

ARTICLE 5

FIFTH ARTICLE

Submitted by: Select Board

To see if the Town will, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 64, authorize the payment of one or more of the bills of the previous years, which may be legally unenforceable due to the insufficiency of the appropriations therefore, and appropriate from available funds, a sum or sums of money therefore, or act on anything relative thereto.

PETITIONER'S ARTICLE DESCRIPTION

This article is inserted in the Warrant for every Town Meeting in case there are any unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year that are deemed to be legal obligations of the Town. Per Massachusetts General Law, unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year can only be paid from current year appropriations with the specific approval of Town Meeting.

SELECT BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION

State statutes provide that unpaid bills from previous fiscal years may not be paid from the current year's appropriations without the specific approval of Town Meeting. As of the writing of this Recommendation, there are no unpaid bills from a previous fiscal year. Therefore, the Board recommends NO ACTION, by a vote of 4-0 taken on March 21, 2023, on Article 5.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye:

Greene

Aschkenasy

VanScoyoc

Sandman

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation: NO ACTION on Warrant Article 5 by a vote of 19-0-0.

Executive Summary:	This article is inserted in the Warrant for every Town Meeting in case there are any unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year that are deemed to be legal obligations of the Town. Per Massachusetts General Law, unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year can only be paid from current year appropriations with the specific approval of Town Meeting.
Voting Yes will...	
Voting No will...	
Financial impact	There are no unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year and, therefore, no financial impact

Introduction

This article is filed annually by the Select Board in case there are unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year. Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 64, requires the specific appropriation of funds for the payment of bills from a prior fiscal year.

Discussion

The Town has not identified any unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year.

Recommendation

The Advisory Committee recommends NO ACTION by a vote of 19-0-0.

ARTICLE 5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOTES

Article Description	Unpaid bills
AC recommendation (Favorable Action unless indicated)	NO ACTION, 19-0-0
Ben Birnbaum	Y
Harry Bohrs	Y
Cliff Brown	Y
Patty Correa	Y
John Doggett	Y
Katherine Florio	Y
Harry Friedman	Y
David-Marc Goldstein	Y
Neil Gordon	
Susan Granoff	Y
Kelly Hardebeck	
Amy Hummel	Y
Anita Johnson	
Alisa Jonas	
Janice Kahn	
Pam Lodish	Y
Joslin Murphy	Y
Donelle O'Neal, Sr.	
Linda Olson Pehlke	Y
Markus Penzel	Y
David Pollak	
Stephen Reeders	Y
Carlos Ridruejo	Y
Lee Selwyn	
Alok Somani	Y
Carolyn Thall	Y
Christine Westphal	Y
Dennis Doughty *	
* Chairperson does not vote except to break a tie	