



TOWN OF DEDHAM
FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. (IF NEEDED)
DEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
140 WHITING AVENUE, DEDHAM, MA 02026

2023-2024 FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

MEMBERS	PRECINCT	TERM ENDS
DAVE ROBERTS, CHAIR	3	2026
MICHELLE PERSSON REILLY, VICE CHAIR	7	2024
MIKE PATRIARCA	1	2024
SARAH SMEGAL	4	2025
KEVIN PRESTON	2	2025
CINDY BARICH	6	2026
LIZ O'DONNELL	5	2024
MIKE EMERY	AT-LARGE	2024
MICHAEL LEAHY	AT-LARGE (5)	2025

MODERATOR – DANIEL J. DRISCOLL (1993–PRESENT)

PAST MODERATOR – H. HOLTON WOOD (1964–1993)

PAST FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE CHAIRS

YEAR(S)	NAME
2021-PRESENT	DAVE ROBERTS
2018-2020	KEVIN PRESTON
2014-2017	JOHN HEFFERNAN
2012-2014	RUSSELL C. STAMM
2007-2012	DAVID N. MARTIN
2006-2007	MARK DRISCOLL
2002-2006	CHRISTOPHER E. MELLEN
2001-2002	WILLIAM A. PODOLSKI
2000-2001	VALERIE T. IRVING
1998-2000	CONSTANTINE P. CALLIONTZIS
1996-1998	PAUL G. JOYCE
1995-1996	FRANCIS T. KEALLY
1993-1995	RICHARD C. BREMER
1992-1993	DAVID E. KRUSZ
1991-1992	KEVIN E. YOUNG
1990-1991	JAMES A. MACDONALD
1989-1990	SANDRA A. LYNCH
1988-1989	JAMES V. HARRIGAN
1987-1988	STEPHEN P. RAHAVY
1986-1987	MARGOT C. PYLE
1985-1986	JAMES S. MCDONALD
1984-1985	FRANCIS J. SALLY
1983-1984	DAVID THIBODEAU
1981-1983	JOHN I. STANTON, JR.
1980-1981	ANTHONY THACHER

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TOWN OF
DEDHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

Town Moderator, Dan Driscoll

Dear Town Meeting Representatives,

We have a shorter Warrant for this Spring Annual Town Meeting when compared to past Spring Meetings. On the other hand, the annual budget for the Town and School Department is featured in this Warrant. This year, the Town Manager and the School Superintendent have presented very similar budget levels. I have seen, myself, that Town Hall, the School Department and the Finance and Warrant Committee have all been focused on minimizing the impact of taxes, while trying to maintain the services that we have come to expect in Dedham. You, as the elected Town Meeting Representatives, are the ultimate decision makers. I urge you to look closely at the Warrant and be prepared to ask questions, debate civilly and then vote.

In addition to the operating budget, we will also vote on capital expenditures. These requests have gone through several levels of review, including the Town Manager, the Capital Expenditures Committee and the Finance and Warrant Committee. Again, you are the final decision makers.

You will be asked to vote on a feasibility study for moving forward with plans for a new school, a proposed new Specialized Energy building code and a proposed assessment of the Library facility.

Please feel to contact me at djdriscoll29@gmail.com or 617-510-1797 with any questions.

Thank you,

Dan Driscoll
Moderator



TOWN OF
DEDHAM
MASSACHUSETTS

Finance and Warrant Committee Chair, Dave Roberts

Dear Town Meeting Representatives,

The Spring Town Meeting this year will consider what action should be taken on 18 warrant articles. The Finance and Warrant Committee (FWC) conducted seven public hearings where we heard from proponents and any opponents of each article. The recommendations of the FWC are contained at the end of each article.

The FWC would like to present the following information for consideration by Town Meeting members.

- FWC is recommending a budget total of \$136,755,627. This total, if voted by town meeting, will result in a tax increase of **approximately 4.60% or \$422** to the average residential tax bill. As noted, this is an **approximation**. The tax rate is established in late November.
- The FWC is supporting the Town Manager recommendation of \$58,558,234 (a 7.85% increase) for the Dedham Public Schools. The School Committees request is 7.75%.
- The FWC recommendation includes not funding six positions within the municipal component.
- The current unused tax levy capacity is \$1,503,096. In FY22 the amount was \$9,280,689. This funding source was used, to a great degree, to maintain level services over the past few years.
- The source of funding for any increase to the FWC recommended budget will be the unused levy capacity, which will have an impact on the FY26 Town budget.
- Any addition to the recommended budget will raise the projected tax bills. For example: a \$500,000 addition would add \$44.00 to the average residential tax payment.
- For both the school and town portions of the budget, the recommendation is less than level service.
- The FWC is recommending the additional sum of \$263,553, from free cash, for the purpose of a Feasibility Study for the Oakdale School project.

On behalf of the FWC. I would like to recognize and thank the preparation, guidance and assistance of Town Manager Leon Goodwin, Assistant Town Manager Nancy Baker, Finance Director John Arnett, Management Analyst Brady Winsten and Assistant to Administration Doreen LaBrecque.

If you have any questions concerning any of the FWC recommendations, please contact me at bostate72@gmail.com.

Regards,
David Roberts, Finance and Warrant Committee Chair

FY2025 Sources and Uses of Funds

General Fund Summary	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2025
	Actual	Actual	Orig. Budget	Town Manager	FinCom
Sources					
State Aid	10,081,457	11,015,311	11,471,548	14,124,822	14,124,822
Local Receipts for Major Cap Stabil					
Local Receipts for Operations	7,010,000	8,053,207	7,740,000	7,379,784	7,379,784
Free Cash (for All Uses)	1,822,500	2,180,003	2,938,349	4,593,000	4,583,000
Major Cap Stabil for Debt Service	5,377,119	4,586,682	1,849,283	1,851,633	2,503,689
Enterprise Funds Trsf In for Indirects	785,000	905,849	1,805,607	1,222,922	1,222,922
Other Available Funds	1,500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Tax Levy	97,098,373	101,712,664	108,880,771	116,498,445	114,667,954
Total Sources	123,674,449	129,453,716	135,685,558	145,670,606	144,482,171
Uses					
General Government	7,076,266	7,721,027	7,503,855	8,588,224	8,515,631
Public Safety	16,610,800	16,408,705	16,962,590	16,985,271	16,971,271
Public Works	8,106,478	7,912,085	8,296,327	8,634,914	8,217,465
Town Facilities	2,341,548	2,307,159	2,570,230	2,768,069	2,679,906
Human Services	1,436,858	1,531,698	1,477,076	1,527,816	1,481,568
Culture & Recreation	2,815,104	2,867,843	2,955,921	3,000,036	2,934,035
Town	38,387,054	38,748,517	39,765,999	41,504,330	40,799,876
Dedham District Education	50,622,385	53,162,287	54,138,675	58,073,734	58,073,734
Regional District Education	2,247,994	2,247,994	2,221,656	2,271,344	2,312,963
Schools	52,870,379	55,410,281	56,360,331	60,345,078	60,386,697
Employee Benefits	18,690,621	17,790,621	19,831,663	21,217,770	20,823,770
Debt Service	13,545,357	13,545,357	13,454,666	13,746,884	13,671,884
Shared Expenses	32,235,978	31,335,978	33,286,329	34,964,654	34,495,654
Operating Capital		332,095	445,260	1,130,000	1,073,400
State charges	3,690,042	3,558,992	3,654,288	3,829,361	3,829,361
Cherry Sheet offsets	36,888	49,131	56,851	54,183	54,183
Abatement overlay	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000
Other deficits to be raised				1,158,000	1,158,000
Other Charges to be Raised	4,476,930	4,358,123	4,461,139	5,791,544	5,791,544
Operating Expenditures	127,970,341	130,184,994	134,319,058	143,735,606	142,547,171
Major (Cash) Capital			1,366,501	1,275,000	1,275,000
Trsf to Major Cap Stabil Fund Prior Yrs	1,250,000	500,000			
Trsf to General Stabilization		500,000		660,000	660,000
Snow & Ice Deficit	103,009				
Other Articles	822,500	447,500			
Other Expenditures	2,175,509	1,447,500	1,366,501	1,935,000	1,935,000
Total Uses	130,145,850	131,632,494	135,685,559	145,670,606	144,482,171

Enterprise Fund Summary

Sources					
Sewer/Stormwater Utility Enterprise	7,289,499	7,721,536	12,828,482	12,607,367	12,607,367
Total Sources	7,289,499	7,721,536	12,828,482	12,607,367	12,607,367
Uses					
Direct Operating	6,473,495	6,474,236	11,022,875	11,384,446	11,384,446
Indirect Expenditures	1,228,769	1,268,568	1,805,607	1,222,922	1,222,922
Total Uses	7,702,264	7,742,804	12,828,482	12,607,367	12,607,367
Surplus/(Deficit)	412,765	21,268	0	0	0

Note: All recommendations of the Finance and Warrant Committee are by unanimous vote except where noted.

ARTICLE ONE: ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICIALS

To choose all necessary Town Officers. The following are to be chosen by the Ballot:

- One member of the Select Board for a term of three years
- One member of the Board of Assessors for a term of three years
- Town Clerk for a term of three years
- Three members of the School Committee for a term of three years
- One member of the School Committee for a term of one year
- One member of the Board of Health for a term of three years
- One member of the Planning Board for a term of five years
- One member of the Trustees of the Public Library for a term of three years
- Two members of the Commissioner of Trust Funds for a term of three years
- Two members of the Park and Recreation Commission for a term of three years
- One member of the Housing Authority for a term of five years

Town Meeting Representatives as follows:

- Precinct One - Vote for not more than thirteen for a term of three years
- Precinct One - Vote for not more than one for a term of two years
- Precinct Two - Vote for not more than thirteen for a term of three years
- Precinct Three - Vote for not more than thirteen for a term of three years
- Precinct Three - Vote for not more than one for a term of one year
- Precinct Four - Vote for not more than thirteen for a term of three years
- Precinct Five - Vote for not more than thirteen for a term of three years
- Precinct Six - Vote for not more than thirteen for a term of three years
- Precinct Seven - Vote for not more than thirteen for a term of three years

and to return to meet at the place so designated, Dedham High School Auditorium, 140 Whiting Avenue, Dedham, for the 2024 Spring Annual Town Meeting in said town on the third Monday in May (it being the twentieth day of said month) AD 2024 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening and, if needed, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE TWO: PERSONNEL BYLAW CHANGES AND BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

By the Select Board: To see if the Town will vote to adopt changes in Schedule A (Classification Schedule), or Schedule B (Compensation Schedule), or Schedule C (Fringe Benefits) of the Personnel Wage and Salary Administration Plan; to act upon the recommendations of the Town Manager as to actions he deems advisable and necessary in order to maintain a fair and equitable pay level and compensation policy; to implement collective bargaining agreements listed below, the funding for which is included in the appropriate departmental budgets under Article Three:

- AFSCME, Local #362 (Library Staff Unit)
- Dedham Police Patrolman's Association, Massachusetts Coalition of Police, Local #448, AFL-CIO
- Dedham Police Association (Lieutenants & Sergeants)
- Dedham Firefighter's Association, Local 1735
- AFSCME, Local #362 (DPW- Unit A)
- AFSCME, Local #362 (DPW-Unit B)
- AFSCME, Local #362 (Town Hall)
- AFSCME, Local #362 (Parks)
- AFSCME, Local #362 (Civilian Dispatchers)

or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

Recommendation at Town Meeting

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 2 would approve changes in Schedules A, B, and C (as described above) to the Personnel Wage and Salary Administration Plan for non-union employees and ratify collective bargaining agreements for unions, as applicable.

ARTICLE THREE: TOWN OPERATING BUDGET

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money needed to defray departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024, not otherwise provided for, or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

That the sum of \$136,755,627.00 be raised and appropriated in the amounts and for the specific purposes hereafter designated, to be expended under the direction of respective boards, committees or officers of the Town.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 3 provides for the salaries and benefits of all Town employees and necessary expenditures to provide Town services.

