

**TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER**



**Transcript of Articles in the Warrant for the**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**And**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Report of the Finance Committee**

**Monday, May 13, 2024**

**At 7:00 p.m.**

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Please bring this report to the meeting for use in the proceedings at  
the

**JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
143 Plymouth Street**

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### **- IMPORTANT -**

**This Warrant contains Articles, explanations, recommendations, and appendices. Only the Articles are part of the “official” call to Town Meeting. The explanations and appendices are editorial, and the recommendations expressed are those of the Finance Committee. Only the Articles are part of the official Town Meeting warrant.**



## THE SELECT BOARD

On Monday, May 13th, the Town of East Bridgewater will hold a Special Town Meeting followed by the Annual Town Meeting.

The Town of East Bridgewater celebrated its Bicentennial during 2023 with events throughout the year ranging from a series of speakers discussing various aspects of the Town's history to trolley and graveyard tours to concerts to a parade. None of this would have occurred without the dedicated work by those individuals serving on the Bicentennial Committee, the volunteers at each event, and the municipal employees who helped to facilitate these events. Thank you to all who helped throughout the year.

The Town's financial picture will be challenging during the next several years due to limited increases in local aid from the State, level amounts of local receipts, and limits on the growth of property taxes. However, while nothing is certain, the Town expects to receive funds from a land sale of town-owned property on Central Street in 2024, and housing and commercial developments during the next year all of which should provide additional funding for the Town's services and programs.

The Town is moving forward with the use of its American Rescue Plan funds including expenditures for the new turf field at the Jr/Sr High School, improvements at the Town's recreational facilities, signage to provide additional ways of informing residents of events in East Bridgewater, and new sidewalks.

The planning work on the Town's North Bedford Street Sewer Project continues with the expectation that construction work will begin in 2024. The Town will complete work on a new Master Plan, the first since 1988, in 2024 which will provide a guide as to what actions are needed to meet the Town's goals and objectives. In addition to the Master Plan, the Town is working on an Americans with Disabilities Act Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan which will inform the Town of what improvements should be made to provide better access to the Town's buildings and programs for all residents and visitors. The Town is also completing work on a new Municipal Vulnerability Plan which will details what actions the Town can take to reduce damage due to storms and other environmental and manmade events along with measures that can be taken to respond to those events.

The Central School Building Committee began its work in 2023 to examine various options for the future of the Central Elementary School. The Committee will hire an Owner's Project Manager and designer/architect in 2024 and will keep the townspeople informed about the progress that is being made. The Town is also looking at what should be done with its public safety (Police and Fire) buildings through the new Public Safety Building Committee which was established in 2023.

The Board appreciates the efforts of all the townspeople, businesses, staff members, and committee volunteers that have labored to mitigate the human impact of this pandemic.

Thank you.

THE SELECT BOARD

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, May 13, 2024

At 7:00 o'clock in the Evening

at the Junior/Senior High School, 143 Plymouth Street

**Plymouth, ss**

To any of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in said County of Plymouth, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of East Bridgewater, who being qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Junior/Senior High School, 143 Plymouth Street, in said East Bridgewater, on Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.; then and there to act upon the enclosed articles, to wit:

In case all articles in the foregoing Warrant shall not be acted upon at the Meeting called for on Monday, May 13, 2024, to meet in Adjourned Sessions at such time and place as the meeting shall determine.

This building is accessible to the handicapped and designated parking is provided. If requested, at least one week before the meeting, warrants with large print can be available. Please call the Town Clerk's office at least one week before the Town Meeting at 508-378-1606.

**Town of East Bridgewater  
Report of the Finance Committee**

To the Citizens of East Bridgewater:

On Monday, May 13, 2024, the Town of East Bridgewater will hold a Special Town Meeting followed by its Annual Town Meeting. The brief Special Town Meeting will cover business matters that must be acted upon before the end of this fiscal year, which is June 30, 2024. During the annual Town Meeting, the citizens of East Bridgewater will vote on a budget for Fiscal Year 2025, as well as many other matters of interest to the Town.

Voters attending Town Meeting responsibly discuss, debate, and determine East Bridgewater's budget for the upcoming year. The Finance Committee's role is to advise residents of its recommendations on selected financial articles contained in this Warrant. These recommendations have been determined following several months of evaluation and careful consideration of all the materials provided by Town Departments, Boards and Committees at over twenty public open meetings. Your elected and appointed officials will also present their recommendations to assist with this process.

The proposed FY25 budget is balanced and utilizes reliable revenue estimates. The intent of the budget is to provide sufficient funds to continue to provide the necessary services, address infrastructure needs and maintain the Town's fiscal health. The Finance Committee and the Select Board continue to work with a common purpose across all town departments to identify efficiencies and methods to better address budgetary challenges.

We would like to thank the employees and volunteers across all Departments, Boards and Committees for their invaluable input. We also wish to formally thank the Town Administrator, Town Accountant, Treasurer-Collector, and Chief Assessor for their professional guidance and dedicated support throughout this entire process.

It is important that your voice is heard, and we look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting.

Sincerely,

**The East Bridgewater Finance Committee,**

Daniel Picha, Chairman

David Walsh, Vice-Chairman

Karen Harhen, Clerk

Lisa Allington

Karin Gilman

George Jouvin

Anthony Benigni

**Town of East Bridgewater**  
**FY25 Revenue & Expenditure Budget Estimate**  
**Includes Other Sources of Funds**

<b>Revenue &amp; Expenditures</b>		
<b>REVENUE:</b>		
<b>Property Taxes</b>		
Prior Year Levy Limit		32,982,095.00
Proposition 2.5		824,552.00
New Growth		650,000.00
Override		-
Tax Levy limit		34,456,647.00
Debt Exclusion		2,568,181.00
Maximum Allowable Tax Levy		37,024,828.00
<b>State Aid:</b>		
Cherry Sheet Receipts (Net)		14,426,183.00
School Construction Aid		
<b>Local Receipts:</b>		
Local Receipts		3,721,779.00
Water Receipts (Budget)		2,442,968.00
Water Retained Earnings		500,000.00
Water Receipts (Indirect Costs)		471,043.00
Solid Waste Receipts (Budget)		1,473,263.00
Solid Waste Retained Earnings		100,000.00
Solid Waste (Indirect Costs)		35,898.00
Public Access Cable Receipts		270,000.00
Public Access Cable Retained		26,182.00
Public Access Cable (Indirect)		52,655.00
<b>Free Cash</b>		1,520,888.00
<b>Other Available Funds:</b>		
Ambulance Fund		1,125,000.00
General Stabilization Fund		260,000.00
WPAT Loan Repayment		155,044.00
Capital Stabilization		500,000.00
Borrowing		-
Opioid Stabilization		10,000.00
Public Access Cable R/E		-
Downtown Sewer Revolving		40,900.00
Overlay Surplus		250,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		64,406,631.00
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Total Appropriations		57,697,430.00
Total Appropriations		2,942,968.00
Total Appropriations (Solid Waste)		1,573,263.00
Total Appropriations (Public		296,182.00
Reserve for Articles		1,296,788.00
Overlay/Abatements		600,000.00
exemptions and tax title		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		64,406,631.00

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Appropriation: An authorization to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. An appropriation is granted by Town Meeting and is usually limited in time and amount as to when it may be expended. Any part of the general appropriation not spent or encumbered by June 30 automatically reverts to surplus, which may become Free Cash. A specific appropriation is carried forward from year to year until spent for the designated purpose or transferred by Town Meeting vote to another account.

Assessed Valuation: A valuation set upon real or personal property by the Board of Assessors as a basis for levying taxes.

Budget: A plan of financial operation consisting of an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the means of financing them. The budget is voted in the spring at Town Meeting for the fiscal year that begins the following July 1st.

Capital Budget: A plan of proposed capital outlays and the means of financing them for the current year.

Cherry Sheet: An annual statement received from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue detailing estimated payments to the town for the next fiscal year and the estimated state and county government charges payable by the town. The Assessors in setting the tax rate use these amounts. The actual receipts and charges may vary from the estimates.

Debt or Capital Exclusion: The Town can assess taxes in excess of the levy limit by voting a debt exclusion or capital outlay exclusion. This amount does not become a permanent part of the levy limit base but does allow the Town to assess taxes for a specific period in excess of the limit for payment of debt service costs or payment of capital expenditures.

Debt Service: Payment of interest and repayment of principal to holders of the Town's debt instruments.

Excess Levy Capacity: The difference between the Town's tax levy limit and its actual tax levy for the current year. It is the additional tax levy that could be raised without asking for an override.

