

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) To change the recommendation under Article 33 to: "RECOMMENDED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$265,000 for the Reserve Fund for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2024; and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$250,000 be appropriated from funds certified by the Department of Revenue as free cash and the sum of \$15,000 be raised from the tax levy."