



**Article: 66**

**Warrant Article Title:**

CAPITAL BUDGET / OTTOSON MIDDLE SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY

**Warrant Article Text:**

To see if the Town of Arlington will vote to appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Ottoson Middle School Building Committee for an Ottoson Middle School Project Feasibility Study, Ottoson Middle School located at 63 Acton St., Arlington, MA, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

**Requested By:**

the Select Board, and at the request of the Town Manager, the School Committee and the Capital Planning Committee

**Report Excerpt:**

[Finance Committee] The aging Ottoson Middle School will likely need a rebuild or renovation in the upcoming years. A feasibility study is needed to help inform the Town in its decision making. The Town may be eligible for a grant from the MSBA, which will help defray the expense of such a study. (Requires a 2/3 vote). Recommend (19-1-0)

**Vote Language:**

That the Town of Arlington appropriates the amount of Two Million and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) for the purpose of paying costs of the Ottoson Middle School Project Feasibility Study ("Feasibility Study"), for Ottoson Middle School located at 63 Acton St., Arlington, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and MSBA.

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