Fiscal Year: A 12-month period, commencing July 1 and ending June 30, to which the annual budget applies. Fiscal years are often denoted FYXX with the last two numbers representing the calendar year in which it ends, for example, FY24 is the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Free Cash: Free cash is the portion of unreserved fund balance available for appropriation. It is not cash but rather is approximately the total of cash and receivables less current liabilities and earmarked reserves also reduced by reserves for uncollected taxes. This is also referred to as "available cash". The amount is certified annually by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

General Fund: The major town-owned fund which is created with town receipts, and which is charged with expenditures payable from revenues.



Grant: A contribution of assets by one governmental unit or other organization to another. Typically, these contributions are made to local governments from the state and federal governments. Grants are usually made for specific purposes.

Line-Item Budget: A format of budgeting that organizes costs by type of expenditure such as expenses, equipment, and salaries.

New Growth: The amount of property tax revenue that the Town can add to its allowable tax levy as a result of new construction, alterations, subdivisions or change of use which increases the value of a parcel of land by more than certain amounts.

OPEB: Other Post-Employment Benefits. Benefits that an employee of the town will receive in retirement. OPEB does not include pension benefits paid to the retired employee. Other benefits include insurance premiums, healthcare premiums, and deferred-compensation contractual arrangements.

Overlay: The amount set aside to allow for uncollected property taxes. An amount for the overlay is added to the appropriations and other charges. Overlay Surplus – see below.

Override: An amount, voted by the Town, which is permanently added to the levy limit. A majority vote of the Select Board allows an override question to be put on the ballot. Override questions must be presented in dollar terms and must specify the purpose of the override. Overrides require a majority vote of approval by the Town.

Overlay Surplus: The unused amount of the overlay for prior years, which may be transferred, by a vote of the Town, to the reserve account or used for extraordinary items.

Property Tax Levy: The amount produced by multiplying the assessed valuation of property by the tax rate. The tax rate is expressed “per thousand dollars” of assessed valuation.

Reserve Fund: Money set aside by Town Meeting to be allocated by the Finance Committee for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures.

Stabilization Fund: A special reserve funded by Town Meeting for future expenditures.

Tax Classification Tax Allocation: Before setting the tax rate each year, a classification hearing is held by the Select Board to determine the shares of the tax levy to be paid by each class of property in the community, and whether to allow an open space discount, residential exemption, or small commercial exemption. The Assessors provide information about the impact of these options at the hearing. The decisions of the Select Board are reported to the Bureau of Accounts and are referred to as the “Classification Tax Allocation.”

Tax Levy Limit: The maximum amount of the tax levy for a period under the restrictions of Proposition 2½. It is calculated as the prior year limit plus new growth plus 2.5% of the prior year levy limit.

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# TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING May 13, 2024

At 7:00 o'clock in the evening  
at the Junior/Senior High School, 143 Plymouth Street

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum or sums of money from Account No. 1-0-359-3590 Free Cash required to meet obligations for union and personal contracts; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**This article provides a fund of money to pay union, non-union, personal contracts, and retirement obligations.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds the sum of \$2,646.08 from Acct# 1-0-359-3590 Free Cash to Account #1-220-520-5585, Supplies Fire Safety Equipment, to pay a prior year bill from Specialty Vehicles; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Fire Chief

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds the sum of \$12,000.00 from Acct# 1-0-359-3590 Free Cash to Account #1-220-520-5585, Supplies Fire Safety Equipment, to purchase equipment to combat electric vehicle fires; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Fire Chief

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$30,000.00 from Account No. 22-231-835-4270, Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, to Account No. 1-220-511-5144, Cover Military \$9,000.00, Account No. 1-220-511-5147, Cover OJI \$6,000.00, Account No. 1-220-511-5140 Cover Sick \$15,000.00; or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Fire Chief

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You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting a copy thereof attested to by you in writing in each of six public places in the Town at least fourteen days before the time for holding the meeting called for in the Warrant. Herefore fail not, and make do return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Town on or before the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

Given under our hands this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

THE SELECT BOARD

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carole Julius, Chair

A True Copy of Record,  
ATTEST:

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David Sheedy, Vice-Chair

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Kathleen Cavanagh, Interim Town Clerk

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Peter Spagone Jr, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLYMOUTH, SS.**

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of East Bridgewater by posting up attested copies of the same at the East Bridgewater Post Office and the East Bridgewater Public Library in Precinct 1; at Country Convenience in Precinct 2; Ye Olde Standish Grille in Precinct 3; and finally at Dewhurst Lumber, and the Town Hall in Precinct 4; of said Town at least fourteen days before the date hereof, as within directed.

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Justice of the Peace

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Date

**MAY REMOVE AFTER May 13, 2024**

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# TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Monday, May 13, 2024

At 7:00 o'clock in the evening  
at the Junior/Senior High School, 143 Plymouth Street

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**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees, and Commissions, as printed in the 2023 Annual Report, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 41, §108, or any amendments thereto, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year 2024, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums therefore, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, and for other necessary charges, in accordance with the amount recommended by the Finance Committee as shown in the final column of the Omnibus Budget as set forth below; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Finance Committee

**This Article advances the Operating Budget for the Town for the Fiscal Year that begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY24 APPROPRIATION	FY 25 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
114	TOWN MODERATOR PERSONAL SERVICES				
	MODERATOR SALARY	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
122	SELECT BOARD				
	SELECT BOARD PERSONAL SERVICES				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	280,317.00	292,988.00	296,562.00	302,282.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	31,720.00	35,445.00	35,320.00	35,245.00
	BOARD OF SELECT BOARD OTHER EXPENSES	4,100.00	4,100.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
	TOTAL SELECT BOARD	316,137.00	332,533.00	335,982.00	341,627.00
122	EBCAM				

	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	-	187,417.00	178,793.00	178,793.00
	TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS	0.00	138,264.00	58,913.00	58,913.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	52,655.00	52,655.00
	TOTAL EBCAM	0.00	325,681.00	290,361.00	290,361.00
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	214.00	1,000.00	750.00	750.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	0.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	250,000.00
	TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE	214.00	201,000.00	200,750.00	250,750.00
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	171,573.00	183,108.00	186,971.00	185,912.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	1,924.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	2,700.00
	TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT	173,497.00	186,308.00	190,171.00	188,612.00
141	BOARD OF ASSESSORS				
	TOTAL SALARIES	213,011.00	243,386.00	253,208.00	255,095.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	46,762.00	48,915.00	49,165.00	47,915.00
	TOTAL BOARD OF ASSESSORS	259,773.00	292,301.00	302,373.00	303,010.00
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	251,363.00	264,107.00	259,832.00	262,907.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	56,544.00	71,000.00	83,000.00	57,700.00
	OTHER	88,969.00	104,400.00	109,100.00	87,700.00
	TOTAL TREASURER/COLLECTOR	396,876.00	439,507.00	451,932.00	408,307.00
151	TOWN COUNSEL GENERAL EXPENSES				
	TOTAL TOWN COUNSEL	260,733.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
155	TOWN HALL COMPUTERS				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	109,991.00	112,529.00	112,528.00	114,737.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	239,027.00	266,720.00	244,294.00	234,294.00
	TOTAL TOWN HALL COMPUTERS	349,018.00	379,249.00	356,822.00	349,031.00
161	TOWN CLERK				
161	TOWN CLERK PERSONAL SERVICES				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	195,596.00	205,509.00	211,277.00	211,277.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	27,984.00	27,540.00	46,940.00	44,800.00
	TOTAL TOWN CLERK	223,580.00	233,049.00	258,217.00	256,077.00
163	BOARD/REGISTRARS				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	2,061.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	4,800.00	5,000.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
	TOTAL BOARD OF REGISTRARS	6,861.00	7,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
171	CONSERVATION COMM				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	89,960.00	96,110.00	96,592.00	98,075.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	1,639.00	4,725.00	4,300.00	4,300.00
	TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	91,599.00	100,835.00	100,892.00	102,375.00
175	PLANNING BOARD				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	43,401.00	44,880.00	44,972.00	44,972.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	1,215.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00



		TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	44,616.00	47,380.00	47,472.00	47,472.00
176	ZONING BD OF APPEALS					
		TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	7,241.00	7,446.00	7,595.00	7,595.00
		TOTAL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	7,241.00	7,446.00	7,595.00	7,595.00
191	FACILITIES MANAGEMENT					
		TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	205,324.00	216,102.00	220,883.00	220,883.00
		TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	270,135.00	275,550.00	275,550.00	275,550.00
		TOTAL SCHOOL FACILITIES	745,936.00	777,825.00	785,675.00	777,825.00
		TOTAL FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	1,221,395.00	1,269,477.00	1,282,108.00	1,274,258.00
195	TOWN TELEPHONES					
		TOTAL TOWN TELEPHONES	47,695.00	55,500.00	53,000.00	53,000.00
193 & 912	TOWNWIDE INSURANCE					
		TOTAL TOWNWIDE INSURANCE	425,374.00	477,551.00	501,428.00	501,428.00
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
		TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS / TOWN COST	8,214,601.00	9,093,693.00	9,703,622.00	9,731,239.00
195	PRINTING TOWN REPORTS (AND WARRANTS)					
195		TOTAL ELECTRICITY	603,737.00	1,007,114.00	1,007,114.00	971,000.00
196	TOWNWIDE GASOLINE					
			127,149.00	120,000.00	130,000.00	120,000.00
	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
		TOTAL OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	107,971.00	97,250.00	101,750.00	97,750.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			<b>12,878,567.00</b>	<b>14,848,374.00</b>	<b>15,504,589.00</b>	<b>15,476,892.00</b>
210	POLICE DEPARTMENT					
		TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	2,833,816.00	2,918,958.00	3,336,064.00	3,270,435.00
		TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	342,132.00	324,200.00	396,700.00	325,500.00
		TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	3,175,948.00	3,243,158.00	3,732,764.00	3,595,935.00
127	CIVILIAN DISPATCHERS					
		TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	360,424.00	356,477.00	356,477.00	217,451.00
		TOTAL CIVILIAN DISPATCHERS	360,424.00	356,477.00	356,477.00	217,451.00
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT					
		FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL SERVICES				
		TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	2,721,598.00	2,867,483.00	3,023,473.00	3,023,473.00
		TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	141,553.00	145,250.00	129,850.00	129,850.00
231	AMBULANCE OPERATION					
		TOTAL AMBULANCE OPERATION	145,275.00	139,185.00	152,985.00	152,985.00
		TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	3,008,426.00	3,151,918.00	3,306,308.00	3,306,308.00
241	BUILDING INSPECTION					
		TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	152,852.00	159,016.00	161,948.00	163,815.00
		TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	12,719.00	13,900.00	8,300.00	7,400.00
		TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	165,571.00	172,916.00	170,248.00	171,215.00
242	GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR					
		TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	20,879.00	21,379.00	21,407.00	21,807.00
		TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	1,998.00	2,481.00	2,481.00	2,481.00
		TOTAL GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR	22,877.00	23,860.00	23,888.00	24,288.00

245	WIRING INSPECTOR				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	20,879.00	21,379.00	21,407.00	21,807.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	1,981.00	2,481.00	2,481.00	2,481.00
	TOTAL WIRING INSPECTOR	22,860.00	23,860.00	23,888.00	24,288.00
246	SEALER OF WTS / MEAS.				
510-5121	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	3,362.00	3,429.00	3,498.00	3,498.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	-	800.00	800.00	800.00
	TOTAL SEALER OF WTS / MSRS	3,362.00	4,229.00	4,298.00	4,298.00
291	CIVIL DEFENSE				
	TOTAL CIVIL DEFENSE	8,669.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	24,960.00	25,600.00	26,140.00	26,140.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	1,094.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
	TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	26,054.00	28,000.00	28,540.00	28,540.00
	DEPARTMENT OF TREE AND LAND MANAGEMENT				
	TOTAL TREE DEPARTMENT	91,600.00	78,000.00	78,000.00	78,000.00
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		<b>6,885,791.00</b>	<b>7,092,418.00</b>	<b>7,734,411.00</b>	<b>7,460,323.00</b>
01-300	EDUCATION				
	TOTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	23,563,888.00	24,782,464.00	25,718,059.00	25,718,059.00
304	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	947,700.00	959,400.00	1,093,300.00	1,093,300.00
302	REG/VOC HS ASSESSMENT	1,033,233.00	1,197,438.00	1,312,069.00	1,312,069.00
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>25,544,821.00</b>	<b>26,939,302.00</b>	<b>28,123,428.00</b>	<b>28,123,428.00</b>
420	DPW DEPARTMENT HIGHWAY/TREE				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	715,234.00	766,051.00	770,602.00	770,602.00
423	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	214,429.00	205,700.00	205,700.00	205,700.00
	SNOW & ICE TOTAL EXPENSES	321,907.00	425,000.00	425,000.00	425,000.00
	TOTAL DPW DEPARTMENT	1,251,570.00	1,396,751.00	1,401,302.00	1,401,302.00
424	TOTAL STREET LIGHTING/TRAF	11,091.00	14,500.00	14,500.00	6,000.00
420F	TOTAL FLEET MAINTENANCE DIVISION	268,385.00	304,300.00	353,842.00	308,842.00
433	TOTAL DISPOSAL AREA	17,700.00	35,190.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>		<b>1,548,746.00</b>	<b>1,750,741.00</b>	<b>1,819,644.00</b>	<b>1,766,144.00</b>
450	WATER DEPARTMENT				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	733,953.00	783,961.00	807,069.00	807,069.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	287,167.00	337,000.00	352,000.00	352,000.00
	TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS	463,901.00	466,399.00	471,043.00	471,043.00
	TOTAL SYSTEMS UPGRADES	147,486.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE PRINCIPAL	924,898.00	945,967.00	966,339.00	966,339.00
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE INTEREST	191,191.00	172,625.00	146,517.00	146,517.00
<b>TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT-Enterprise Funds</b>		<b>2,748,596.00</b>	<b>2,905,952.00</b>	<b>2,942,968.00</b>	<b>2,942,968.00</b>
403	SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	77,721.00	123,681.00	140,426.00	140,426.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	1,053,741.00	1,331,013.00	1,396,939.00	1,396,939.00

	TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS	0.00	0.00	35,898.00	35,898.00
<b>TOTAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING -Enterprise Funds</b>		<b>1,131,462.00</b>	<b>1,454,694.00</b>	<b>1,573,263.00</b>	<b>1,573,263.00</b>
510	BOARD OF HEALTH				
	BOARD OF HEALTH PERSONAL SERVICES				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	159,359.00	156,660.00	161,749.00	162,036.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	5,470.00	22,890.00	22,890.00	12,603.00
	TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH	164,829.00	179,550.00	184,639.00	174,639.00
426	SEWER TREATMENT PERSONAL SERV.				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	50,251.00	73,574.00	79,460.00	79,460.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	99,415.00	77,500.00	77,500.00	77,500.00
	TOTAL SEWER TREATMENT	149,666.00	151,074.00	156,960.00	156,960.00
519	ANIMAL INSPECTOR PERSONAL SERV.	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	-	600.00	600.00	600.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	4,100.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
541	COUNCIL ON AGING				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	218,133.00	241,569.00	251,040.00	251,040.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	6,193.00	8,218.00	6,732.00	6,717.00
	TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	224,326.00	249,787.00	257,772.00	257,757.00
543	VETERANS' SERVICES				
	TOTAL SALARIES	55,122.00	76,658.00	100,832.00	78,141.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	157,337.00	183,800.00	183,800.00	163,800.00
	TOTAL VETERANS' SERVICES	212,459.00	260,458.00	284,632.00	241,941.00
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>		<b>751,280.00</b>	<b>844,969.00</b>	<b>888,103.00</b>	<b>835,397.00</b>
610	PUBLIC LIBRARY				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	434,041.00	517,157.00	545,592.00	526,761.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	38,490.00	29,665.00	35,165.00	29,665.00
01-610	OTHER EXPENSES	102,776.00	105,570.00	112,321.00	100,000.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	575,307.00	652,392.00	693,078.00	656,426.00
01-691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION				
520-5421	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
	TOTAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
01-693	ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL				
520-5790	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	0.00	7,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>		<b>577,307.00</b>	<b>661,892.00</b>	<b>700,478.00</b>	<b>663,826.00</b>
01-710	DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPAL				
	TOTAL PRINCIPAL ON DEBTS	2,571,414.00	2,570,827.00	2,626,276.00	2,626,276.00
01-750	DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST				
	TOTAL INTEREST ON DEBTS	1,173,705.00	1,165,801.00	1,041,323.00	1,041,323.00
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<b>3,745,119.00</b>	<b>3,736,628.00</b>	<b>3,667,599.00</b>	<b>3,667,599.00</b>
	TOTAL BUDGET	<b>55,811,689.00</b>	<b>60,234,970.00</b>	<b>62,954,483.00</b>	<b>62,509,840.00</b>

