

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 9, 2022

At 7:00 p.m.

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

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

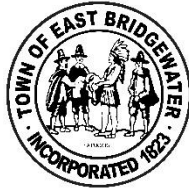
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- IMPORTANT -

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 Board of Selectmen

To the Townspeople of East Bridgewater.

On Monday, May 9th, the Town of East Bridgewater will hold a Special Town Meeting followed by the Annual Town Meeting.

The municipal services landscape has been shaken but not overwhelmed by the coronavirus pandemic. Prudent fiscal management, state and federal assistance, temporary suspension of services, redeployment of personnel, the resolve of our workforce, and customers alike have put us on the threshold of normalcy as vaccines take effect. We are determined that Fiscal Year 23 will see a full restoration of town services.

This coming fiscal year will be challenging; however, the proposed budget is intended to sufficiently fund the current level of services, increase public safety; public works, increase School staffing and maintain the Town's overall financial health. The town administration continues to work with a common purpose to identify efficiencies and methods to address the challenge of an uncertain year. By necessity we have overall conservatively estimated revenues, and moderately addressed our Capital Improvement demands. A fall Special Town Meeting will likely be held to supplement our operating and capital budgets.

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 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, May 9, 2022

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 9th day of May, 2022 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 9, 2022, 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 9, 2022, 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, 2022. During the annual Town Meeting, the citizens of East Bridgewater will vote on a budget for Fiscal Year 2023, 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 FY23 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 Board of Selectmen 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
Joe Conley, Clerk
Crystal Hudson

Lucia Longhurst
Kevin Reilly

**Town of East Bridgewater
FY23 Revenue & Expenditure Budget Estimate
Includes Other Sources of Funds**

Revenue & Expenditures		FY2023
REVENUE:		
Property Taxes		
Prior Year Levy Limit	30,546,777	
Proposition 2.5	763,669	
New Growth	400,000	
Override	-	
Tax Levy limit	31,710,446	
Debt Exclusion	2,572,057	
Maximum Allowable Tax Levy		34,282,503
State Aid:		
Cherry Sheet Receipts (Net)	13,578,475	
School Construction Aid		
Local Receipts:		
Local Receipts	3,025,213	
Water Receipts (Budget)	2,315,062	
Water Retained Earnings	500,000	
Water Receipts (Indirect Costs)	463,900	
Solid Waste Receipts (Budget)	995,006	
Solid Waste Retained Earnings	100,000	
Solid Waste Receipts (Indirect)		
Public Access Cable	260,000	
Free Cash		1,359,933
Other Available Funds:		
Ambulance Fund	885,000	
General Stabilization Fund	1,203,414	
WPAT Loan Repayment	176,527	
Water Surplus Revenue	-	
Solid Waste Reserve for Appropriation	-	
Overlay Surplus	100,000	
Conservation NOI Contribution to Salary Expense	-	
Sachem Premium Fund Balance		
TOTAL REVENUE	59,245,033	
EXPENDITURES		
Total Appropriations (Budgets)	53,106,336	
Total Appropriations (Water)	2,815,062	
Total Appropriations (Solid Waste)	1,095,006	
Total Appropriations (EBCAM)	260,000	
Overlay/Abatements, exemptions, and tax title	625,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	59,245,033	

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, FY22 is the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

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 Selectmen 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 selectmen 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 Selectmen 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 9, 2022

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 required to meet obligations for union and personal contracts; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Request of the Board of Selectmen

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 appropriate and transfer from Account No. 22-231-835-4270 Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to Account No. 1-231-520-5502 Ambulance Operation – Supplies-Ambulance, the amount of \$10,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

Request of the Fire Chief

This article provides money to cover a deficit in the Ambulance Supplies.

ARTICLE 3: 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. 1-231-520-5502 Ambulance Operation – Supplies Ambulance, the amount of \$4,198; or take any other action relative thereto.

Request of the Fire Chief

This article provides money to cover prior years bills.

ARTICLE 4: 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 1-220-511-5163 Sick Leave Buy Back, the amount of \$32,436; or take any other action relative thereto.

Request of the Fire Chief

This article provides money to cover sick leave buy back for an employee that retired February 5, 2022.

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 25th day of April 2022.

Given under our hands this 13th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

David Sheedy, Chairman

A True Record,
ATTEST:

Peter Spagone Jr., Vice-Chairman

Susan Gillpatrick, Town Clerk

Carole Julius., Clerk

Date

SIGNED
04-13-2022

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.

Justice of the Peace

Date

MAY REMOVE AFTER May 9, 2022

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TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Monday, May 9, 2022

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 2021 Annual Report, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Request of the Board of Selectmen

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 2023, 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.

Request of the Finance Committee

This Article advances the Operating Budget for the Town for the Fiscal Year that begins on July 1st. The Finance Committee has balanced the available revenue with the department requests and is advancing this budget for the approval of Town Meeting.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FY 2021 ACTUAL	FY22 APPROPRIATION	FY 23 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
114	TOWN MODERATOR PERSONAL SERVICES				
	Moderator Salary	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
122	SELECTMEN				
	SELECTMEN PERSONAL SERVICES				

