



Measure #: 2025-080

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 04/28/2025

Submitted By: Town Manager

Telephone #: 508-699-0100

MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Authorization to Transfer Funds in the amount of \$60,000 to the K.P. Law Legal Services Account 011519-530003 from Town's Reserve Fund 011329-578000.

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the transfer of \$60,000 from the Town's Reserve Fund to the Legal Services line item to address unanticipated legal expenses incurred over the past several months.

The Town has been involved in a series of complex and time-sensitive legal matters that have resulted in significantly increased legal expenditures beyond what was forecasted in the FY25 operating budget. These matters include a combination of litigation, land use issues, regulatory challenges, and contractual disputes that required immediate and sustained legal representation.

The following cases and matters have contributed to the increased legal service costs:

Bankert/Vikon Properties
451 Elm Street
40R Development on Kelley Boulevard
40B Development on Draper Avenue
Marijuana-related matters: Holland Brands & Green Leaf Health
Town vs. Brady
Ledgehill vs. Conservation Commission
Webster Mills site-related matters
Town vs. Cunningham
Town vs. Mason
Town vs. Hilltop LLC

Given the scope and volume of these legal issues, this transfer is necessary to ensure that the Town remains in compliance with contractual obligations for legal representation and is able to effectively defend its interests in ongoing and future proceedings.

This measure will allow the Town to maintain financial continuity in legal operations without disrupting other departmental budgets, ensuring the Town can continue to respond to legal matters

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS:

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: Finance

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