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum or sums of money required to meet obligations for union and personal contracts; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**This article provides a fund of money to pay union, non-union, personal contracts, and retirement obligations.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for Capital Outlay for the Town Departments, as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination thereof; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Department	Project	Amount	Funding
DPW - Water Department	Membrane filter replacement	40,900.00	Sewer Revolving
DPW - Facilities - Town Hall	Town Hall Break Room	21,250.00	Free Cash
DPW - Facilities - Town Hall	Building Inspector / IT Office renovation	21,250.00	Free Cash
DPW - Facilities - School	Lighting retrofit electrical upgrades	100,000.00	Free Cash
DPW - Road Repairs	Details attached	561,312.00	Free cash \$61,312/Capital stab \$500,000
SCHOOL	Piano Lab	34,000.00	Free Cash
SCHOOL	Weight Room	31,401.00	Free Cash
SCHOOL	IT Switch Replacement	57,956.00	Free Cash
SCHOOL	IT Access point replacement	36,708.00	Free Cash
SCHOOL	Auditorium Projector / Electronics	40,510.00	Free Cash
Information Technologies	Town Wide User Device	60,000.00	Free Cash
Police Department	Taser Replacement	27,500.00	Free Cash

Requested by the Capital Budget Committee

**This article appropriates money for a number of capital budget projects.**

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**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for state or federal grants, and to expend any monies received, as outlined in the appropriate grant application; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**The Town Meeting must authorize the Select Board to apply for, accept, and use any funds that may be available to the Town under state or federal grants.**

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**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2025 beginning on July 1, 2024, for the revolving funds established in town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies, or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**The Article seeks to renew the authorization to use the funds collected through fees for the support of that department's activities. The funds are established under the Bylaws of the Town, but Town Meeting still needs to authorize the spending limit each fiscal year.**

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Use of Funds	Revenue Source	FY25 Limit
COA Programs & Mini-Bus	Council on Aging Board	Exclusively to defray expenses for COA programs and mini-bus repairs	Fees Rec'd	\$10,000
Center at Sachem Rock Rental	Select Board	To provide funding for expenses associated with room rental at the Sachem Center	Fees Rec'd	\$20,000
Recreation Commission Activities	Recreation Commissioners	To fund recreational activities, field and equipment repairs, and field development	Fees Rec'd	\$40,000
Passport Photo Fees	Veterans' Agent	Expenses for photo supplies associated with the sale of passport photos.	Fees Rec'd	\$3,000
Public Library	Library Trustees	Library Activities	Fees & Fines	\$6,000

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Account No. 1-0-359-3590, Free Cash to Account No: 1-910-6014-5167, Employee Retirement the sum of \$164,766.93 to fund the contractual costs for four retiring Town Employees (\$103,581.00 for two Fire Department employees; \$39,185.93 for one COA employee; \$22,000.00 for one Town Hall employee) ; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Account No. 22-231-835-4270 Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to Account No. 80-122-911-4972, Capital Stabilization, Transfer from Special Revenue for Tower 1, the sum of \$125,000.00; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Fire Chief

**This article provides a transfer from the Ambulance Account to the Capital Stabilization Account for the partial reimbursement for the purchase of Tower 1 which was approved at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting. This is the final transfer to repay the Capital Stabilization Account.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Account No. 1-0-359-3590, Free Cash to Account No: 1-210-6015-5850 the sum of \$5,552.00 to fund bullet proof vests for police officers needed in the FY 25 year; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Police Chief

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Account No. 61-0-359-3590, Retained Earnings to Account No.61-122-520-5850, a sum of money to cover the costs for Apple Macs for EBCAM ; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by EBCAM

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Account No. 1-0-359-3590, Free Cash to Account No:1-192-520-5340 the sum of \$267.50 to fund telephone payments; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by EBCAM

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Account No. 80-122-3604-4680 Opioid Stabilization Fund to Account No: 1-155-520-5314 the sum of \$10,000.00 to cover IT costs for Plymouth County Outreach; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ to Account No: \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$11,500.00 to cover the cost of Election Equipment that will provide enhancements that will streamline the election process ensuring a smoother and more efficient voting experience for the community; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Town Clerk



**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ to Account No: \_\_\_\_\_ a sum of money to cover the cost of Electrical upgrades to the Town Common; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Facilities Manager

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to charge for each written demand issued by the Tax Collector a fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) to be added and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by MGL Chapter 60 Section 15, effective July 1, 2024; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Account No. 1-0-359-3590, Free Cash to Account No: 1-610-6016-5005., the sum of \$2,600.00 to hire an appraising firm to determine values for fine arts located at the East Bridgewater Public Library; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Library Director

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Account No. 1-0-359-3590, Free Cash to Account No:1-610-6016-5006 the sum of \$5,500.00 to fund restoration and archival framing for items located at the East Bridgewater Public Library; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Library Director

**The purpose of this article is to provide Archival framing and preservation of artworks by Francis Davids Millet from the late 1800's.**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, establishing North Bedford Street Sewer District as an enterprise fund effective July 1, 2025; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of East Bridgewater General Bylaws, Part Three – Offenses and Penalties by adding a new section 1a. as follows:

1a. Ban on the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Certain Containers: The sale of alcoholic beverages in containers less than or equal to 100 milliliters is prohibited within the Town of East Bridgewater effective January 1, 2025;

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of East Bridgewater General Bylaws by adding a new section Part Twelve - Door to Door Solicitation as follows:

#### Door-To-Door Solicitation

##### Section 1. Title.

This article shall be known as the "Door-to-Door Solicitation Law of the Town of East Bridgewater."

##### Section 2. Findings and intent.

- A. Many residents complain to the Police Department each year about door-to-door solicitation. Some indicate that being the target of solicitation in their homes is annoying, intrusive, and unpleasant. Others are concerned at having strangers approaching their homes uninvited. Many seek assurance that the solicitors are known to Town officials and properly licensed.
- B. This article is intended to regulate door-to-door sales by licensing sales agents; establishing a No Solicitation List; and promulgating reasonable time and manner restrictions on door-to-door solicitation, including enforcement of the No Solicitation List.

##### Section 3. Definitions.

The following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

**DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES** — The in-person solicitation of sales of goods or services for present or future delivery by entry upon residential property, including multifamily or duplex residential property, or by soliciting persons located on residential property from a street, sidewalk or other adjacent property, without the prior invitation of the person to be solicited.

**DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES PERMIT** — A permit issued to a sales agent to engage in door-to-door sales in accordance with this article.



NO SOLICITATION LIST — A list of residential addresses in the Town, organized alphabetically by street name, indicating those residential properties placed on the list at the request of the owner or occupant indicating that he or she does not want sales agents to enter his or her property.

SALES ORGANIZATION — Any entity engaged in the supervision, recruitment, retention or employment of a salesperson or salespersons, including any person or representative thereof.

SALESPERSON — Any person engaged in door-to-door sales of goods or services for present or future delivery.

SALES SUPERVISOR — Any person who directs or supervises a salesperson or salespersons engaged in door-to-door sales.

#### Section 4. Administration.

The Town of East Bridgewater door-to-door sales permit process shall be administered by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee.

#### Section 5. Application requirements.

Each salesperson must submit an application signed under the penalties of perjury to the Chief of Police or designee along with a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) payable to the Town of East Bridgewater to cover the cost of investigating and confirming the facts stated in the application. The application shall require:

- (1) Government-issued photographic identification.
- (2) Date of birth.
- (3) Social security number.
- (4) Permanent residential address.
- (5) Home telephone number.
- (6) Temporary local address.
- (7) Current cell phone number.
- (8) Sales organization information and brief description of the business and/or goods to be sold.
- (9) Sales supervisor identity.
- (10) Make, model, color, and registration number of any vehicle(s) used to transport the sales agent, the salesperson's supervisor, or sales materials.

- (11) Such other verifying information as may be reasonably required.

#### Section 6. Background check.

Subject to the provisions of the Massachusetts Criminal Records Offender Statute, MGL c. 6, § 167 et seq., and regulations promulgated thereunder, the East Bridgewater Police Department shall conduct a criminal record check of each applicant for a Town of East Bridgewater door-to-door sales permit to determine the applicant's fitness and suitability to conduct door-to-door sales.

#### Section 7. Investigation; Issuance of Permit

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the application, the Chief of Police or designee shall investigate the facts contained in the application and review the background check. If after such investigation and review, the Chief of Police or designee is satisfied the applicant is of suitable character, the Chief of Police or designee shall issue the permit. In the event a permit is denied, the applicant may appeal the decision to the Select Board.

#### Section 8. Permit Length; Non-Transferable

Each permit issued under the provisions of this bylaw shall continue in force for one (1) year from the date of issuance (unless sooner revoked). Permits are not transferable.

#### Section 9. No Solicitation List.

- A. The No Solicitation List shall be established and maintained by the East Bridgewater Police Department. Residents may submit their property for inclusion on the list without charge.
- B. Upon approval and issuance of a Town of East Bridgewater door-to-door sales permit, each salesperson shall be provided with a copy of the No Solicitation List.

