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Announcement to Southborough residents from Jack Barron (Southborough, Mass. 01772)

In a recent vote at 2026 Town Meeting our elected officials and their lawyer Mr. Jason Talerman with the firm Mead, Talerman & Costa LLC. failed to encourage the town management to follow the laws of the Commonwealth of Mass. and enact the recommendations of the Mass. Department of Revenue.

[Referencing report from Mass DOR's Division of Local Revenue on their [Financial Management Review of the Town of Southborough \(click to open\)](#) issued to Southborough Select Board on August 30, 2024.]

I wish to bring to the attention of the citizenry [Recommendation #11 \(click to open\)](#) "the town accountant does not have custody of all contracts and grants which she is legally obliged to maintain."

[Recommendation #12 \(click to open\)](#) -"State law does not allow a deputy collector to deposit municipal funds in a private account nor to maintain a bank account in a community name".

The Select Board's "Town Counsel" advised voters that the committee I proposed to be created through a Citizen's Petition Article was "likely" to be ruled "illegally infirmed". ([Click to see video here.](#)) But it is the purview of the Attorney General's office to determine the legality of Articles passed by Town Meeting.

Perhaps other citizens who are concerned about transparency and legality of handling of the Town Government's finances can work to get the necessary changes adopted.

I encourage citizens who are concerned with lax and illegal accounting procedures being practiced by this town as noted in the attached documents to reach out to some of the following state personnel:

Mass. Dept. of revenue--100 Cambridge Street Boston, Mass. 02114
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Geoffrey E. Snyder Commissioner of Revenue

Sean R. Cronin, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Revenue
tel# 617-626-2381
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Inspector General Jeffrey Shapiro
Mass. office of the inspector General
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Boston, Mass. 02108
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