Note: Operating Budget tables begin on the next page (page 7)

Article 3 - FY2025 Operating Budget

Line #		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Original Budget	FY2025 Level Service	FY2025 Town Manager	FY2025 FWC
Town Manager							
1	Personal Services	584,811	657,582	848,889	1,503,170	1,653,170	1,653,170
2	Purchase of Services	119,343	39,097	49,000	49,000	49,000	49,000
3	Supplies & Materials						
4	Other Charges & Expenses	1,007,599	1,021,851	1,413,948	1,413,948	1,413,948	1,413,948
1-4	TOTAL	1,711,753	1,718,529	2,311,837	2,966,118	3,116,118	3,116,118
						34.79%	34.79%
Legal							
5	Purchase of Services	302,295	457,962	285,098	285,098	285,098	285,098
6	Litigation & Judgments	20,000	238,803	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
5-6	TOTAL	322,295	696,765	310,098	310,098	310,098	310,098
						0.00%	0.00%
Finance & Warrant Committee							
7	Purchase of Services						
8	Supplies & Materials						
9	Other Charges & Expenses						
10	Reserve Fund		286	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
7-10	TOTAL		286	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
						0.00%	0.00%
Finance Department							
11	Personal Services	984,126	797,549	836,887	855,844	855,844	802,550
12	Purchase of Services	856,776	152,248	172,250	187,250	187,250	187,250
13	Supplies & Materials	10,328	11	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
14	Other Charges & Expenses	11,703	12,049	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
11-14	TOTAL	1,862,933	961,857	1,024,137	1,058,094	1,058,094	1,004,800
						3.32%	-1.89%
Technology Department							
15	Personal Services		371,499	396,352	416,007	416,007	416,007
16	Purchase of Services		758,021	1,123,548	1,167,602	1,208,033	1,188,734
17	Supplies & Materials		12,122	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500
18	Other Charges & Expenses		2,609	7,000	7,600	7,600	7,600
19	Operating Capital					25,000	13,400
15-19	TOTAL		1,144,251	1,545,400	1,609,709	1,675,140	1,644,241
						8.40%	6.40%
Central Purchasing							
20	Personal Services	6,600	9,700	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
21	Overtime	49,429	56,719	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000
22	Purchase of Services	52,822	72,062	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
23	Supplies & Materials	55,035	63,357	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
24	Other Charges & Expenses						
20-24	TOTAL	163,885	201,838	241,000	241,000	241,000	241,000
						0.00%	0.00%
Assessing							
25	Personal Services	349,082	388,937	406,360	419,615	419,615	419,615
26	Purchase of Services	42,800	42,739	46,750	48,250	48,250	48,250
27	Supplies & Materials			500	500	500	500
28	Other Charges & Expenses	2,303	1,837	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
25-28	TOTAL	394,185	433,512	457,110	471,865	471,865	471,865
						3.23%	3.23%
Human Resources							
29	Personal Services	263,057	279,077	304,572	321,426	321,426	321,426
30	Purchase of Services	39,991	33,438	97,075	95,275	95,275	95,275
31	Other Charges & Expenses	2,198	901	2,600	4,400	4,400	4,400
29-31	TOTAL	305,246	313,416	404,247	421,101	421,101	421,101
						4.17%	4.17%

Article 3 - FY2025 Operating Budget

Line #		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Original Budget	FY2025 Level Service	FY2025 Town Manager	FY2025 FWC
Town Clerk							
32	Personal Services	308,014	359,635	354,780	388,735	388,735	388,735
33	Purchase of Services	45,231	62,608	62,950	74,200	74,200	74,200
34	Supplies & Materials	456	733	4,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
35	Other Charges & Expenses	1,005	1,455	1,450	1,450	1,450	1,450
32-35	TOTAL	354,707	424,431	423,380	465,585	465,585	465,585
						9.97%	9.97%
Conservation							
	Personal Services	113,054	104,300	135,385	134,760		
	Purchase of Services	5,000	128	4,500	4,500		
	Supplies & Materials	219	920	1,200	1,200		
	Other Charges & Expenses	2,793	1,625	3,900	2,300		
	TOTAL	121,065	106,974	144,985	142,760		
Planning							
36	Personal Services	220,682	265,348	323,361	395,210	477,923	477,923
37	Purchase of Services	24,738	86,666	65,750	65,750	121,450	121,450
38	Supplies & Materials		2,494	2,550	2,550	4,850	4,850
39	Other Charges & Expenses	8,219					
36-39	TOTAL	253,639	354,508	391,661	463,510	604,223	604,223
						54.27%	54.27%
Economic Development¹							
	Personal Services	111,448	8,421				
	Purchase of Services	9,420					
	Supplies & Materials						
	Other Charges & Expenses						
	TOTAL	120,868	8,421				
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		5,610,576	6,364,788	7,503,855	8,399,840	8,613,224	8,529,031
Police							
40	Personal Services	5,834,339	5,850,292	6,265,662	6,252,562	6,252,562	6,252,562
41	Overtime	633,028	755,109	705,830	724,912	724,912	724,912
42	Purchase of Services	187,326	343,685	267,814	247,228	247,228	243,227
43	Supplies & Materials	132,689	144,933	159,922	150,575	150,575	150,575
44	Other Charges & Expenses	18,965	16,374	23,755	27,271	27,271	23,271
45	Operating Capital		148,639	290,000	292,500	292,500	292,500
40-45	TOTAL	6,806,347	7,259,033	7,712,983	7,695,048	7,695,048	7,687,047
						-0.23%	-0.34%
Fire							
46	Personal Services	5,983,208	6,143,424	6,739,743	6,641,912	6,641,912	6,641,912
47	Overtime	848,503	755,676	656,193	700,378	700,378	700,378
48	Purchase of Services	107,499	104,251	254,160	291,915	291,915	291,915
49	Supplies & Materials	131,559	121,356	261,290	297,210	297,210	287,210
50	Other Charges & Expenses	8,623	9,328	14,435	14,685	14,685	14,685
51	Operating Capital						
46-51	TOTAL	7,079,392	7,134,034	7,925,821	7,946,100	7,946,100	7,936,100
						0.26%	0.13%
Dispatch							
52	Personal Services	604,570	623,950	766,030	771,363	771,363	771,363
53	Overtime	67,421	155,489	188,534	193,894	193,894	193,894
54	Purchase of Services	25,329	26,327	67,080	67,080	67,080	67,080
55	Supplies & Materials			2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
56	Other Charges & Expenses			1,910	1,910	1,910	1,910
57	Operating Capital						
52-57	TOTAL	697,320	805,766	1,025,554	1,036,247	1,036,247	1,036,247
						1.04%	1.04%

Article 3 - FY2025 Operating Budget

Line #		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Original Budget	FY2025 Level Service	FY2025 Town Manager	FY2025 FWC
Building Inspection							
58	Personal Services	546,459	558,891	581,487	593,131	593,131	593,131
59	Overtime	6,150	16,428				
60	Purchase of Services						
61	Supplies & Materials	675		1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
62	Other Charges & Expenses	375	933	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
63	Operating Capital						
58-63	TOTAL	553,659	576,252	584,487	596,631	596,631	596,631
						2.08%	2.08%
Civil Preparedness							
64	Purchase of Services			1,395	1,395	1,395	1,395
65	Supplies & Materials	691	30	2,350	2,350	2,350	2,350
66	Other Charges & Expenses						
64-66	TOTAL	691	30	3,745	3,745	3,745	3,745
						0.00%	0.00%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		15,137,409	15,775,114	17,252,590	17,277,770	17,277,771	17,259,770
Dedham Public Schools							
	Personal Services	38,065,821	39,537,683	42,161,517	46,162,952	44,485,798	44,485,798
	Purchase of Services	4,682,452	5,440,051	5,879,597	7,959,830	7,075,952	7,075,952
	Supplies & Materials	1,411,410	1,195,649	1,248,051	1,786,341	1,762,620	1,762,620
	Other Charges & Expenses	95,623	231,414	119,733	150,653	124,653	124,653
	Operating Capital			155,260	202,500	202,500	202,500
	TOTAL: DPS EDUCATION	44,255,307	46,404,797	49,564,156	56,262,276	53,051,523	53,051,523
						7.04%	7.04%
	School Facilities	4,159,820	4,401,246	4,729,779	5,631,711	5,506,711	5,506,711
67	TOTAL: DPS	48,415,127	50,806,043	54,293,935	61,893,987	58,558,234	58,558,234
						7.85%	7.85%
Regional School Districts							
68	Norfolk Agricultural School	33,000	50,928	35,000	35,000	35,000	76,619
69	Blue Hills Regional School Dist	2,046,413	2,139,362	2,186,656	2,186,656	2,236,344	2,236,344
	TOTAL	2,079,413	2,190,290	2,221,656	2,221,656	2,271,344	2,312,963
						2.24%	4.11%
TOTAL (NET) EDUCATION²		46,334,720	48,595,087	51,785,812	58,483,932	55,322,867	55,364,486
Engineering							
70	Personal Services	520,425	435,941	568,819	513,448	513,448	513,448
71	Purchase of Services	83,469	51,087	121,955	88,850	88,850	88,850
72	Supplies & Materials	3,859	4,666	16,950	16,950	16,950	16,950
73	Other Charges & Expenses	4,988	2,585	11,020	11,020	11,020	11,020
74	Operating Capital						
70-74	TOTAL	612,741	494,279	718,744	630,268	630,268	630,268
						-12.31%	-12.31%
Public Works							
75	Personal Services	1,746,542	1,851,023	2,032,254	2,061,202	2,061,202	1,807,963
76	Overtime	147,014	112,532	189,000	189,000	189,000	189,000
77	Purchase of Services ³	1,533,695*	1,340,640*	1,621,400	1,621,400	1,621,400	1,542,190
78	Supplies & Materials	323,442	352,260	397,000	397,000	397,000	397,000
79	Other Charges & Expenses	4,522	6,567	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
80	Operating Capital						
75-80	TOTAL	2,221,520	3,656,021	4,253,654	4,282,602	4,282,602	3,950,153
						0.68%	-7.14%

