

Article 70 - Funding Approval Sunset

To see if the Town Meeting will vote to approve the following Bylaw requirement.

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All funding for articles not spent past "sunset" that have not been extended will no longer be available unless resubmitted for Town Meeting approval.

Any State and/or Federal Grants will be exempt from this "sunset" requirement.

Any labor negotiation agreement will be excluded from this provision.

If this article is approved by Town Meeting, Legal Council will implement this change as a Bylaw to the towns charter or take any action required.

Petitioner: Peter E. Murphy, 60 Peters Drive, Stoughton, MA 02072

Precinct 2 Town Meeting Representative

Date: February 7, 2023

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FINANCE COMMITTEE: Voted 9-1 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 70.

MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS: Voted 5-0 to Accept and Recommend to Town Meeting Article 70.