#### Section 10. Door-to-door sales regulations

- A. No salesperson shall engage in door-to-door sales without first having applied for and received a Town of East Bridgewater door-to-door sales permit.
- B. No sales organization shall allow any salesperson to engage in door-to-door sales who has not applied for and received a Town of East Bridgewater door-to-door sales permit.
- C. No sales supervisor shall direct or supervise, direct, or allow any salesperson to engage in door-to-door sales who has not applied for and received a Town of East Bridgewater door-to-door sales permit.
- D. No salesperson shall enter within the perimeter of any residential property included on the No Solicitation List. In addition to the fine(s) established below, inclusion of a residential property on the No Solicitation List shall constitute notice prohibiting trespass under MGL c. 266, § 120.

- E. No salesperson shall solicit sales from a person situated within a residential property included on the No Solicitation List from a street, sidewalk or other adjacent property.
- F. Each salesperson shall carry the Town of East Bridgewater door-to-door sales permit at all times while engaged in door-to-door sales and shall display said permit upon request by any police officer, Town official or any person present at a residential property where door-to-door sales are solicited.
- G. No salesperson or supervisor shall use any vehicle to transport persons or materials for door-to-door sales unless said vehicle is identified in the Town of East Bridgewater door-to-door sales permit application and the exterior of said vehicle is marked with the name of the sales organization and the words "door-to-door sales." All required information shall be in letters a minimum of four inches in height on both sides of the vehicle.
- H. Door-to-door sales shall not be conducted except during the hours between 9:00 a.m. and dusk.

#### Section 11. Violations and penalties; Revocation/Suspension

- A. Each violation of any provision of this article shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$300.
- B. The Chief of Police or designee may revoke and/or suspend a permit after providing notice of a hearing via hand delivery or certified mail at least five (5) days prior to said hearing. The Chief of Police or designee may suspend a permit immediately without notice and a hearing if it is determined public safety and/or welfare so requires. Should a permit be suspended immediately, a hearing with the above notice requirements shall be held within ten (10) days of said suspension.

#### Section 12. Severability.

The invalidity of any portion or portions of this article shall not invalidate any other portion, provision or section thereof.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept the donation of real property located off North Bedford Street, East Bridgewater and known as Assessors Map 119, Lot 2 and consisting of approximately 1.5 acres with such acceptance upon such terms as the Select Board deems appropriate or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept the donation of real property located on Washington Street, East Bridgewater and known as Assessors Map 37, Parcel 2 and consisting of approximately 6 acres with such acceptance upon such terms as the Select Board deems appropriate; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of East Bridgewater General Bylaws by adding a new section Part Twelve – Poultry Bylaw as follows

a.) For purposes of this By-Law, the term “Poultry” shall be defined as Domesticated animals of the poultry family, including but not limited to chickens, hens, turkeys, roosters, ducks, geese, pheasants, guinea fowl, peafowl, partridges, quail, pigeons, doves, etc. For this regulation, ratites (ostriches, emus, and large flightless birds) shall be included as members of the poultry family.

b.) This By-Law sets forth the regulations for keeping poultry within the Town's limits on any property by a person who is the owner, lessee, tenant, or occupant, except for properties exempt from such regulation under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 3.

c.) Poultry shall not be kept on any property that does not contain an occupied residence.

d.) Feed must be stored in a rodent-proof container, and all waste materials must be properly composted on-site or disposed of to be composted.

e.) Poultry must be provided with fresh water, clean feed, one nesting box per six (6) fowl, a roost bar, and security from predators.

f.) Poultry must be physically contained within the property of the poultry owner.

g.) Violations and Enforcement:

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: \$50

3rd and every subsequent offense: \$100

This By-Law shall be enforced by the Animal Control Officer.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Agricultural Commission

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of East Bridgewater Zoning Bylaws Section 5 (E) by adding new language in **bold** as follows:

E. DISTRICT R-5 (RESIDENCE 5): (16-5/8/89)

(AN ADULT RETIREMENT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (ARPUD) DISTRICT)

-This district is an overlay district applicable to all zones of the town except for those areas within a WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT **unless the proposed project will utilize a fully approved and permitted three phase wastewater processing plant.** (22-10/30/00)(20-06/23/30)

(6). SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

(d). Within the ARPUD all utilities shall be installed underground. Each site shall be provided with water, electric, telephone and cable television services. Natural gas service may be installed as an option as determined by the applicant. Each site shall be provided with a sanitary sewer service for the disposal of sanitary wastewater. The method of sanitary wastewater disposal shall conform with the requirements of the East Bridgewater Board of Health and all Massachusetts Sanitary Codes and shall be approved by the East Bridgewater Board of Health. **If the proposed project site is located within a Watershed (Aquifer) Protection District, then a fully approved and permitted three phase wastewater processing plant shall be required.** No underground storage of petroleum products shall be allowed, and additionally, all storage of such products shall be within the structure.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of East Bridgewater Zoning Bylaws Section 5 by adding a new section Z-1. Salvage Yard Overlay District for Thatcher Street as follows:

Z-1. SALVAGE YARD OVERLAY DISTRICT

The Z-1 Salvage Yard Overlay Zone permits the use of land therein for a salvage or junk yard as defined in this Section. The applicant shall have the option of applying for Site Plan Approval pursuant to the zoning controls set forth in this Section or of complying with all applicable dimensional zoning controls set forth in the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of East Bridgewater for the underlying zoning district(s). Development projects proceeding under this Section shall be governed solely by the provisions of this Section and shall be deemed exempt from the standards and/or procedures of the underlying zoning except for those of Section 13, Site Plan Approval. All existing salvage or junkyards located on properties within the Salvage Yard Overlay Zone and current site development thereof shall be grandfathered and shall not require any approvals unless in the event of the filing of an application to allow for an expansion of existing buildings on such properties.

1. *Establishment and Delineation of Salvage Yard Overlay District.* The Salvage Yard Overlay District is an overlay district that is superimposed over the underlying zoning districts. The boundaries of the Salvage Yard Overlay are delineated as the "Salvage Yard Overlay District" on the official zoning map of the Town of East Bridgewater on file in the office of the Town Clerk, which map is hereby made a part of the zoning bylaw.

2. *General Requirements.* The regulations of this section shall apply only to a salvage or junkyard use, and not to any other use that is allowed or permitted in the zoning district; all other uses shall be subject to the requirements of the underlying zoning district.

3. *Principal Permitted Uses.*

a) Any use permitted in an Industrial Zone or Industrial 1 Overlay District.

b) Salvage Yards or Junkyards. Salvage yards or junkyards by definition shall mean and include automobile salvage and wrecking operations, outdoor storage and junk yards including the wholesale and retail sale of vehicle parts new or used and scrap; open lot storage of junk, scrap, used, wrecked, or junk vehicles, parts, tires, and other similar salvaged articles including petroleum-based salvage accessory to wrecking and junking operations; together with the sale of used or salvaged trucks and motor vehicles ("Salvaged Articles"). Open lot storage shall not exceed thirty (30) feet in height. There shall be no storage of Salvaged Articles within twenty-five (25) feet of any lot line or within ten (10) feet of any building. Storage may be conducted indoors and the property may contain retail offices for the sale of used or new vehicles, parts new or used, and scrap.

4. *Permitted Accessory Uses.*

Any accessory use permitted in the industrial Zone or Industrial 1 Overlay District.

5. *Standards.* The following dimensional standards shall apply to building within the Z-1 Salvage Yard Overlay District:

Building Height(maximum)	Three (3) stories or thirty-five (35) feet, or as authorized by special permit by the Planning Board as Special Permit Granting Authority
Lot area(minimum)	None
Lot frontage (minimum)	None
Lot depth (minimum)	None
Yards (minimum)	None
Front	None

Side	None
Rear	None
Floor area ratio	None
Off-street parking	As per Table 6, Manufacturing and Warehousing and Office Space incidental thereto. No additional parking spaces shall be required for other Salvage Yard uses
Off-street loading	One
Green Space	As determined by the Planning Board not to exceed five (5) percent, including a suitable twenty-five (25) foot vegetated or screened buffer abutting residential property
Buildings on a Lot	Multiple buildings shall be allowed on any site within the Overlay Zone that may be connected or have a setback from existing buildings of no less than ten (10) feet

6. *Parking.* Off-street parking and loading for a Salvage Yard shall comply with the following standards and provisions:

a) Off-street parking spaces shall have a minimum width of nine (9) feet and a minimum depth of eighteen (18) feet, except that when any part of a building column or light pole intrudes into a parking space that space shall have a minimum depth of sixteen (16) feet. There shall be adequate provisions for ingress and egress to all parking spaces. Access drives or driveways shall not be less than twelve (12) feet wide.

