

*Town of Winchester
Spring Annual Town Meeting – April 26, 2021*



REVISED ARTICLE 24.

Majority Vote Required

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, or other available funds, a sum of money for COVID related expenses including, but not limited, testing services, professional services, cleaning, overtime and related supplies and materials; or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Town Manager)

MOTION #1:

MOVED AND SECONDED that the Town vote to appropriate \$240,000 from Free Cash for Board of Health COVID related expenses including but not limited to testing, professional services, overtime, supplies and materials.

MOTION #2:

MOVED AND SECONDED that the Town vote to appropriate **\$165,000** from Free Cash for Department of Public Works COVID related expenses including but not limited to cleaning and related overtime, professional services, supplies and materials.

MOTION #3:

MOVED AND SECONDED that the Town vote to appropriate \$10,000 from Free Cash for Building Department COVID related expenses including but not limited to temporary wages to backfill positions.

BACKGROUND:

The Town continues to implement public health measures to ensure the safety of town residents. The Center for Disease Control outlines and updates their guidelines continuously, including prevention guidance for schools and managing daily operations. The Town does not know at this time when enough people will get vaccinated to relax restrictions, whether and when school aged children can safely receive and access vaccines, and what the impact the COVID-19 variants will be. This request is intended to cover COVID-19 related cleaning and response efforts at least until the end of December 2021. The Health Department is requesting \$240,000 for ongoing COVID-19 testing, overtime and additional staffing for contact tracing and other response measures. The Department of Public Works is requesting \$331,000 for cleaning, supplies and overtimes expenses. This will ensure that areas within schools that are frequently touched will be cleaned throughout the school week, deep cleaning when the students are not in school, and targeted cleaning in the case of an outbreak. The Building Department is requesting \$10,000 for temporary wages to backfill inspector positions.

Revision – Motion #2 requested funds