

HOUSE No. 4028

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carolyn C. Dykema

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a special fund in the town of Westborough.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4028) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Westborough be authorized to establish a capital improvements fund in said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act establishing a special fund in the town of Westborough.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 5B of chapter 40 of the General Laws and sections
2 53 and 53E½ of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the
3 contrary, there shall be established in the town of Westborough a special fund to be known as the
4 Capital Improvements Fund to which shall be credited, without further appropriation, tax
5 revenues received in connection with the property commonly referred to as the state hospital
6 property and shown as parcel 1F on assessors map 38, to include but not be limited to property,
7 personal and excise taxes, and which revenues shall be referred to as state hospital property tax
8 revenues.

9 SECTION 2. Not later than March 15 in any year, the Westborough board of assessors
10 shall estimate the annual state hospital property tax revenues to be collected in the upcoming
11 fiscal year and report the same to the board of selectmen. As of the date of the annual town

12 meeting in any year, the town treasurer shall allocate to the capital improvements fund, without
13 further appropriation, estimated state hospital property tax revenues.

14 SECTION 3. The capital improvements fund shall be expended only for capital projects
15 or purposes for which the town may borrow pursuant to sections 7 and 8 of chapter 44 of the
16 general laws, which capital projects or purposes are estimated to cost \$10,000 or more and are
17 not properly categorized as annual operating expenses, as well as for the payment of debt service
18 on capital projects or purposes meeting the standards set forth in this section, whether such
19 projects or purposes were approved prior to or after the effective date of this act.

20 SECTION 4. This act shall apply to estimated state hospital property revenues to be
21 collected in fiscal year 2019 and thereafter.

22 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.