

ARTICLE 4

DISSOLVE OPIOID STABILIZATION FUND

WARRANT COMMITTEE MEMBER: JILLIAN RAFTER

To see if the Town will vote to dissolve, pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Legislative Acts of 2023, the special purpose stabilization fund known as the “Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund,” created by Article 6 of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting; or do or act anything in relation thereto.

POSITIVE MOTION:

Move that the Town vote to dissolve the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund created by Article 6 of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

Warrant Committee Report: *The 2023 Annual Town Meeting, as recommended by the MA Department of Revenue, voted to create an Opioid Stabilization Fund to account for the statewide opioid settlement funds received by the Town.*

In December 2023, Governor Healey signed Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023, which determined that cities and towns that have received or will receive funds in Fiscal Year 2024, or thereafter, pursuant to settlement agreements entered into by the Commonwealth with opioid distributors and opioid-makers for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery, may place said funds into a special revenue fund. The proceeds can then be expended, without further appropriation, at the direction of the chief executive officer only for the purpose identified in said settlement agreements. The MA Department Revenue then revised their original guidance and recommended the utilization of the special revenue fund.

Approval of this article will transfer funds from the Opioid Stabilization Fund to a Special Revenue Account and dissolve this stabilization fund.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE