

The reason is that the Select Board's FY25 budget (general expenses line) includes \$15,000 to pay a contractual obligation for a shared housing services office (SHSO) with respect to affordable housing units. Last Wednesday, May 1, the Trustees of the Affordable Housing Trust (AHT), of which I am a member, voted to pay up to \$15,000 for the SHSO for FY25 from funds held by the AHT. As a result, the Select Board's general expenses line can be reduced by \$15,000, which amount can be added to another departmental budget. Unless the Warrant Committee recommends adding the \$15,000 to a departmental budget, I would suggest it be added to the Reserve Fund (under article 33).

My motions would be the following:

- (1) Under Article 11, to reduce the Select Board's general expense line for "Recomm. FY25" from \$75,380 to \$60,380.
- (2) Under Article 11, to reduce the Total Select Board budget for "Recomm. FY25" from \$806,666 to \$791,666.
- (3) Under Article 11, to reduce the Total General Government budget for "Recomm. FY25" from \$5,330,081 to \$5,315,081 and to change the words "and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$5,330,081 be raised from the tax levy" to "and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$5,315,081 be raised from the tax levy."