	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	293,677.00	267,000.00	283,073.00	283,073.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	26,791.00	22,100.00	36,316.00	36,316.00
	BOARD OF SELECTMEN OTHER EXPENSES	1,196.00	1,500.00	4,320.00	4,320.00
	TOTAL SELECTMEN	321,664.00	290,600.00	323,709.00	323,709.00
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE				
	Dues/Memberships/Conferences	260.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Reserve Fund	0.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
	TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE	260.00	251,000.00	251,000.00	251,000.00
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	153,724.00	156,145.00	177,681.00	177,681.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	4,366.00	2,800.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
	TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT	158,090.00	158,945.00	180,881.00	180,881.00
141	BOARD OF ASSESSORS				
	TOTAL SALARIES	220,608.00	228,323.00	231,471.00	231,471.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	45,574.00	38,580.00	38,580.00	38,580.00
	TOTAL BOARD OF ASSESSORS	266,182.00	266,903.00	270,051.00	270,051.00
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	210,039.00	256,702.96	276,221.00	276,221.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	39,212.83	71,000.00	71,000.00	71,000.00
	OTHER	109,614.17	93,900.00	97,900.00	97,900.00
	TOTAL TREASURER/COLLECTOR	358,866.00	421,602.96	445,121.00	445,121.00
151	TOWN COUNSEL GENERAL EXPENSES				
	TOTAL TOWN COUNSEL	187,736.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00
155	TOWN HALL COMPUTERS				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	63,571.00	106,120.80	107,713.00	107,713.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	345,172.00	182,505.00	246,163.00	246,163.00
	TOTAL TOWN HALL COMPUTERS	408,743.00	288,625.80	353,876.00	353,876.00
161	TOWN CLERK				
161	TOWN CLERK PERSONAL SERVICES				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	175,902.00	182,540.00	186,109.00	184,109.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	22,380.00	18,000.00	33,200.00	33,200.00
	TOTAL TOWN CLERK	198,282.00	200,540.00	219,309.00	217,309.00
163	BOARD/REGISTRARS				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	4,255.00	4,500.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
	TOTAL BOARD OF REGISTRARS	6,255.00	6,500.00	6,800.00	6,800.00

171	CONSERVATION COMM				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	45,499.00	56,230.49	88,428.00	88,428.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	21,041.00	26,100.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
	TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	66,540.00	82,330.49	91,128.00	91,128.00
175	PLANNING BOARD				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	67,123.00	65,000.00	44,000.00	44,000.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	752.00	5,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
	TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	67,875.00	70,500.00	47,500.00	47,500.00
176	ZONING BD OF APPEALS				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	5,365.00	7,000.00	7,300.00	7,300.00
	TOTAL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	5,365.00	7,000.00	7,300.00	7,300.00
191	FACILITIES MANAGEMENT				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	146,424.00	159,168.85	211,548.00	211,548.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	355,454.00	260,000.00	275,550.00	275,550.00
	TOTAL SCHOOL FACILITIES	652,054.00	668,850.00	741,025.00	741,025.00
	TOTAL FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	1,153,932.00	1,088,018.85	1,228,123.00	1,228,123.00
195	TOWN TELEPHONES				
	TOTAL TOWN TELEPHONES	49,574.00	45,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00
193 & 912	TOWNWIDE INSURANCE				
	TOTAL TOWNWIDE INSURANCE	416,603.00	453,858.00	453,858.00	453,858.00
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
	TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS / TOWN COST	7,402,557.00	7,863,745.07	8,433,643.00	8,433,643.00
195	PRINTING TOWN REPORTS (AND WARRANTS)				
195	TOTAL ELECTRICITY	892,089.00	976,809.50	1,007,114.00	1,007,114.00
196	TOWNWIDE GASOLINE	79,369.00	100,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00
	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
	TOTAL OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	96,781.00	154,450.00	156,050.00	175,050.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		12,137,263.00	12,901,928.67	13,825,963.00	13,842,963.00
210	POLICE DEPARTMENT				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	1,754,725.00	1,817,810.16	2,129,964.00	2,129,964.00
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION	512,863.00	721,925.20	698,235.00	698,235.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	336,483.00	197,300.00	308,200.00	308,200.00
	TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,604,071.00	2,737,035.36	3,136,399.00	3,136,399.00
127	CIVILIAN DISPATCHERS				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	317,270.00	349,486.20	356,477.00	356,477.00
	TOTAL CIVILIAN DISPATCHERS	317,270.00	349,486.20	356,477.00	356,477.00
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT				
	FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL SERVICES				

	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	1,956,387.00	1,993,647.37	2,196,302.00	2,196,302.00
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION	538,529.00	620,101.00	505,829.00	505,829.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	147,880.00	131,548.00	136,668.00	136,668.00
231	AMBULANCE OPERATION				
	TOTAL AMBULANCE OPERATION	79,946.00	92,770.00	114,287.00	114,287.00
	TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	2,722,742.00	2,838,066.37	2,953,086.00	2,953,086.00
241	BUILDING INSPECTION				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	81,389.00	148,000.00	171,000.00	149,525.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	9,595.00	16,911.78	16,900.00	16,900.00
	TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	90,984.00	164,911.78	187,900.00	166,425.00
242	GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	20,063.00	20,468.14	20,960.00	20,960.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	1,981.00	2,480.53	2,481.00	2,481.00
	TOTAL GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR	22,044.00	22,948.67	23,441.00	23,441.00
245	WIRING INSPECTOR				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	20,063.00	20,468.14	20,960.00	20,960.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	1,981.00	2,480.53	2,481.00	2,481.00
	TOTAL WIRING INSPECTOR	22,044.00	22,948.67	23,441.00	23,441.00
246	SEALER OF WTS / MEAS.				
510-5121	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	3,231.00	3,296.11	3,362.00	3,362.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	-	800.00	800.00	800.00
	TOTAL SEALER OF WTS / MSRS	3,231.00	4,096.11	4,162.00	4,162.00
291	CIVIL DEFENSE				
	TOTAL CIVIL DEFENSE	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	20,916.00	20,177.65	-	-
	TOTAL EXPENSE	1,498.00	2,400.00	27,524.00	27,524.00
	TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	22,414.00	22,577.65	27,524.00	27,524.00
	DEPARTMENT OF TREE AND LAND MANAGEMENT				
521-5430	Supplies - Seed, Fertilizer, Etc	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
523-5241	Maintenance - Bldgs & Grounds	2,925.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
524-5241	Maintenance - Bldgs & Grounds	59,983.00	60,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00
	TOTAL TREE DEPARTMENT	67,908.00	68,000.00	78,000.00	78,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		5,882,708.00	6,240,070.81	6,800,430.00	6,778,955.00
01-300	EDUCATION				
	TOTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	21,535,553.00	21,979,438.00	23,607,474.00	23,607,474.00
304	Pupil Transportation	1,045,215.00	936,000.00	947,700.00	947,700.00
302	Reg/Voc Hs Assessment	855,787.00	1,006,229.00	1,033,233.00	1,033,233.00
TOTAL EDUCATION		23,436,555.00	23,921,667.00	25,588,407.00	25,588,407.00
420	DPW DEPARTMENT HIGHWAY/TREE				

