

TOWN OF SAUGUS  
**MASSACHUSETTS**



**Report of the  
Finance Committee**

**Relative to the  
Warrant Articles  
to be presented to the**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**May 8, 2023**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 2 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting during the current fiscal year, and determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or to see what other action the Town wishes to take in the matter. (Town Manager)

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend the Town make supplementary appropriations in the amount of \$938,740.00 to be used in conjunction with the money appropriated under Article 2 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting during the current fiscal year. The source of funding is \$313,740.00 from interdepartmental transfers and \$625,000.00 from the July 1, 2022 certified free cash.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 6 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting (Water Enterprise) during the current fiscal year, and determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or to see what other action the Town wishes to take in the matter. (Town Manager)

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend the Town make supplementary appropriations in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be used in conjunction with the money appropriated under Article 6 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting (Water Enterprise) during the current fiscal year. The source of funding is a transfer from FY23 Water Enterprise Fund salaries to FY23 Water Enterprise Fund expenses.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to make supplementary appropriations to be used in conjunction with money appropriated under Article 7 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting (Sewer Enterprise) during the current fiscal year, and determine whether the money shall be provided by transfer from available funds; or to see what other action the Town wishes to take in the matter. (Town Manager)

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend the Town make supplementary appropriations in the amount of \$23,000.00 to be used in conjunction with the money appropriated under Article 7 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting (Sewer Enterprise) during the current fiscal year. The source of funding is a transfer from FY23 Sewer Enterprise Fund salaries to FY23 Sewer Enterprise Fund expenses.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year. (Town Manager)

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,978.80 for the purpose of funding unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year. The source of funding is Fiscal Year 2022 Carryover of the General Fund.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize an amount to be expended from each of the revolving funds listed below and authorized under the Town of Saugus Bylaws as amended April 9, 2018 as Section 405.00 Departmental Revolving Funds for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2023 (Town Manager): (typo here – it should have said 2024)

Saugus Senior Center Programs and Activities  
Saugus Senior Center Lunch Program  
Water System Cross-Connection Program  
Town of Saugus Compost Program  
Youth & Recreation Programs and Activities

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend the Town authorize the following amounts to be expended from each of the revolving funds listed below and authorized under the Town of Saugus Bylaws as amended April 9, 2018 as Section 405.00 Departmental Revolving Funds for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2024:

Saugus Senior Center Programs and Activities	\$40,000.00
Saugus Senior Center Lunch Program	\$10,000.00
Water System Cross-Connection Program (Backflow)	\$25,000.00
Town of Saugus Compost Program	\$47,000.00
Youth & Recreation Programs and Activities	\$165,000.00

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds in the Transportation Infrastructure Fund to be expended in accordance with Acts of 2016, ch 187 s8(c)(i) and MGL c44 s53. (Town Manager)

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend the Town appropriate the sum of \$18,468.00 to be expended in accordance with Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016 s8(c)(i) and MGL c44 s53. The source of funding is the Transportation Infrastructure Fund.

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow a certain amount at 0% interest from the MWRA Local Pipeline Assistance Program for the purpose of designing and constructing improvements to water pipelines or to take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend the Town authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$968,800.00 at 0% interest from the MWRA Local Pipeline Assistance Program for the purpose of designing and constructing improvements to water pipelines including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for construction and reconstruction of various streets and sidewalks, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend the Town appropriate the sum of \$350,000.00 for the construction and reconstruction of various streets and sidewalks, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto. The source of funding is July 1, 2022 certified free cash.

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of repairing or replacing Town guard rails, including payment of costs incidental or related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Town Manager)

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend the Town appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 for the repairing or replacing town guard rails, including payment of costs incidental or related thereto. The source of funding is July 1, 2022 certified free cash.

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the PEG Access Enterprise Fund for the purpose of funding the operating budget of the PEG Access studio/facility in Saugus for the Fiscal Year 2024. Said funds to be distributed under the authority and direction of the Board of Selectmen as they see fit pursuant to the current Cable Television Renewal License Agreement and the current agreement between the Town and its designee a PEG access corporation. (Board of Selectmen)

**Recommendation:** Voted to recommend the Town appropriate the sum of \$388,736.85 for the purpose of funding the operating budget of the PEG Access studio/facility in Saugus for the Fiscal Year 2024. The source of funding is the PEG Access Enterprise Fund revenue received under the current Cable Television Renewal Agreement held in the PEG Access Enterprise Fund.