

From 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Mass. General Laws in Chapter 44, as amended, Chapter 44B, or any other enabling authority, to appropriate and borrow a sum of money not to exceed the amount of One Million and Forty Dollars (\$1,000,040.00) for historic restoration of the Southborough Library building, including costs incidental or related thereto, for a period of not less than twenty (20) years, excluding the term of any temporary loans issued and in anticipation therefor. This consists of \$886,959 for historic restoration and \$113,081 contingency funding, for the Southborough Library Façade Restoration Project, as requested by the Southborough Library Trustees for historic purposes. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44 §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

And to further authorize the Library Trustees, the Board of Selectmen and/or a qualified Historical Organization to submit on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States and/or any other state or federal programs including those in aid of Historic Preservation and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this article. Said gifts or grants to be deposited in the Historic Reserve Community Preservation Fund and that the Board of Selectmen shall grant a perpetual Preservation Restriction on the historical façade and windows of the Library building located at 25 Main Street, Southborough to be recorded in conformance with the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to effect said Preservation Restriction.

Project to be completed in conformance with details as presented to the members of the CPC and to be documented in the application and signed Memorandum of Understanding. All of the work will comply with the building and Architectural Access Board codes as applicable, the historic district review requirements, and The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee and the Town Treasurer, or do or act anything in relation thereto.

Proposed by: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: At Town Meeting

Advisory Committee Recommendation: At Town Meeting

Summary: *Under the direction of the Library Director and the Southborough Library Trustees, said funds will be used toward the renovation and restoration of the historic Southborough Library building. Specific aims of the project include: replacing the library's roof, restoring the crumbling stone sign featuring the library's name, work on the large windows that brings interior light to the historic Judy Williams Reading Room, and corrective work on the stairs that lead to the library's original entrance. The original structure that houses the Southborough library was built in the year 1911. With the exception of the 1989 addition, no significant attention or construction has occurred on the outer structure of the building. The Southborough library is one of the most prominent public buildings in town; it is sited at the town's center and is visible to everyone passing through town.*