Article 3 - FY2025 Operating Budget

Line #		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Original Budget	FY2025 Level Service	FY2025 Town Manager	FY2025 FWC
Snow & Ice							
81	Snow & Ice Expenditures	676,985	660,318	677,000	677,000	677,000	677,000
	TOTAL	676,985	660,318	677,000	677,000	677,000	677,000
						0.00%	0.00%
Rubbish & Recycling							
82	Rubbish & Recycling	2,816,857	2,634,109	2,646,929	3,224,000	2,960,044	2,960,044
	TOTAL	2,816,857	2,634,109	2,646,929	3,224,000	2,960,044	2,960,044
						11.83%	11.83%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		6,328,103	7,444,728	8,296,327	8,813,870	8,549,914	8,217,465
Facilities - Town							
83	Personal Services	662,700	739,146	795,404	852,901	835,017	766,854
84	Overtime	35,661	27,547	41,520	41,520	61,520	61,520
85	Purchase of Services	553,951	502,884	588,374	689,677	689,677	689,677
86	Supplies & Materials	167,528	138,235	234,568	303,321	271,491	271,491
87	Utilities	518,823	682,282	907,438	943,809	907,438	887,438
88	Other Charges & Expenses	2,926	1,467	2,926	2,926	2,926	2,926
89	Operating Capital		49,544		80,000	320,000	275,000
83-89	TOTAL	1,941,589	2,141,105	2,570,230	2,914,154	3,088,069	2,954,906
						20.15%	14.97%
Facilities - School							
	Personal Services	1,971,854	2,158,580	2,083,655	2,365,561	2,365,561	2,365,561
	Overtime	201,661	205,334	194,193	198,077	198,077	198,077
	Purchase of Services	476,082	497,072	510,593	596,755	596,755	596,755
	Supplies	297,142	242,924	276,717	336,365	336,365	336,365
	Utilities	1,213,006	1,297,337	1,662,121	1,725,453	1,725,453	1,725,453
	Other Charges & Expenses	75		2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
	Operating Capital				407,000	282,000	282,000
	TOTAL	4,159,820	4,401,246	4,729,779	5,631,711	5,506,711	5,506,711
						16.43%	16.43%
TOTAL FACILITIES		6,101,409	6,542,351	7,300,009	8,545,865	8,594,780	8,461,617
Board of Health							
90	Personal Services	409,241	454,619	456,122	486,959	481,784	481,784
91	Purchase of Services	8,704	5,147	11,895	11,895	11,895	11,895
92	Supplies & Materials	507	642	1,850	1,850	1,850	1,850
93	Other Charges & Expenses	21,248	23,778	32,700	32,700	32,700	32,700
94	Operating Capital					8,000	8,000
90-94	TOTAL	439,700	484,186	502,567	533,404	536,229	536,229
						6.70%	6.70%
Council On Aging							
95	Personal Services	309,769	353,123	324,171	333,894	333,894	333,894
96	Purchase of Services	14,983	12,933	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
97	Supplies & Materials	18,407	22,954	36,500	38,500	38,500	38,500
98	Other Charges & Expenses	2,251	3,000	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
95-98	TOTAL	345,409	392,010	395,171	406,894	406,894	406,894
						2.97%	2.97%
Youth Commission							
99	Personal Services	321,350	320,609	364,878	353,103	355,853	314,605
100	Purchase of Services			5,000	6,500	15,000	15,000
101	Supplies & Materials	70	1,005	1,750	14,300	10,500	5,500
102	Other Charges & Expenses	1,875	1,350	1,900	6,000	1,000	1,000
99-102	TOTAL	323,295	322,964	373,528	379,903	382,353	336,105
						2.36%	-10.02%

Article 3 - FY2025 Operating Budget

Line #		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Original Budget	FY2025 Level Service	FY2025 Town Manager	FY2025 FWC
Veterans Services							
103	Personal Services	85,575	90,324	94,360	98,890	98,890	98,890
104	Purchase of Services			500	500	500	500
105	Supplies & Materials			300	300	300	300
106	Other Charges & Expenses	63,610	48,519	110,650	110,650	110,650	110,650
103-106	TOTAL	149,185	138,843	205,810	210,340	210,340	210,340
						2.20%	2.20%
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES							
		1,257,589	1,338,003	1,477,076	1,530,541	1,535,816	1,489,568
Library							
107	Personal Services	1,006,555	1,136,414	1,244,361	1,265,815	1,265,815	1,199,814
108	Overtime	11,244	7,855	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
109	Purchase of Services	105,376	110,816	112,764	100,950	100,950	100,950
110	Supplies & Materials	228,486	233,706	267,951	267,944	267,944	267,944
111	Other Expenses	8,605	5,361	8,700	8,700	8,700	8,700
107-111	TOTAL	1,360,265	1,494,153	1,643,776	1,653,409	1,653,409	1,587,408
						0.59%	-3.43%
Parks & Recreation							
112	Personal Services	756,417	833,936	829,649	862,118	854,118	854,118
113	Overtime	11,757	11,155	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
114	Purchase of Services	89,887	55,598	71,000	72,000	72,000	72,000
115	Supplies & Materials	151,313	152,024	154,000	159,000	159,000	159,000
116	Utilities	574	1,379	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250
117	Other Charges & Expenses		360	600	600	600	600
118	Operating Capital						
112-118	TOTAL	1,009,948	1,054,453	1,069,499	1,107,968	1,099,968	1,099,968
						2.85%	2.85%
Endicott Estate							
119	Personal Services	148,371	175,714	184,096	188,409	188,409	188,409
120	Purchase of Services	13,753	13,260	21,650	21,350	21,350	21,350
121	Supplies & Materials	4,378	2,841	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
122	Other Charges & Expenses		59	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900
119-122	TOTAL	166,502	191,874	212,646	216,659	216,659	216,659
						1.89%	1.89%
Civic & Cultural Programs							
123	Civic Pride	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
124	Cultural Council	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
123-124	TOTAL	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
						0.00%	0.00%
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION							
		2,566,715	2,770,479	2,955,921	3,008,036	3,000,036	2,934,035
Debt Service							
	Principal On Debt	8,463,063	8,415,825	9,060,825	9,555,325	9,555,325	9,499,075
	Interest	3,786,937	4,246,527	4,393,841	4,191,559	4,191,559	4,172,809
125	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	12,119,726	12,662,352	13,454,666	13,746,884	13,746,884	13,671,884
						2.17%	1.61%
Thereof: Excluded Debt							
	Excluded Debt Service	2,392,823	1,939,156	1,777,050	1,726,035	1,726,035	1,726,035
	Premium Adjustment	-23,951					
	TOTAL EXCLUDED DEBT SERVICE	2,368,872	1,939,156	1,777,050	1,726,035	1,726,035	1,726,035
	Major Capital Debt Service	5,377,113	4,586,682	5,874,705	5,874,705	5,874,705	5,874,705

Article 3 - FY2025 Operating Budget

Line #		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Original Budget	FY2025 Level Service	FY2025 Town Manager	FY2025 FWC
	Employee Benefits						
126	Unemployment	9,210	32,384	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
127	Medicare Tax	965,446	1,005,645	993,097	1,029,310	1,029,310	1,029,310
128	Health Insurance	11,468,665	11,411,588	13,502,909	14,448,113	14,753,278	14,609,278
129	OPEB Liability Contribution			750,000	750,000	750,000	500,000
130	Pensions, Contributory	4,306,080	4,519,863	4,440,657	4,530,182	4,530,182	4,530,182
131	Pensions, Non-Contributory						
132	Deferred Compensation						
133	Life Insurance	48,057	57,479	50,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
134	111F Claims	70,000	38,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
126-134	TOTAL BENEFITS	16,867,457	17,064,958	19,831,663	20,912,605	21,217,770	20,823,770
						6.99%	5.00%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE		112,323,706	118,557,860	129,857,918	140,751,173	137,922,723	136,755,627

Notes:

Percentages indicate increase over previous fiscal year

FWC: Finance and Warrant Committee

OPEB: Other Post-Employment Benefits

111F Claims: Injured on Duty Claims

¹Economic Development Department moved to Planning

²Net of employee benefits

³Includes Cemeteries

ARTICLE FOUR: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow to implement capital improvements and capital projects, or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

That the Town appropriate \$853,000.00 from Free Cash to pay the costs of items 1, 4-6, 10, 13, 15, 21-22, 26-29, and all incidental and related expenses, including, as applicable, equipping of vehicles, all as shown in the table on the following page

That the Town borrow \$7,064,000.00 to pay the costs of items 3, 7-8, 14, 16-18, 24-25, and all incidental and related expenses, including, as applicable, equipping of vehicles, all as shown in the following table, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 4 funds capital requests for FY2025.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

- MGL Chapter 44, Section 7 - Page A-4
- MGL Chapter 44, Section 8 - Page A-6

Note: Capital Improvements Budget table included on the next page (page 14)

Article 4 - FY2025 Capital Improvements Budget

Line #	Department	FY25 Request Project	Department Request	CFC Recommended	Town Manager Recommended	FWC Recommended	Free Cash	Bonded
1	Parks and Recreation	Lawn Mower	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	
2	Parks and Recreation	Sugrue Field Lighting	35,000.00	-	-	-	-	
		SUBTOTAL	62,000.00					
3	Fire	Engine & Ladder Trucks / Ladder 2	1,450,000.00	1,450,000.00	1,550,000.00	1,550,000.00		1,550,000.00
4	Fire	Thermal Imaging Cameras (4)	44,000.00	44,000.00	44,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	
		SUBTOTAL	1,494,000.00					
5	Engineering	Maverick Street over Mother Brook Bridge Design and Permitting	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	
6	Engineering	Bussey Street TIP Project - Construction Services	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	
		SUBTOTAL	200,000.00					
7	Public Works	Roads Sidewalk ADA 504 Transition Plan	700,000.00	700,000.00	700,000.00	700,000.00		700,000.00
8	Public Works	Sprague St Sidewalk	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00		500,000.00
9	Public Works	Columbarium- Brookdale Master Plan	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	-		
10	Public Works	Chipper	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	
11	Public Works	F550 and Sander	240,000.00	240,000.00	240,000.00	-		
12	Public Works	Loader	340,000.00	-	-	-		
13	Public Works	F350	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	
14	Public Works	F600 Service Truck	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00	270,000.00		270,000.00
15	Public Works	Attachments for Trackless Machine	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	
		SUBTOTAL	2,375,000.00					
16	Sewer	Sewer Repairs	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00		500,000.00
17	Sewer	Inflow & Infiltration	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00
		SUBTOTAL	1,500,000.00					
18	Town Facilities	Roof Replacements - Town Facilities (DPW Roof B)	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00		250,000.00
19	Town Facilities	Town Wide Facilities Assessments	400,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	-		
20	Town Facilities	Library Entrance/Exterior Repairs	47,760.00	47,760.00	-	-		
21	Town Facilities	Town Hall Planning Dept Service Counter Construction	250,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	
22	Town Facilities	Pool Brick Repointing	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	
		SUBTOTAL	1,017,760.00	692,760.00	645,000.00	345,000.00		
23	Information Technology	Libraries Rewiring & Network Improvement	49,140.00	49,140.00	-	-		
		SUBTOTAL	49,140.00					
24	School Facilities	Dedham High School C Wing Upgrade	1,470,000.00	1,470,000.00	1,470,000.00	1,470,000.00		1,470,000.00
25	School Facilities	Rubber Membrane Roof Section Replacement	324,000.00	324,000.00	324,000.00	324,000.00		324,000.00
26	School Facilities	Security Cameras	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	
27	School Facilities	Athlete Training Facility Upgrade	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	
28	School Facilities	High School Exterior Façade - Scraping, Priming, Painting Whiting Ave	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	
		SUBTOTAL	1,994,000.00					
29	School IT	Network Switch Refresh: \$210k less E-rate Support of \$126k	84,000.00	84,000.00	84,000.00	84,000.00	84,000.00	
		SUBTOTAL	84,000.00					
		TOTAL	8,775,900	8,075,900	8,579,000	7,917,000	853,000	7,064,000

Notes:

CEC: Capital Expenditures Committee

FWC: Finance and Warrant Committee

A dash mark "-" indicates the project is not recommended for FY2025

ARTICLE FIVE: PRIOR YEAR BILLS

By the Director of Finance: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for payment of outstanding bills of prior fiscal years, or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

That it be indefinitely postponed.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 5 appropriates funds which enables the Town to pay for prior year bills.

