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Mattt, Ian,

Good morning. I realize this is a busy time for you both. The WPCA has been discussing the Cost of Service Study Proposed by Groton Utilities in advance of a potential acquisition of the WPCA and its assets by GU. Most of the discussion has been centered around whether the study is considered an operating expense or a capital expense. Ian informed the chair that there is plenty of money in the capital account, however the COSS study is not in the operating budget, nor is it in the capital plan for the town. So, I have these questions:

Does the WPCA have a capital plan, or should the expense have been included in the town's capital plan?

Does the WPCA have an undesignated capital account, and if so, can funds be used from that account in the event there is a capital plan requirement?

What capital funds does the WPCA have, and what is the balance in each?

I hope you can provide some advice regarding these questions.

Thank you,

-Bill Saums

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Bill thanks for making this clear request. I would like to add a couple of things. Because the Holmberg tank requires inspection, it would be nice to know what we have as a balance in that account. Also did we have any unspent monies in our 2022-2023 operating budget? We have asked that any unspent money go to capital, but any undesignated monies might be used for such unplanned expenses. Again thanks Bill for doing this.

Ian Stammel

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Hi Bill,

I think if there was a capital plan for the WPCA, the WPCA would have been the ones to make it or GU? I am not sure. The WPCA has an undesignated capital account in their capital fund that the operating fund gives money to and has a budgeted balance of \$581,948.75 and sewer also has the same set up. Sewer's balance is 46,951.07. The funds can be spent in any capacity that the WPCA feels necessary. I would consult with Steve on spending any of the sewer capital money though.

Ian Stammel

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Ed,

Are you referring to water capital, sewer capital or both?

The 22/23 balances have not been audited at this point, the audit is scheduled to kick off next week – we need the audit to be completed before formally determining if there are any unspent funds.

Regarding transferring any unspent funds to capital, that would require formal Authority action.

Thank you

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Hi Matthew - thanks for the reply - yes, we can wait for the audit. I am referring to water as in drought years we typically take in more than we budgeted for, and I think last year was a draught year. Anyway - let's see where the numbers fall.

Ed Lynch, WPCA

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