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Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
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Dear Councilors:

I respectfully request that the Honorable City Council amend docket item 153-23.

Our initial docket request submitted on April 24 was for an additional \$200,000 to cover electricity costs at the Newton Free Library for FY2023.

Eversource has been very late in billing for the Library. The City has only recently received the January and February bills. Those two bills alone total more than \$87,000, bringing the total fiscal year costs through February to \$268,000. The FY23 Budget is \$200,000, so we are already \$68,000 over and still have four more months of electricity bills.

Our amended request is: "I respectfully request authorization to transfer the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from Main Library-Full Time Salaries Acct# 0160110-511001 to Library Building Maintenance - Electricity Acct# 0160112-521000 to supplement the FY23 Library Electricity budget to cover overruns due to the failing HVAC system."

The Public Buildings Department is working on the design of a new HVAC system and I have docketed a request for \$750,000 for that project. We are moving forward with all deliberate speed to replace this ailing system.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor