

Town of
MERRIMAC, MASS.

Report of the
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

FY2022

A Summary of the recommendations
To be presented at the
Annual Town Meeting
To be held on:

Monday April 26, 2021
7:30 P.M.

At the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School
115 Amesbury Line Rd.
Haverhill, MA 01830

**Report of the
Capital Planning Committee
Town of Merrimac
Fiscal Year 2022**

The Capital Planning Committee met with numerous department heads and committees during February and March 2021 to review Capital requests for Fiscal Year 2022 and projected Capital requests through Fiscal Year 2026. Departments are asked to project their anticipated Capital requests for the next five fiscal years so the Town can plan accordingly. We have numerous challenges facing us as a community. The Committee reviews all Capital requests with an anticipated life duration of at least five years and an initial cost of \$10,000 or more. Generally, the criteria applied in developing recommendations in order of priority are: 1) necessary to respond to State or Federal mandates; 2) public safety and/or health considerations; and 3) operational necessity.

Attached is a Summary of our Recommendations together with the Requests by Department reflecting the votes of the Capital Planning Committee for Fiscal Year 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Marden, Chairperson & representing Finance Committee

Sandra Venner

David Cressman

Andrew Dick

Marcia Zosack, alternate Finance Committee Representative

Joel Breen, representing Board of Selectmen

Carol McLeod, Finance Director (Ex-Officio)

FY2022 - Capital Planning Requests

Description	Replacement or New	Amount					Funding Source	Recommendation
		FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26		
Police								
Police Cruiser	Replacement					\$ 57,000.00		
Administrative Police Cruiser	Replacement		\$ 45,000	\$ 57,000				
Fire Arms	Replacement			\$ 20,000				
Computer Server	Replacement					\$ 20,000		
Radios	Replacement				\$ 60,000			
Sub-total Police		\$ -	\$ 45,000	\$ 77,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 20,000		
Fire								
Engine 31	Replacement							
Engine 34	Replacement							
Ladder	Replacement	\$ 1,200,000						Approved 5 - 0
Rooftop Heating Unit	Replacement	\$ 65,000					Borrowing	
Building Renovations- Masonary, Roofing & Painting								
Ambulance 38	Replacement	\$ 25,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000		
Garage Doors & Openers	Replacement *		\$ 85,000	\$ 325,000				
Forestry 35	New				\$ 85,000			
Fire Alarm System	Replacement		\$ 25,000					
#12 - Command Vehicle - C1	New		\$ 70,000					
Sub-total Fire		\$ 1,290,000	\$ 680,000	\$ 825,000	\$ 585,000	\$ 500,000		
COA								
Car - Delivery of Meals	New	\$ 30,000						
Sub-total COA		\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Highway								
Town wide road improvements	Replacement	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000		
John Deere 444 Loader	Replacement	\$ 200,000						
Case Backhoe	Replacement					\$ 195,000		
Ford F450 Dump Truck/ W Plow/ W Sander (H14)	Replacement	\$ 80,000					Free Cash	Approved 5 - 0
International Dump Sander / W Plow (H6)	Replacement		\$ 197,000					
Ford F450 Dump Truck / W Plow (H11)	Replacement		\$ 80,000					
Ford F450 Dump Truck / W Plow (H10)	Replacement			\$ 80,000				
Ford 3930 Tractor/ Mid Mount Mower	Replacement			\$ 140,000				
Morebark Brush Chipper	Replacement				\$ 55,000			
Johnston MX450 Sweeper	Replacement				\$ 250,000			
Lee Boy Roller	Replacement				\$ 45,000			
Falcon Hot Box	Replacement				\$ 30,000			
Bear Hill Culvert - FEMA Match	Replacement	\$ 96,741					Free Cash	Approved 5 - 0
Sub-total Highway		\$ 876,741	\$ 777,000	\$ 720,000	\$ 880,000	\$ 695,000		
Cemetery								
Wright Stander X52 " mower	Replacement	\$ -						
Wright Velke 48" Mower	Replacement	\$ -						
John Deere X743 Mower	Replacement	\$ -						

