L. C.30B S.16 of Parcel A on Plain Street, which contains 17,506 square feet, more or less, as shown on a plan entitled "Street Layout Plan Plain Street North Attleboro MA", prepared for Groundrules LLC. by Risser Engineering Company, dated October 25, 2024
- c. Measure 2025-043- Authorization to pay FY24 Invoices for AT&T Firstnet Services for the IT Department in the amount of \$124.27.
- d. Measure 2025-044- Authorization to pay FY24 Invoices for Metasource LLC. for the I.T. Department in the amount of \$2,525.75
- e. Town Manager Performance Evaluation
- f. Measure 2025-045- Adoption of Guidelines/Policy for Town Councilor Conduct on Social Media and Community Engagement
- g. Discussion of Special Home Rule Act to Reduce Senior Tax Burden in the Event of a Positive Vote for a School Debt Exclusion
- h. Discussion of Non-Binding Advisory Questions for the April or June Election Ballot

X. Adjournment

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Measure #: 2025-029

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 12/27/2024

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Authorization to finance Dispatch Console Replacement project with free cash re-purposed from Emergency Operations Center Upgrade project and Capital Improvement Program Stabilization funds.

Signed:

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

During the FY 2025 budget process, the Town Council approved the Dispatch Console Replacement project, an effort aimed at replacing the furniture and associated hardware for the dispatcher console located at the police facility. Both Chiefs of NAPD and NAFD cite this as a critical need as current obsolete console is failing, and the manufacturer no longer produces parts or components. If the current console were to fail, dispatchers would need to resort to using inefficient portable radios, and NAFD would lose emergency buttons and automatic station alerting that would result in a slower emergency response. The fund source for this project remained unspecified.

Total amount needed to complete the Dispatch Console Replacement project is \$498,634.00.

On November 7, 2023, the Town Council unanimously approved measure 2023-015, Approval of the General Government Capital Improvement Plan Projects - FY2023 Free Cash. This measure included the project, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Upgrade, for \$250,000.00. The ongoing Police Facility HVAC Replacement Project initially delayed this project, and changes in technology and methods of staff collaboration have rendered the planned EOC upgrades obsolete and unnecessary. The Town Manager contends that it is in the best interest of the Town to transfer this funding to the Dispatch Control Replacement Project.

To complete funding for the Dispatch Control Replacement project, the Town Manager requests a transfer of \$248,634.00 from Capital Improvement Program Stabilization funds.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS: Dispatch Console Replacement Slide, Dispatch Console Narrative, Measure 23-15

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: Finance

Measure #: 2025-029

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 12/27/2024

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION CONTINUED:



Measure #: 2025-030

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 01/13/2025

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Authorization to transfer FY25 Free Cash in the amount of of \$294,076.00 to the School Department for Chapter 70 Differential

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Purpose:

To allocate \$294,076 in additional Chapter 70 state aid to the School Department for FY25 from certified FY25 Free Cash. This funding reflects the differential between the Chapter 70 appropriation in the Governor's initial budget proposal and the final budget signed into law after July 1, 2024, which occurred following the Town Council's budget approval and passage.

Justification:

The allocation of \$294,076 from certified FY25 Free Cash provides the School Department with access to additional state aid without increasing their FY25 operating budget. Instead, these funds would be made available outside of their general fund allocation to address critical needs and priorities.

The School Department may, but not limited to, utilize this funding to:

- Address Emerging Needs
- Offset Inflationary Pressures and help mitigate the impact of rising costs in areas such as supplies, transportation, curriculum, or student programs.
- Fund FY25 Capital Projects

By allocating these funds from FY25 free cash, the Town ensures that the School Department has the financial support necessary to maintain and enhance educational services while adhering to budgetary constraints. This allocation reinforces the Town's commitment to supporting public education.

We respectfully request approval for the allocation of \$294,076 from certified FY25 Free Cash to the School Department for their use in alignment with their strategic priorities.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS: Backup Documents

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: Finance

Measure #: 2025-030

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 01/13/2025

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION CONTINUED:



Measure #: 2025-032

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 01/13/2025

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Authorization to repurpose \$28,786.00 of funds from the Martin Boiler Project to be used to fund the Roosevelt Hot Water Replacement Project for the School Department

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Purpose:

To request Town Council approval to repurpose \$28,786.00 from funds allocated in Measure 2024-028 for the Martin Boiler Project to fund the Roosevelt Elementary School Hot Water Replacement Project.

Justification:

The water heaters at Roosevelt Elementary School have failed and are no longer operational, necessitating immediate replacement to ensure the facility's essential hot water needs are met.

The Martin Boiler Project is nearing completion, with a remaining balance of \$165,864.61. The project will be closed out once final controls for the boiler are installed. Repurposing \$28,786.00 from this account will allow for the timely completion of the Roosevelt Hot Water Replacement Project without impacting other active capital projects.

Funding Source:

Martin Boiler Project Account: 30300428-530000 Capital

We respectfully request Town Council approval to reallocate these funds to address the urgent need for the replacement of the water heaters at Roosevelt Elementary School.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS: Measure 2024-028

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: Finance

Measure #: 2025-032

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 01/13/2025

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION CONTINUED:



Measure #: 2025-035

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 1/13/2025

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Authorization to Transfer \$22,945.04 accumulated interest from Sewer Retained Earnings to Sewer I&I Stabilization Fund

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Interest earned on the funds within the Sewer Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Stabilization Account was not properly attributed to the account in prior years. This oversight was recently identified and corrected to ensure that interest on these funds is properly allocated moving forward.

To rectify the missed attribution for prior periods, this measure requests the transfer of \$22,945.04 from Sewer Retained Earnings to the Sewer I&I Stabilization Account. This correction ensures the account reflects the appropriate interest earnings and aligns with the Town's commitment to accurate financial management and transparency.

We respectfully request the Town Council approve this transfers.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS:

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: Finance

Measure #: 2025-035

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 1/13/2025

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION CONTINUED:



Measure #: 2025-038

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 1/13/2025	Submitted By: Town Manager	Telephone #: 508-699-0100
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MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Appropriation request for use of FY'25 retained earnings from Comcast PEG Access for North TV information technology equipment replacement in the amount of \$23,031.70.

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Each year, the Town receives funds from Comcast for the funding of North TV capital improvement projects necessary to produce PEG access programming. The North TV information technology equipment replacement project meets this criteria.

North TV information technology equipment is at the end of its useful service life as current assets are nearly ten years old. Current assets are extremely slow when editing and processing video footage, and this has resulted in slower production time and inefficient use of staff time.

North TV requests funds to purchase the following information technology equipment:

- Five (5) Apple Mac Mini computers with the following features: \$12,494.95
 - 14-core CPU and 20-core GPU
 - 16-core Neural Engine
 - 48 GB unified memory
 - 1 TB SSD storage
 - Three Thunderbolt 5 ports, HDMI port, and Two USB-C ports
 - Final Cut Pro software
- Five (5) Apple Studio Displays with the following features: \$7,995.00
 - 27-inch 5k display
 - 12 MP Ultra Wide camera with Center Stage
 - Studio-quality microphones
 - Six-speaker sound system with Spatial Audio
 - Standard glass display
- Five (5) Razor Thunderbolt Docking Stations \$1,445.00
- 5% Contingency \$1,096.75

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS: Apple and Amazon.com Quotes

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: Finance

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 1/13/2025

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION CONTINUED:

Total Project Cost: \$23,031.70

I request that the Town Council approve the request for the use of FY'25 retained earnings for the Comcast PEG Access for the North TV information technology replacement project in the amount of \$23,031.70.



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