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To: Selectmen
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Re: Another error FY 19/20 Budget
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In running the budget figures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, I discovered an error in the waste disposal budget. The Budget Committee and Selectmen had recommended a budget of \$135,845 according to the minutes of the Budget Committee in December 2018, however the amount printed on the town meeting warrant was incorrectly stated as \$124,845. The town meeting approved the lower amount, and that was never corrected. The budget spreadsheet carried the \$135,845 all year, but the property tax commitment was based on the \$124,845 approved at town meeting, leaving the waste disposal budget \$11,000 short. In July the special town meeting approved an additional \$7,000 for waste disposal. This, based on the spreadsheet would have brought the budget up to \$142,845, which would have been enough to cover the actual expenses. However, it actually only brought the budget up to \$131,845, which will leave us the \$11,000 short due to the warrant error in 2019.

My recommendation would be to call another special town meeting to appropriate the \$11,000 for the 2019/20 waste disposal budget from undesignated fund balance for waste disposal, so that the original recommendation from the budget committee and selectmen are corrected.

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