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## Manner of Appropriation

- The Town's budget is appropriated by Town Meeting in 16 distinct line items
- The Town Manager must then manage to the "bottom line" of each line-item appropriation
- Adjustments are then only allowed:
  - By further Town Meeting action; or
  - Year-end transfer process provided under MGL Ch. 44, §33B

Note: It is generally accepted that remedies to cure budget issues should be taken up by Town Meeting when practicable



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- Budgets are prepared well in advance of the fiscal year and while we do our best to project expenses, often circumstances change
- Proposed adjustment:
  - XXX
  - XXX
  - XXX
- Amounts are available due to: xxxx
- Amounts needed are due to: xxxx
- Note: approval of this transfer **does not** increase the total appropriation approved under 10-ATM-2021



## What happens if adjustment isn't approved?

- If the transfer is not approved, the Town's only other remedy is to seek a year-end adjustment under MGL Ch. 44, §33B
  - May 1 – July 15 with approval of both FinCom & Select Board
- If year end transfer is not approved, the Town would have an “illegal” deficit and would be required to raise a like amount on the FY32 recap (tax rate) within the levy



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