

HOUSE No. 6331

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1992.

The committee on Local Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 6257) of David M. Peters, Robert D. Wetmore and Stephen M. Brewer (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Sturbridge to establish a special fund in which shall be deposited any net surplus realized from the operation of the municipal sewer system, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6331) ought to pass. [Local Approval Received.]

For the committee,

BYRON RUSHING.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL SEWER RECEIPTS.

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 16 of chapter 83 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the
3 last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following: —

4 The income of the sewer system shall be appropriated to defray
5 all operating expenses, interest charges and payments on the
6 principal as they accrue upon any bonds or notes issued for the
7 purpose of the municipal sewer system. If in any fiscal year there
8 should be a net surplus remaining after providing for the aforesaid
9 charges for that fiscal year, such surplus, or so much thereof as
10 may be necessary to reimburse the town for moneys theretofore
11 paid on account of its sewer department, shall be paid into the
12 town treasury. If in any fiscal year there should be a net surplus
13 remaining after providing for the aforesaid charges and for the
14 payment of any such reimbursement in full, such surplus may be
15 appropriated for such new construction, extraordinary
16 maintenance, or repairs, as the sewer commissioners, or selectmen
17 authorized to act as such, with the approval of the town, may
18 determine upon; and in case a net surplus should remain after
19 payment for such new construction, extraordinary maintenance,
20 or repairs, the sewer rates shall be reduced proportionately. Said
21 commissioners, or selectmen authorized to act as such, shall
22 annually, and as often as the town may require, render a report
23 upon the condition of the works under their charge, and an
24 account of their doings, including an account of the receipts and
25 expenditures.