

Report of the
FINANCE COMMITTEE
of the Town of
MERRIMAC, MASSACHUSETTS

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

Monday April 25, 2022
7:30 P.M.
At the Sweetsir School Cafeteria
102 Church St.
Merrimac, MA 01860

Town of Merrimac Finance Committee Report FY 2023

To the Voters and Taxpayers of Merrimac:

The Merrimac Finance Committee presents the FY2023 budget for your review and approval.

The Town's Finance Committee is made up of six concerned citizens and taxpayers like yourselves. We devote a substantial number of hours to reviewing the town's finances and operations in order to recommend a fiscally responsible budget that meets the town's needs and priorities.

This year, the Committee held seven public hearings with our town departments and regional school systems in an effort to review and understand each budget and expenditure request. During the process, the Committee also reviewed anticipated revenue including state aid, local receipts, and other available funds. The town is experiencing a period of slowed growth. The State of Massachusetts is also contributing significantly less to Pentucket Regional schools because the rising affluence of the town and both factors have made it impossible to accommodate the requests of all departments.

The Town of Merrimac's primary revenue and growth comes from residential property taxes (82%). Over the past three years, the average tax for a single-family property matches the state average for the same period closely. According to the department of revenue, the incomes of residents grew at a rate equal to the average residential tax increases thereby maintaining the town's ability to attract new growth.

The Public Education expense for Merrimac is reflected in the annual assessments we receive from the Pentucket Regional School System, The Whittier Vocational Technical High School and the Essex Agricultural and Technical High School. Our assessment this year is \$12,444,175 which represents an increase of \$752,157 or 6.43%. Public Education will now comprise 60.92% of our total operating budget.

The Finance Committee is very appreciative to the various department heads, Board of Selectmen, Public Education Superintendents, and all who participated in our hearings for their cooperation in formulating the final budget recommendation. The Finance Committee would like to recognize the efforts put forward by the town's department heads who proactively apply for grants and look for ways to help the town for revenue.

We are pleased to report the town bond rating remains AA+. This is the same level as last year and with the town's large capital projects underway the new rating saves the town in excess of \$1,600,000 over the life of the bond.

The town is fortunate this year to have \$809,363 of certified Free Cash. Free Cash is a revenue source that results from the calculation of the remaining, unrestricted funds from its operations of the previous fiscal year. Free Cash is typically allocated to one-time expenditures, since the amount from year to year is not a predictable source of revenue to support routine operating expenses.

This year, the Finance Committee is recommending Free Cash expenditures for capital requests from the police, fire, highway, elections, ADA Compliance, landfill, and additional funding for state-mandated funding of OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits).

Currently the town's stabilization funds are at approximately 6.67% of the FY2023 Omnibus budget, which is up from the previous year, but still at the low end of the recommended range of 5 -15% of the municipal operating budget. At least 10% in stabilization is recommended to achieve the highest bond rating, which results in lower interest rates when the town needs to borrow money for capital projects.

Respectfully submitted by the Town of Merrimac Finance Committee.

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Town of Merrimac
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Articles for Consideration

Town Vote	Art. #	Recommendations			Description
		Selectmen	Finance Committee	Capital Planning	
	1	-	-	-	To appropriate \$809,363 from Free Cash for FY2022 for the following specific purposes:
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	a \$ 100,000 To appropriate funds for additional closure work at the Battis Road Landfill.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	b \$ 75,000 To appropriate funds for testing required at the former Coastal Metals site.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	c \$ 10,000 To appropriate funds for Tax Title Revolving Fund.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	d \$ 5,000 To appropriate funds for the OPEB Actuarial Study.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	e \$ 2,500 To appropriate funds for the retirement costs of employees.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	f \$ 3,000 To appropriate funds for the Open Space Committee for tree removal.
		Yes 2 - 1	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	g \$ 5,000 To appropriate funds to help address the ongoing invasive weed issues at Lake Attitash.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	h \$ 10,000 To appropriate funds to hire a Town Planner on a consultant basis.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	i \$ 50,000 To appropriate funds for the projected Health Insurance deficit.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	j \$ 28,000 To appropriate funds for projected Snow and Ice deficit
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	k \$ 100,000 To appropriate matching funds for the repairs to the Mill St. Culvert.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	l \$ 22,300 To appropriate funds to purchase (4) Election Ballot Tabulator Machines.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	m \$ 40,000 To appropriate funds for repairs to the COA Building and Parking lot.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	n \$ 150,000 To appropriate funds for the installation of the boiler and hot water heaters for the elementary schools.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	o \$ 25,000 To appropriate funds for the repairs to the awning at Sweetsir School.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	p \$ 45,000 To appropriate funds for ADA Compliance for the Town sidewalks.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	q \$ 57,000 To appropriate funds for a new Police Patrol Vehicle.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	r \$ 15,000 To appropriate funds for replacement of Police Firearms and associated costs for training.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	s \$ 65,000 To appropriate funds for replacement of the Fire Department roof top heating unit.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	t \$ 1,563 To appropriate any remaining funds to the OPEB Trust.
	2		-	-	To appropriate \$ 245,000 from Water Retained Earnings for FY2022 for the following specific Capital purposes:
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	a. \$ 10,000 To appropriate funds to purchase new water meters throughout town.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	b. \$ 40,000 To appropriate funds for the repairs to the gravel pack wells.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	c. \$ 25,000 To appropriate funds for Building Maintenance Road Repairs
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	d. \$ 170,000 To appropriate funds for the replacement/upgrade of existing infrastructure to meet current DEP requirements.

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Town Vote	Art. #	Recommendations			Description
		Selectmen	Finance Committee	Capital Planning	
	3	-	-	-	To appropriate \$210,000 from the Wastewater Retained Earnings for FY2022 for the following specific Capital purposes:
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	a. \$ 150,000 To appropriate funds for Sewer System Improvements.
		Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	b. \$ 60,000 To appropriate funds for repairs/replacement of Sewer Generators and Pumps.
	4	Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	To appropriate \$157,736.63 from Wastewater Retained Earnings for FY2022 for I&I repairs throughout town.
	5	Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	To amend and authorize, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2, the Town's Revolving Funds for FY2023.
	6	Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	To accept the Town's FY2023 Omnibus Budget, per the attached breakdown.
	7	Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	To accept the Wastewater Department's FY2023 Operating Budget.
	8	Yes 3 - 0	Yes 6 - 0	N/A	To accept the Water Department's FY2023 Operating Budget.
	9	Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	To accept a sum of money from the Electric Light Department to be used by the Assessors to reduce the Tax Levy for FY2023.
	10	Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	To appropriate \$ 1,000 from "Sale of Cemetery Lots" for the "care, improvement and embellishment" of said cemeteries.
	11	Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	To raise and appropriate \$185,000 to be used to make necessary repairs to Town roadways.
	12	Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	To accept the State Grant of Chapter 90 Highway Funds.
	13	Yes 3 - 0	Yes 5 - 0	N/A	To raise & appropriate \$280,000 for Solid Waste, Recycling and Disposal.
	14	Yes 3 - 0	Yes 3 - 2	N/A	To fund \$470,000, a portion of the PRSD Assessment, contingent upon passage of an Override vote on May 2, 2022.
	15	Yes 3 - 0	N/A	N/A	To amend the Zoning Bylaws, removing Article 3.1.1 and add Article 18A: Adult Use Marijuanna Establishments (2/3 Vote Required)
	16	Yes 2 - 1	N/A	N/A	To amend the Zoning Bylaws, additions to Articles 2 and 11 for Self Storage Facility. (2/3 Vote Required)
	17	Yes 3 - 0	N/A	N/A	To amend the Zoning Bylaws, amending Article 17, Assessor Dwelling Units (2/3 Vote Required)
	18	Yes 3 - 0	N/A	N/A	To amend the Zoning Bylaws, amending Article 19, Rural Highway Districts. (2/3 Vote Required)
	19	Yes 3 - 0	N/A	N/A	To amend the Zoning Bylaws, amending Article 19, Agricultural Employee Units. (2/3 Vote Required)
	20	Yes 3 - 0	N/A	N/A	To authorize the Board of Selectmen to sale a parcel of land on Vendrome St. to the abutters. (2/3 Vote Required)