ARTICLE SIX: LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

By the Finance Committee: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to meet additional expenses of the current fiscal year not adequately funded under Article Three of the 2023 Spring Annual Town Meeting (FY24) or any other article thereof, or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

That the following sums of money, totaling \$1,879,479.00, be transferred from available funds as scheduled in the chart on the following page to meet additional expenses for the current fiscal year.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 6 transfers money from one municipal account to another for the payment of additional expenses in the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Note: Line item transfer table included on the next page (page 16)

Article 6 - Line Item Transfers

FROM (Decrease)				TO (Increase)							
Line #	Department Name	Code Description	Org	Obj	Amount	Line #	Department Name	Code Description	Org	Obj	Amount
1	Town Manger	Workers Comp	11205700	574040	50,000	1	Legal	Town Counsel	11225700	530270	50,000
2	Employee Benefits	Health Insurance	19105700	517060	200,000	2	Legal	Town Counsel	11225700	530270	200,000
3	Youth Commission	Non-Clerical - Personnel	15425100	510650	280	3	Youth Commission	Office Supplies	15425700	542000	280
4	Youth Commission	Non-Clerical - Personnel	15425100	510650	5,000	4	Youth Commission	Dues/Membership	15425700	573000	5,000
5	Youth Commission	Non-Clerical - Personnel	15425100	510650	2,000	5	Youth Commission	Program Supplies	15425700	558050	2,000
6	Youth Commission	Non-Clerical - Personnel	15425100	510650	3,000	6	Youth Commission	Program Supplies	15425700	558050	3,000
7	Police	Patrol Officers	12105100	510213	200,000	7	Police	Overtime Public Safety	12105100	513500	233,000
8	Police	Positional Stipend	12105100	519000	53,000	8	Police	Technologies Support	12105700	530100	20,000
9	Fire Department	Training Services	12205700	530290	7,000	9	Fire Department	Overtime Public Safety	12205100	513500	7,000
10	Fire Department	Education Differential	12205100	514010	45,000	10	Fire Department	Overtime Public Safety	12205100	513500	45,000
11	Fire Department	Positional Stipend	12205100	519000	73,000	11	Fire Department	Overtime Public Safety	12205100	513500	73,000
12	PZNR	Staff Planner	11755100	510650	6,455	12	PZNR	Printing & Mail	11755700	534003	6,455
13	Finance	Audit Services	11305700	530030	6,750	13	Norfolk Agricultural	Intergovernmental	41572956	569000	6,750
14	DPW	Non-Clerical/Support	14205100	510650	9,994	14	Norfolk Agricultural	Intergovernmental	41572956	569000	9,994
15	Free Cash	Free Cash	596000	596000	758,000	15	School Department	Pupil Transportation	15553304	533000	758,000
16	Free Cash	Free Cash	596000	596000	400,000	16	School Department	Pupil Tuition	15559306	532000	400,000
17	Town Facilities	FY19 Operating Capital	14655800	582000	60,000	17	Town Facilities	FY24 Operating Capital	14655800	582000	60,000
			SUBTOTAL		\$ 1,879,479				SUBTOTAL		\$ 1,879,479

Line #	Description
1	Additional costs for legal services rendered to the town.
2	Additional costs for legal services rendered to the town.
3	Employee attrition leading to savings in FY24. Cover Expenses used in Office Supplies that were not covered by centralized purchasing.
4	Employee attrition leading to savings in FY24. Clinicians transitioned leading to increased supervision, increased cost per session, and frequencies of sessions.
5	Employee attrition leading to savings in FY24. Program rebuilding. We will return to appropriate level services and this transfer needed to ensure level service is provided for FY 2024
6	Employee attrition leading to savings in FY24. Program rebuilding. We will return to appropriate level services and this transfer needed to ensure level service is provided for FY 2024
7	A significant number of officers have been unavailable for duty throughout the fiscal year for various reasons resulting in a greater reliance on overtime to staff shifts.
8	A critical incident during December of 2023, involving use of force, requires an administrative review per Department policy. The task has been outsourced to an industry expert. Cost is estimated based on a similar review by another agency during 2019.
9	Additional funding to maintain minimum staffing levels on the fire apparatus for the remainder of the current fiscal year.
10	Additional funding to maintain minimum staffing levels on the fire apparatus for the remainder of the current fiscal year.
11	Additional funding to maintain minimum staffing levels on the fire apparatus for the remainder of the current fiscal year.
12	Cover expenses related to purchase of conservation land signage in disrepair/missing.
13	Transfer to cover additional students attending regional school than budgeted for in FY24
14	Transfer to cover additional students attending regional school than budgeted for in FY24
15	To cover unforeseen and unbudgeted expenses for FY24
16	To cover unforeseen and unbudgeted expenses for FY24
17	Transfer from carried forward FY19 operating capital to FY24 operating capital

ARTICLE SEVEN: SPECIAL PURPOSE STABILIZATION FUNDS, DEPOSIT FUNDS

By the Director of Finance. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to one or more special purpose stabilization funds, or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

That it be indefinitely postponed.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 7 would, if appropriated, add to the balances of these funds.

ARTICLE EIGHT: SPECIAL PURPOSE STABILIZATION FUNDS, APPROPRIATION

By the Director of Finance. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from any special purpose fund, or from one or more special purpose stabilization funds, to one or more of the stated purposes for such funds to be expended at the direction of a specified officer or multiple member body of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

That the sum of \$2,503,548.00 be appropriated from the Robin Reyes Major Capital Facilities Stabilization Fund for the purpose of paying debt service for Fiscal Year 2025 and, further, that the sum of \$360,383.21 be appropriated from the Special Revenue Fund for Cable for Public, Education and Government ("PEG") programming, for the purpose of making a grant to the Dedham Visionary Access Corp. for PEG purposes.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 8 authorizes an expenditure from the Robin Reyes Major Capital Facilities Stabilization Fund for to pay debt service for Fiscal Year 2025, and the quarterly payment to Dedham Visionary Access Corp. (Dedham TV) from cable subscriber revenues paid to the Town.

ARTICLE NINE: DEPOSIT TO GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for deposit in the General Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

That the total sum of \$660,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash to the General Stabilization Fund.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 9 would authorize the transfer of funds from Free Cash to the General Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE TEN: DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

By the Town Manager: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44, §53E½, to amend Section 39-40(b) of the General Bylaws, Revolving Funds, to alter any of the expenditure limits set forth therein, or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to By Law Review Committee and Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

That the Pool revolving fund annual expenditure limit be increased from \$300,000.00 to \$550,000.00 and the Park and Recreation revolving fund annual expenditure limit be increased from \$300,000.00 to \$500,000.00, and such amended expenditure limitations to remain applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year until otherwise amended by Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any fiscal year.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 10 allows for amendments to the expenditure limits and uses of the Pool and Parks and Recreation revolving funds.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

- MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½: Revolving Funds – Page A-10
- General Bylaw Section 39-40(b): Expenditure Limitation – Page A-11

ARTICLE ELEVEN: SEWER AND STORMWATER ENTERPRISE FUND

By the Director of Finance: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to operate the Sewer & Stormwater Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2024, or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

That the following sums listed under the heading "Revenues" be raised or transferred from available funds to operate the Sewer & Stormwater Enterprise Fund for FY2025, and, further, to approve the FY2025 budget for the Sewer & Stormwater Enterprise, including amounts appropriated under Article 4 and included herein for reference only, all as set forth in the table on the following page.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 11 would authorize the budget for the operation, maintenance, and extension of the sewer system and for stormwater management, and the billing and collection of sewer and stormwater management use fees as an enterprise fund in Fiscal Year 2025.

Utility Enterprise Consolidated	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Current Budget	FY2025 Town Manager Budget	FY2025 FWC Budget
Revenues					
Sewer Receipts	7,289,499	7,421,576	8,714,570	8,714,570	8,714,570
Stormwater Receipts	-	-	4,113,912	3,892,797	3,892,797
All other revenues or penalties	-	251,901	-	-	-
Retained Earnings	-	48,060	-	-	-
Total Revenues	7,289,499	7,721,536	12,828,482	12,607,367	12,607,367
Personal Services	96,589	117,380	256,778	249,190	249,190
MWRA Assessment	6,076,744	6,153,063	6,487,689	6,360,670	6,360,670
Purchased Services-MS4 Permitting	-	-	3,966,690	1,700,000	1,700,000
Purchase Services - Other	183,421	203,793	61,718	468,956	468,956
I/I Maintenance	116,741	-	250,000	250,000	250,000
Stormwater Operating Capital				2,355,630	2,355,630
Direct Operating	6,473,495	6,474,236	11,022,875	11,384,446	11,384,446
Indirect Expenditures	925,000	905,849	1,343,124	800,923	800,923
Capital Outlay (debt)	303,769	362,719	462,483	421,999	421,999
Indirect Expenditures	1,228,769	1,268,568	1,805,607	1,222,922	1,222,922
Total Enterprise Expenditures	7,702,264	7,742,804	12,828,482	12,607,368	12,607,368

ARTICLE TWELVE: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

By Town Meeting Vote: To hear and act upon the reports of the various Town Committees, as required by vote of prior Town Meetings; to see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow to carry out the recommendations of said committees, or take any other action relative thereto. Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

That it be so voted with reports from the Town Manager regarding the use of hybrid meetings by all Town boards and committees as proposed in Article 18 of the November 13, 2023 Fall Annual Town Meeting, and a report from the Planning Board regarding the Designing Dedham 2035 Master Plan.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 12 provides for reports from various boards, committees and commissions when necessary and available.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

- Master Plan Update from the Planning Board - Page A-12

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: RESCIND STABILIZATION FUND AND CREATE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

By the Director of Finance: To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 to rescind the vote taken under Article 23 of the May 22, 2023 Annual Town Meeting creating a Special Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund and dedicating 100% of the opioid litigation settlement funds received by the Town to such fund pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §5B, such funds henceforth to be placed in a special revenue fund to be expended without further appropriation for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid litigation settlement documents; or take any other action related thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

That it be so voted.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 13 would rescind the prior vote to establish a stabilization fund for Opioid Settlement Funds and transfer funds to a new, special revenue fund for future applicable expenses that do not require a vote.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

- MGL Chapter 40, Section 5B: Stabilization funds; establishment – Page A-14

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: RESCIND PRIOR AUTHORIZED YET UNISSUED DEBT

By the Director of Finance: To see if the Town will vote to amend the funding sources for certain capital projects for which borrowing has been authorized, but not yet issued, and, in turn, to rescind such borrowing authorization, or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

That it be indefinitely postponed.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 14 seeks to amend the funding for various projects listed by rescinding the previous authorization to borrow from prior Town Meetings and, instead, funding the listed projects with Free Cash.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: MASS PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

By the Board of Library Trustees and the Library Director: To see if the Town will vote to apply for, accept, and expend Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program ("MPLCP") grant funds, if approved, and, further, to take from Library Trust Funds the sum of \$150,000, as approved by the Board of Library Trustees, said sums to be expended by the Town for library assessment, planning, feasibility and design, and any other incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

The Finance and Warrant Committee voted 7-0-2 that it be so voted.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 15 would authorize the Town (Library) to apply for the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program Grant and, if awarded, use the funds for assessment, study, and design purposes.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the MPLCP, provided by the Dedham Public Library - Page A-15

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND EXPENDITURE LIMIT

By the Town Manager: To see if the Town will vote to establish an annual expenditure limit for the Renewable Energy Fund, which fund was established by Chapter 198 of the Acts of 2016, with such limit to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year unless sooner changed by Town Meeting before July 1 in any fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

That the sum of \$50,000.00 be established as the annual expenditure limit for the Renewable Energy Fund, with such expenditure limit to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year unless otherwise amended by Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any fiscal year.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 16 would set an annual expenditure limit for the Town's Renewable Energy Fund.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

- Chapter 198 of the Acts of 2016 - Page A-19

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: APPROPRIATION FOR OAKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY

By the School Committee: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an additional amount of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Rehabilitation Committee for the development of a Feasibility Study and schematic design for the purpose of studying options for the Oakdale Elementary School, 147 Cedar Street, while also studying possible consolidation with another elementary school, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, such additional amount to supplement the amount appropriated for such purposes by the Town under Article 9 of November 15, 2021 Annual Town Meeting; the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. **Referred to Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND WARRANT COMMITTEE

Recommended that the Town appropriate the additional sum of \$263,553.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of paying costs of a Feasibility Study and schematic design for the purpose of studying options for the Oakdale Elementary School, 147 Cedar Street, while also studying possible consolidation with another elementary school, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), such additional amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Rehabilitation Committee to supplement the amount appropriated for such purposes by the Town under Article 9, of the November 15, 2021 Annual Town Meeting; the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE

Article 17 would authorize up to \$263,553.00 from Free Cash for the Oakdale Elementary School Feasibility Study.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

- November 15, 2021 Town Meeting Actions - Page A-20

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: MUNICIPAL OPT-IN SPECIALIZED ENERGY CODE

By the Sustainability Advisory Committee: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Municipal Opt-In Specialized Energy Code ("Specialized Code") for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of certain new residential and commercial buildings for the effective use of energy and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, thereby providing a more energy-efficient and low greenhouse gas emissions alternative to the state's Stretch Energy Code or its baseline Massachusetts Energy Code, pursuant to the relevant sections of the State Building Code for new construction, 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC; and, further, for such purposes, to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Dedham by deleting the text and title of Article 1 of Chapter 122 and inserting in place thereof the following, with such bylaw amendment to be effective on January 1, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto:

Article I. Specialized Energy Code

§ 122-1. Purpose.

