

ARTICLE 24

REDUCE LEGAL EXPENSES (Citizen Petition)

This citizen's proposal is to reduce the appropriation in the line item 8120 (legal expenses for the town) for fiscal year 2021 from the \$410,000 to \$110,000 and increase the amount appropriated for town in line item 8200 (town manager office and human resources) by \$100,000. During FY 14-18 the town (exclusive of the school department) has annually spent on average more than \$620,000 in legal expenses. More than 80% of this legal work is of a routine nature that could be done by in-house counsel.

(Inserted by Richard Neumeier and 9 or more registered voters)

DESCRIPTION: This article seeks Town Meeting approval to hire in-house counsel for legal services for the Town for fiscal year 2021. This proposal would reduce the appropriation in line item 8120, legal expenses for the Town, from \$410,000 to \$110,000 and increase the appropriation in line item 8200 of the Town Manager's budget by \$100,000.