TOWN OF MERRIMAC BUDGET SUMMARY

REVENUE ESTIMATES

	Adopted	Departmental Requested Budget	Fin Com Recommended ATM Budget
	FY2022	FY2023	FY2023
PROPERTY TAXES			
Tax Base	\$ 13,792,584	\$ 14,466,667	\$ 14,466,667
2 1/2 % Increase	\$ 344,815	\$ 361,667	\$ 361,667
Est New Growth	\$ 329,628	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
General Override	\$ -	\$ 470,000	\$ 470,000
Unused Levy Capacity	\$ (204,479)	\$ (11,540)	\$ (11,540)
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 14,262,548	\$ 15,386,794	\$ 15,386,794
STATE PROVIDED FUNDS			
Cherry Sheet/State Aid	\$ 1,109,707	\$ 1,126,683	\$ 1,126,683
MSBA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL: STATE FUNDS	\$ 1,109,707	\$ 1,126,683	\$ 1,126,683
DEBT EXCLUSIONS			
New Library Construction	\$ 118,100	\$ 114,800	\$ 114,800
Town Hall Renovations	\$ 135,850	\$ 131,950	\$ 131,950
Police Station	\$ 357,278	\$ 354,403	\$ 354,403
PRSD Middle/High School	\$ 1,561,052	\$ 1,541,923	\$ 1,541,923
SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,172,279	\$ 2,143,076	\$ 2,143,076

PROJECTED LOCAL RECEIPTS

Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,150,000
Penalties & Interest	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000
In Lieu of Tax	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
Trash	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000
Ambulance	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 425,000
Fees	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 60,000
Rentals	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 128,000
Cemetery	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000
Licenses & Permits	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 95,000
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 16,000
Investment Income	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000
Misc Non Recurring	\$ 34,305	\$ 34,305	\$ 35,000
Misc Recurring	\$ 145,695	\$ 145,695	\$ 145,000
SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,081,300	\$ 2,081,300	\$ 2,268,300

OTHER REVENUE

Free Cash Approp	\$ 406,487	\$ 809,363	\$ 809,363
Water Retained Earnings	\$ 160,000	\$ 245,000	\$ 245,000
Other Revenue	\$ 306,894	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,000
Wastewater Retained Earnings	\$ 115,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000
Wastewater Development Fund			
Wastewater I & I	\$ -	\$ 157,737	\$ 157,737
Bonded Capital	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -
Water Enterprise	\$ 1,117,972	\$ 1,164,020	\$ 1,164,020
Wastewater Enterprise	\$ 1,152,280	\$ 1,231,358	\$ 1,231,358
Cable Revenue	\$ 144,049	\$ 148,096	\$ 148,096
SUBTOTAL	\$ 4,602,682	\$ 3,986,574	\$ 3,986,574
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 24,228,516	\$ 24,724,426	\$ 24,911,426

EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

	Adopted	Departmental Requested Budget	Fin Com Recommended ATM Budget
	FY2022	FY2023	FY2023
ARTICLE 1 OMNIBUS			
General Government	\$ 1,037,594	\$ 1,289,133	\$ 1,218,776
Public Safety	\$ 2,338,355	\$ 2,623,422	\$ 2,537,531
Education	\$ 11,692,018	\$ 11,974,175	\$ 11,974,175
Highway	\$ 650,463	\$ 728,628	\$ 653,602
Cemetery	\$ 64,162	\$ 65,410	\$ 64,484
Health & Sanitation	\$ 137,271	\$ 157,387	\$ 141,784
Public Assistance	\$ 439,919	\$ 427,329	\$ 423,781
Library	\$ 321,876	\$ 342,030	\$ 326,082
Parks & Rec	\$ 12,300	\$ 12,800	\$ 11,520
Town Gardens	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
Long Term Principal	\$ 608,243	\$ 747,336	\$ 747,336
Long Term Interest	\$ 292,566	\$ 314,467	\$ 314,467
Gen Govt Unclassified	\$ 1,336,316	\$ 1,543,640	\$ 1,543,640
SUBTOTAL	\$ 18,931,683	\$ 20,226,357	\$ 19,957,778

CHARGES/ABATEMENTS/OTHER AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED

State & County	\$ 112,231	\$ 113,240	\$ 113,240
Tax Abatements	\$ 76,443	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Library Offset	\$ 13,677	\$ 11,930	\$ 11,930
Overlay Deficit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Snow & Ice Deficit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Deficits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL	\$ 202,351	\$ 200,170	\$ 200,170

CURRENT YEAR SPECIAL ARTICLES

Special Articles	\$ 3,615,588	\$ 4,783,478	\$ 4,753,478
Transfer Articles	\$ 278,894	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,894,482	\$ 4,783,478	\$ 4,753,478

BONDED ARTICLES

Prior Year Bond Issues	\$ 1,200,000		
Bond Authorization			
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 24,228,516	\$ 25,210,005	\$ 24,911,426
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 0	\$ (485,579)	\$ (0)

FY2023 Omnibus Budget

Line #	Account	Dept.	FY2022		FY2023 Requested Budget	Fin Com Changes	ATM Requested Budget	\$ Change	% Change	Notes
			Budget	Expended to Date 12/30/2021						
1	Total Moderator Expense	114	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ (20)	\$ 180	\$ (20)	-10.00%	
2	Total Selectmen Salaries and Wages	122	\$ 62,650	\$ (30,287)	\$ 64,401	\$ -	\$ 64,401	\$ 1,751	2.79%	3% COLA
3	Total Selectmen Expense	122	\$ 25,560	\$ (3,708)	\$ 30,580	\$ (5,887)	\$ 24,693	\$ (867)	-3.39%	
4	Total Capital Planning Salaries and Wages	130	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ -	0.00%	
5	Total Capital Planning Expense	130	\$ 184	\$ -	\$ 184	\$ (19)	\$ 165	\$ (19)	-10.33%	
6	Total Fin. Com. Salaries and Wages	131	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%	
7	Total Fin. Com. Expense	131	\$ 800	\$ (180)	\$ 800	\$ (80)	\$ 720	\$ (80)	-10.00%	
8	Total Reserve Fund	132	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ -	0.00%	
9	Total Finance Dept. Salaries and Wages		\$ 379,328	\$ (181,161)	\$ 439,213	\$ (21,224)	\$ 417,989	\$ 38,661	10.19%	Salary Study & Startegic Rec.
10	Total Finance Dept. Expense		\$ 89,265	\$ (47,656)	\$ 94,865	\$ (6,072)	\$ 88,793	\$ (472)	-0.53%	Assessors Change
11	Total Bonding Officers	149	\$ 1,100	\$ (800)	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ 1,100	\$ -	0.00%	
12	Total Town Counsel/Legal	151	\$ 50,000	\$ (9,899)	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0.00%	
13	Total Town Hall IT Salaries and Wages	155	\$ 7,765	\$ (3,800)	\$ 8,374	\$ -	\$ 8,374	\$ 609	7.84%	
14	Total Town Hall IT Expense	155	\$ 14,846	\$ (5,276)	\$ 15,063	\$ (1,506)	\$ 13,557	\$ (1,289)	-8.68%	
15	Total Census Expense	160	\$ 2,860	\$ -	\$ 3,460	\$ (346)	\$ 3,114	\$ 254	8.88%	
16	Total Town Clerk Salaries and Wages	161	\$ 83,812	\$ (36,157)	\$ 86,279	\$ -	\$ 86,279	\$ 2,467	2.94%	
17	Total Town Clerk Expense	161	\$ 6,325	\$ (829)	\$ 7,680	\$ (1,368)	\$ 6,312	\$ (13)	-0.21%	New Employees Certification
18	Total Elections Salaries and Wages	162	\$ 2,000	\$ (75)	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	200.00%	Additional Elections
19	Total Election Expense	162	\$ 8,500	\$ (1,350)	\$ 12,500	\$ (1,250)	\$ 11,250	\$ 2,750	32.35%	Additional Elections
20	Total Registrar Salaries and Wages	163	\$ 300	\$ (250)	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	0.00%	
21	Total Registrar Expense	163	\$ 2,045	\$ -	\$ 2,045	\$ (205)	\$ 1,840	\$ (205)	-10.02%	
22	Total Vitals Salaries and Wages	164	\$ 150	\$ (150)	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ -	0.00%	
23	Total Vitals Expense	164	\$ 395	\$ -	\$ 395	\$ -	\$ 395	\$ -	0.00%	

