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From: Michael Gallagher
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To: roger_ferris@verizon.net
Cc: Chris Sweet
Subject: Opinion Needed Regarding the Charter

Hi Roger,

The following article in Town Charter, and I paraphrase, allows the Town Council to set a dollar limit and establish parameters around allowing the Town Manager to make transfers among department line items. I'm not sure how that works and if a municipality can do this why the need for the Municipal Relief Act. Can opine on the legality of this based on state law and DOR rules and regulations

ARTICLE VI - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, SECTION 6-6. SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGETS AND APPROPRIATIONS

(c) Transfer of Appropriations. At any time during a fiscal year, the Town Manager may transfer up to a maximum amount set by the Town Council, and subject to any rules adopted by the Town Council with respect to such transfers, from the unencumbered appropriation balance of one line in the operating budget, other than from an appropriation for the use of the Municipal Light Department, to any other line in the operating budget, whether the same or a different department or budget category. The Town Manager shall report the transfers to the Town Council in writing within 7 days. Further, on recommendation of the Town Manager, the Town Council may at any time during a fiscal year, or during the first 15 days of the new fiscal year, to apply to the previous fiscal year, transfer any amount appropriated for the use of any department other than the Electric Department, to another appropriation for the same or a different department.

Thank you,

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