

Town of  
**MERRIMAC, MASS.**

Report of the  
**CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Fiscal Year 2027

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

**Monday April 27, 2026**

**7:30 P.M.**

**At the Sweetsir School**

**102 Church St. Merrimac, MA 01860**

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Capital Planning Committee  
Town of Merrimac  
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The Capital Planning Committee met with numerous department heads and committees February 18<sup>th</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup> to review Capital requests for Fiscal Year 2027 and projected Capital requests through Fiscal Year 2031. 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 \$20,000 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 2027.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Marden, Chairperson & representing Finance Committee

Sandra Venner

David Cressman

Bonnie Pearlman

Marcia Zosack, alternate Finance Committee Representative

Carol McLeod, Finance Director (Ex-Officio)

## FY2027 - Capital Planning Recommendations

### Summary

#### Free Cash

Total Available Awaiting Approval	\$	477,246
Capital Requests - Free Cash	\$	(186,000)
Capital Requests - Transfers	\$	(40,000)
<b>Balance for Other Requests</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>291,246</b>

#### Water Retained Earnings

Total Available Approved	\$	136,739
Capital Requests	\$	(125,000)
<b>Balance of Retained Earnings</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,739</b>

#### Wastewater Retained Earnings

Total Available Approved	\$	339,509
Capital Requests	\$	(335,000)
<b>Balance for Other Wastewater Requests</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,509</b>

<b>Total Capital Recommended Requests</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>686,000</b>
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<b>Other Free Cash Funding Requests</b>	<b>TBD</b>
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Stabilization Balance	\$	1,134,391
Capital Stabilization Balance	\$	345,536
Fire and Ambulance Apparatus Stabilization	\$	636
<b>Total Stabilization as of 12/31/2025</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,480,563</b>

**FY2027 - Capital Planning Recommendations**

Description	Replacement or New	Request		Recommended		Funding Source	Recommend.
		FY27	Priority	FY27	FY27		
<b>Police</b>							
Police Cruiser (51) (2015) - Waiting for quotes	Replacement	\$ 80,000	1	\$ 80,000		Free Cash	4 - 0
Taser Replacement (5) Year Lease with Axon for 12 Tasers and Training Package. Total Cost \$78,595.20. (5) Year Lease \$15,719.04 per year for 5 Years	Replacement	\$ 17,000	2	\$ 17,000		Free Cash Year 1 - then lease	4 - 0
<b>Fire</b>							
IT Server and system updates	Replacement	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000		Transfer Funds from Special Articles	4 - 0
<b>Library</b>							
Walkways	Replacement	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000		Transfer Funds from Special Articles	4 - 0
<b>Commission of Disabilities</b>							
Town wide sidewalk improvements	Replacement	\$ 45,000	1	\$ 45,000		Free Cash	4 - 0
<b>Sweetsir</b>							
Flooring/Carpet - Asbestos Tiles @ \$12K Sq Ft - Original wing	Replacement	\$ 22,000	1	\$ 22,000		Free Cash	4 - 0
<b>Donaghue</b>							
Flooring/Carpeting - Replace classroom Abestos tiles	Replacement	\$ 22,000	1	\$ 22,000		Free Cash	4 - 0
<b>Total Town Capital Approvals</b>		\$ 226,000		\$ 186,000		Free Cash	
<b>Available</b>				\$ 477,246			
<b>Delta</b>				\$ 291,246			
<b>Water</b>							
Meter Replacement	Replacement	\$ 25,000	4	\$ 25,000		Retained Earnings	4 - 0
Water Infrastructure Improvements	Replacement	\$ 45,000	1	\$ 45,000		Retained Earnings	4 - 0
Truck Replacement 2 2015 Transit Van	Replacement	\$ 30,000	2	\$ 30,000		Retained Earnings	4 - 0
Water Emergency Planning - Plan development/Dep coordination	New	\$ 25,000	3	\$ 25,000		Retained Earnings	4 - 0
<b>Total Water Requests</b>		\$ 125,000		\$ 125,000		Retained Earnings	
<b>Wastewater</b>							
Plant Engineering and Plant Repairs and upgrades	Replacement	\$ 100,000	2	\$ 100,000		Retained Earnings	4 - 0
Willowdale Pump Station	Replacement	\$ 85,000	3	\$ 85,000		Retained Earnings	4 - 0
Chevy 2500 PU-2013-debt	Replacement	\$ 75,000	5	\$ 75,000		Retained Earnings	4 - 0
Red Oak Panel	Replacement	\$ 50,000	4	\$ 50,000		Retained Earnings	4 - 0
Water Meters	Replacement	\$ 25,000	6	\$ 25,000		Retained Earnings	4 - 0
<b>Total Wastewater Requests</b>		\$ 335,000		\$ 335,000		Retained Earnings	