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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Tuesday, April 09, 2024
TO: Town Clerk Pat McNielly
FROM: Michael Borg
CC: Linda Catanzariti Town Accountant
Chris Sweet Tax Collector/Treasurer
NAFD Chief Chris Coleman
RE: **Measure 2024-077- Authorization to transfer and re-purpose \$30,000 which was authorized for the Hazard Mitigation Plan review (Account # 30220262 584027). The funding for the hazard mitigation plan was from FY 2023 Free Cash and this measure is requesting the funding to be transferred to the Fire Station Feasibility Study CIP Project**

Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré

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Purpose and Justification:

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The purpose of this measure is to reallocate the previously approved \$30,000 in funding, initially designated for the review and update of the Town of North Attleborough's Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan, crucial for identifying potential hazards impacting the town, mandates an update every five years. Due to a fortunate development, the state of Massachusetts has included our town in the 2025 cohort for state-funded updates to this plan, thereby freeing up the initially allocated funds for alternative urgent needs.

Justification:

The newfound availability of the \$30,000 presents an opportunity to address two unforeseen expenses that have arisen within the scope of the fire station feasibility project, specifically, the requirements for wetlands delineation and a comprehensive site survey. During the initial proposal phase of the feasibility study, it was incorrectly assumed that a current site survey of the property was available. By redirecting the funds initially intended for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update—now covered by the state—to these unexpected but essential expenses, the Town Council ensures that the fire station feasibility project progresses without delay, ultimately supporting the town's safety and infrastructure development goals.

The Town Council met on March 25, 2024, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Vice- President Simmons to refer Measure 2024-077- Authorization to transfer and re-purpose \$30,000 which was authorized for the Hazard Mitigation Plan review (Account # 30220262 584027). The funding for the hazard mitigation plan was from FY 2023 Free Cash and this measure is requesting the funding to be transferred to the Fire Station Feasibility Study CIP Project to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review and discussion.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Slobogan.

Motion carried. 8-0 UNANIMOUS

The Finance Sub-Committee met on April 1, 2024, and on behalf of the Committee, a motion was made by Councilor Donovan to refer Measure 2024-077- Authorization to transfer and re-purpose \$30,000 which was authorized for the Hazard Mitigation Plan review (Account # 30220262 584027). The funding for the hazard mitigation plan was from FY 2023 Free Cash and this measure is requesting the funding to be transferred to the Fire Station Feasibility Study CIP Project, back to the Full Town Council with a positive recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

Motion carried. 6-0 UNANIMOUS

The Town Council met on April 8, 2024, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Slobogan to approve Measure 2024-077- Authorization to transfer and re-purpose \$30,000 which was authorized for the Hazard Mitigation Plan review (Account # 30220262 584027). The funding for the hazard mitigation plan was from FY 2023 Free Cash and this measure is requesting the funding to be transferred to the Fire Station Feasibility Study CIP Project.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Donovan

Motion carried. 7-0 UNANIMOUS