The purpose of 225 CMR 22.00 and 23.00 including Appendices RC and CC, also known as the "Specialized Code", is to provide a more energy efficient and low greenhouse gas emissions alternative to the Stretch Energy Code, 225 CMR 22.00 and 23.00 but not including the referenced appendices, or the baseline Massachusetts Energy Code, applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

§ 122-2. Applicability.

The Specialized Code applies to residential and commercial buildings.

§ 122-3. Specialized Code.

The Specialized Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, to include any future editions, amendments or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Dedham General Bylaws.

The Specialized Code shall be enforced by the building commissioner or any assistant inspector of buildings. **Referred to Bylaw Review Committee and Finance and Warrant Committee for study and report.**

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**RECOMMENDATION
OF THE FINANCE
AND WARRANT
COMMITTEE**

The Finance and Warrant Committee voted 6-3 that it be so voted.

**DESCRIPTION OF
ARTICLE**

Article 18 will adopt the Municipal Opt-In Specialized Energy Code to take effect January 1, 2025.

**REFERENCE
INFORMATION**

- What a "Yes" vote means and what would change (from Sustainability Advisory Committee) - Page A-21
- About the Specialized Opt-In Code from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, MA Net Zero Buildings Coalition - Page A-22

MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are frequently used in the Annual Town Report and at Town Meeting. Definitions are provided in order to provide an understanding of their meaning:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: Construction, renovation or improvement of buildings or grounds which exceeds \$50,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURE EXCLUSION: A type of tax override that allows towns to raise funds for capital projects. Its rules are similar to those for debt exclusions, except the cost is only added to the levy for the year in which the project is undertaken.

CHAPTER 70: State aid funding to public elementary and secondary schools.

CHERRY SHEET: Named for the cherry colored paper on which the Massachusetts Department of Revenue traditionally has printed it, listing the amounts of state and county assessments, as well as the estimated state distribution (State Aid).

COLA: Cost of Living Adjustment

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: A process in which employees, through their unions, negotiate contracts with employers to determine terms of employment (i.e., pay, hours, benefits, etc.)

DEBT EXCLUSION: A debt exclusion allows towns to raise funds to pay for debt incurred by the town. The amount of the payment is added to the levy for the life of the debt, and is not included in calculations of the new levy limit for future years. A debt exclusion requires a two-thirds majority vote to borrow at town meeting and requires a majority vote at a special town election.

ENTERPRISE FUND: A separate fund inclusive of the direct and indirect costs to provide a service and amounts of revenue to support the fund in exchange for the service (i.e., sewer enterprise fund).

EXCESS LEVY CAPACITY: If a community sets its levy below its levy limit, the difference between them is called excess levy capacity. The levy limit is not affected by excess capacity, however, meaning that in future years a town can tax up to that limit regardless of the previous levy. For example, a one percent levy increase one year allows the town to raise the levy by 4 percent the next year - the normal 2 ½ percent, plus the 1 ½ percent not taxed the year before.

FREE CASH: The amount certified annually by the State Bureau of Accounts by deducting from Surplus Revenue (formally the "Unreserved Fund Balance" or "Excess and Deficiency") all uncollected taxes of prior years. Surplus Revenue is the amount by which the cash accounts receivable and other assets of the Town exceed the liabilities and reserves. Surplus revenues build up mainly from unexpended balances of general appropriations and from excess receipts from non-tax sources (Local Receipts) over estimated receipts. Free Cash may be appropriated by vote of the Town Meeting.

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MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY (CONTINUED)

GENERAL OVERRIDE: Residents can vote to increase tax levies beyond the levy limit, as long as the community is below the levy ceiling. The increase is included in the levy for that year and added to the base used to calculate future levy limits. An override requires a majority vote of the town at a special town election.

GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND: This fund serves as a general financial reserve for the Town. Money may be appropriated to the Fund up to ten percent of the preceding year's tax levy, but the Fund may not exceed ten percent of the total tax valuation of the Town. The Fund may be used for any legal purpose by a two-thirds vote of the Town Meeting. Interest earned remains in the Fund.

LEVEL FUNDING: Appropriates the same amount of money as the prior year to each department, and includes cost increases.

LEVEL SERVICES: No cuts are made and the budget is prepared to accommodate for changes that provide the same services and staffing levels as the previous year. These changes can include COLA increases, inflation, contractual obligations, etc.

LEVY CEILING: The maximum amount a community may levy under all conditions. A community's levy ceiling is 2 ½ percent of the aggregated valuation of all taxable properties.

LEVY LIMIT: The maximum amount a community may levy in a year. The levy limit can increase only by 2 ½ percent each year, plus adjustment for new growth and the addition of the debt service for previously voted tax overrides, such as debt exclusions.

MAJOR CAPITAL FACILITIES STABILIZATION: This is another special purpose reserve created by vote of Town Meeting. Expenditures may be made from the fund only on a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting. It is a management policy of the Town that this fund be used for major construction or renovation of buildings estimated to cost \$4 million or more.

MITIGATION STABILIZATION: These are special purpose reserves created by vote of Town Meeting. Like the General Stabilization Fund, expenditures from these funds require a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting.

MWRA: The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority was established in 1985 to provide water supply services and sewer collection, treatment and disposal services to the region. To fund its operations and debt the MWRA sets user rates and assesses each town in the area according to the metered flow of water through the sewers. Dedham funds its sewer assessment from billings based upon a metered water use rate set by the Selectmen. The Town is not assessed water use charges.

NEW GROWTH: A community can increase its levy limit annually based on new development and other growth in the tax base. Property that has increased in value because of new construction, new subdivision parcels and condominium conversions, and new properties are all considered new growth. An increase in property value assessed during triennial reevaluation (appreciation) is not considered new growth.

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MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY (CONTINUED)

OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS: Certain receipts, when received by the Town, must be set aside and reserved for particular appropriation. These include the Endicott Estate Receipts, Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves, and Parking Meter Receipts. In addition, funds from the Overlay Surplus (the accumulated amount of the overlay for various years not used or required to be held in the overlay account) may be used by a town to offset budget requests for the next year. Also, all unused balances from prior years' Special Article Appropriations may be transferred to meet a new appropriation.

OVERLAY SURPLUS: The Overlay is the amount from the property tax levy in excess of appropriations and other charges. It is used to cover abatements and exemptions granted locally or on appeal. The Overlay Surplus is the unused portion of previous years' overlays.

PROPERTY TAX LEVY: The total revenue a community raises through property taxes. Often just called the "levy," it is the largest source of revenue for most Massachusetts cities and towns. This is different from the tax rate, which is the tax amount charged individual properties per \$1,000 of property valuation. The tax rate is set each year by the town.

RESERVE FUND: This fund is established by the Town Meeting and may be composed of (a) an appropriation (not exceeding 5% of last year's levy), (b) money transferred from existing accounts or funds, or (c) both. The Reserve Fund amounts to an omnibus appropriation, to be transferred by vote of the Finance Committee for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures where the Committee decides such expenditures would be approved by Town Meeting. "Extraordinary" covers items, which are not in the usual line, or are great or exceptional. "Unforeseen" includes items which were unforeseen at the time of the Town Meeting, when appropriations were voted.

SELECTED STATUTES AND BYLAWS REFERENCED

Below are a list of statutes and bylaws referenced in the warrant articles, in the order they are referenced:

MGL Ch. 44, Section 7 - Cities and Towns, Purposes for Borrowing Money Within Debt Limit

Section 7. Cities and towns may incur debt, by a two-thirds vote, within the limit of indebtedness prescribed in section 10, for the following purposes and payable within the periods hereinafter specified not to exceed 30 years or, except for clauses (2), (3), (6) and (7), within the period determined by the director to be the maximum useful life of the public work, improvement or asset being financed under any guideline issued under section 38:

(1) For the acquisition of interests in land or the acquisition of assets, or for the following projects: the landscaping, alteration, remediation, rehabilitation or improvement of public land, the dredging, improvement, restoration, preservation or remediation of public waterways, lakes or ponds, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, demolition, removal or extraordinary repair of public buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure, including: (i) the cost of original equipment and furnishings of the buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure; (ii) damages under chapter 79 resulting from any such acquisition or project; and (iii) the cost of engineering, architectural or other services for feasibility studies, plans or specifications as part of any acquisition or project; provided that the interest in land, asset acquired or project shall have a useful life of at least 5 years; and provided further, that the period of such borrowing shall not exceed the useful life of the interest in land, asset acquired or project.

(2) For a revolving loan fund established under section 53E.75; to assist in the development of renewable energy and energy conservation projects on privately-held buildings, property or facilities within the city or town, 20 years.

(3) For the payment of final judgments, 1 year or for a longer period of time approved by a majority of the members of the municipal finance oversight board after taking into consideration the ability of the city, town or district to provide other essential public services and pay, when due, the principal and interest on its debts and such other factors as the board may deem necessary or advisable.

(4) In Boston, for the original construction, or the extension or widening, with permanent pavement of lasting character conforming to specifications approved by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation established under chapter 6C and under the direction of the board of park commissioners of the city of Boston, of ways, other than public ways, within or bounding on or connecting with any public park in said city, including land damages and the cost of pavement and sidewalks laid at the time of said construction, or for the construction of such ways with stone, block, brick, cement concrete, bituminous concrete, bituminous macadam or other permanent pavement of similar lasting character under specifications approved by said department of highways, 10 years.

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- (5) For the cost of repairs to private ways open to the public under section 6N of chapter 40, 5 years.
- (6) For the payment of charges incurred under contracts authorized by section 4D of chapter 40, but only for those contracts for purposes comparable to the purposes for which loans may be authorized under this section. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and the loans shall be subject to the conditions of the applicable clauses of this section.
- (7) For the cost of feasibility studies or engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications for any proposed project for which a city, town or district is authorized to borrow, 5 years if issued before any other debt relating to the project is authorized, otherwise the period for the debt relating to the project.
- (8) For energy audits as defined in section 3 of chapter 25A, if authorized separately from debt for energy conservation or alternative energy projects; 5 years.
- (9) For the development, design, purchase and installation of computer hardware or software and computer-assisted integrated financial management and accounting systems; 10 years.
- (10) For the cost of cleaning up or preventing pollution caused by existing or closed municipal facilities not referenced in clause (20) of section 8, including cleanup or prevention activities taken pursuant to chapter 21E or chapter 21H, 10 years; provided, however, that no indebtedness shall be incurred hereunder until plans relating to the project shall have been submitted to and approved by the department of environmental protection.
- (11) For any other public work, improvement or asset with a maximum useful life of at least 5 years and not otherwise specified in this section, 5 years.

MGL Ch. 44, Section 8 - Cities and Towns, Purposes for Borrowing Money Outside Debt Limit

Section 8. Cities and towns may incur debt, by a two-thirds vote, outside the limit of indebtedness prescribed in section 10, for the following purposes and payable within the periods hereinafter specified or, except with respect to clauses (1), (2), (3A), (9) and (18), within such longer period not to exceed 30 years determined by the director to be the maximum useful life of the public work, improvement or asset being financed under any guidelines issued under section 38:

(1) For temporary loans under sections 4, 6, 6A and 17, the periods authorized by those sections.