FY2023 Omnibus Budget

Line #	Account	Dept.	FY2022		FY2023 Requested Budget	Fin Com Changes	ATM Requested Budget	\$ Change	% Change	Notes
			Budget	Expended to Date 12/30/2021						
	Total Conservation Salaries and wages	171	\$ 3,022	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,022)	-100.00%	
24	Total Conservation Expense	171	\$ 14,331	\$ (5,567)	\$ 23,893	\$ -	\$ 23,893	\$ 9,562	66.72%	Full year - and Additional 2.5 hours
25	Total Open Space Expense	172	\$ 630	\$ -	\$ 3,630	\$ (3,000)	\$ 630	\$ -	0.00%	New Tree Work
26	Total Planning Board Salaries and Wages	175	\$ 7,254	\$ (3,583)	\$ 7,949	\$ -	\$ 7,949	\$ 695	9.58%	
27	Total Planning Board Expense	175	\$ 2,150	\$ (351)	\$ 18,950	\$ (17,015)	\$ 1,935	\$ (215)	-10.00%	Strategic Planning Rec.
28	Total Appeals Board Salaries and Wages	176	\$ 5,093	\$ (2,525)	\$ 5,628	\$ -	\$ 5,628	\$ 535	10.50%	Salary Study Rec.
29	Total Appeals Board Expense	176	\$ 425	\$ -	\$ 425	\$ (43)	\$ 382	\$ (43)	-10.12%	
30	Total MCPC Expense	177	\$ 2,551	\$ (2,551)	\$ 2,615	\$ -	\$ 2,615	\$ 64	2.51%	
31	Total Rent Control Expense	185	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ (100)	\$ 100	\$ (100)	-50.00%	
32	Total Town Buildings Expense	192	\$ 221,903	\$ (84,960)	\$ 212,208	\$ (12,222)	\$ 199,986	\$ (21,917)	-9.88%	Electricity to Reflect Actuals
33	Total Town Report Expense	195	\$ 550	\$ -	\$ 550	\$ -	\$ 550	\$ -	0.00%	
34	Total Cable Access Salaries and Wages	199			\$ 62,596	\$ -	\$ 62,596	\$ 62,596		Moved from Special Article
35	Total Cable Access Expense	199			\$ 85,500	\$ -	\$ 85,500	\$ 85,500		Moved from Special Article
1-35	Total General Government		\$ 1,037,594	\$ (421,114)	\$ 1,289,133	\$ (70,357)	\$ 1,218,776	\$ 181,182	17.46%	3.11% W/O Cable Access
	Public Safety									
36	Total Police Salaries and Wages	210	\$ 1,256,636	\$ (579,697)	\$ 1,357,782	\$ (23,516)	\$ 1,334,266	\$ 77,630	6.18%	
37	Total Police Expense	210	\$ 141,128	\$ (74,839)	\$ 145,234	\$ (2,818)	\$ 142,416	\$ 1,288	0.91%	
38	Total Fire and Ambulance Salaries and Wages	220/231	\$ 610,489	\$ (228,406)	\$ 761,290	\$ (51,200)	\$ 710,090	\$ 99,601	16.31%	
39	Total Fire and Ambulance Expense	220/231	\$ 185,884	\$ (73,214)	\$ 209,268	\$ (3,800)	\$ 205,468	\$ 19,584	10.54%	
40	Total Inspectional Salaries and Wages	241	\$ 77,239	\$ (38,077)	\$ 81,685	\$ -	\$ 81,685	\$ 4,446	5.76%	Revised Duties
41	Total Inspectional Expense	241	\$ 9,470	\$ (572)	\$ 9,470	\$ (947)	\$ 8,523	\$ (947)	-10.00%	
42	Total Sealer of Weights Salaries and Wages	244	\$ 1,916	\$ (876)	\$ 1,973	\$ -	\$ 1,973	\$ 57	2.97%	
43	Total Sealer of Weights Expense	244	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ (100)	\$ 150	\$ (100)	-40.00%	
44	Total Em. Management Salaries and Wages	291	\$ 17,905	\$ (8,637)	\$ 18,443	\$ -	\$ 18,443	\$ 538	3.00%	

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			Budget	Expended to Date 12/30/2021						
45	Total Em. Management Salaries and Wages	291	\$ 13,641	\$ (3,409)	\$ 13,641	\$ (1,364)	\$ 12,277	\$ (1,364)	-10.00%	
46	Total Animal Control Salaries and Wages	292	\$ 19,923	\$ (8,464)	\$ 20,470	\$ (1,800)	\$ 18,670	\$ (1,253)	-6.29%	
47	Total Animal Control Expense	292	\$ 2,000	\$ (746)	\$ 2,000	\$ (300)	\$ 1,700	\$ (300)	-15.00%	
48	Total Parking Clerk Salaries and Wages	293	\$ 1,414	\$ (792)	\$ 1,456	\$ -	\$ 1,456	\$ 42	2.97%	
49	Total Parking Clerk Expense	293	\$ 460	\$ -	\$ 460	\$ (46)	\$ 414	\$ (46)	-10.00%	
36-49	Total Public Safety		\$ 2,338,355	\$ (1,017,728)	\$ 2,623,422	\$ (85,891)	\$ 2,537,531	\$ 199,176	8.52%	
	Public Education									
50	Total Whittier Assessment	301	\$ 787,047	\$ (393,524)	\$ 811,447	\$ -	\$ 811,447	\$ 24,400	3.10%	Less 1 Student - Estimate
51	Total Pentucket Assessment	302	\$ 10,668,760	\$ (6,204,625)	\$ 10,912,728		\$ 10,912,728	\$ 243,968	2.29%	3% Estimate
52	Total Essex North Assessment	303	\$ 236,211	\$ (120,353)	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 13,789	5.84%	3% Estimate + shortage FY2022
50-52	Total Public Education		\$ 11,692,018	\$ (6,718,502)	\$ 11,974,175	\$ -	\$ 11,974,175	\$ 282,157	2.41%	
	Highways									
53	Total Highway Salaries and Wages	420	\$ 425,213	\$ (152,178)	\$ 485,128	\$ (47,251)	\$ 437,877	\$ 12,664	2.98%	Revised Duties & Laborer
54	Total Highway Expense	420	\$ 95,250	\$ (39,980)	\$ 103,500	\$ (17,775)	\$ 85,725	\$ (9,525)	-10.00%	
55	Total Snow and Ice	423	\$ 130,000	\$ (8,559)	\$ 140,000	\$ (10,000)	\$ 130,000	\$ -	0.00%	14 Yr Av. \$136K
53-55	Total Highways		\$ 650,463	\$ (200,717)	\$ 728,628	\$ (75,026)	\$ 653,602	\$ 3,139	0.48%	
56	Total Landfill	430	\$ 50,000	\$ (4,645)	\$ 52,500	\$ -	\$ 52,500	\$ 2,500	5.00%	
	Cemeteries									
57	Total Cemetery Salaries and Wages	491	\$ 54,905	\$ (26,964)	\$ 56,153	\$ -	\$ 56,153	\$ 1,248	2.27%	
58	Total Cemetery Expense	491	\$ 9,257	\$ (1,659)	\$ 9,257	\$ (926)	\$ 8,331	\$ (926)	-10.00%	
57-58	Total Cemeteries	491	\$ 64,162	\$ (28,623)	\$ 65,410	\$ (926)	\$ 64,484	\$ 322	0.50%	
	Health and Sanitation									
59	Total BOH Salaries and Wages	512	\$ 58,726	\$ (28,482)	\$ 75,808	\$ (15,162)	\$ 60,646	\$ 1,920	3.27%	
60	Total BOH Expense	512	\$ 2,475	\$ (1,333)	\$ 2,475	\$ (248)	\$ 2,227	\$ (248)	-10.02%	
61	Total Nurse Salaries and Wages	522	\$ 24,141	\$ (11,236)	\$ 24,675	\$ -	\$ 24,675	\$ 534	2.21%	

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			Budget	Expend to Date 12/30/2021						
62	Total Nurse Expense	522	\$ 1,929	\$ (190)	\$ 1,929	\$ (193)	\$ 1,736	\$ (193)	-10.01%	
59-62	Total Health and Sanitation		\$ 87,271	\$ (41,240)	\$ 104,887	\$ (15,603)	\$ 89,284	\$ 2,013	2.31%	Additional Hours
	Public Assistance									
63	Total COA Salaries and Wages	541	\$ 247,559	\$ (112,057)	\$ 256,255	\$ -	\$ 256,255	\$ 8,696	3.51%	
64	Total COA Expense	541	\$ 34,074	\$ (11,205)	\$ 34,074	\$ (3,408)	\$ 30,666	\$ (3,408)	-10.00%	
65	Total Veteran Expense	543	\$ 158,286	\$ (64,795)	\$ 137,000	\$ (140)	\$ 136,860	\$ (21,426)	-13.54%	Reduced based on Actuals
63-65	Total Public Assistance		\$ 439,919	\$ (188,056)	\$ 427,329	\$ (3,548)	\$ 423,781	\$ (16,138)	-3.67%	
	Library									
66	Total Library Salaries and Wages	610	\$ 211,886	\$ (100,548)	\$ 227,918	\$ (4,538)	\$ 223,380	\$ 11,494	5.42%	Salary Comp Rec.
67	Total Library Expense	610	\$ 109,990	\$ (48,847)	\$ 114,112	\$ (11,410)	\$ 102,702	\$ (7,288)	-6.63%	
66-67	Total Library	610	\$ 321,876	\$ (149,395)	\$ 342,030	\$ (15,948)	\$ 326,082	\$ 4,206	1.31%	
68	Total Parks and Recreation	650	\$ 12,300	\$ (4,315)	\$ 12,800	\$ (1,280)	\$ 11,520	\$ (780)	-6.34%	
69	Total Town Gardens	690	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	0.00%	
	Debt Service									
70	Total Principal		\$ 608,243	\$ (312,400)	\$ 747,336	\$ -	\$ 747,336	\$ 139,093	22.87%	
71	Total Interest		\$ 292,566	\$ (143,892)	\$ 314,467	\$ -	\$ 314,467	\$ 21,901	7.49%	
70-71	Total Debt Service		\$ 900,809	\$ (456,292)	\$ 1,061,803	\$ -	\$ 1,061,803	\$ 160,994	17.87%	New Fire and DPW
	Unclassified									
72	Total Unclassified		\$ 1,246,316	\$ (987,913)	\$ 1,453,640	\$ -	\$ 1,453,640	\$ 207,324	16.63%	
73	General Opeb Transfer Out	990	\$ 90,000	\$ (90,000)	\$ 90,000		\$ 90,000	\$ -	0.00%	
	Total Omnibus		\$ 18,931,683	\$ (10,308,541)	\$ 20,226,357	\$ (268,579)	\$ 19,957,778	\$ 1,026,095	5.42%	

**Town of Merrimac Warrant Articles
Annual Town Meeting, April 25, 2022**

Essex, ss.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in the Sweetsir School Cafeteria, 102 Church St. Merrimac, on April 25, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash for **FY2022**, a sum of money in the amount of **\$809,363** for the following specific purposes outlined below; or take any other action relative hereto.

a. Battis Road Landfill Closure Activities **\$ 100,000**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for additional closure work at the Battis Road Landfill as mandated by the MADEP for activities related to the final closure. This will address deficiencies in our approved site assessment. Requested by the DPW Director.

Selectmen Recommendation:	Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	Yes 5 - 0

b. Former Coastal Metals Site Testing **\$ 75,000**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for testing required at the former Coastal Metals Site. The Site has been cleaned, injections into the soils complete; however, testing will be required for several years until the MADEP determines the site closed. Requested by the DPW Director.

Selectmen Recommendation:	Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	Yes 5 - 0

c. Tax Title Revolving Account **\$ 10,000**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for the Tax Title Revolving Account, to eliminate the current deficit. These funds are used to pay for all costs related to the collection of past due taxes. These funds are returned to the Town when the property owner pays off the balance due, the property is sold, or the property is foreclosed on. Requested by the Finance Director.

Selectmen Recommendation:	Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	Yes 5 - 0

d. OPEB Actuarial Study **\$ 5,000**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for the OPEB Actuarial Study. This is required by law to be done every two years. Requested by the Finance Director.

Selectmen Recommendation:	Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	Yes 5 - 0

e. Employee Retirement Funding **\$ 2,500**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for the required costs of employee retirement accrual payments. Requested by the Finance Director.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

f. Open Space Committee for Tree Removal **\$ 3,000**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for tree work on the Town managed trails. Requested by the Open Space Committee.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

g. Lake Attitash Invasive Weeds **\$ 5,000**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for the management of invasive weeds and water quality at Lake Attitash. Amesbury will also be contributing. Requested by the Lake Attitash Association.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 2 - 1
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

h. Town Planner **\$ 10,000**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds to hire a Town Planner on a consultant basis. The first year the Planning Board will work with the Planner to identify areas where the Town Planner can assist the Town with Planning, ZBA, Conservation and any other areas. Requested by the Planning Board.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

i. Town Health Insurance **\$ 50,000**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds to reduce the projected Health Insurance deficit. The Town had unprecedented new enrollments in FY2022, due to a combination of employee turnover and other qualifying events, resulting in the unplanned deficit. Requested by the Finance Director

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

j. Snow and Ice Projected Deficit **\$ 28,000**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds to reduce the projected Snow and Ice deficit. Requested by the Finance Director

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

k. Mill St. Culvert

\$ 100,000

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for the replacement of the Mill St. Culvert carrying Mill St over Cobbler's Brook in the Town of Merrimac. The Town is expecting to be awarded a Grant to cover the costs of construction. The town will need to pay 25% match, which is projected to be \$100,000. Requested by the DPW Director.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0
Capital Planning Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

l. (4) Election Ballot Tabulator Machine

\$ 22,300

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for the replacement of the current tabulators which are over 26 years old and no longer supported. The increase from 2 to 4 machines is to allow for new regulations that allow for early voting. Requested by the Town Clerk.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0
Capital Planning Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

m. COA Parking Lot and Building Repairs

\$ 40,000

Rationale: This will appropriate funds to add to the funds remaining from the Library and COA Parking Lot Projects and allow for resurfacing and line painting of the COA lot and repairs to the outside of the building where there is rot and termite damage, window repairs and other issues that need attention. Requested by the COA Director.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0
Capital Planning Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

n. Boiler and Hot Water Replacement at the Elementary Schools

\$150,000

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for the installation of boilers and hot water heaters that were determined surplus from PRSD. Requested by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0
Capital Planning Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

o. Repair of the Roof Awning at the Sweetsir School

\$ 25,000

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for the removal of the awning at the Sweetsir School, which has structural damage. Requested by PRSD.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0
Capital Planning Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

p. ADA Compliance for the Town Sidewalks **\$ 45,000**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for ADA compliance work on the Town sidewalks in coordination with the DPW Department. Requested by the Commission on Disabilities.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0
Capital Planning Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

q. Police Patrol Vehicle **\$ 57,000**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for the purchase of a new patrol vehicle for the Police Department. Requested by the Police Chief.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0
Capital Planning Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

r. Police Firearms and Training **\$ 15,000**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for the purchase of new firearms and all costs associated with the training for the Police Department. Requested by the Police Chief.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0
Capital Planning Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

s. Fire Department Roof Top Heating Unit **\$ 65,000**

Rationale: This will appropriate funds for the replacement of the roof top heating unit for the Fire Department. Requested by the Fire Chief.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0
Capital Planning Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

t. OPEB Trust Funding **\$ 1,563**

Rationale: The OPEB Trust has been established to fund the cost of Retirees Health Benefits. The Town is required to report the OPEB Liability on the Town's books annually. This article will appropriate funds to the OPEB Trust. Requested by the Finance Director.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation: Yes 5 - 0

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Water Retained Earnings for **FY022** a sum of money in the amount of **\$ 245,000** for the following specific capital purposes outlined below; or take any other action relative hereto.

a. Water Meter Replacement **\$ 10,000**

Rationale: To upgrade older meters to become lead free and radio read. Reducing time needed to read meters and increase public water quality. Requested by the DPW Director.

Selectmen Recommendation: **Yes 3 - 0**
FinCom Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**
Capital Planning Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**

b. Well Replacement **\$ 40,000**

Rationale: This will allow the Town to start replacing the aging gravel pack wells. Requested by the DPW Director.

Selectmen Recommendation: **Yes 3 - 0**
FinCom Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**
Capital Planning Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**

c. Building Maintenance and Road Replacement **\$ 25,000**

Rationale: This will repair the driveway and other misc. building maintenance. Requested by the DPW Director.

Selectmen Recommendation: **Yes 3 - 0**
FinCom Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**
Capital Planning Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**

d. Water Infrastructure **\$170,000**

Rationale: This will replace/upgrade existing infrastructure to meet current DEP requirements. Requested by the DPW Director.

Selectmen Recommendation: **Yes 3 - 0**
FinCom Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**
Capital Planning Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Wastewater Retained Earnings for **FY2022** a sum of money in the amount of **\$ 210,000** for the following specific capital purposes outlined below; or take any other action relative hereto.

a. Wastewater Plant Improvements **\$150,000**

Rationale: This will replace/upgrade/existing out of date and obsolete equipment as well as building improvements. Requested by the DPW Director.