	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	656,112.00	722,669.00	711,274.00	711,274.00
423	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	258,836.00	188,550.00	198,700.00	198,700.00
	SNOW & ICE LABOR PERSONAL SERVICES	77,564.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
	SNOW & ICE TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	340,873.00	325,000.00	325,000.00	325,000.00
	TOTAL DPW DEPARTMENT	1,333,385.00	1,336,219.00	1,334,974.00	1,334,974.00
424	TOTAL STREET LIGHTING/TRAF	11,748.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
420F	TOTAL FLEET MAINTENANCE DIVISION	196,512.00	203,203.44	278,766.00	278,766.00
433	TOTAL DISPOSAL AREA	31,900.00	34,500.00	35,190.00	35,190.00
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		1,573,545.00	2,922,641.44	1,661,430.00	1,661,430.00
450	WATER DEPARTMENT				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	683,636.00	769,649.86	724,374.00	724,374.00
	WATER DEPARTMENT GENERAL EXP.				
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	326,530.00	309,000.00	310,700.00	310,700.00
	TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS	-	398,081.62	463,901.00	463,901.00
	TOTAL SYSTEMS UPGRADES	245,601.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE PRINCIPAL	838,651.00	906,050.54	924,898.00	924,898.00
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE INTEREST	197,140.00	211,836.59	191,191.00	191,191.00
TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT-Enterprise Funds		2,291,558.00	2,794,618.61	2,815,064.00	2,815,064.00
403	SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	60,712.00	81,813.48	86,381.00	86,381.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	912,914.00	916,235.00	1,008,625.00	1,008,625.00
TOTAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING -Enterprise Funds		973,626.00	998,048.48	1,095,006.00	1,095,006.00
510	BOARD OF HEALTH				
	BOARD OF HEALTH PERSONAL SERVICES				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	141,169.00	158,399.50	177,359.00	159,792.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	20,876.00	42,700.00	32,044.00	32,044.00
	TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH	162,045.00	201,099.50	209,403.00	191,836.00
426	SEWER TREATMENT PERSONAL SERV.				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	18,846.00	53,075.70	43,139.00	43,139.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	94,955.00	92,500.00	102,500.00	102,500.00
	TOTAL SEWER TREATMENT	113,801.00	145,575.70	145,639.00	145,639.00
519	ANIMAL INSPECTOR PERSONAL SERV.	2,793.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
	Other Charges & Expenses	-	600.00	600.00	600.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	2,793.00	4,100.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
541	COUNCIL ON AGING				
	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	188,995.00	200,965.77	208,011.00	208,011.00
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	5,249.00	6,675.00	6,755.00	6,755.00
	TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	194,244.00	207,640.77	214,766.00	214,766.00
543	VETERANS' SERVICES				

		TOTAL SALARIES	53,305.00	56,096.38	57,117.00	57,117.00
		OTHER EXPENSES	171,573.00	243,800.00	244,800.00	244,800.00
		TOTAL VETERANS' SERVICES	224,878.00	299,896.38	301,917.00	301,917.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES			697,761.00	858,312.35	875,825.00	858,258.00
610	PUBLIC LIBRARY					
		TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	419,147.00	437,148.00	446,052.00	446,052.00
		TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	29,020.00	26,618.30	26,943.00	26,943.00
01-610		OTHER EXPENSES	82,981.00	83,000.00	85,000.00	103,000.00
		TOTAL PUBLIC LIBRARY	531,148.00	546,766.30	557,995.00	575,995.00
01-691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION					
520-5421		Supplies - Departmental	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
		TOTAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
01-693	ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL					
520-5790		Other Charges & Expenses	919.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION			534,067.00	556,266.30	567,495.00	585,495.00
01-710	DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPAL					
		TOTAL PRINCIPAL ON DEBTS	2,447,600.00	2,541,570.96	2,517,927.00	2,592,927.00
01-750	DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST					
		TOTAL INTEREST ON DEBTS	1,790,796.00	1,234,355.52	1,197,907.00	1,197,907.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE			4,238,396.00	3,775,926.48	3,715,834.00	3,790,834.00
TOTAL BUDGET			51,765,479.00	53,633,261.14	56,945,454.00	57,016,412.00

ARTICLE 3: 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.

Request of the Capital Budget Committee

This Article provides for some of the capital requests in the budget.

The Finance Committee will give its report at Town Meeting.