7. *Signs.* All existing signs are grandfathered. The following types of signs shall be permitted in connection with a salvage yard.

a) One (1) freestanding (pylon) sign subject to the following requirements:

- (i) Maximum height - forty (40) feet.
- (ii) Maximum sign area- three hundred (300) square feet per side.
- (iii) Minimum distance from lot lines-ten (10) feet.
- (iv) Illumination shall be either by a steady, stationary light shielded and directed solely at the sign, by interior, non-exposed lights, or as an electric sign, or a combination thereof

b) Wall signs identifying or advertising the salvage yard and uses within the salvage yard, provided that no wall sign shall extend higher than the top of the roof or parapet wall and that no more than fifteen (15) percent of any individual wall facade may be covered with such signs.

c) The area of a sign shall include all lettering, wording, and accompanying designs and symbols, together with the background on which they are displayed, any frame around the sign, and any “cutouts” or extensions, but shall not include any supporting structure or bracing.

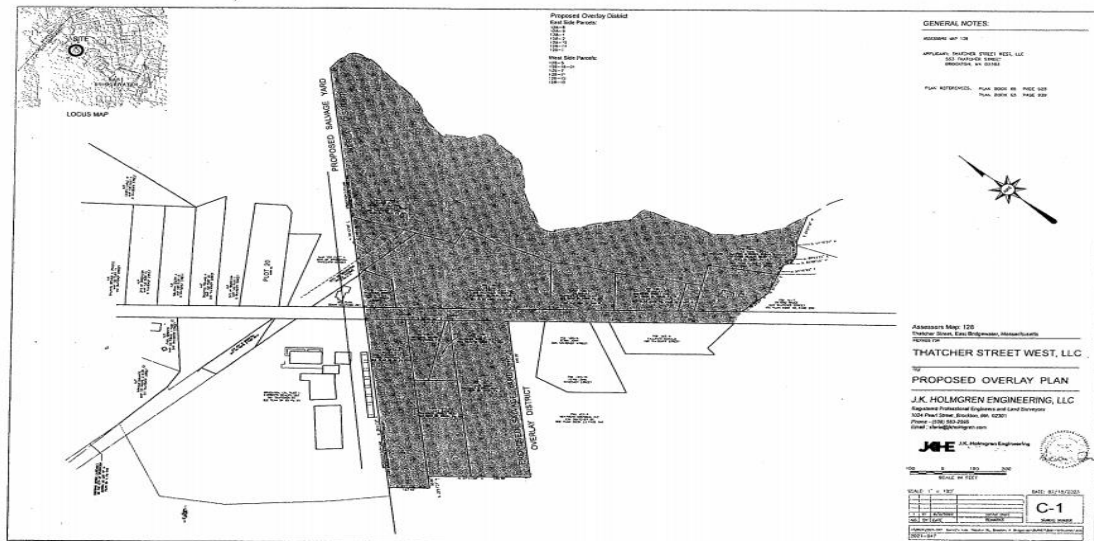
d) Signs need not be located on the same lot as the identified use, provided that such signs shall be (i) installed pursuant to an easement or license agreement with the owner of the off-site property and (ii) located within the Z-1 Salvage Yard Overlay district.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board



**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the East Bridgewater Zoning Map by adding the Salvage Yard Overlay District as described below:



### **Thatcher Street Salvage Overlay District**

Those certain parcels of land, known as Plots 5, 18-01, 7, 11, 10, 15, 1, 14, 12, 2, 4, 8 and 9 as shown on East Bridgewater Assessors Map 128, on both the easterly and westerly side of Thatcher Street in East Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, being more particularly described as follows:

#### **WESTERLY SIDE OF THATCHER STREET**

Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the described premises, said point being along the westerly side of Thatcher Street where it coincides with the Town Line. THENCE;

S 47-03-55 E a distance of 444.90 feet along the westerly line of Thatcher Street; THENCE

S 35-27-37 W a distance of 649.29 feet to a corner; THENCE

N 47-11-30 W a distance of 320.00 feet to a corner; THENCE

S 35-27-37 W a distance of 50.00 feet to a corner; THENCE

N 47-11-30 W a distance of 127.82 feet to a corner; THENCE

S-25-11-06 W a distance of 19.88 feet to a corner and the Town Line; THENCE

N 35-41-32 E a distance of 699.89 feet along the Town line to the westerly line of Thatcher Street and the point of beginning.

**EASTERLY SIDE OF THATCHER STREET**

Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the described premises, said point being along the easterly side of Thatcher Street where it coincides with the Town Line. THENCE;

S 47-03-55 E a distance of 1,181.10 feet along the westerly line of Thatcher Street; THENCE

S 89-39-04 W a distance of 110.00 feet to a corner; THENCE

N 64-16-55 E a distance of 85.44 feet to a corner; THENCE

N 64-16-55 E a distance of 41.30 feet to a corner. THENCE

In four (4) courses as shown on attached plan a distance of 226.66 feet to the westerly line of Beaver Brook; THENCE

Along Beaver Brook a distance of 2,030 feet to a corner at the Town Line; THENCE

S 35-43-10 W a distance of 991.42 feet along the Town line to the easterly line of Thatcher Street and the point of beginning.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of East Bridgewater Zoning Bylaws Section 13. Site Plan Approval by deleting the current language in its entirety and replacing it with new language as follows:

(0). INTENT

This section is intended to give the Town of East Bridgewater a tool to be used in both setting forth acceptable standards for regulating the uses within the lands zoned business or industrial (and certain specific uses in other zoning districts), and determining, as an integral part of the existing building permit issuance process, that said standards have been satisfied.

This section is not intended to impose impermissible restrictions on an allowed use, but is a method to assure, prior to issuance of a building permit, that all of the Zoning By-Laws will be satisfied, and that reasonable standards for development of the land in the best interest of the public have been followed.

Therefore, the Planning Board is herein charged with administering this SITE PLAN APPROVAL Section.

(1). ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

(a). Any person desiring approval of a Site Plan under this Section shall submit said Plan, which shall be prepared by a registered civil engineer, together with ten (10) copies thereof, when filing a building permit application with the Building Inspector. An Application Fee in the amount of \$200.00 shall be due and payable at the time of filing.

(b). The Building Inspector shall forward to the Planning Board seven (7) copies of the Site Plan for review in accordance with the requirements of this Section.

(c). The Site Plan shall show, at a minimum, zoning boundaries, existing and proposed topography, all existing and proposed buildings and their uses, elevations, parking areas, loading areas, driveway openings, service areas and all other open space areas, all facilities for sewage, refuse and other waste disposal, and for surface and subsurface water drainage and all landscape features (such as walks, planting areas with size and type of stock, trees and fences), lighting fixtures and patterns and signs on the lot. The Site Plan shall also show the name of the owner (and applicant, if different) and shall contain title and assessors references.

(d). The Planning Board shall within twenty-five (25) days of the filing of the building permit application, respond to the Building Inspector with a written recommendation regarding issuance of the Building Permit. In the case of the recommended disapproval of any Site Plan, the Planning Board shall provide a written statement setting forth the reasons for disapproval. If for any reason the Planning Board fails to respond within the time period set forth herein, the Building Inspector shall process the application for building permit as required.

(e). All appeals sought under this section shall proceed as set forth in Section 9 of the Zoning Act (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 9), with an appeal filing to the Board of Appeals.

(2). SITE PLAN STANDARDS

In reviewing the Site Plan, the Planning Board shall, at a minimum, consider the following matters:

- (a). Protection of adjoining premises against detrimental or offensive uses on the site;
- (b). Compliance with all applicable provisions of the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of East Bridgewater;
- (b). Convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site, and in relation to adjacent streets, property or improvements;
- (c). Adequacy of the methods of disposal for sewage, refuse and other wastes resulting from the uses permitted or permissible on the site, and the methods of drainage for surface water;
- (d). Adequacy of off-street parking for the use(s) proposed;
- (e). Adequacy of space for the off-street loading and unloading of vehicles, goods, products, materials and equipment incidental to the normal operation of the establishment;
- (f). Proper use of the site with respect to unit density and proximity of adjacent buildings to each other; and
- (g). The adequacy of lighting to maintain a safe level of illumination on the site and whether lighting is properly shielded to protect adjacent properties.

The Planning Board may, as part of the review process, require the Applicant to provide renderings which illustrate buildings or conditions located or to be located on the subject property and/or narrative assessments of the on-site and off-site impacts of the proposed project. The Planning Board may require that such materials be prepared by qualified professionals.

### (3). AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD

The Planning Board may deny Site Plan Approval if any proposed project is deemed not to meet standards for health, safety, welfare and amenities appropriate to the maintenance and preservation of health, safety, welfare and amenities in relation to adjacent and other properties in the immediate area of the subject property.