Selectmen Recommendation: **Yes 3 - 0**
FinCom Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**
Capital Planning Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**

b. Wastewater Pumps **\$ 60,000**

Rationale: This will fund the repairs/replacement of Sewer Generators and Pumps. Requested by the DPW Director.

Selectmen Recommendation: **Yes 3 - 0**
FinCom Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**
Capital Planning Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Wastewater Retained Earnings for **FY2022** a sum of money in the amount of **\$157,736.63** for I & I repairs throughout town; or take any other action hereto.

Rationale: This will allow for ongoing I & I work as required by the DEP as needed. Requested by the DPW Director. Requested by the DPW Director.

Selectmen Recommendation: **Yes 3 - 0**
FinCom Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53E½, as most recently amended, to establish **Fiscal Year 2023** limitations on expenditures from the revolving funds established by the General Bylaw entitled, "Departmental Revolving Funds", with such limitations to remain applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year until such time as they are later amended as follows:

Revolving Fund	Fiscal Year Spending Limit
Firearms	\$12,000
Zoning Board of Appeal	\$4,000
Town Nurse	\$10,000
Zoning and Building Code Compliance	\$15,000
Board of Health Projects	\$4,500
Rental Inspections	\$4,000
Inspectional Services	\$100,000
PRSD Grounds	\$50,000
Tax Title	\$10,000
Fire Watch	\$5,000

or take any other action relative hereto.

Rationale:

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53E ½, as most recently amended by the Municipal Modernization Act, towns must adopt a bylaw to establish revolving funds, which the Town did at a prior Annual Town Meeting. Town Meeting must still approve annual expenditure limits, however, as is proposed here. Be reminded that these revolving funds are required in order to receive and disburse funds generated through programs supported by such revolving funds. Revenues will be used to offset expenses related to these programs and activities and disbursed under the direction of those indicated.

Selectmen Recommendation: **Yes 3 - 0**
FinCom Recommendation: **Yes 5 – 0**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.), Chapter 41, Section 108 as amended: Town Clerk, three Assessors, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, and raise, appropriate or transfer sums of money therefore and to determine sums of money raised to be transferred to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2022 and make appropriations for the same, said sums of money so raised, appropriated or transferred to be expended for specific purposes to be voted; or take any other action relative hereto.

Rationale: This article approves the Town’s FY2023 Operating Budget as specified in the attached breakdown.

Selectmen Recommendation: **Yes 3 - 0**
FinCom Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Wastewater Department Enterprise for FY2023; or take any other action relative hereto.

Salaries:	\$ 630,019
Expenses:	\$ 442,588
<u>Debt Service:</u>	<u>\$ 158,751</u>
Total	\$1,231,358

And that **\$ 1,231,358** be raised as follows:

Departmental Receipts:	\$ 1,211,358
Wastewater Betterment Fund:	\$ 20,000

Rationale: To set FY2023 Budget for Wastewater Department as an Enterprise Fund (M.G.L. c.44 §53F1/2).

Selectmen Recommendation: **Yes 3 - 0**
FinCom Recommendation: **Yes 5 - 0**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Water Department Enterprise for FY2023; or take any other action relative hereto.

Salaries:	\$ 505,986
Expenses:	\$ 457,196
<u>Debt Service:</u>	<u>\$ 200,838</u>
Total	\$1,164,020

And that **\$1,164,020** be raised as follows:

Departmental Receipts: **\$ 1,164,020**

Rationale: To set FY2023 Budget for Water Department as an Enterprise Fund (M.G.L. c.44 § 53F1/2).

Selectmen Recommendation:	Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	Yes 6 - 0

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money from the Electric Light Operating Balance said money to be used by the Assessors to reduce the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2023; or take any other action relative hereto.

Rationale: This is an amount of funds approved by the Merrimac Light Commissioners to reduce the tax rate; this amount helps to offset the costs of general governmental services that all taxpayers use. The Light Department does not pay property taxes.

Selectmen Recommendation:	Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	Yes 5 - 0

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$ 1,000** or other sum of money from available funds known as "Sale of Cemetery Lots", such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the care, improvement, and embellishment of said cemeteries, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 114, Section 15 and Section 25; or take any other action relative hereto.

Rationale: This appropriation authorizes the transfer of funds collected from the previous fiscal year to be used by the Cemetery Trustees for the upkeep of the said cemeteries. Requested by the Cemetery Trustees.

Selectmen Recommendation:	Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	Yes 5 - 0

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$185,000** or other sum of money to be used to make necessary repairs to Town roadways; or take any other action relative hereto.

Rationale: This article will allow the DPW Director to use the funds for necessary roadwork beyond the end of the fiscal year, which will give more flexibility when planning the needed repairs. Requested by the DPW Director.

Selectmen Recommendation:	Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	Yes 5 - 0

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept the State Grant of Chapter 90 Highway Funds and authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend said funds for Highway purposes in accordance with the terms of said grants; or take any other action relative hereto.

Rationale: This article allows the Town to accept State Transportation Aid to help maintain Town roadways.

Selectmen Recommendation:	Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	Yes 5 - 0

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$280,000, or** other sum of money for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Recycling Collection; or take any other action relative hereto.

Rationale: This article allows the Town to raise the funds necessary for the collection and disposal of solid waste, recycling and offset the costs with the funds collected through the sale of Trash Bags.

Selectmen Recommendation:	Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	Yes 5 - 0

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in the amount of **\$470,000** to fund a portion of its share of the assessment of the Pentucket Regional School District Budget for Fiscal Year 2023, contingent upon the successful passage of a levy limit override question in the amount of **\$470,000** on May 2, 2022, under Mass. General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C; or take any other action relative thereto.

Rationale: To see if the Town will appropriate, subject to a successful ballot vote at the annual Town Election, the sum of \$470,000 as an addition to the Pentucket Regional School District line item in the Town Omnibus budget. These funds are needed due to an increased cost in transportation, a reduction in State aid to the School District, and an adjustment to the Towns ability to pay by an increase to the net school spending requirement of the member communities. Per the request of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Recommendation:	Yes 3 - 0
FinCom Recommendation:	Yes 3 - 2

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Merrimac Zoning By-Laws as follows:

Remove Article 3.1.1: The operation of all types of non-medical marijuana establishments as defined in GL c 94G sec.1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other type of licensed marijuana related businesses within the Town of Merrimac.

Add Article 11.4.17 Adult Use Marijuana Establishments subject to Article 18A of this Bylaw, entitled "Adult Use Marijuana Establishments". Allowed uses under this subsection shall be limited to "Marijuana Retailer" and "Marijuana Cultivator" as defined at M.G.L. c.94G, §1.

Add Article 18A: Adult Use Marijuana Establishments

18A.1 Purpose

18A.1.2 To provide for Marijuana Establishments in suitable locations and under strict conditions. Uses allowed in accordance with Section 18A are limited to "Marijuana Retailer" and "Marijuana Cultivator" as defined at M.G.L. c.94G, §1, and other marijuana establishments under M.G.L. c.94G are prohibited.

18A.1.3 To regulate the siting, design, placement, operation, safety, monitoring, modification and removal of any Marijuana Establishment that may be located within the Town.

18A.1.4 To minimize the adverse impacts of any Marijuana Establishment on the Town, nearby properties, residential neighborhoods, schools and other places where minors congregate, local historic districts, and other land uses incompatible with said establishments.

18A.1.5 To establish that on-premises consumption shall not be permitted unless the Town votes to authorize on-premises consumption pursuant to M.G.L. c.94G, §3.

18A.2 Applicability

18A.2.1 The commercial cultivation, production, processing, manufacturing, packaging, testing, retail or wholesale trade, distribution, transporting, dispensing, researching and studying of Marijuana for Adult Use is prohibited unless expressly permitted as a Marijuana Establishment under this Article.

18A.2.2 No Marijuana Establishment shall be established except in compliance with the provisions of this Article.

18A.2.3 Nothing in this Article shall be construed to supersede federal and state laws governing the sale and distribution of narcotic drugs; nor shall any special permit issued pursuant to this Article supersede federal, state or local laws.

18A.2.4 Where not expressly defined, all terms used herein shall be as defined in M.G.L. c.94G and 935 CMR 500 et seq.

18A.3 Siting

The following classes of Marijuana Establishments may be sited within the Office-Light Industrial District only, subject to all of the provisions of this Article: Marijuana Retailer and Marijuana Cultivator.

18A.4 Limitations on Marijuana Retailers

18A.4.1 The number of Marijuana Retailers within the Town shall not exceed twenty per cent (20%) of the number of licenses issued within the Town for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold under Chapter 138 of the General Laws.