Requested By	Request	Approved	Approved	Funding Source			
School	Widening of driveway for fire lane at Central School	49,388.00	49,388.00	General Stabilization			
School	Playground fence at Central School	40,000.00	40,000.00	General Stabilization and Article Repurpose			
DPW	Road Repairs	461,360.00	461,360.00	General Stabilization			
DPW	Library roof assessment	54,800.00	54,800.00	General Stabilization			
DPW	Library door replacement	20,000.00	20,000.00	General Stabilization			
DPW	Fire department overhead door replacement	29,500.00	29,500.00	General Stabilization and Article Repurpose			
DPW	Town hall exterior renovation	28,000.00	28,000.00	General Stabilization			
DPW	Town hall interior renovations	45,000.00	45,000.00	General Stabilization and Article Repurpose			
School	Track renovation at Jr/Sr High School	175,000.00	175,000.00	General Stabilization			
School	Dust collector - relocation of existing at Jr/Sr High School	21,750.00	21,750.00	General Stabilization			
School	Wide format printer/cutter with accessories for Tech Ed de	22,358.00	22,358.00	General Stabilization			
School	Access control system replacement at Jr/Sr High School	103,766.00	103,766.00	General Stabilization and Article Repurpose			
School	Passenger van for Jr/Sr High School	41,250.00	41,250.00	General Stabilization			
School	Gym floor rubber overlay at Central School	21,184.00	21,184.00	General Stabilization			
School	Auditorium lighting system replacement at Mitchell School	50,058.00	50,058.00	General Stabilization			
Recreation	Renovation of Church St complex	40,000.00	40,000.00	General Stabilization and Article Repurpose			
		1,203,414.00	1,203,414.00	-			

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen 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.

Request of the Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59 §5C ½ authorizing an increase of fifty (50) percent for Property Tax Exemptions under Clauses 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37A, and 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws pertaining to the Blind, Elderly, Widowed, and Disabled American Veterans with a service connected disability for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Request of the Board of Assessors

This article adopts a Massachusetts General Law that permits the Board of Assessors to increase the amount of the exemption for the blind, elderly, widowed, and disabled veterans by 50%.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022, 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.

Request of the Board of Selectmen

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.

<i>Revolving Fund</i>	<i>Authorized to Spend</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Revenue Source</i>	<i>FY23 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	Board of Selectmen	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 raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, Free Cash, Account No. 1-1-359-3590, the sum of \$15,215 to account number 1-210-1213-5850 Bullet Proof Vests, for the purpose of Seventeen (17) bullet proof vests for the Police Department; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Request of the Police Chief

The purpose of this article is to comply with the Federal Regulations of a must wear bullet resistant vests while working as Police Officers. Vests are only useful for five years.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation, as set forth below, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Request of the Board of Selectmen, the Chief of Police, the Superior Officers, and Patrolmen

This Article proposes petitioning the Legislature for the removal of the Police Department from Civil Service.

AN ACT EXEMPTING ALL UNIFORMED POSITIONS IN THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER FROM THE CIVIL
SERVICE LAW

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all uniformed positions within the police department of the Town of East Bridgewater, including the positions of police deputy chief, police lieutenant, police sergeant, and police patrol officer shall be exempt from chapter 31 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall not impair the civil service status of a person holding a position described in Section 1 on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 41 § 1, to eliminate the position of elected constable(s), to be effective upon the end of the current elected constable(s) term(s) in year 2025, and that at such time all constables shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41 § 91A; or take any action relative thereto.

Request of the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By Laws of the Town of East Bridgewater by amending Part Seven - Wetland Bylaw by amending Section 1 and the current Section 5 and by adding a new Section 5: "Rules and Regulations" and by amending Part 4 – Miscellaneous Section VI as follows; or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto.

Request of the Conservation Commission

(New language is in **bold** and deletion of existing language is shown in ~~striketrough~~.)

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this By-Law is to allow timely and low cost applications for and the issuance of administrative permits for activities deemed not to have a significant effect on Bordering Vegetated Wetlands in the Town of East Bridgewater **and to allow the Conservation Commission to adopt, and periodically amend rules and regulations.**

SECTION 5: RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Conservation Commission shall adopt, and periodically amend rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this by-law relating to the terms, conditions, definitions, enforcement, fees (including application, administrative, inspection, and/or consultant fees), procedures and administration of this Wetlands By-law by majority vote of the Conservation Commission, after conducting a public hearing to receive comments on any proposed revisions. Such hearing dates shall be posted on the Conservation Commission's website and advertised in a newspaper of general local circulation, at least twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the hearing date. After public notice and public hearing, Conservation Commission may promulgate rules and regulations. Failure by the Conservation Commission to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this by-law.

~~SECTION 5~~ SECTION 6: SEVERABILITY

VI. East Bridgewater Conservation Commission Administrative Fee Schedule: **The East Bridgewater Conservation Commission Administrative Fee Schedule is found in the Conservation Commission's Rules and Regulations.**

RDA	\$ 50.00
NOI Residential	\$ 50.00
NOI Commercial	\$ 100.00
ANRAD	\$ 1.00/linear ft.
	\$ 100.00 Minimum
	\$ 1000.00 Maximum
Certificate of Compliance Residential	\$ 25.00
Certificate of Compliance Commercial	\$ 50.00
Amended Order of Conditions Residential	\$ 25.00
Amended Order of Conditions Commercial/Subdivision	\$ 100.00
Extension of Order of Conditions	\$ 25.00
Duplicate Order of Conditions	\$ 25.00
Letter to Attorney/Bank	\$25.00
Filing After the Fact	
Towns share of filing fee Doubled	
Site Inspection Residential Requested	\$25.00 flat fee 1 st Hr.
By Owner/Representative	\$15.00 ea additional Hr.
Site Inspection Commercial Requested	\$25.00 flat fee 1 st Hr.
By Owner/Representative	\$25.00 ea additional Hr.
(Art. 19, ATM 6-7-2010, App. A.G. 8-4-2010)	

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Account No. 22-231-835-5966, Ambulance Receipts, Transfer to Stabilization, the sum of \$125,000.00 to Account No. 82-122-911-4972, Capital Stabilization, Transfer from Special Revenue for Tower 1; 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 second of four to five transfers to repay the Capital Stabilization Account.

