

TOWN OF TEMPLETON, MASSACHUSETTS

FY '21 Budget & Legislative Package

NOTICE, ADDENDUM & ERRATA #4 – March 19, 2020

THE WORKSHOP OF SATURDAY IS STILL ON

**TOWN HALL WILL BE SANITIZED TOMORROW USING THE FOGGING SYSTEM
THE NRSD USES FOR ALL VIRUSES**

THE MEETING IS NOT OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

CONFERENCING INFORMATION WAS SENT OUT BY HOLLY

**PLEASE SUBMIT ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS YOU HAVE THAT WE MIGHT
MAXIMIZE THE TIME WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR DEEPER
PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSIONS**

Here are the latest questions or information:

Q. The BAN also has a fixed rate until it must be refinanced in February of 2020? Do you mean 2021?

A. We have one School BAN of \$3.675M that is due on 2/26/21. This is to finish up with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) until we have completed the closeout. Except for this one BAN, all the others have moved into a School GOB.

Q. On page 37, CPC/CHAPPA Is there a more definitive word than explore? How do we determine explore?

A. We believe the term used of explore is appropriate as we have been in communication with the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). We determine explore as there is interest; however, we cannot guarantee.

Aa this point absent the appropriation, we would not develop a full scope of services; In short here is what we gave the CPC;

1.) Research requirement for developing language for (in consultation with stakeholders) for required approvals, submit for present and defend the same bearing in mind practical challenges of creating a sustainable and operational TRUST.

2) Consult with SHA, CHAPPA, DHCD, RCAP on structure for possible revolving fund to exercise right of first refusal (DAYMILL ET AL) and offer the units through a lottery and administer the same to preserve the current supply of affordable housing.

3) Review zoning by-laws on any barriers to affordable/community workforce housing and encourage the development thereof specifically with respect to In-Law apartments and the succeeding use if blood relatives are no longer using the unit for its originally intended purposes. The lead is the Office of Development Services with the assistance of the Town Administrator and Town Counsel as well as a Consultant such as CHAPA COG or the like.

Q. How do we engage in a fuller vetting of the long-term plan for the Cable? Do we do it through a BoS Retreat? Workshop? Business meeting?

A. Retreat? No. This is particularly used in goal setting.
Workshop? Yes. This is where all such jawing on should be taking place.
Business meeting? Never. They are getting way over track overcoming the agenda with these jawing on items; these are supposed to be for action items.

Q. Do we share sewer with Gardner?

A. All of East Templeton goes to Gardner; there is a meter measuring flow and we pay an annual treatment charge depending upon the usage. Part of our agreement with Gardner is we have to pay 5% of all upgrades.

Q. Also found in Chapter 7 page 311 second item (\$135,000.00). How long is this study and do we get the report?

A. We do get the report and it goes to MassDEP. It usually takes 1-3 months with 1 month in the field.

Q. On page 39, ADV COMM. Status of date change considering COVID-19 Emergency. (4/10, 4/08) recommend flexibility here?

A. Under review.

Q. How do we "EXPLORE" the creation of infrastructure stabilization account and subsequent funding?

A. See above – The best way is to decide then we lay out work plan and timeline but in short.

Add it to goals at retreat.

Jaw on it (Workshop & Public Process as we did with Cannabis and Meals Tax)

Workshop (Budget Process and then ATM/FTM Warrant)

Legislative Action (ATM/FTM and elections depending upon funding source)

Q. How do we keep an eye on the expiring Debt in FY23/FY25? And keep the public informed ahead as to what's come down the pike? Should we consider Crowd Funding? Is this another item for Fall Retreat to properly prepare the constituents through transparency?

A. Yes. Accepting you need to deal with it is a retreat goal and then you do a workplan and timeline; you can't just keep throwing stuff against the wall to see what sticks as it becomes counterproductive.

Q. On page 40, Do we have to vote on the rate used to determine indirect costs? Can this be grouped under emerging category of BoS Workshop, Retreat or Business meeting?

A. We have laid out a plan to get there following DOR BMP review; just add it to retreat list in fall and we will do it.