18A.4.2 All Marijuana Establishments are prohibited from delivering cannabis or marijuana products to consumers, and offering cannabis or marijuana products for consumption on the premises of a Marijuana Establishment.

18A.5 Administration and Procedure

18A.5.1 Marijuana Retailers and Marijuana Cultivators may be allowed in locations set forth above by special permit from the Planning Board/Special Permit Granting Authority (the "SPGA") in accordance with M.G.L. c.40A, §9, only subject to the procedures, regulations, requirements, conditions and limitations set forth herein. Only an applicant holding a valid existing medical marijuana license from the Cannabis Control Commission issued pursuant to M.G.L. c.94G and 935 CMR 500 et. seq., is eligible to receive a special permit pursuant to this Article.

18A.5.2 Applicants for a special permit pursuant to this Article are strongly encouraged to meet with the SPGA at a public meeting to discuss the proposed application for an Adult Use Marijuana Establishment special permit, in conjunction with the applicant's existing medical marijuana establishment license (if

applicable), and to discuss in general terms, the proposed Adult Use Marijuana Establishment prior to the formal submission of an application.

18A.5.3 In addition to the standard Special Permit Application form, an applicant for a special permit under this Article shall also submit the following:

18A.5.3.1 A copy of the final, executed Host Community Agreement ("HCA") between the applicant and the Town of Merrimac.

18A.5.3.2 A written description of the status of its application to the Cannabis Control Commission relative to the establishment at issue, or a copy of such license, as applicable.

18A.5.3.3 A list of any waivers of regulations that the applicant seeks to obtain from the Cannabis Control Commission, or a copy of any such waivers that the Commission has issued to the applicant, as applicable.

18A.5.3.4 Copies of all policies and procedures that have been submitted to the Cannabis Control Commission including without limitation the Marijuana Establishment's operating and safety procedures, or copies of such policies and procedures that the applicant intends to submit to the Commission, as applicable.

18A.5.3.5 The quantity and source or sources of all marijuana and marijuana products that will be sold at the proposed Marijuana Establishment, as applicable.

18A.5.3.6 Written statement confirming that no marijuana or marijuana products will be smoked, burned, or consumed on the premises

18A.5.3.7 Names and addresses of each owner of the Marijuana Establishment, and where the owner is a business entity, the names and address of each owner of that establishment.

18A.5.3.8 If applicable, a copy of the Applicant's Articles of Organization/Certificate of Organization, a current Certificate of Legal Existence from the Commonwealth, and the most recent annual report.

18A.5.3.9 Copies of all licenses and permits issued to the Applicant by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and any of its agencies.

18A.5.3.10 Evidence that the applicant has site control and the right to use the proposed site as a Marijuana Establishment. Such evidence shall be in the form of a deed, purchase and sale agreement, lease, or other legally binding document.

18A.5.3.11 In addition to what is otherwise required to be shown on a site plan, the applicant shall provide details showing all exterior proposed security measures for the premises, including but not limited to lighting, fencing, gates and alarms to ensure the safety of employees and patrons and to protect the premises from theft or other criminal activity. The site plan shall further delineate various areas of the Marijuana Establishment (indoors and outdoors) such as public access areas, employee only access areas, storage, cultivation, preparation, waste disposal, administrative, transportation, loading and parking areas. Site plans and/or application narrative shall contain sufficient information so that the SPGA can evaluate the design and operational standards contained in this Article.

18A.5.3.12 Certification to the SPGA that the applicant has filed copies of the special permit application as required.

18A.6 Special Permit Requirements

18A.6.1 No Marijuana Establishment shall be located within 500 feet of any lot containing a school. For purposes of this section, distances shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line in question to the nearest point of the property line where the Marijuana Establishment is or will be located.

18A.6.2 No smoking, burning, or consumption of any marijuana product shall be permitted at any Marijuana Establishment

18A.6.3 All shipping and receiving areas shall serve the Marijuana Establishment exclusively. In the case of a multi-use or multi-tenant site, the Marijuana Establishment shall be laid out and designed to ensure separation from other uses or tenants at the site.

18A.6.4 The Marijuana Establishment shall have adequate water supply, storm water systems, sewage disposal, and surface and subsurface drainage.

18A.6.5 A Marijuana Retailer shall post at a conspicuous location at the public entrance a sign that states "Only individuals 21 years of age or older, unless in possession of a registration card issued by the MA Department of Public Health." The required text shall be a minimum of two inches in height. Signage shall otherwise be limited to that which is permitted under 935 CMR 500 et. seq. and the Town's sign bylaw.

18A.6.6 The Marijuana Establishment shall provide and keep up to date contact information as required by the Chief of Police such as name, telephone number and electronic mail address of a contact person who must be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

18A.6.7 No special permit shall be issued unless the applicant has executed a Host Community Agreement with the Town in accordance with M.G.L. c.94G, §3.

18A.6.8 No special permit shall be issued until the Applicant has held a community outreach hearing consistent with the Commission's Guidance for License Applicants on Community Outreach and 935 CMR 500.101(1)(a)(9) or (2)(b)(7).

18A.7 Special Permit Approval Criteria

The SPGA may grant a SPECIAL PERMIT for an Adult Use Marijuana Establishment with any conditions, safeguards, and limitations, upon determining that the applicant meets all SPECIAL PERMIT granting criteria for the zoning district in which the proposed facility will be located and the following additional criteria:

18A.7.1 The Marijuana Establishment is fully permitted by all applicable agencies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is in compliance with all State laws and regulations; provided, however, that issuance of a valid license pursuant to M.G.L. c.94G may be a condition of the special permit.

18A.7.2 The proposed use is designed to minimize any adverse impacts on the on the residents of the Town.

18A.8 Special Permit Conditions

18A.8.1 In addition to compliance with M.G.L. c.94G, and 935 CMR 500 et seq., the SPGA may impose reasonable conditions to Improve site design, traffic flow, public safety, water quality, air quality, protection of significant environmental resources and the preservation of community character of the surrounding area including, without limitation, the following:

18A.8.1.1 Minimization of the impacts of increased noise and traffic.

18A.8.1.2 Imposition of security precautions related to the high value of products and case transactions.

18A.8.1.3 Deterring the presence of unauthorized or ineligible persons at, or near, the Marijuana Establishment.

18A.8.1.4 Imposition of measures to prevent diversion of marijuana and marijuana products.

18A.8.1.5 Conditions related to the design and construction of the facility to improve safety, security and conformance with community character.

18A.8.1.6 Conditions, consistent with the State Building Code, relating to energy efficiency and conservation.

18A.8.2 The SPGA shall include conditions concerning the following in any special permit granted pursuant to this Article:

18A.8.2.1 Hours of operation

18A.8.2.2 Compliance with the Host Community Agreement.

18A.8.2.3 The submission of a copy of the license from the Cannabis Control Commission with the SPGA and the Building Commissioner prior to the issuance of a building permit, certificate of occupancy, or commencement of use, whichever occurs first.

18A.8.2.4 The reporting of any incidents to the Building Commissioner as required pursuant to 935 CMR 500.110(7) within 24 hours of their occurrence. Such reports may be redacted as necessary to comply with any applicable state or federal laws or regulations.

18A.8.2.5 The reporting of any cease-and-desist order, quarantine order, suspension order, limiting sales order, notice of hearing or final action by the Cannabis Control Commission or the Division of Administrative Law Appeals, as applicable, regarding the Marijuana Establishment to the Building Commissioner within 48 hours of the applicant's receipt.

18A.8.2.6 Copies of all reports submitted to any state agency, including, but not limited to, the reports required by 935 CMR 500.105(10) (d) describing the establishment's liability insurance coverage and the annual security system audits required by 935 CMR 500.110(8) shall be submitted to the SPGA within 5 business days of submission to the State. Such reports may be redacted as necessary to comply with any applicable state or federal laws or regulations.

18A.8.2.7 Documentation to the SPGA that each Marijuana Establishment Agent has completed training regarding the proper handling of marijuana prior to performing job functions. Such documentation must be provided to the Board within 5 business days of the completion of such training. Annually, the establishment shall provide documentation to the SPGA and the Board of Selectmen that all Marijuana Establishment Agents have received at least eight hours of on-going training.

18A.8.3 The issuance of a special permit pursuant to this Article shall also be subject to the following:

18A.8.3.1 The special permit shall expire within five (5) years of the date of issue. If the applicant wishes to renew the special permit, an application to renew must be submitted at least 120 days prior to the expiration of the special permit.

18A.8.3.2 Special permits shall be limited to the original applicant(s) and shall expire if the special permit holder ceases operation of the Marijuana Establishment.