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		FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26		
Sub-total Cemetery		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Parks & Recreation								
TI520 New Holland Tractor	Replacement				\$ 25,000			
Kubota F3680 Mower	Replacement		\$ 30,000					
John Deere X730 Mower	Replacement			\$ 15,000				
Belmont Landscape Trailer	Replacement					\$ 5,000		
Sub-total Parks & Rec		\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 5,000		
Water								
Meter Replacement	Replacement	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Retained Earnings	Approved 5 - 0
Well Replacements (10 wells)	Replacement	\$ 40,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Retained Earnings	Approved 5 - 0
Building Maintenance Road Replacement	Replacement	\$ -	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000			
Water Infrastructure	Replacement	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000	Retained Earnings	Approved 5 - 0
Roadway Compressor	Replacement		\$ 25,000					
Truck Replacement 1	Replacement			\$ 60,000				
Truck Replacement 2	Replacement				\$ 60,000			
Solar Development	New	\$ 10,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000	Retained Earnings	Approved 5 - 0
Sub-total Water		\$ 160,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 370,000	\$ 370,000	\$ 360,000		
Wastewater								
Sewer System Improvements	Replacement	\$ 50,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	Retained Earnings	Approved 5 - 0
Plant Engineering	New	\$ 50,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 100,000	Retained Earnings	Approved 5 - 0
Water Meters	Replacement	\$ 15,000					Retained Earnings	Approved 5 - 0
Truck Replacement	Replacement	\$ -				\$ 65,000		
Repairs and Replacements	Repairs and Replacements		\$ 80,000		\$ 80,000			
Wastewater Generators								
Sub-total Wastewater		\$ 115,000	\$ 430,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 430,000	\$ 365,000		
Library								
HVAC Roof Compressor Units (2)	Replacement	\$ 28,000					Free Cash	Approved 5 - 0
Painting and Trim Repair	Repair	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000				
Sidewalk Replacement	Repair	\$ 60,000						
Sub-total Library		\$ 118,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -		
Town Hall								
Exterior Painting	Replacement	\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Sub-total Town Hall		\$ -	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Sweetsir								
Building - Awning Roof	Replacement	\$ 20,000						
Remove Asbestos Tiles	Replacement	\$ 150,000						
Replace Fire Alarm System	Replacement	\$ 50,000						
Replace PA System	Replacement		\$ 100,000					
Camera/Surveillance	Replacement	\$ 20,000	\$ -					
Renovate Kitchen	Replacement		\$ 150,000					
Renovate Restrooms	Replacement	\$ 200,000						
Replace Potable Water Plumbing	Replacement	\$ 250,000						

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		FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26		
Repair/Seal Coat	Replacement		\$ 50,000					
Sub-total Sweetsir		\$ 690,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Donaghue								
HVAC - Unit Ventilators	Replacement		\$ 150,000					
Boilers/Heating Plant	Replacement	\$ 400,000						
Replace Fire Alarm System	Replacement	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000					
Replace Stairwell Treads	Replacement	\$ 50,000						
Camera Surveillance	Replacement	\$ 20,000						
Replace Window Door systems	Replacement	\$ 250,000						
Classroom Electrical Upgrade	Replacement	\$ 30,000						
Replace PA System	Replacement		\$ 100,000					
Replace Potable Water Plumbing	Replacement	\$ 250,000	\$ -					
Renovate Restrooms	Replacement		\$ 100,000					
Repair/Seal Coat	Replacement		\$ 75,000					
Sub-total Donaghue		\$ 1,050,000	\$ 475,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Commission of Disabilities								
Town wide Sidewalk improvements	Replacement	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000		
Sub-total Commissions on Disabilities		\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000		
Total Requests		\$ 4,374,741	\$ 3,202,000	\$ 2,387,000	\$ 2,350,000	\$ 1,973,500		

Tax Impact on Home Valued at \$431,483

Resulting from Debt Exclusions and General Overrides

Debt Exclusions - Impact on property tax rate is for the duration of debt service - usually 20 years capital expenditures.

	Amount	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
Town Hall Renovation and Addition	\$ 2,850,000	\$ 73	\$ 84	\$ 78	\$ 68
Construction of New Library	\$ 2,351,263	\$ 62	\$ 71	\$ 68	\$ 57
Police Station Project	\$ 6,500,000	-	-	\$ 55	\$ 166
PRSD Middle/High School Project					\$ 405
Total Debt Exclusions		\$ 135	\$ 156	\$ 200	\$ 695

General Overrides - Impact on property tax rate is permanent and can increase each year by 2.1%, decreases when re-evaluated property values go up.

	Amount	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
School Operating Budget - FY2002	\$ 167,768	\$ 115	\$ 132	\$ 130	\$ 120
School Operating Budget - FY2003	\$ 243,818	\$ 163	\$ 178	\$ 173	\$ 178
Library Operating Budget - FY2005	\$ 35,034	\$ 22	\$ 24	\$ 24	\$ 24
School Operating Budget - FY2006	\$ 484,500	\$ 300	\$ 329	\$ 320	\$ 329
EMT-Firefighter - FY2008	\$ 47,000	\$ 28	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30
COA Nutrition Program - FY2008	\$ 31,700	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 19	\$ 20
On Call Firefighter/EMT - FY2009	\$ 50,000	\$ 29	\$ 32	\$ 31	\$ 31
Schools Operating Budget - FY2010	\$ 315,000	\$ 177	\$ 194	\$ 188	\$ 194
Schools Operating Budget - FY2017	\$ 100,000	\$ 47	\$ 52	\$ 50	\$ 52
Total General Overrides		\$ 898	\$ 990	\$ 965	\$ 977

Combined Total Impact of Debt Exclusions and Overrides	\$ 1,033	\$ 1,146	\$ 1,165	\$ 1,673
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