



Town of Lexington Annual Town Meeting 2023

Article 9: Establish and Continue Departmental Revolving Funds

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The primary purpose of this article is to re-authorize ten existing revolving funds for Fiscal Year 2024.

Massachusetts General Laws authorizes municipalities to create revolving funds to account for receipts generated from the provision of a particular service and to allow those receipts to be expended for that service without further appropriation. Annually, Town Meeting is asked to establish the total amount that may be spent in the upcoming fiscal year from each fund as shown in the Warrant. A financial summary of each revolving fund is found in appendix C-2 of the Brown Book.

In addition, this article requests to create a new Refuse and Recycling revolving fund that will allow the Town to establish a fee for curbside collection of mattresses, white goods and other bulky items. In prior years, collection and disposal of these large items was included in the Town's Refuse Collection operating budget with regular curbside collection. However, the proposed increase in contractual expenses for refuse collection necessitates a change in funding. Creating a Refuse Collection Revolving Fund will allow the Town to pass-through the collection and disposal expense for large items to the user. Fees would be set a level that would cover the Town's contracted expense, plus a small administrative fee.

Lastly, this article seeks to modify the existing Tourism/Liberty Ride to be the Tourism fund, which will combine the operations of Lexington Visitors Center and the Liberty Ride trolley service, both of which previously operated as independent Revolving Funds. The Tourism Revolving Fund will generate revenue from the sale of gift shop merchandise, the sale of ticketed walking

tours on the Lexington Battle Green, and the sale of tickets and charters for the Liberty Ride trolley tour. Combining the two revolving funds will allow for increased flexibility in budgeting and decrease the administrative and accounting burden of managing two separate revolving funds.

The Select Board unanimously supports the passage of Article 9.