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following streets or portions thereof, constructed by developers under the requirements of Subdivisions Control Law and as laid out by the Board of Selectmen on April 25, 2022 and a copy thereafter filed with the Town Clerk.

Request of the Board of Selectmen

ELMWOOD COURT as shown on a plan entitled "Schoolhouse Place" Definitive Subdivision AsBuilt; "Roadway As-Built"; Site: Elmwood Court, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts prepared for A.G.S. Development, prepared by Silva Engineering Associates, P.C., dated March 9, 2022.

and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement or fee interest in land as may be necessary or appropriate to create such public way; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request a special act of the General Court, in the form set forth below, provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the general public objectives of this petition; or take any action relative thereto.

Request of the Board of Selectmen

“AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROCEDURE FOR MUNICIPAL ACCEPTANCE OF SUBDIVISION ROADS IN THE TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding chapters 79 and 82 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of East Bridgewater may employ the procedure set out in this act for municipal acceptance of roads constructed within a subdivision in accordance with a definitive subdivision plan that has been approved pursuant to the subdivision control law, as defined in section 81K of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

The board of selectmen of the town of East Bridgewater shall hold a public hearing, after first giving: (i) written notice by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the owner of record of each property abutting the road, as appearing in the records of the assessors of the town of East Bridgewater; and (ii) notice by publication in a newspaper of local circulation not less than 7 days before the hearing. The records of the assessors of the town of East Bridgewater shall be conclusive evidence of ownership for purposes of this act. If the board of selectmen determines, after the public hearing, that it is in the public interest to accept the road, they shall so vote, by a majority vote, and place an article on the warrant for the next annual or special town meeting for acceptance of the road.

Upon a 2/3 vote of town meeting to accept the road, the board of selectmen shall prepare an order of acceptance setting forth the vote of the town meeting for recording at the Plymouth county registry of deeds. The order of acceptance shall contain a description of or reference to a plan showing the boundaries and measurements of the road, which may be an existing approved and recorded definitive subdivision plan. The order of acceptance shall be recorded not later than 60 days after the town meeting vote and, upon recordation, shall vest ownership of a permanent roadway easement in the road for all purposes for which public ways are commonly used in the town of East Bridgewater, together with ownership of all utility, drainage, access and other easements shown on the plan and specifically identified in the order of acceptance, as well as all pipes, structures and other improvements located therein, in the town of East Bridgewater with no additional notice or other action required.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request a special act of the General Court, in the form set forth below, to create the North Bedford Street Sewer District, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the general public objectives of this petition; or take any action relative thereto.

Request of the Board of Selectmen

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NORTH BEDFORD STREET SEWER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

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

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a sewer district in the town of East Bridgewater called the North Bedford Street sewer district. The district shall include the land and buildings located in the town shown on assessors map 81 as parcels 38, 40, 41, 78, 80 and 81; on assessors map 91 as parcels 7, 9, 16, 23 and 39; on assessors map 100 as parcels 1, 5, 6, 7, 8-08, 9-01, 9-02, 9-03, 10, 13, 14, 15, 28, 32, 35 and 36; on assessors map 101 as parcel 9-1; on assessors map 108 as parcel 11; on assessors map 109 as parcels 1, 2, 2-01, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10; on assessors map 119 as parcels 2, 3 and 9; and on assessors map 120 as parcel 3. The land and buildings shall be served by a sewer extension and connection to the city of Brockton's sewer system and its advanced wastewater reclamation facility pursuant to an intermunicipal agreement between the town of East Bridgewater and city of Brockton. The area contained in the district may be expanded by a vote of the board of selectmen and approval by town meeting.

(b) The board of selectmen of the town of East Bridgewater shall serve as the board of sewer commissioners for the North Bedford Street sewer district. The board shall have all the powers and responsibilities of a sewer commission under Section 4 of Chapter 40N of the General Laws and may adopt rules and regulations for access to, and use of, the sewer system. The board shall establish a system of financing for the cost of planning, design, permitting and construction of the sewer extension to and through Brockton using any of the methods allowed by law, in general use elsewhere in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and referenced herein, including property development agreements, sewer betterment assessments, connection fees, privilege fees, compensatory fees, capacity fees, etc.; and if by sewer betterment assessments, to allow such assessments to be made against properties with access to the municipal sewer within the district through sewer/utility easements. The board shall also establish use fees and other charges that shall be paid by every person who connects into the municipal sewer within the district; provided, however, that the fees shall be reasonably related to the allocable capital and operational costs of the connection to the city of Brockton sewer system and operational and maintenance costs of the in-town sewer system. The director of public works of the town of East Bridgewater, appointed pursuant to chapter

178 of the acts of 2005, shall have the powers and responsibilities of a superintendent of the sewer department pursuant to section 69 of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

(c) The board of selectmen of the town of East Bridgewater shall have sole discretion to determine which property owners may connect to the municipal sewer within the North Bedford Street sewer district and the amount of wastewater treatment capacity allocated to each user of the system. An application for a connection to the municipal sewer within the district shall be reviewed by a representative of the board of health, a representative of the planning board and the director of the department of public works or the director's designee, who shall make a recommendation to the board regarding the application. In making the recommendation, the representatives and director or designee shall consider the overall economic benefit afforded by approval of the application, community housing needs, the amount of available wastewater treatment capacity and other factors that the representatives and director or designee shall deem appropriate.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000,000.00 for the purpose of designing, permitting and constructing a limited system of sewer pipes and associated sewer equipment, pumping stations, structures and infrastructure, for land acquisition and for related legal, administrative and other pertinent expenses associated with the design and construction of the public sewer in order to connect to the City of Brockton's Advanced Wastewater Reclamation Facility to provide sewer service to the Proposed North Bedford Street Sewer District in the northern part of East Bridgewater near the Town of Whitman municipal boundary including but not limited to properties fronting on the west side of North Bedford Street and properties to the west of North Bedford Street extending to delineated properties south of Highland Street and west of North Bedford Street and any/all costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow \$11,000,000.00 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and issue bonds and notes thereof; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town, unless the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount for the financing thereof, that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to spend all funds available for the project and in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20 authorize any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of project costs approved hereunder thereby reducing a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any state and/or federal grants or loans in connection herewith; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to assess sewer betterments, privilege fees and connection fees in accordance with M.G.L. Chapters 80 and 83 to recover up to 100% of the cost to the Town for this project upon properties which receive benefit thereby with betterments assessed by the uniform unit method or by any

