

**2018 Town Meeting
FY19 Capital Plan
Approved March 24, 2018**

Article 8: Approve Capital Appropriations – Fiscal Year 2018

It was passed by a majority vote that the Town appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$1,607,795 (ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS) to provide for the following capital requests and costs incidental and related thereto:

<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>
Technology	\$35,129	Town computer replacements
Technology	\$306,453	School computer replacements
Technology	\$88,100	Network upgrades
Public Buildings	\$320,000	Design for the town center replacement building located at 51 Main Street and any other related expenses
Fire Department	\$44,540	Fire Captain's Car, purchase and equip
Fire Department	\$23,000	Radios repeater and any other related costs
Schools	\$50,573	Rack truck with plow, purchase and equip
Engineering	\$65,000	Beaver Brook Culvert Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) design and any other related costs
Engineering	\$260,000	Boston Road reconstruction project design and any other related costs
Engineering	\$200,000	Plain Road, Oak Hill Road, and Moore Road water main design and any other related costs
Engineering	\$45,000	Complete Streets design and any other related costs
Engineering	\$20,000	Tyngsboro Road at Route 40 signal upgrade study and any other related costs
Engineering	\$150,000	Non-participating items not funded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the Dunstable Road and Oak Hill Road Route 40 projects

And further

That the Town reauthorize and transfer the sum of \$482,000 (FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS) from the following capital account:

<i>PROJECT</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>TOWN MEETING VOTE</i>
Keyes culvert reconstruction	\$482,000	Article 6 ATM March, 2015

To provide for the following capital requests:

<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>
Highway	\$222,000	Heavy Dump Truck, purchase and equip
Highway	\$260,000	Front End Loader, purchase and equip

And further

That the Town appropriate from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings the sum of \$760,000 (SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) to provide for the following capital requests and costs incidental and related thereto:

<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>
Water Enterprise	\$100,000	Two utility trucks, purchase and equip
Water Enterprise	\$400,000	Forge Village Treatment Facility media replacement and any other related costs
Water Enterprise	\$90,000	Boston Road reconstruction project design and any other related costs
Water Enterprise	\$130,000	Plain Road, Oak Hill Road, and Moore Road water main design and any other related costs
Water Enterprise	\$40,000	Forge Village Treatment Facility fire suppression replacement

And further

That the Town appropriate from Ambulance Enterprise Retained Earnings the sum of \$321,902 (THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWO DOLLARS) to provide for the following capital requests and costs incidental and related thereto:

<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>
Ambulance Enterprise	\$321,902	Ambulance, purchase and equip

The request for a \$320,000 for design fees for a new center replacement building generated extensive dialogue. Hajo Koester of 65 Providence Road made a motion to postpone the appropriation indefinitely. After discussion, a vote was taken, and a hand count was requested. The motion failed with 135 voters saying yes and 230 voters saying no. There was lengthy discussion about the intersection work at Dunstable and Groton Roads.

Further:

It was voted unanimously that the Town appropriate the sum of \$845,000 (EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS) for the purpose of repairing roadways, including costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7 or Section 8](#), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided further that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with [Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws](#) thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Further:

It was voted unanimously that the Town appropriate the sum of \$500,000 (FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) to purchase street lights owned by National Grid and to retrofit all street lights owned by the Town of Westford with LED lighting and WIFI controls, including costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7 or Section 8](#), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided

further that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with [Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.](#)

Further:

It was voted unanimously that the Town appropriate the sum of \$500,000 (FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) for the Groton Road and Dunstable Road water main extension project, including costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7 or Section 8](#), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided further that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with [Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws](#) thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Further:

It was voted unanimously that the Town appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000 (FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) and transfer said amount to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