18A.8.3.3 The holder of a special permit shall annually file an affidavit with the Building Commissioner demonstrating that it is in good standing with respect to its license from the Cannabis Control Commission and any other applicable State licenses.

18A.8.3.4 The holder of a special permit shall notify the Building Commissioner and the SPGA in writing within 48 hours of the cessation of operation of the Marijuana Establishment or the expiration or termination of the permit holder's license from the Cannabis Control Commission.

18A.8.3.5 Special permits shall lapse upon the expiration or termination of an applicant's license from the Cannabis Control Commission.

; or take any other action relative hereto

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0

Planning Bd Recommendation: Yes 3- 0

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Merrimac Zoning By-Laws with additions to the indicated Articles as written below:

ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

SELF-STORAGE SERVICE FACILITY: A building or group of buildings consisting of individual, self-contained units leased to individuals, organizations, or businesses for self-service storage of personal property and other non-hazardous durable goods, excluding vehicles. The use of units for other than dead storage is prohibited.

ARTICLE 8. VILLAGE CENTER DISTRICT (VC)

8.3.15 ***SELF-STORAGE SERVICE FACILITY shall be located in an existing building and shall be accessible only from the interior of the business. Eight parking spaces are required plus two additional spaces for each 10,000 square feet of floor area or fraction thereof over the first 20,000 square feet.***

ARTICLE 11. OFFICE-LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (OI)

11.4.17 ***SELF-STORAGE SERVICE FACILITY. Eight parking spaces are required plus two additional spaces for each 10,000 square feet of floor area or fraction thereof over the first 20,000 square feet.***

; or take any other action relative thereto.

Rationale: This adds Self-Storage Service Facility to the Use and Structure Permitted by Special Permit from the Planning Board in the indicated Articles of the Zoning By-laws. When the By-laws were voted in 2004 this use was not included as it was not a common facility at that time. Per request of the Planning Board.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0

Planning Bd Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0 - 0

Article 17: The see if the Town will vote to amend Article 17 of the Town of Merrimac Zoning By-Laws as written below:

ARTICLE 17. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND CONVERSION OF EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS

17.1. Purposes.

The purposes of the Accessory Dwelling Units and Conversions of Existing Structures bylaw are to provide for a range of housing types in the Town of Merrimac through the reuse of existing buildings, to encourage the creation of affordable housing units, to enable homeowners to accommodate the needs of elderly family members or family members with disabilities, and to provide suitable housing for caregivers.

17.2. Applicability.

In any zoning district where an accessory dwelling or a conversion of a single-family dwelling to not more than four dwelling units is permitted only by SPECIAL PERMIT, the BOARD OF APPEALS shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority.

17.3. Accessory Dwelling Unit.

17.3.1. The intent and the purpose of this section is to permit accessory dwelling units in residential districts subject to the standards and procedures hereinafter set forth. It is also the intent to assure that the single-family character of the neighborhood will be maintained and that the accessory unit remains subordinate to the principal living quarters.

17.3.2. Restrictions. A SPECIAL PERMIT may be granted by the Zoning BOARD OF APPEALS to accommodate an accessory dwelling by ***either the construction of a separate dwelling unit or by*** the installation of a common wall or the partitioning of or extension of existing living space. There shall be no other living unit on the LOT upon which such accessory unit is to be located.

17.3.3. Use limitations. Such accessory dwelling unit shall at the discretion of the Zoning BOARD OF APPEALS accommodate up to a maximum of three persons, provided that the owner of record of the ~~STRUCTURE~~ ***lot*** is a resident of the ***primary STRUCTURE on the lot*** which includes the accessory dwelling unit and occupancy of the ***accessory*** dwelling unit is limited to:

17.3.3.1. A family related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner of the premises, or

17.3.3.2. A household with an individual who is 65 years of age or older, or

17.3.3.3. A household with an individual with disabilities.

17.3.3.4 A household with an individual providing care to the occupant of the primary dwelling

~~17.3.3.4.~~ 17.3.3.5 A low- or moderate-income household, provided the unit meets the requirements of the Local Initiative Program, 760 CMR 45.00, for listing on the Chapter 40B SUBSIDIZED HOUSING INVENTORY as provided for by G.L. c.40B, Sections 20-23.

17.3.4. Disposal of sewage. Adequate provision shall be made for the disposal of sewage, waste and drainage generated by the occupancy of such accessory unit in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Health. Connection to the municipal sewer system is required for property located in a designated sewer service area unless such connection imposes an undue economic hardship on the applicant, as determined by the Sewer Commission. Such determination shall be made prior to the application for a SPECIAL PERMIT, and evidence of same shall be included with such application.

17.3.5. DESIGN - ***ATTACHED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT***. An ***attached*** ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT shall be a structurally integral part of the SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING in which it is contained. Viewed from the exterior it shall preserve the appearance f and

be indistinguishable from such a SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING. It may be created by the installation of a common wall or the partitioning of or extension of existing habitable area. It shall not be separated from such existing habitable area by unheated or uninhabitable space, such as a garage, but may be separated from such area by common residential space on exceeding 35 square feet in floor area. All stairways to additional stories shall be enclosed within the exterior walls of the STRUCTURE.

17.3.5.1 Ingress, egress, access. Adequate provision, as determined by the BUILDING COMMISSIONER, shall be provided for separate ingress and egress to the outside of each unit. An interior doorway shall be provided between DWELLING UNITS as a means of access for purposes of supervision and emergency response.

17.3.6. DESIGN – DETACHED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT. A detached dwelling unit shall be designed and constructed in such a manner that is consistent with the design of the primary dwelling unit. The detached dwelling unit shall be located on the lot to the rear of the frontline of the primary structure.

17.3.6.1 Ingress, egress, access. Adequate provision, as determined by the BUILDING COMMISSIONER, shall be provided for separate ingress and egress to the outside of each unit. Both the primary and accessory units shall access the lot from the same driveway.

~~17.3.6~~ **17.3.7** Area limitation. Such accessory unit shall be limited to a maximum of 900 square feet in floor area.

~~17.3.7~~ **17.3.8** Plans. Floor plans of the accessory unit and principal residence and a certified site plan showing the dwelling unit on the LOT and its relationship to other STRUCTURES and premises within 200 feet of the LOT shall be filed with the application for a SPECIAL PERMIT. **All setback requirements shall be met for the detached accessory dwelling unit and shall be shown on the plan.**

~~17.3.8~~ **17.3.9** Parking. Provisions for off-street parking of residents and guests of both units shall be provided in such a fashion as is consistent with the character of the neighborhood, as determined by the Zoning BOARD OF APPEALS, which shall seek advice from the BUILDING COMMISSIONER.

~~17.3.9~~ **17.3.10** Special Permit. No building permit shall be issued in accordance with the SPECIAL PERMIT issued under this section until the SPECIAL PERMIT has been recorded in the Registry of Deeds by the applicant and evidence of such recording has been submitted to the BUILDING COMMISSIONER.

~~17.3.10~~ **17.3.11** Occupancy permit; control. No occupancy of the additional dwelling unit shall take place without an occupancy permit issued by the BUILDING COMMISSIONER.

~~17.3.11~~ **17.3.12** For an accessory dwelling unit authorized by the BOARD OF APPEALS as affordable housing unit, the BUILDING COMMISSIONER shall not issue an occupancy permit without evidence that an affordable housing USE RESTRICTION or deed rider has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds and the unit has been approved by the Department

of Housing and Community Development for inclusion on the Chapter 40B SUBSIDIZED HOUSING INVENTORY.

~~17.3.12.~~ **17.3.13** Occupancy permits shall not be transferable upon change in ownership or change in occupancy. In such event, an affidavit shall be presented to the BUILDING COMMISSIONER attesting to the fact that the circumstances under which an occupancy permit was granted will in the future continue to exist. The owner of record is responsible for initiating each application to the BUILDING COMMISSIONER. Appropriate fees, as established and recorded, may be assessed for each such renewal review, investigation and processing. All documentation presented hereunder must be in form and content satisfactory to the BUILDING COMMISSIONER.

; or take any other action relative thereto.

Rationale: This will give more discretion to the Zoning Board of Appeals for granting homeowners the option to create Accessory Dwelling Units under Article 17 of the Zoning By-Law to better respond to the needs of those seeking to provide an accessory dwelling for a relative or under other specified circumstances. Per request of the Building Commissioner.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0

Planning Bd Recommendation: Yes 3 – 0 - 0

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 19 of the Merrimac Zoning By-Laws with the addition written below:

ARTICLE 19. RURAL HIGHWAY DISTRICT (RH)

9.3.8 Residential and Accessory Uses

9.3.8.3 SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING, only when the dwelling is accessory to a business, consisting of no more than 2,000 square feet and is located on the site. The owner of the business on site must reside in the SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING. The maximum building height for all buildings shall be 35 feet and 2 ½ stories. The Planning Board may waive the maximum front yard setback for the RURAL HIGHWAY DISTRICT to protect significant landscapes and reduce site disturbance.

