TOWN OF ARLINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018

Warrant Articles

Unless otherwise indicated, the following recommendations were by unanimous vote; exceptions are noted in parentheses following the text of the recommended vote. Under Finance Committee procedures, the Chairman votes only when the recommendation of the Committee will be affected.

The Finance Committee recommends the passage of the following votes as noted:

ARTICLE 3 ACCEPTANCE/ LOCAL OPTION: RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA EXCISE TAX

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c. 64N Section 3, as recently amended by Section 13 of Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, and impose a local sales tax upon the sale of recreational marijuana originating within the Town by a vendor at a rate of up to 3% of the gross receipts of the vendor from the sale of recreational marijuana, marijuana products, and marijuana edibles, said excise to take effect on the first day of the calendar quarter commencing at least thirty days after such vote of Town Meeting; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

VOTED: That the Town of Arlington accept G.L. c. 64N, § 3 to impose an excise on the retail sales of marijuana for adult use at the rate of 3 percent.

COMMENT: This article invites Special Town Meeting to accept G.L. c. 64N, § 3, allowing the Town to impose a local excise on the retail sale of marijuana for adult use (recreational marijuana). The Town may set the excise tax rate any level up to and including 3 % of gross receipts.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for remodeling, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to the DPW Yard and associated buildings, including original equipment and landscaping, paving and other site improvements incidental or directly related to such remodeling, reconstruction or repair, and determine whether such appropriations shall be raised by taxation, transferred from available funds, borrowed or provided by any combination of the foregoing; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

VOTED:

That the sum of \$1,253,754 be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of paying costs of the design, remodeling, reconstruction, and/or extraordinary repairs to the DPW Yard and associated buildings and for costs incidental and related thereto, and that said sum be transferred from retained earnings of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund. (16-1)

COMMENT: This article provides for \$1,253,754 in appropriation from the retained earnings of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund for remodeling, repair and renovation of its share of the Grove Street DPW Yard project previously authorized at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 8

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

To see if the Town will vote to fund any fiscal items in the event that any are contained in collective bargaining agreements between the Town and the following named collective bargaining units, and to fund for non-union, M Schedule, and elected officials' salaries or fringe benefits, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto: A. Local 680, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; B. Service Employees International Union; C. Arlington Police Patrol Officers' Association; D. Arlington Ranking Police Officers' Association; E. M Schedule and nonunion employees; and F. Full-time elected officials.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

VOTED:

That the Town hereby ratifies the following financial items in the collective bargaining agreements and memoranda of agreement with the following enumerated collective bargaining units and hereby approves the following financial items relating to Local 680, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and Service Employees International Union:

A. Local 680, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

- (1) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2018;
- a market adjustment of 35 cents to the top step of the AFSCME: MC, Office Administrative and Administrative Technical and Professional Pay Plans effective the first full calendar pay period of 2019;
- (3) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2019;
- (4) a market adjustment of 20 cents to the top step of the AFSCME: MC, Office Administrative and Administrative Technical and Professional Pay Plans effective the first full calendar pay period of 2020;
- (5) \$125 increase in Clothing and Cleaning Allowance effective July 1, 2019; and
- (6) a 1% general wage increase effective July 1, 2020;

and that for this purpose the sum of \$138,717, is to be transferred from funds previously appropriated and set aside by vote of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting under Warrant Article 27, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

B. Service Employees International Union

- (1) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2018;
- (2) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2019;
- (3) a 1% general wage increase effective July 1, 2020; and
- (4) implementation of a new step at 15 years of service;

and that for this purpose the sum of \$49,929, is to be transferred from funds previously appropriated and set aside by vote of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting under Warrant Article 27, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

COMMENT: Should these agreements be ratified by the Town, four of the six unions will have reached agreements valid through June 30, 2021.