Failure by the applicant to submit any of the materials which may be required by the Planning Board may likewise constitute grounds for denial of Site Plan Approval.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to amend The Town of East Bridgewater General Bylaws Part Three, Section XIV (a) by adding the following language:

Add a new Section e.

e. Waiver of Enforcement: The Select Board acting as the waiver granting authority may grant a waiver of enforcement allowing one or more permits to be issued providing that the principal who is delinquent in tax payments meets the following requirements:

1. Applicant has presented to the waiver granting authority a completed Application for Waiver Form.
2. Applicant has presented to the waiver granting authority a comprehensive summary of financial hardship and either a. or b. below.
  - a. Applicant has presented verifiable evidence that non-issuance of the requested permit(s) to make critical repairs will directly impact the current habitability of the subject property.
  - b. Applicant has presented verifiable evidence that non-issuance of the requested permit(s) to make critical repairs will directly impact the planned future marketability of the subject property.

Upon favorable action by the permit granting authority to grant the requested waiver a confirming document shall be issued to all applicable departments indicating that said waiver has been granted.

In all cases where a waiver has been granted said waiver shall expire no later than 12 months after the granting date, or after all of the work petitioned in the original waiver application has been completed, whichever event comes first.

Additional waiver(s) may be applied for under this section providing that the new waiver request fully complies with this section.

; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Select Board

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of East Bridgewater Zoning Bylaws Section 7. Enforcement by adding new language in **bold** as follows:

#### SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT

This By-Law, **as well as any approval, decision, or permit granted pursuant to it**, shall be enforced by the Building Inspector or if there is none, by the Board of Selectmen who shall grant no permit for the construction, alteration, relocation, occupancy or use of any building, structure or premises in violation of any provision of this By-Law. Whenever any permit or license is refused because of some provision of this By-Law, the reason therefor shall be clearly stated in writing.

The enforcing officer shall institute appropriate legal proceedings to enforce the provisions of this By-Law or to restrain by injunction any violation thereof, or both, and shall do all further acts, revoke the permit occupancy, institute and take any and all such action as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this By-Law.

With each application for a permit to build there shall be filed a plan drawn to scale showing a lot, the area, and location of which justify the building. No building hereafter erected, altered or relocated shall be used and no change shall be made for the use of any building or of any parcel of land, unless an occupancy permit signed by the enforcing officer had been granted to the owner or occupant of such land or building. Such permit shall not be granted unless the proposed use of the land or building and all accessory uses comply in all respects with this By-Law and no use shall be made of such land or building except the use or uses authorized by such occupancy permit.

Whosoever is convicted of a violation of any provision by this By-Law shall be subject to a penalty in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Requested by the Planning Board

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting a copy thereof attested to by you in writing in each of six public places in the Town at least seven days before the time for holding the meeting called for in the Warrant. Herefore fail not, and make do return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said Town on or before the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

Given under our hands this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.

The Select Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carole Julius, Chair

A True Copy of Record,  
ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Sheedy, Vice-Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen Cavanagh, Interim Town Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Spagone Jr., Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLYMOUTH, SS.**

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of East Bridgewater by posting up attested copies of the same at the East Bridgewater Post Office and the East Bridgewater Public Library in Precinct 1; at Country Convenience in Precinct 2; Ye Olde Standish Grille in Precinct 3; and finally at Dewhurst Lumber, and the Town Hall in Precinct 4; of said Town at least seven days before the date hereof, as within directed.

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Justice of the Peace

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Date

**MAY REMOVE AFTER May 13, 2024**

## **APPENDIX 1: Town Meeting Parliamentary Procedure**

Parliamentary procedure has a long history. Originating in the early English Parliaments, it came to America with the first European settlers and became uniform in 1876 when Henry Robert published his manual, known as “Robert’s Rules of Order.” Our Town Meeting proceedings are governed by the rules contained in “*Town Meeting Time: A Handbook of Parliamentary Law*” except as modified by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapters 39 and 43A.

Parliamentary procedure means that everyone may be heard and to come to decisions without confusion. It means democratic rule, flexibility, the protection of rights and most importantly a fair hearing for everyone.

The basic parts of parliamentary procedure provide for the presentation of motions, the seconding or the expression of support of another’s motion, an opportunity to debate, and ability to make a decision.

There are five general types of motions:

- Main Motions: These introduce subjects for consideration.
- Subsidiary Motions: This motion change how the main motion is handled. (They are voted on before the main motion.)
- Privileged Motions: These motions concern special or important matters not related to the pending business. In general, they are considered before other types of motions.
- Incidental Motions: These are questions of procedure that arise out of other motions, and they must be considered before the other motion.
- Motions that bring a question again before the assembly: These enable certain items to be reconsidered. In general, they are brought up when no business is pending.

Some questions relating to motions:

- Is it in order? Your motion must relate to the business at hand and be presented at the right time. It must not be obstructive, frivolous or against the law.
- May I interrupt the speaker? Some motions are so important that the speaker may be interrupted to make them. The original speaker regains the floor after the interruption has been attended to.
- Do I need a second? Usually, yes, A second indicates that another member would like to consider your motion and it prevents spending time on a question that interests only one person.
- Is it debatable? Parliamentary procedure guards the right to free and full debate on motions. However, some subsidiary or privileged, and incidental motions are not debatable.
- Can it be amended? Striking out or inserting wording, or both, can change some motions. Amendments must relate to the subject as presented in the main motion. Someone making a motion to amend must provide the Town Clerk, in writing, prior to making the amendment, with the wording of the amendment.
- What vote is needed? Most require only a majority vote (more than half the members present and voting). But, motions concerning the rights of the town meeting, borrowing, and some other miscellaneous subjects may require “supermajorities” of  $\frac{2}{3}$  or 9/10’s depending on the applicable state law.
- Can it be reconsidered? Some motions can be debated again and revoted to give members a chance to change their minds. The motion to reconsider must come from the “winning” side.

How Do I Present My Motion?

Obtain the Floor:

- Wait until the previous speaker is finished.
- Rise and address the Moderator. Say, “Mr. Moderator.”
- Wait until you are recognized.
- State your name and address for the record.



- Make your motion:
- Speak clearly and concisely.
- State your motion affirmatively. Say, “I move that we do....” Instead of “I move that we do not...”
- Stay on the subject and avoid personal attacks.

You wait for a second:

- Another member will say, “I second the motion.”
- Or the Moderator will call for a second.
- If there is no second, your motion will not be considered. (Motions made at the direction of a board or committee (more than one person) do not require a second.)

The Moderator states your motion:

- The Moderator must say, “It is moved and seconded that we...”
- After this happens, debate or voting can occur.
- Your motion is now “assembly property,” and you can’t change it without the consent of the body.

You expand on your motion:

- As the person who made the motion, you are allowed to speak first.
- Direct all comments to the Moderator
- Keep to the time limit for speaking.
- You may speak again after all other speakers are finished.
- You may speak a third time by a motion to suspend the rules with a 2/3 vote.

The Moderator puts the question:

- The Moderator asks, “Are you ready for the question?”
- If there is no more debate, or if a motion to stop debate is adopted, a vote is taken.
- The Moderator announces the result.

The method of voting on a motion:

- Voice: The Moderator asks those in favor to say “aye” and those opposed to say “no.” A member may move for an exact count.
- General Consent: When a motion isn’t likely to be opposed, the chair says, “If there is no objection...” Members show consent by their silence. If someone says, “I object,” the matter must be put to a vote.
- Show of hands: Members raise their hands to verify a voice vote, or as an alternative to it. This does not require a count. A member may move for an exact count.
- Ballot: Members write their vote on a slip of paper and this is done when secrecy is desired.

More Motions:

A motion to lay on the table: This motion is used to lay something aside temporarily to take care of more urgent matters. It should not be used to prevent debate or to kill a question. Members can “take from the table” a motion for reconsideration. This must happen by the end of the town meeting.

A motion to indefinitely postpone: This is a parliamentary strategy. It allows members to dispose of a motion without making a decision for or against. This is useful in case of a badly chosen main motion for which either a “yes” or “no” vote would have undesirable consequences.