(2) For maintaining, distributing and providing food, other common necessities of life and temporary shelter for their inhabitants upon the occasions and in the manner set forth in section 19 of chapter 40, 2 years.

(3) For establishing or purchasing a system for supplying a city, town, or district and its inhabitants with water, for taking or purchasing water sources, either from public land or private sources, or water or flowage rights, for the purpose of a public water supply, or for taking or purchasing land for the protection of a water system, 30 years.

(3A) For conducting groundwater inventory and analysis of the community water supply, including pump tests and quality tests relating to the development of using said groundwater as an additional source or a new source of water supply for any city, town or district, 10 years.

(4) For the construction or enlargement of reservoirs, the construction of filter beds, the construction or reconstruction or making extraordinary repairs to standpipes, buildings for pumping stations including original pumping station equipment, and buildings for water treatment, including original equipment therefor, and the acquisition of land or any interest in land necessary in connection with any of the foregoing, 30 years.

(4A) For remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to reservoirs and filter beds, 30 years; provided, however, that no indebtedness shall be incurred hereunder until plans relating to the project shall have been submitted to the department of environmental protection, and the approval of said department has been granted therefor.

(5) For constructing or reconstructing, laying or relaying aqueducts or water mains or for the extension of water mains, or for lining or relining such mains, and for the development or construction of additional well fields and for wells, 40 years.

(6) For the purchase and installation of water meters, 10 years.

(7) For the payment of the city, town or district share of the cost to increase the storage capacity of any reservoir, including land acquisition, constructed by the water resources commission for flood prevention or water resources utilization, 20 years.

(7A) For the purchase, replacement or rehabilitation of water departmental equipment, 10 years.

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(8) For establishing, purchasing, extending, or enlarging a municipally owned gas or electric lighting plant, community antenna television system, or telecommunications system, 20 years.

(8A) For remodeling, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to a municipally owned gas or electric lighting plant, community antenna television system, or telecommunications system, when approved by a majority of the members of the municipal finance oversight board, for the number of years not exceeding 10, as said board shall fix. Each city or town seeking approval by the board of a loan under this clause shall submit to said board all plans and other information considered by the board to be necessary for a determination of the probable extended use of such plant, community television antenna system or telecommunications system likely to result from the remodeling, reconstruction, or repair, and in considering approval under this clause of a requested loan and the terms thereof, special consideration shall be given to that determination.

(9) For emergency appropriations that are approved by the director, not more than 2 years or such longer period not to exceed 10 years as determined by the director after taking into consideration the ability of the city, town or district to provide other essential public services and pay, when due, the principal and interest on its debts, the amount of federal and state payments likely to be received for the purpose of the appropriations and such other factors as the director may deem necessary or advisable; provided, however, that for the purposes of this clause, "emergency" shall mean a sudden, unavoidable event or series of events which could not reasonably have been foreseen or anticipated at the time of submission of the annual budget for approval; provided, further, that emergency shall not include the funding of collective bargaining agreements or items that were previously disapproved by the appropriating authority for the fiscal year in which the borrowing is sought; and provided, further, that for the purposes of this clause, debt may be authorized by the treasurer of the city, town or district, with the approval of the chief executive officer in a city or town, or the prudential committee, if any, or by the commissioners in a district.

(9A) For emergency appropriations approved by a majority of the members of the municipal finance oversight board, up to the period fixed by law for the debt as determined by the board; provided, however, that this clause shall apply only to appropriations for capital purposes including, but not limited to, the acquisition, construction, reconstruction or repair of any public building, work, improvement or asset, and upon a demonstration by the city, town or district that the process for authorizing debt in the manner otherwise provided by law imposes an undue hardship in its ability to respond to the emergency; provided further, that for purposes of this clause, "emergency" shall mean a sudden, unavoidable event or series of events which could not reasonably have been foreseen or anticipated at the time of submission of the annual budget for approval; and provided, further, that for the purposes of this clause, debt may be authorized by the treasurer of the city, town or district, with the approval of the chief executive officer in a city or town, or the prudential committee, if any, or by the commissioners in a district.

(10) For acquiring land or constructing buildings or other structures, including the cost of original equipment, as memorials to members of the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, or air force, 20 years.

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The designation of any such memorial shall not be changed except after a public hearing by the board of selectmen or by the city council of the municipality wherein said memorial is located, notice of the time and place of which shall be given, at the expense of the proponents, by the town or city clerk as the case may be, by publication not less than 30 days prior thereto in a newspaper, if any, published in such town or city; otherwise, in the county in which such town or city lies; and notice of which shall also have been given by the proponents, by registered mail, not less than 30 days prior to such hearing, to all veterans' organizations of such town or city.

(11) For acquiring street railway or other transportation property under sections 143 to 158, inclusive, of chapter 161, operating the same, or contributing toward the sums expended or to be expended by a transportation area for capital purposes, 10 years.

(12) For the acquisition, construction, establishment, enlargement, improvement or protection of public airports, including the acquisition of land, 10 years. The proceeds of indebtedness incurred hereunder may be expended for the acquisition, construction, establishment, enlargement, improvement or protection of such an airport, including the acquisition of land, jointly by 2 or more municipalities.

(13) For the financing of a program of eradication of Dutch elm disease, including all disbursements on account of which reimbursement is authorized or may be authorized by the commonwealth, county, any city or town, or by any manner of assessment or charges, pursuant to and consistent with chapter 132, 5 years.

(14) For the construction of sewers, sewerage systems and sewage treatment and disposal facilities, or for the lump sum payment of the cost of tie-in to such services in a contiguous city or town, for a period not exceeding 30 years; provided, however, that either: (i) the city or town has an enterprise or special revenue fund for sewer services, and that the accountant, auditor or other officer having similar duties in the city or town shall have certified to the treasurer that rates and charges have been set at a sufficient level to cover the estimated operating expenses and debt service related to the fund; or (ii) the issuance of the debt is approved by a majority of the members of the municipal finance oversight board.

(15) For the construction and rehabilitation of municipal golf courses, including the acquisition and reconstruction of land, installation and replacement of irrigation systems, the construction and rehabilitation of buildings, and the cost of equipment and furnishings, 20 years.

(16) For the payment of charges incurred under contracts authorized by section 4D of chapter 40, but only for those contracts for purposes comparable to the purposes for which loans may be authorized under this section. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and the loans shall be subject to the conditions of the applicable clauses of this section.

(17) For the construction of a regional incinerator for the purpose of disposing solid waste, refuse and garbage by 2 or more communities, 20 years.

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(18) For the lending or granting of money to industrial development financing authorities and economic development and industrial corporations, with the approval of the Massachusetts office of business development and the director of housing and community development, 20 years.

(19) For the purposes of implementing a project financed in whole or in part by the Farmers Home Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, pursuant to Chapter 50 of Title 7 of the United States Code, up to 40 years. Regional school districts established under any general or special law shall be authorized to incur debt for the purposes and within the limitations described in this clause.

(20) For the cost of cleaning up or preventing pollution caused by existing or closed landfills or other solid waste disposal facilities, including clean up or prevention activities taken pursuant to chapter 21E or chapter 21H, 30 years; provided, however, that no indebtedness shall be incurred hereunder until plans relating to the project shall have been submitted to the department of environmental protection and the approval of said department has been granted therefor.

(21) For the construction of incinerators, refuse transfer facilities, recycling facilities, composting facilities, resource recovery facilities or other solid waste disposal facilities, other than landfills, for the purpose of disposing of waste, refuse and garbage, 25 years; provided, however, that no indebtedness shall be incurred hereunder until plans relating to the project shall have been submitted to the department of environmental protection and the approval of said department has been granted therefor.

(22) For remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to incinerators, refuse transfer facilities, recycling facilities, resource recovery facilities or other solid waste disposal facilities, other than landfills, owned by the city, town or district, and used for the purpose of disposing of waste, refuse and garbage, 10 years; provided, however, that no indebtedness shall be incurred hereunder until plans relating to the project shall have been submitted to the department of environmental protection and the approval of said department has been granted therefor.

(23) For the purpose of closing out a landfill area, opening a new landfill area, or making improvements to an existing landfill area, 25 years; provided, however, that no indebtedness shall be incurred hereunder until plans relating to the project shall have been submitted to the department of environmental protection and the approval of said department has been granted therefor.

(24) For the acquisition of a dam or the removal, repair, reconstruction and improvements to a dam owned by a municipality, as may be necessary to maintain, repair or improve such dam, 40 years; provided, however, that this clause shall include dams as defined in section 44 of chapter 253 acquired by gift, purchase, eminent domain under chapter 79 or otherwise and located within a municipality, including any real property appurtenant thereto, if the dam and any appurtenant real property is not at the time of such acquisition owned or held in trust by the commonwealth.

MGL Ch. 44, Section 53E1/2 - Revolving Funds

Section 53E1/2. Notwithstanding section 53, a city or town may authorize by by-law or ordinance the use of 1 or more revolving funds by 1 or more municipal agencies, boards, departments or offices, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies in the city or town and to which shall be credited any fees, charges or other receipts from the departmental programs or activities supported by the revolving fund. Expenditures may be made from such revolving fund without further appropriation, subject to the provisions of this section; provided, however, that expenditures shall not be made or liabilities incurred from any such revolving fund in excess of the balance of the fund or in excess of the total authorized expenditures from such fund, and no expenditures shall be made unless approved in accordance with sections 41, 42, 52 and 56 of chapter 41.

Interest earned on any revolving fund balance shall be treated as general fund revenue of the city or town. No revolving fund may be established under this section for receipts of a municipal water or sewer department, a municipal hospital, a cable television access service or facility or for receipts reserved by law or as authorized by law for expenditure for a particular purpose. Revolving fund expenditures shall not be made to pay wages or salaries for full-time employees unless the revolving fund is also charged for the costs of fringe benefits associated with the wages or salaries so paid; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not apply to wages or salaries paid to full-time or part-time employees who are employed as drivers providing transportation for public school students; provided further, that only that portion of a revolving fund which is attributable to transportation fees may be used to pay the wages or salaries of those employees who are employed as drivers providing transportation for public school students; and provided further, that any such wages or salaries so paid shall be reported in the budget submitted for the next fiscal year.

A revolving fund shall be established pursuant to this section by by-law or ordinance. The by-law or ordinance shall specify for each fund: (1) the programs or activities for which the revolving fund may be expended; (2) the departmental receipts in connection with those programs or activities that shall be credited to the revolving fund; (3) the board, department or officer authorized to expend from such fund; and (4) any reporting or other requirements the city or town may impose. The establishment of any fund shall be made not later than the beginning of the fiscal year in which the fund shall begin. Notwithstanding this section, whenever, during the course of any fiscal year, any new revenue source becomes available for the establishment of a revolving fund under this section, such a fund may be established in accordance with this section upon certification by the city auditor, town accountant, or other officer having similar duties that the revenue source was not used in computing the most recent tax levy.

The city or town shall, on or before July 1 of each year, vote on the limit on the total amount that may be expended from each revolving fund established under this section. In any fiscal year, the limit on the amount that may be spent from a revolving fund may be increased with the approval of the city council and mayor in a city or with the approval of the board of selectmen and finance committee in a town.

Upon termination of a revolving fund, the balance in the fund at the end of that fiscal year shall revert to surplus revenue at the close of the fiscal year.

The director of accounts may issue guidelines further regulating revolving funds established pursuant to this section.

General Bylaw Section 39-40 – Expenditure Limitation

A. Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established by Town Meeting, or any increase therein, all as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c. 44, § 53E1/2.

