

Article 4

Appropriate for Opioid Settlement Fund Planning

- The Town has received \$217,288 to date from nationwide legal settlements with opioid manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies, to be used to prevent substance misuse, implement harm reduction programs, and support the treatment and recovery of persons who misuse substances, particularly opioids.
- Article 4 requests appropriation of \$145,000 of these funds from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to:
 1. conduct a public engagement process for the use of opioid funds, which will result in a roadmap to guide spending over the next 15 years, a coherent strategic plan for the next five years, and an evaluation program to measure the effectiveness of the Town's efforts (\$90,000);
 2. Hire a Peer Recovery Coach to directly support individuals in their recovery from substance use disorders (\$52,000); and
 3. Co-locate opioid overdose reversal kits (SAM boxes) with AEDs in Town buildings (\$3,000).

The Select Board unanimously recommends adoption of this article.