

Michael Borg  
Town Manager



TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH  
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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** Thursday, October 12, 2023  
**TO:** Town Clerk  
**FROM:** Michael Borg *MMB 12 OCT 23*  
**CC:** Antonio Morabito Assistant Town Manager  
Linda Catanzariti Town Accountant  
Chris Sweet Treasurer/Accountant  
**RE:** **Measure 2024-018- To see if the Town Council will appropriate the sum of \$2,238,750.00 for the purpose of purchasing the property located at 451 Elm Street, North Attleboro, MA, as shown on Assessor's Map 15, Parcel 131 (to be held in the care, custody, and control of the Town Manager for general municipal purposes).**

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**Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré**

**Measure 2024-018- To see if the Town Council will appropriate the sum of \$2,238,750.00 for the purpose of purchasing the property located at 451 Elm Street, North Attleboro, MA, as shown on Assessor's Map 15, Parcel 131 (to be held in the care, custody, and control of the Town Manager for general municipal purposes).**

**Purpose and Justification:**

**This measure seeks the approval to transfer previously approved ARPA funding for investment in capital projects at the Town's building at 290 Allen Avenue, North Attleborough, to the purchase of 451 Elm Street, North Attleborough.**

**As a direct result of COVID-19, many North Attleborough residents have suffered from food insecurity and deprivation. The purchase and renovation of the building at 451 Elm Street will provide a location for food collection and distribution, and it will open opportunities for public-private partnerships with regional groups committed to providing food assistance, counseling, and access to public health services.**

**Further, these capital improvement renovations to the building will provide for and invest in a community outreach center provides a number of health-related activities and services to a marginalized, vulnerable, and underserved populations in North Attleborough.**

**Specifically, our veterans and seniors would receive the benefits of and access to food assistance, utility assistance, counseling services, legal assistance, INTERNET access, transportation coordination, and any other eligible needs. Investing in these capital renovations clearly results in a stronger community that seeks to lessen the impacts of public health crisis on these vulnerable populations.**

**Therefore, I am requesting approval to transfer \$2,238,750.00 of Bristol County ARPA funding for capital projects associated with the refurbishment and renovation of 290 Allen Avenue to the purchase of 451 Elm Street.**

**The current balance of Bristol County ARPA Funds is \$5.2M**

The Town Council met on September 18, 2023, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Vice-President Simmons to refer Measure 2024-018- To see if the Town Council will appropriate the sum of \$2,238,750.00 for the purpose of purchasing the property located at 451 Elm Street, North Attleboro, MA, as shown on Assessor's Map 15, Parcel 131 (to be held in the care, custody, and control of the Town Manager for general municipal purposes)for further discussion and review.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

**Motion carried. 8-0 UNANIMOUS**

The Finance Sub-Committee met on September 21, 2023, and on behalf of the Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Donovan to refer back to the Full Town Council Measure 2024-018- To see if the Town Council will appropriate the sum of \$2,238,750.00 for the purpose of purchasing the property located at 451 Elm Street, North Attleboro, MA, as shown on Assessor's Map 15, Parcel 131 (to be held in the care, custody, and control of the Town Manager for general municipal purposes) with a favorable recommendation.

**Motion carried 4-1.**

The Finance Sub-Committee met on October 2, 2023 and on behalf of the Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Donovan to rescind the motion made at the September 21, 2023 meeting.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

At the October 2, 2023, and on behalf of the Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Donovan to refer back to the Full Town Council Measure 2024-018- To see if the Town Council will appropriate the sum of \$2,238,750.00 for the purpose of purchasing the property located at 451 Elm Street, North Attleboro, MA, as shown on Assessor's Map 15, Parcel 131 (to be held in the care, custody, and control of the Town Manager for general municipal purposes) with a favorable recommendation.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

**Motion carried 5-0.**