B. Fiscal year spending limits for such revolving funds shall be set as follows:

[Amended 11-21-2018 ATM by Art. 15; 5-20-2019 by Art. No. 12 ; 5-17-2021 ATM by Art. 9]

Program or Purpose	FY Spending Limit
Pool Fund (Operation and maintenance of Dedham Pool)	\$300,000
Firearms Fee Fund (Pay share of State fees/Balance to be expended for needs of Police Department)	\$5,000
Police Cruiser Fee Fund (Police cruiser maintenance, repairs and fuel)	\$20,000
Board of Health Programs (Paying costs and expenses associated with health clinics, educational programs, and Tobacco enforcement)	\$25,000
Council on Aging Programs (Paying costs and expenses related to said programs)	\$50,000
Recreation (Paying costs and expenses related to said programs)	\$300,000
Avery School (MBACC) (Paying costs and expenses related to building maintenance)	\$2,500
Environmental Management Fund (Maintenance of trees and conservation land including eradication of invasive species)	\$10,000

Master Plan Update - From the Planning Board

Background

Begun in 2019 with \$150,000 appropriated by Town Meeting, and a \$75,000 grant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), the Designing Dedham 2035 Master Plan (bit.ly/DD2035) is a Town-wide comprehensive plan that will set a direction for Town goals and activities for the next 10 years. The Planning Board appointed a 17-member Master Plan Committee in 2019 to assist the MAPC consultant team and guide the development of the plan and community process. The committee held 23 meetings through the development of the plan in addition to attending multiple public discussions.

Community Process

The community-centered Master Plan process spanned a two-year period, primarily in 2020 and 2021. The Master Plan Committee strived for broad and extensive community engagement to ensure the Plan would reflect a diversity of perspectives and backgrounds and accurately reflect the visions, concerns and priorities of the community. This public engagement process is the Town's most comprehensive planning process to date, with over 2,500 participants sharing their feedback and ideas throughout the two-year period.

The community engagement process kicked-off with more than 300 Dedham residents who joined a virtual visioning workshop in April 2020. Subsequently, two surveys were conducted, yielding almost 2,000 total responses. In Fall 2020, a series of posters placed strategically throughout Dedham invited residents to think about the future of Dedham and to engage in the Master Plan process. In late 2020 and into early 2021, more than 300 attendees participated in a series of three virtual open houses to share and discuss draft goals for each Master Plan topic. Focus groups with Middle School and High School students helped ensure the plan would reflect priorities of people of all ages. To expand the inclusiveness of the community process, in summer 2021 a series of individual interviews with residents of color were conducted. A series of seven focus group meetings were held in fall 2021 that included Town leadership, department heads, members of Town boards, committees, commissions, groups, and residents. A display at Dedham Day in 2021 allowed committee members to engage with hundreds of residents – adults and youth – to get feedback on the major themes and strategies the Master Plan recommends.

In December 2021, a community celebration was held at the Dedham Middle School to celebrate the release of the draft Master Plan and to gather additional public feedback during a 45-day comment period. This first draft of the Designing Dedham 2035 Master Plan was submitted to the Planning Board for their review in March 2022.

The Plan

The Designing Dedham 2035 Master Plan is organized into eight chapters: Land Use and Zoning, Economic Development, Housing, Natural, Cultural, Historic Resources, Transportation, Community Facilities and Services, Governance, and Public Health and Livability. Each chapter assesses current conditions and provides critical next steps with goals for improvement. Each goal contains targeted implementation strategies in the near-term (1 to 3 years), mid-term (4 to 6 years), and long-term (7 to 9 years) timeframes. The core priorities of the Master Plan identified by the community to form the foundation for many of the goals and strategies included "fiscally responsible," "sustainable," and "inclusive." In addition to these core priorities, four cross-cutting themes for all the chapter topics were identified: "inclusion and equity," "safe movement," "livability and quality of life," and "aligned and effective policies".

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Planning Board Review

The Planning Board began in April 2022 an intensive, two-year review of the plan. Through the first and second draft of the plan, the Planning Board held 10 public meetings to review and provide almost 400 comments on the drafts. A third and final draft (linked below) was submitted to the Planning Board in February 2024, with the Planning Board unanimously approving the main body of the document on February 27, 2024.

Implementation


The Planning Board is currently finalizing the implementation sections of the plan, which contain potential strategies and actions to reach the goals of the Master Plan. These actions will require the support of leaders and residents, including Town Meeting Representatives, to ensure that the vision, goals, and strategies described in this process are implemented and made part of the reality of Dedham's future (many of which will come to Town Meeting for approval.) The Master Plan is only effective as a process and as a plan if it continues to guide actions in the Town, and the Planning Board is committed to making sure the Master Plan does not just "sit on a shelf." The most effective model for implementation is through the formation of a Master Plan Implementation Committee, such as the one formed at the conclusion of the 2009 Master Plan to provide stewardship and track progress of implementation efforts.

The Planning Board anticipates establishing a Master Plan Implementation Committee by the end of 2024. The Planning Board encourages Town Meeting Representatives to stay in engaged and read the final plan once it is published as it will be a helpful tool to learn more about the Town and the perspectives of their neighbors.

Review the Final Master Plan, as approved by the Planning Board



Access a digital copy of the Final Master Plan, dated February 2024, from our website by entering the URL below or by scanning the QR code to the left with your mobile phone or device:

 bit.ly/DD2035FinalPlan

MGL Chapter 40, Section 5B - Stabilization Funds; Establishment

Section 5B. Cities, towns and districts may create 1 or more stabilization funds and appropriate any amount into the funds. Any interest shall be added to and become part of the fund.

The treasurer shall be the custodian of all stabilization funds and may deposit the proceeds in a trust company, co-operative bank or savings bank, if the trust company or bank is organized or exists pursuant to the laws of the commonwealth or any other state or may transact business in the commonwealth and has its main office or a branch office in the commonwealth; a national bank, federal savings bank or federal savings and loan association, if the bank or association may transact business and has its main office or a branch office in the commonwealth; provided, however, that a state-chartered or federally-chartered bank shall be insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor; or may invest the funds in participation units in a combined investment fund pursuant to section 38A of chapter 29 or in securities that are legal investments for savings banks.

At the time of creating any stabilization fund the city, town or district shall specify, and at any later time may alter, the purpose of the fund, which may be for any lawful purpose, including without limitation, an approved school project pursuant to chapter 70B or any other purpose for which the city, town or district may lawfully borrow money. The specification and any alteration of purpose, and any appropriation of funds from any such fund, shall be approved by a two-thirds vote, except as provided in paragraph (g) of section 21C of chapter 59 for a majority referendum vote. Subject to said section 21C of said chapter 59, any such vote shall be of the legislative body of the city, town or district, subject to charter.

Notwithstanding section 53 of chapter 44 or any other general or special law to the contrary, a city, town or district that accepts this paragraph may dedicate, without further appropriation, all, or a percentage not less than 25 per cent, of a particular fee, charge or other receipt to any stabilization fund established pursuant to this section; provided, however, that the receipt is not reserved by law for expenditure for a particular purpose. For purposes of this paragraph, a receipt shall not include taxes or excises assessed pursuant to chapter 59, 60A, 60B, 61, 61A or 61B or surcharges assessed pursuant to section 39M or chapter 44B. A dedication shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the legislative body of the city, town or district, subject to charter, and may be terminated in the same manner. A vote to dedicate or terminate a dedication shall be made before the fiscal year in which the dedication or termination is to commence and shall be effective at least for 3 fiscal years.



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2024 Spring Town Meeting
Article 15 – Mass Public Library Construction Program

What does a yes vote on Article 15 mean?

A yes vote on Article 15 means the Library can apply for, receive, and spend the \$100,000 MPLCP grant award and \$150,000 from Library Trust Funds on the planning and design phase, if awarded the grant.

What is the MPLCP grant?

The Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program is a program administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) that helps communities improve their public library facilities through state funding and technical assistance for planning & design and construction projects. The Dedham Public Library is applying for the MPLCP grant to aid in addressing the physical deficiencies in our library buildings.

Why does Town Meeting need to vote on this?

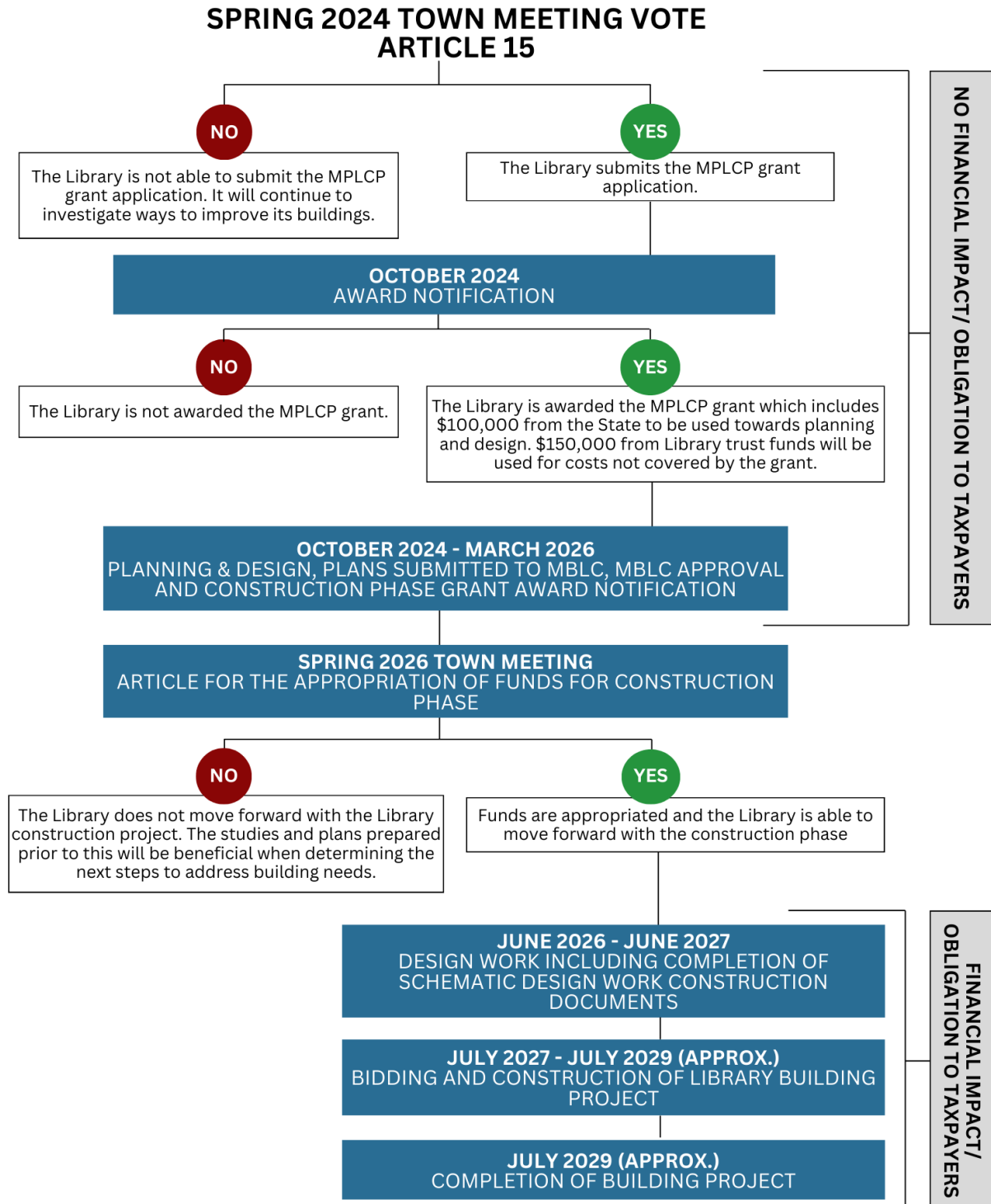
A requirement of the application process includes receiving Town Meeting's approval to apply for and spend the MPLCP grant funds, and to approve the expenditure of Library Trust Funds, if awarded the grant. Typically, applying for and using grant funds does not require a Town Meeting vote. The Board of Library Trustees have authority over Library Trust Funds generally does not need Town Meeting's approval. Again, this is being done as a requirement for the grant application.