## APPENDIX 2: Finance Committee's Recommendations (Sources of Funds)

ARTICLE #	Description	Board/Committee/ Commission	Request	Finance Committee	Source of Funds					
				Recommends	Raise & Appropriate	Free Cash	Overlay Surplus	Enterprise/ Ambulance	Borrow/ Stabilization	Other
S1	Union & Personal Contracts	Select Board	-	-						
S2	Prior Year Bill - Fire	Fire Chief	2,646	-		2,646				
S3	Fire Safety Equipment	Fire Chief	12,000	-		12,000				
S4	Salary Transfers	Fire Chief	30,000	-				30,000		
1	Accept Reports	Select Board								
2	FY24 Omnibus Operating Budget	Finance Committee	58,142,070	57,697,430	55,132,386	900,000	250,000	1,000,000	260,000	155,044
2	Water Enterprise Fund	Finance Committee	2,942,968	2,942,968				2,942,968		
2	Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	Finance Committee	1,573,263	1,573,263				1,573,263		
2	EBCAM Enterprise Fund	Finance Committee	296,182	296,182				296,182		
3	Union & Personal Contracts	Select Board	-	-						
4	Capital Articles	Capital Budget	1,032,787	-		491,887			500,000	40,900
5	Accept State & Federal Grants	Select Board	-	-						
6	Reauthorize Revolving Funds	Select Board	-	-						
7	Fund Employee Retirements	Select Board	103,581	-		103,581				
8	Tow er Truck Repayment	Fire Chief	125,000	-				125,000		
9	Bullet Proof Vests	Police Chief	5,552	-		5,552				
10	New Computers	EBCAM								
11	Prior Year Bill - EBCAM	EBCAM	268	-		268				
12	PCO IT Costs	Select Board	10,000	-					10,000	
13	Election Equipment	Tow n Clerk	11,500	-		11,500				
14	Tow n Common Electrical Upgrades	Facilities								
15	Raise Demand Fee	Select Board	-	-						
16	Art Appraisor	Library	2,600	-		2,600				
17	Restoration and Archival Framing	Library	5,500	-		5,500				
18	North Bedford Street Sew er District Enterprise Fund	Select Board	-	-						
19	Ban on Sale of Certain Size Alcohol Containers	Select Board	-	-						
20	Door-to-Door Solicitation Bylaw	Select Board	-	-						
21	Property Donation	Select Board	-	-						
22	Property Donation	Select Board								
23	Poultry Bylaw	Agricultural Comm	-	-						
24	Zoning Bylaw	Planning Board	-	-						
25	Zoning Bylaw	Planning Board	-	-						
26	Zoning Bylaw	Planning Board	-	-						
27	Zoning Bylaw	Planning Board	-	-						
28	Bylaw	Select Board	-	-						
29	Zoning Bylaw	Planning Board	-	-						
			64,295,917	62,509,843	55,132,386	1,535,534	250,000	5,967,413	770,000	195,944

### APPENDIX 3: Consent Agenda

#### **2024 East Bridgewater Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda**



A consent agenda's purpose is to act expeditiously upon certain types of articles that historically have generated no controversy and can reasonably be voted upon without debate. With a consent agenda, several articles can be addressed with a single vote, thereby ensuring that a greater proportion of Town Meeting's time is dedicated to articles that are the subject of genuine debate.

When the Consent Agenda is called, the Moderator will read out the number of each article, one by one. If a voter has a question or concern about an article's inclusion on the Consent Agenda, s/he should say "hold" when the article's number is called. If the purpose of the "hold" is only to ask a simple question, the Moderator will attempt to get the question answered quickly with the goal of leaving the article on the Consent Agenda. Failing that, or if the article is held for debate, the article will be removed from the Consent Agenda. After each article has been called, the Moderator will ask Town Meeting to pass all articles on the Consent Agenda that have not been otherwise removed in a single vote. It is hoped that voters will remove articles from the Consent Agenda only in cases where genuine concern exists.

***The Consent Agenda included below, will be taken up before Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024.***

***MOTION: I move that the Town vote to take out of order Articles 1, 5, and 66, that they be "passed by consent" in accordance with the motions shown on the "2024 East Bridgewater Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda" distributed to Town Meeting attendees this evening.***

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will accept the reports of its Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees, and Commissions, as printed in the 2023 Annual Report, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto. (Requested by the Select Board)

***MOTION: I move that the Town hear and act upon the reports of the Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees, and Commissions as printed in the 2023 Annual Report.***

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to apply for state or federal grants, and to expend any monies received, as outlined in the appropriate grant application; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto. (Requested by the Select Board)

***MOTION: I move that the Town Authorize the Select Board to apply for state or federal grants and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant applications.***

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2025 beginning on July 1, 2024, for the revolving funds established in town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies, or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½;

<i>Revolving Fund</i>	<i>Authorized to Spend</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Revenue Source</i>	<i>FY25 Limit</i>
COA Programs & Mini-Bus	Council on Aging Board	Exclusively to defray expenses for COA programs and mini-bus repairs	Fees Rec'd	\$10,000
Center at Sachem Rock Rental	Select Board	To provide funding for expenses associated with room rental at the Sachem Center	Fees Rec'd	\$20,000
Recreation Commission Activities	Recreation Commissioners	To fund recreational activities, field and equipment repairs, and field development	Fees Rec'd	\$40,000
Passport Photo Fees	Veterans' Agent	Expenses for photo supplies associated with the sale of passport photos.	Fees Rec'd	\$3,000
Public Library	Library Trustees	Library Activities	Fees & Fines	\$6,000

or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto. (Requested by the Select Board)

**MOTION:** *I move this Article is approved as written in the Warrant.*

**2024 East Bridgewater Annual Town Meeting Motion to Pass Over**



Below is a motion to postpone consideration of one annual town meeting article.

When the motion is offered, the Moderator will read out the number of the article.

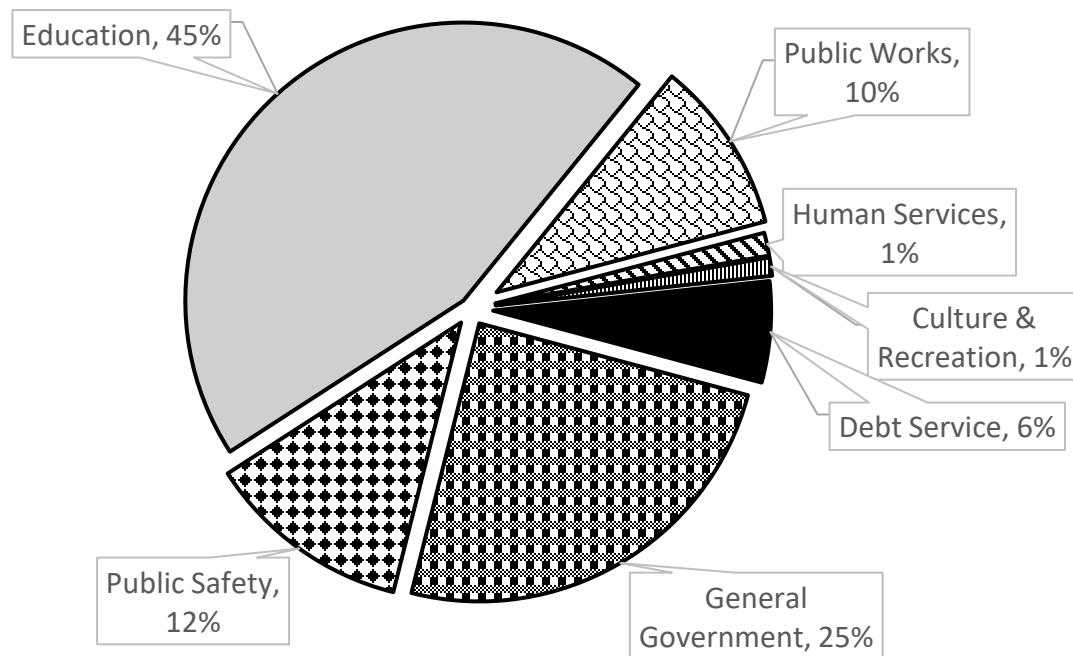
If a voter has a question or concern about an article's inclusion s/he should say "hold" when the article's number is called. If the purpose of the "hold" is only to ask a simple question, the Moderator will attempt to get the question answered quickly with the goal of leaving the article in the motion. Failing that, or if the article is held for debate, the article will be removed from the motion. After each article has been called, the Moderator will ask Town Meeting to "pass over" all articles on that have not been otherwise removed in a single vote. It is hoped that voters will remove articles from the motion only in cases where genuine concern exists.

***The Motion to Indefinitely Postpone included below, will be taken up before Article 1 immediately following the adoption of the Consent Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024.***

***MOTION: I move that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 14.***

## APPENDIX 5: Distribution of FY 2024 Budget

### Distribution of FY2025 Budget



ACCOUNT	FY23 ACTUAL	FY24 APPROPRIATION	FY25 DEPARTMENTS REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	12,878,567	14,848,374	15,504,589	15,476,892	4.23%
PUBLIC SAFETY	6,885,791	7,092,418	7,734,411	7,460,323	5.19%
EDUCATION	25,544,821	26,939,302	28,123,428	28,123,428	4.40%
PUBLIC WORKS	5,428,804	6,111,387	6,335,875	6,282,375	2.80%
HUMAN SERVICES	751,280	844,969	888,103	835,397	-1.13%
CULTURE & RECREATION	577,307	661,892	700,478	663,826	0.29%
DEBT SERVICE	3,745,119	3,736,628	3,667,599	3,667,599	-1.85%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,811,689</b>	<b>\$60,234,970</b>	<b>\$62,954,483</b>	<b>\$62,509,840</b>	<b>3.78%</b>

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