; or take any other action relative thereto.

Rationale: This allows building of new Single-Family Dwellings in the Rural Highway District only under these special circumstances with a Special Permit issued from Planning Board. Otherwise, the Zoning By-Laws do not permit new Single-Family Dwellings in this District as its purpose is to foster a wide range of commercial uses to help stabilize the Town's tax base. Per request of the Planning Board.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0

Planning Bd Recommendation: Yes 2 – 0 - 1

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 19 of the Merrimac Zoning By-Laws with the addition written below:

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE UNITS

Add the following language to Section 6.4:

6.4.9 A lot containing a minimum of twenty (20) acres and used for agriculture shall be permitted, by special permit issued by the Planning Board, a maximum of four (4) detached accessory dwelling units to be rented out to employees of the agricultural use. The units shall meet the following requirements:

6.4.9.1 Each unit shall be a maximum of 900 square feet in size

6.4.9.2 Each unit shall be located to the rear of the existing single-family dwelling on site

6.4.9.3 Each unit shall be accessed from an existing curb cut on a public way

6.4.9.4 Each unit shall be accessed from an existing driveway located on the site

6.4.9.5 The owner of the property shall retain ownership of the accessory detached dwelling units. The accessory dwelling units cannot be held under separate ownership as the owner of the property.

6.4.9.6 Each unit shall be subject to the Board of Health Inspection Application process, inspection by the Board of Health Agent, and must comply with the Board of Health Rental Housing Regulations, Signature Signoff, and all necessary fees in accordance with 105 CMR 410.000, State Sanitary Code Chapter II: Minimum Standards of Fitness for Habitation as well as the Merrimac Board of Health Regulations Governing Certification of Rental Dwelling and Rooming Units.

; or take any other action relative thereto.

Rationale: The proposed zoning amendment will allow by Special Permit a maximum of four (4) detached accessory dwelling units (900 square feet) on a parcel that is used for agriculture in the Agricultural/Residential District. The purpose behind this proposed zoning amendment is to provide an opportunity for the farms in Town that are growing to have the ability to provide housing on site for their employees. In keeping with the Open Space Residential Development permitted in the Agricultural District, this proposed zoning would allow for the development on the lot permitted on the lot that would preserve open space and not take away from the rural character of the area. By requiring the owner of the lot to retain ownership of the accessory units and by requiring the units to access from the driveway, it creates a small compound that will serve only the farming use.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0

Planning Bd Recommendation: Yes 2 - 0 - 1

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the tax custodian for tax title purposes to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conveyance, the care, custody and control of the parcel of land located on Vendome St., identified by the Assessors as Parcel 9-2-4, and acquired by the Town by low value foreclosure recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 4429, Page 121, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a parcel of land located on said parcel on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate; or take any other action relative hereto.

Rationale: This will allow for the sale of a parcel of land on Vendome St. to the abutters. Per the request of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Recommendation: Yes 3 - 0

2/3 Vote Required

FY2023 Debt Repayment Detail

Borrowing	Acct#	Inside/ Outside	Original Amount	Fiscal Year Paid	FY2023 Principal	FY2023 Interest
Building Constuction (Library)		Inside	\$ 2,351,000	Refinanced		
Sub-Total (Ominibus)						
Church Fowler Betterment (Sewer)		Inside	\$ 50,000	2024	\$ 2,500	\$ 168
Red Oak Betterment (Sewer)		Inside	\$ 50,000	2024	\$ 2,500	\$ 168
Sewer Treatment Facility (Sewer)		Inside	\$ 1,690,000	2024	\$ 80,000	\$ 5,380
Engineering Services - Sewer Inflow			\$ 90,000	2009	\$ -	\$ -
Total Municipal Purpose - \$4.231M	610904		\$ 4,231,000	2024	\$ 85,000	\$ 5,716
Landfill Closure		Outside	\$ 214,801	2020		
Land Acq. - Open Space (Brush Hill)		Inside	\$ 107,016	2020		
Municipal Building Renovations		Inside	\$ 107,016	2020		
Land Acq. (Library)		Inside	\$ 54,406	2015		
Land/Building (Senior Center)		Inside	\$ 160,524	2020		
Sub-Total (Ominibus)					\$ -	\$ -
Belmore Rd. Betterment		Inside	\$ 21,455	2014		
Water		Outside	\$ 214,782	2020		
Electric Sub Station		Outside	\$ 1,500,000	2028	\$ 75,000	\$ 16,219
Total Municipal Purpose - \$2.380M	992920		\$ 2,380,000	2020	\$ 75,000	\$ 16,219
Building Constuction (Town Hall Exempt)		Inside	\$ 1,256,000	2023	\$ 130,000	\$ 1,950
Building Constuction (Library Exempt)		Inside	\$ 1,145,000	2024	\$ 110,000	\$ 4,800
Land - School St.		Inside	\$ 140,000	2024	\$ 10,000	\$ 450
					\$ 250,000	\$ 7,200
Sewer - Attitash Lift		Inside	\$ 375,000	2024	\$ 35,000	\$ 1,575
Sewer - Chuch/Fowler Betterment		Inside	\$ 45,000	2023	\$ 5,000	\$ 75
Water - Engineering		Inside	\$ 145,000	2024	\$ 15,000	\$ 525
Water - Tonka Filters		Outside	\$ 260,000	2022	\$ -	\$ -
Water - Storage Tanks		Outside	\$ 235,000	2024	\$ 20,000	\$ 450
Water - Well Fields		Outside	\$ 270,000	2024	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,125
Water - Booster Stations		Outside	\$ 100,000	2024	\$ 10,000	\$ 450
Total Municipal Purpose - \$3,971,000	992923		\$ 3,971,000	2021	\$ 360,000	\$ 11,400
Water Mains - Town Share 5%		Outside	\$43,000	2036	\$ 1,979	\$ 640
Water Mains		Outside	\$817,000	2036	\$ 37,599	\$ 12,152
Total Municipal Purpose - \$860,000	992924		\$860,000	2036	\$ 39,578	\$ 12,792
Water Booster Stations		Outside	\$1,600,000	2049	\$ 38,825	\$ 35,277
Total Municipal Purpose - \$1.6 M	601004		\$1,600,000	2049	\$ 38,825	\$ 35,277
Library - Roof		Inside	\$250,000	2039	\$10,000	\$ 8,033
Library - Roof		Inside	\$390,000	2039	\$15,000	\$ 12,563
Town Hall		Inside	\$1,113,000	2045	\$30,000	\$ 34,573
Police Engineering		Inside	\$465,000	2045	\$10,000	\$ 14,613
Police Construction		Inside	\$5,767,000	2045	\$150,000	\$ 179,790
Total Municipal Purpose - \$7.985M	992929		\$7,985,000	2045	\$215,000	\$ 249,570
DPW Truck		Inside	\$197,000	2029	\$ 40,000	\$ 3,448
Fire Rescue Vehicle		Inside	\$325,000	2033	\$ 33,000	\$ 8,125
Fire Ladder		Inside	\$1,200,000	2043	\$ 60,000	\$ 33,000
New Borrowing Estimate - 992912			\$1,722,000	2031	\$ 133,000	\$ 44,573
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT					\$ 946,403	\$ 375,547
Short Term Debt/Lease						
Town/School Energy		Inside	\$ 753,925	2025	\$ 80,992	\$ 6,211
Water Energy		Inside	\$ 38,594	2025	\$ 4,119	\$ 316
Sewer Energy		Inside	\$ 229,334	2025	\$ 24,506	\$ 1,879
Total Lease - \$1,021,853	992925		\$ 1,021,853	2025	\$ 109,617	\$ 8,406
Fire Air Packs		Inside	\$ 141,364	2023	\$ 29,963	\$ 896
Total Lease - \$141,364			\$ 1,163,217	2025	\$ 29,963	\$ 896
Dump Truck Lease		Inside	\$ 174,860	2024	\$ 36,402	\$ 3,177
Total Lease - \$174,860			\$ 1,338,077	2025	\$ 36,402	\$ 3,177
TOTAL LEASE EXPENSE					\$ 175,982	\$ 12,479