lawful method provided in M.G.L. Chapter 83; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain any permanent or temporary easement or fee interest in land as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out this project; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements, execute any and all documents and take all action necessary to carry out this project; or take any other action relative thereto.

Request of the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 for replacement of Well 1, and any/all costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow \$500,000.00 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to receive any grants for these project; or take any action relative thereto.

Request of the DPW Director

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,127,949 for the purchase and installation of a generator for the East Bridgewater Police Station/Town Hall complex and paving portions of the Mitchell School property and any/all costs incidental and related thereto, and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow \$1,127,949 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to receive any grants for these project; or take any other action relative thereto.

Request of the Capital Committee

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By Laws of the Town of East Bridgewater by amending Part Eight – East Bridgewater Construction Phase Stormwater Management Wetland Bylaw by amending Section 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11 and 12 as follows; or take any action relative thereto.

Request of the Conservation Commission

(New language is in **bold** and deletion of existing language is shown in ~~striketrough~~.)

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

~~CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL IN EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL (CPESC): A specialist in soil erosion and sediment control who has been certified by a recognized Erosion and Control organization approved by the Stormwater Authority; or who is qualified by~~

~~demonstrated acceptable evidence of erosion and sediment control education, experience, expertise and continuing professional development courses satisfactory to the Stormwater Authority.~~

~~EAST BRIDGEWATER CONSTRUCTION PHASE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND SOIL EROSION CONTROL BYLAW: Also known and referred as the Stormwater Management Bylaw.~~

~~MDAR: Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources.~~

~~STORMWATER AUTHORITY: The Town of East Bridgewater Conservation Commission and the Town of East Bridgewater Planning Board OR~~ **The Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater through its authorized agent(s)** who will administer, implement and enforce this bylaw. The Stormwater Authority is responsible for coordinating the review, approval and permit process as defined in this Bylaw.

~~STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BYLAW: Also known and referred as the East Bridgewater Construction Phase Stormwater Management and Soil Erosion Control Bylaw.~~

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT: A permit issued by the Stormwater Authority **through its authorized agent** under this Bylaw.

SECTION 4. APPLICABILITY

~~This bylaw shall apply to all activities/projects that result in land disturbance of more than 5,000 square feet of land that drains to the municipal separate storm sewer system or wetland areas subject to protection under M.G.L. c. 131, § 40.~~ **This bylaw shall be applicable to any alteration, disturbance, development, or redevelopment of land area greater than or equal to one acre. This bylaw may also be applicable to any alteration, disturbance, development, or redevelopment of land area less than one acre through an administrative process further outlined in the rules and regulations of this bylaw.**

~~If an activity/project meets the above applicable criteria and is within the specific jurisdiction of the Planning Board under M.G.L.c41 § 81K GG and/or M.G.L.c.40A, § 9, then the activity/project shall be administered, implemented, and enforced by the Planning Board and/or its authorized agent(s) under this bylaw. The Conservation Commission and/or its authorized agent(s) shall administer, implement, and enforce all other activities/projects under this bylaw., Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural, forestry or aquacultural use, as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act regulation 310 CMR 10.4, are exempt. Land application of any type of biosolids on land in agriculture is not exempt under this by-law unless the person applying the biosolids provides the Stormwater Authority with proof that such use is in compliance with all EPA, MA DEP and MDAR regulations and permits.~~

This By-Law shall also apply to construction activity or land disturbance that individually or as part of a common plan of development results in disturbance in excess of the established thresholds, including land or parcels of land that are held in common ownership (including ownership by related or jointly controlled persons or entities). As of the effective date of this Bylaw, if the total land-disturbing activities on said land or parcels, considered as a whole, would presently or ultimately exceed the minimum thresholds in the Rules and Regulations and are not exempted by this section, no such activity shall commence until a permit, if required under this By-Law, has been issued. A development shall not be segmented or phased in a manner to avoid compliance with this By-Law.

- 1) Administrative permit is required for disturbances between 10,000 sq ft and one acre.
- 2) General permit is required for any disturbance over 1 acre.

The following activities are exempt from section 4.

- 1) Maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens, or lawn areas associated with a single-family dwelling conducted in such a way as not to cause a nuisance or result in erosion;
- 2) Construction of fencing that will not substantially alter existing terrain or drainage patterns;
- 3) Construction of utilities other than drainage (gas, water, electric, communication, etc.) which will not alter terrain or drainage patterns or result in discharge of sediment to the MS4;
- 4) Normal use, maintenance and improvement of land in forestry or agricultural use, as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act 310 CMR 10.4 or MGL Ch 61 or 61A.

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATION

A. Administrative Authority

The Stormwater Authority, **through its authorized agent(s)** shall administer, implement and enforce this bylaw. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Stormwater Authority ~~may~~ **shall** be delegated in writing by Stormwater Authority to its employees or agents.

