

Additions to the Finance Committee Report

ARTICLE 23: (Armory Renovation Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be utilized to install an air conditioning system at the Milford Youth Center, or take any other action in relation thereto.

INFO: Air conditioning the office side of the Youth Center not including the basketball court for \$150,000. This would make the center more pleasant in the summer for programs and rentals as without air conditioning, it gets too hot to sue comfortably.

THEARTICLE IS BEING PASSED OVER

ARTICLE 36: (Finance Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the stabilization account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

INFO: The finance committee had included adding \$500,000 in the budget to the long term stabilization account to manage the town's debt level. The town has also set up a short term capital planning account to allow money to be set aside for upcoming capital projects.

FINCOM: The finance committee recommended that the \$500K budgeted be placed into the long term stabilization account and that an additional \$1,000,000 be placed into the short term capital account.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE

ARTICLE 37: (Board of Selectman / Finance Committee)

To see if the Town will vote appropriate a sum of money from available funds to be utilized to off-set operating, capital and debt expenses to fix the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2017, or take any other action in relation thereto.

INFO: This article allows money to be applied from the town's surplus to offset the taxes collected.

FINCOM: Discussion was held as to the sustainability of returning over \$2,000,000 to taxpayers for the second year in a row. However, the town had another exceptional year of unexpected revenue and good cost management by department heads. This resulted in a larger amount of free cash than was expected or could be budgeted. We hope to have an efficiency of $\cong 97\%$ on the budgeting process. This will typically result in \$2-3M in free cash on a good year. Any additional unexpected revenues such as larger excess taxes increase the free cash amounts. The increase to \$2,400,00 seemed reasonable when placed alongside setting aside additional money into the short term capital account and looking in the spring at what other debt the town can pay off without penalties.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IS FAVORABLE