



Article: 25

Warrant Article Title:

BYLAW AMENDMENT / COMMUNITY CENTER REVOLVING FUND

Warrant Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I, Article 22 of the Town Bylaws by adding a new section to establish and authorize a revolving fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 44, §53E½ to utilize monies received through the private use of space at 27 Maple Street so that those monies may be utilized for the upkeep of the rented facility or space; or take any action related thereto.

Requested By:

the Town Manager

Report Excerpt:

Vote and comment to Town Meeting - Favorable Action (5-0)

The Board voted unanimously for favorable action on this article. The proposed article will add a new section to Title I, Article 22, Section 5 related to short term rentals of space at the town's Community Center located at 27 Maple Street.

Since its recent renovation, 27 Maple Street, particularly the lower level with its commercial grade kitchen, has become more attractive to groups looking for short term rental space for special events. The establishment of this revolving fund would allow the Town to account for upkeep and maintenance of the space with revenue set aside for those expenses that will help offset general fund costs. To assure that the management of short-term rentals does not create undue conflicts with other community groups or

senior citizen events at the Community Center, the proposed bylaw amendment calls for the Health and Human Services Director, with oversight by the Town Manager, to administer the fund.

This revolving fund, like other revolving funds, would be subject to the setting of an annual expenditure cap that will require approval from Town Meeting each year.

Vote Language:

That the Town does and hereby amend Title I, Article 22, Section 5 of the Town’s Bylaws, or take any action related thereto, so that the new Section reads:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund	Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund	Other Requirements and/or Reports	Fiscal Years
<u>Community Center Rentals</u>	<u>Health and Human Services/Town Manager</u>	<u>Rentals of certain community spaces and meeting rooms in the Community Center located at 27 Maple St.</u>	<u>Upkeep and maintenance of the Town owned Community Center</u>		<u>Town Manager shall authorize all expenditures and shall report to the Annual Town Meeting all receipts and expenditures for each Fiscal Year.</u>	<u>FY 2027 and subsequent years</u>

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