1. **If an activity/project meets the applicable criteria and is within the specific jurisdiction of the Planning Board under M.G.L. c. 41 § 81K-GG and/or M.G.L. c. 40A § 9, then the activity/project shall be administered, implemented, and enforced by the Planning Board and/or its authorized agent(s) under this bylaw. The agent(s) authorized by the Stormwater Authority shall administer, implement and enforce all other activities/projects under this bylaw.**

B. Waiver

The Stormwater Authority **or its authorized agent** may waive strict compliance with any requirement of this by-law or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, where:

C. Rules and Regulations

Such hearing dates shall be posted on the Stormwater Authority's website and advertised in a newspaper of general local circulation, at least ~~seven (7)~~ **twenty-one (21)** days prior to the hearing date.

SECTION 6. PERMITS AND PROCEDURES

A. Application

A completed application for a Stormwater Management Permit, **if required**, shall be filed with the Stormwater Authority **in accordance with the Stormwater Bylaw rules and regulations**. A permit must be obtained prior to the commencement of land disturbing activity that may result in the disturbance of 5,000 **10,000** S.F. or more. ~~and where the land application of biosolids is proposed.~~ **Stormwater Management Permits, if required, may be issued concurrently with other permits resulting from a public hearing process. The Stormwater Rules and Regulations will specify the process for all permitting.** ~~The Stormwater Management Permit Application package shall include:~~

- ~~1. a completed Application Form with original signatures of all owners;~~
- ~~2. a list of abutters, certified by the Assessors' Office;~~
- ~~3. required number of copies of documents including but not limited to the Stormwater Management Report, the Pre-Development and Post-Development Stormwater Calculations, the Pre-Development and Post-Development Construction Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Plan and a separate plan showing the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan as specified in Section 7. of this bylaw or other documents that may be specified in any Stormwater Regulations promulgated as a result of this Bylaw; and~~
- ~~4. payment of the application and review fees as specified in any Stormwater Regulations promulgated as a result of this Bylaw.~~

D. Public Hearing

The Stormwater Authority ~~shall~~ **may** hold a public hearing within ~~twenty-one (21)~~ **forty-five (45)** days of the receipt of a Complete application and shall take final action within ~~twenty-one (21)~~ **forty-five (45)** days from the time of the close of the hearing unless such time is extended by agreement between the applicant and the Stormwater Authority.

SECTION 8. INSPECTION AND SITE SUPERVISION

A. Pre-construction Meeting

Prior to starting clearing, excavation, construction, or land disturbing activity the applicant, the applicant's Technical representative, the general contractor or any other person with authority to make changes to the project, shall meet with the ~~East Bridgewater Conservation Commission~~ **Stormwater Authority or its authorized agent(s)**, to review the permitted plans and their implementation.

SECTION 11. ENFORCEMENT

E. APPEALS

~~The decisions or orders of the Stormwater Authority shall be final. Further relief of a decision by the Stormwater Authority under this Bylaw shall be reviewable in the Superior Court of the applicable jurisdiction and if said action was filed within 60 days thereof, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch 249 § 4.~~ **authorized agent(s) of the Stormwater Authority under this bylaw shall be reviewable by the Board of Selectmen if an appeal of the decision or order is filed with the Town Clerk within fourteen (14) days of said decision or order.**

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Bylaw shall take effect after approval of the ~~2016~~ **2022** Annual Town Meeting Articles by the Attorney General, and after the adoption of the Stormwater Authority Rules and Regulations and/or by January 1, ~~2017~~ , **2023** whichever occurs first.

(ART. 17 ATM 5-9-2016, App. A.G. 5-17-2016)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$260,000 to pay for all salaries and related expenses for the Town of East Bridgewater's production and distribution of public access programming; or take any other action relative thereto.

Request of the Board of Selectmen

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 25th day of April 2022.

Given under our hands this 13th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

David Sheedy, Chairman

Peter Spagone Jr., Vice-Chairman

Carole Julius, Clerk

A True Record,
ATTEST:

Susan Gillpatrick, Town 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.

Justice of the Peace

Date

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.
- 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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 Recommend	Source of Funds					
					Raise & Appropriate	Free Cash	Overlay Surplus	Enterprise/ Revenue	Borrow/ Stabilization	Other
S1	Union & Personal Contracts	Board of Selectmen	-	-						
S2	Ambulance Supplies	Fire Chief	10,000	10,000				10,000		
S3	Ambulance Supplies	Fire Chief	4,198	4,198				4,198		
S4	Sick Leave Buy Back	Fire Chief	32,436	32,436				32,436		
1	Accept Reports	Board of Selectmen	-	-						
2	FY23 Omnibus Operating Budget	Finance Committee	53,147,378	53,106,336	50,725,091	1,344,718	100,000	760,000		176,527
2	Water Enterprise Fund	Finance Committee	2,815,062	2,815,062				2,815,062		
2	Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	Finance Committee	1,095,006	1,095,006				1,095,006		
3	Central School Fire Lane	Capital Budget	49,388	49,388					49,388	
3	Central School Playground Fence	Capital Budget	40,000	40,000					17,816	22,184
3	Road Repairs	Capital Budget	461,360	461,360					461,360	
3	Library Roof Assessment	Capital Budget	54,800	54,800					54,800	
3	Library Door Replacement	Capital Budget	20,000	20,000					20,000	
3	Fire Dept Overhead Door Replace	Capital Budget	29,500	29,500					29,324	176
3	Town Hall Exterior Renovations	Capital Budget	28,000	28,000					28,000	
3	Town Hall Interior Renovations	Capital Budget	45,000	45,000					5,288	39,712
3	Jr/Sr High Track Renovation	Capital Budget	175,000	175,000					175,000	
3	Jr/Sr High Dust Collector Relocation	Capital Budget	21,750	21,750					21,750	
3	Jr/Sr High Wide Format Printer	Capital Budget	22,358	22,358					22,358	
3	Jr/Sr High Access Control System	Capital Budget	103,766	103,766					25,027	78,739
3	Jr/Sr High Passenger Van	Capital Budget	41,250	41,250					41,250	
3	Central School Gym Floor Overlay	Capital Budget	21,184	21,184					21,184	
3	Mitchell School Auditorium Lighting	Capital Budget	50,058	50,058					50,058	
3	Church St Complex Renovation	Capital Budget	40,000	40,000					29,584	10,416
4	Accept State & Federal Grants	Board of Selectmen	-	-						
5	Property Tax Exemptions	Board of Assessors	-	-						
6	Reauthorize Revolving Funds	Board of Selectmen	-	-						
7	Bullet Proof Vests	Police Chief	15,215	15,215		15,215				
8	Removal of Police Department from Civil Service	Police Chief/Board of Selectmen	-	-						
9	Constables	Board of Selectmen	-	-						
10	Revision to Conservation Commission ByLaw	Conservation Commission	-	-						
11	Transfer Request	Fire Chief	125,000	125,000				125,000		
12	Street Acceptance - Elmwood Court	Board of Selectmen	-	-						
13	Home Rule Petition/Street Acceptance	Board of Selectmen	-	-						
14	Adopt North Bedford Street Sewer	Board of Selectmen	-	-						
15	Sewer Connection Bond	Board of Selectmen	11,000,000	11,000,000					11,000,000	
16	Authorization of Bond - Well Project	DPW Director	500,000	500,000					500,000	
17	Authorization of Bond - Generator	Capital Budget	1,127,949	1,127,949					1,127,949	
18	Stormwater	Conservation Commission	-	-						
19	Public Access Programming	Board of Selectmen	260,000	260,000				260,000		
			71,335,658	71,294,616	50,725,091	1,359,933	100,000	5,101,702	13,680,136	327,754

2022 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 9, 2022.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to take out of order Articles _____, and _____, that they be "passed by consent" in accordance with the motions shown on the "2022 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 2020 Annual Report, or take any other action thereon or in relation thereto. (*Requested by the Board of Selectmen*)

MOTION: I move that the Town hear and act upon the reports of the Officers, Boards, Departments, Committees, and Commissions as printed in the 2021 Annual Report.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen 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 Board of Selectmen*)

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

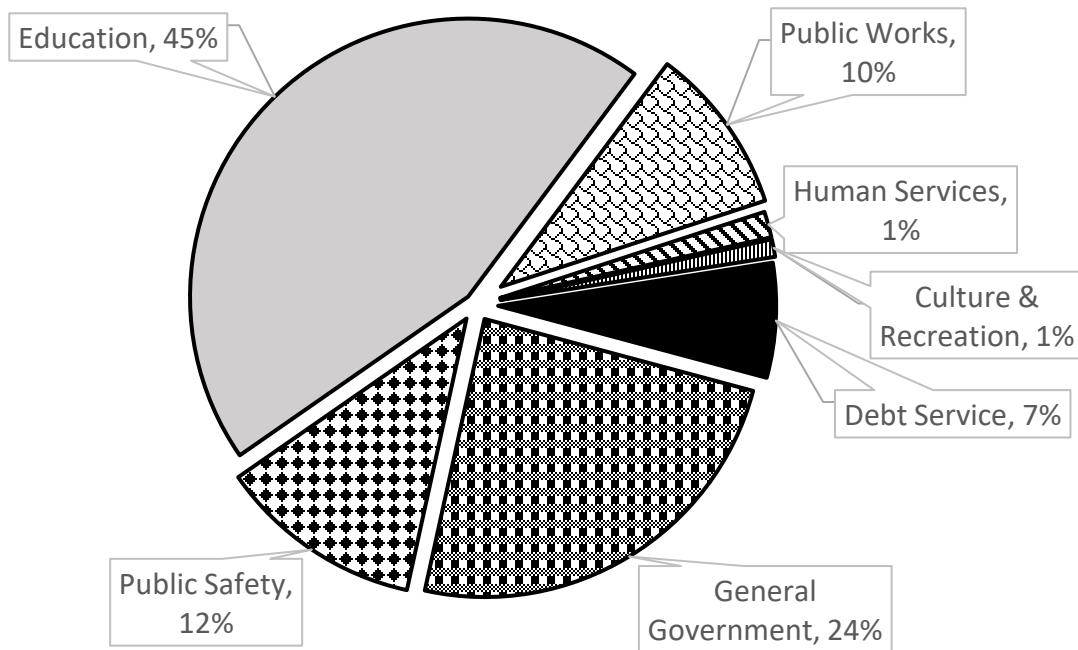
ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022 for the revolving funds established in town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies, or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½;

<i>Revolving Fund</i>	<i>Authorized to Spend</i>	<i>Use of Funds</i>	<i>Revenue Source</i>	<i>FY21 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	Board of Selectmen	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 Board of Selectmen)

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

Distribution of FY2023 Budget



ACCOUNT	FY21 ACTUAL	FY22 APPROPRIATION	FY23 DEPARTMENTS REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS	%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	12,137,263	12,901,929	13,825,963	13,842,963	7.29%
PUBLIC SAFETY	5,882,708	6,240,071	6,800,430	6,778,955	8.64%
EDUCATION	23,436,555	23,921,667	25,588,407	25,588,407	6.97%
PUBLIC WORKS	4,838,729	5,379,089	5,571,500	5,571,500	3.58%
HUMAN SERVICES	697,761	858,312	875,825	858,258	-0.01%
CULTURE & RECREATION	534,067	556,266	567,495	585,495	5.25%
DEBT SERVICE	4,238,396	3,775,926	3,715,834	3,790,834	0.39%
TOTAL	\$51,765,479	\$53,633,260	\$56,945,454	\$57,016,412	6.31%

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