How much of a financial impact does Article 15 have on taxpayers?

Approval of Article 15 does not have a financial impact on taxpayers. Figure 1 below provides an overview of the MPLCP grant process, phases, and timeline, and which of these steps will have a financial impact on taxpayers.

There are two separate contractual phases of the MPLCP grant, both require Town Meeting’s approval: Planning and Design, and Construction. Article 15 is related to the planning and design phase. Before moving into the construction phase, if awarded, Town Meeting will vote on the final project and funding appropriation.

Figure 1: Massachusetts Public Library Construction Project Overview



If the Library receives the MPLCP grant, what's next?

If awarded the MPLCP grant, the Library will receive \$100,000 from the State to use for the planning and design phase. At the February 7, 2024 Board of Library Trustees meeting, the Board voted to use \$150,000 from Library Trust Funds to cover planning and design costs not covered by the MPLCP grant. MBLC estimates the planning and design phase to cost \$250,000.

What does the Planning and Design Phase include?

The planning and design phase may include preparation of a study, analysis, or similar report on an existing building or alternative sites, along with cost analysis of options and alternatives, site investigation/selection, and preparation of design drawings, energy modeling, cost estimates, site investigation, and soil studies, etc. ***The planning and design phase is also when decisions such as whether to renovate an existing building, move forward with a new building, where that building might be located, and if that leads to a consolidation of Library buildings will be made. At this point, none of that has been decided.***

What if the Library is awarded the grant but chooses to not pursue it?

There are provisions in the contract that allow the Library to withdraw their application or participation in the MPLCP without penalty. Applying for and/or accepting the grant, if awarded, does not obligate the Library or Town to move forward with the process; the Library can withdraw its application at any time.

What if the Library completes the planning and design phase but the funding for the construction phase is not appropriated at the Spring 2026 Town Meeting. Are the studies/plans from the planning and design phase still useful?

Yes, the studies and plans will allow the Library and Town to understand the physical needs of the Library. If the Library chooses to apply for the MPLCP grant during the next grant cycle, those plans will be a foundation to build from although they would need to be updated to ensure they are relevant and applicable.

When is the next MPLCP grant cycle?

MBLC expects that the next MPLCP grant cycle will begin in May 2027 and should mirror the timeline and process as the current cycle; the Town Meeting article vote related to the planning and design phase would be in May 2028 with the construction phase article at the Spring 2030 Town Meeting.

Aside from the \$100,000 for planning and design, how much does the MPLCP grant cover?

The construction portion of the grant is dependent on the total construction costs. The grant would cover approximately 48% of costs for a \$15,000,000 project and 41% of costs for a \$30,000,000 project. Details of the award breakdown are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program Grant Award for Construction Phase

Eligible Costs	Incremental State Share	Example for Project with Eligible Costs of \$15,000,000	Example for Project with Eligible Costs of \$30,000,000
First \$5,000,000	60% of estimated eligible cost up to \$5,000,000	\$5,000,000 x 60% = \$3,000,000	\$5,000,000 x 60% = \$3,000,000
\$5,000,000 - \$10,000,000	45% of estimated eligible cost between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000	\$5,000,000 x 45% = \$2,250,000	\$5,000,000 x 45% = \$2,250,000
\$10,000,000 - \$20,000,000	35% of estimated eligible cost between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000	\$5,000,000 x 35% = \$1,750,000	\$10,000,000 x 35% = \$3,500,000
\$20,000,000 - \$50,000,000	30% of estimated eligible cost between \$20,000,000 and \$50,000,000		\$10,000,000 x 30% = \$3,000,000
Community Economic Need Factor*	4.68%* of award subtotal	\$7,000,000 x 4.68% = \$327,600	\$11,750,000 x 4.48% = \$549,900
TOTAL AWARD		\$7,327,600 (48% of Eligible Cost)	\$12,299,900 (41% of Eligible Cost)

**The Economic Need Factor is determined by using 2023 State Equalized Evaluation and 2023 Department of Revenue income figures; Dedham's Economic Need Factor is 4.68%.*

What are considered Eligible costs?

For the construction phase, eligible costs are project costs directly related to the interior and exterior construction of the project, including acquisition of real property; planning costs; design services; demolition; site preparation; construction; and approved capital equipment of an approved public library project. Ineligible expenses include but are not limited to costs related to fundraising, municipal bonding, attorney fees, moving, furnishings, computers and other equipment, and costs related to the exterior grounds or site of the structure.

Chapter 198 of the Acts of 2016 - An Act Relative to the Creation of a Renewable Energy Fund in the Town of Dedham

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 53 or 53E½ of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, there shall be established in the town of Dedham a special fund to be known as the Renewable Energy Fund. The fund shall be credited all fees, proceeds and other receipts received by the town in connection with the sale of solar renewable energy credits or energy produced by town-owned and operated solar arrays. Money in the fund may be expended by the town manager of the town of Dedham, following consultation with the town's sustainability committee or its equivalent, without further appropriation, for costs associated with energy efficiency upgrades to town and school buildings and other infrastructure, including, but not limited to, regulation of building temperature, windows, doors, street lighting and renewable energy or water conservation projects. Town meeting shall annually impose a limit on expenditures from the fund and may provide that receipts remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year in excess of \$5,000 be closed out to the general fund. The fund established by this act shall not be considered a revolving fund pursuant to said section 53E½ of said chapter 44 and shall not be counted against the aggregate limit of all revolving funds authorized pursuant to said section 53E½ of said chapter 44.

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

Final Actions (Vote) of Town Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021 (Article 9) - Appropriation for Feasibility Study for the Oakdale Elementary School

VOTED: That the Town of Dedham appropriate an amount up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs for the development of a Feasibility Study and schematic design for the purpose of studying options for the Oakdale Elementary School, 147 Cedar Street, while also studying possible consolidation with another elementary school, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Rehabilitation Committee; to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and MSBA; and, further, that any premium received 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 costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs.

AS DECLARED BY THE MODERATOR A 2/3RD VOTE

Article 18 – Additional Information

Voting “yes” on Article 18 would adopt the Municipal Opt-In Specialized Energy Code (“Opt-In Code”). The Opt-In Code would add additional energy regulations to new construction in Dedham, above the Stretch Energy Code (which Dedham already adopted).

Background

Dedham adopted the Stretch Code in 2010. It is updated every three years, and Dedham is currently adjusting to the most recent updates to the Stretch Code. The Opt-In Code would add a few provisions to the current Stretch Code.

What would change

The Opt-In Code applies to new construction only. It does not affect renovations, additions, or alterations to existing buildings. The Opt-In Code ensures all new construction is built to align with increasing state efforts to reduce fossil fuel use, by “pre-wiring” for future transition to renewable energy sources and in some cases including solar panels. The charts below show the Opt-In Code requirements as they relate to the existing Stretch Code.

Opt-In Code Implications for Low-Rise Residential Buildings NEW CONSTRUCTION ONLY		
Fuel Type	Home Size	Opt-In Code Requirements
All electric	Any size	Same as Stretch Code
Mixed fuel	Under 4,000 sq ft	Stretch Code + wiring for electrification + Solar PV to 4kw
	4,000 sq ft +	Stretch Code + wiring for electrification + Solar PV to net zero

Opt-In Code Implications for Commercial Buildings NEW CONSTRUCTION ONLY		
Building Type	Fuel Type	Opt-In Code Requirements
New multi-family (4+ stories, over 12,000 sq ft)	All electric	Passive House*
	Mixed fuel	Passive House* + wiring for electrification
New schools, offices, municipal buildings	All electric	Same as Stretch Code
	Mixed fuel	Same as Stretch Code + <i>either</i> Solar PV or wiring for electrification
Other new commercial (over 20,000 sq ft)	All electric	Same as Stretch Code
	Mixed fuel	Same as Stretch Code + <i>either</i> Solar PV or wiring for electrification

*Passive House is one of the pathways that also meets the Stretch Code, it refers to highly energy efficient design standards that minimize energy consumption and improve indoor air quality.

Article 18 – Additional Opt-In Code Resources from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources; MA Net Zero Buildings Coalition

Massachusetts has established legally-mandated goals for reducing carbon emissions by 50 percent compared to 1990 levels by 2030 and by a minimum of 85% by 2050 according to the Global Warming Solutions Act and the 2021 Act Creating a Next-Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy. The Municipal Opt-In Specialized Energy Code (Specialized Code) is required to be designed to help achieve greenhouse gas emission limits and building sector sub-limits set every five years from 2025 to 2050. As a result, all compliance pathways under the Specialized Code are designed to ensure new construction that is consistent with a net-zero Massachusetts economy in 2050, primarily through building envelope energy efficiency, that in turn enables reduced heating loads and efficient electrification.

The largest greenhouse gas emissions impact for many buildings stems from the heating loads and choice of heating fuel for the building. Buildings reliant on combustion equipment have no clear pathway to zero emissions, while electrically heated buildings using heat pump technologies do due to the steady increase in renewable and clean energy sources on the NE-ISO electric grid, and opportunities for distributed solar and other on-site renewable energy generation.

The Specialized Code requires all new buildings to be designed with electric service and wiring sufficient for future electrification of space and water heating as well as any combustion equipment appliance loads.

There are three pathways to code compliance for both residential and commercial buildings, and the compliance pathway depends on the proposed fuel type and design. Homes or buildings can be zero energy, all electric, or mixed fuel.

For residential buildings, the following criteria must be achieved for each path:

RC103: Zero Energy: This pathway must either achieve a Passive House Institute United States (Phius) ZERO pre-certification or a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index of 42 (if mixed fuel) or 45 (if all electric) before factoring in on-site power production (OPP), typically via solar, and a HERS 0 after added OPP.

Note: A "Zero Energy Building" is; a building which through a combination of highly energy efficient design and onsite renewable energy generation (Solar PV or other) is designed to result in net zero energy consumption.

RC103: All Electric: This pathway requires full electrification of the home for water and space heating, clothes dryers, cooking equipment, and other features. Buildings that qualify for the all-electric pathway must achieve a HERS rating of 45 or pre-certification as meeting Phius CORE or Passive House International (PHI) requirements. This pathway must also comply with solar-ready provisions in Appendix RB of the Stretch Code and Stretch Code provisions for wiring for electric vehicle charging. Backup generators are still allowed, even when using the "all electric" pathway.

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RC104: Mixed Fuel: This pathway requires electric readiness for future electrification of a home, meaning that homes should be wired to accommodate future electric use and outlets must be installed near fossil fuel equipment for future installation of electric equipment. This includes equipment for water and space heating, clothes dryers, and cooking appliances. In addition, a HERS Index of 42 or less is required, or homes must meet Phius CORE or PHI requirements. In addition, a HERS Index of 42 or less is required for each dwelling unit, and each must have an electric vehicle ready space. This pathway must also adhere to Section RC105 which is guidance for a "Solar Ready Zone". If a new building is greater than 4,000 square feet of conditioned floor area, the option to follow this pathway is not available.

Multifamily residential buildings are technically covered by the Commercial Code. Multifamily buildings greater than 12,000 square feet will need to achieve Phius CORE or Passive House International (PHI) standards. These requirements are phased in. Buildings up to five stories must meet them as of July 1, 2023, and building higher than five stories must meet them as of January 1, 2024.

For commercial buildings, the following criteria must be achieved for each path:

CC103: Zero Energy: This is an optional pathway for buildings that are designed to result in net zero energy consumption for a year, where the onsite energy production must be greater than or equal to the building's energy use. R-Use buildings (a large category of buildings from motels to apartments) can follow RC102 (the residential Zero Energy Pathway) with PHIUS ZERO or HERS 0 certification.

CC104: All Electric: This pathway requires all energy services to be provided by electric power, with exception of external backup generation, a building following this pathway must meet the requirements of the Stretch Code for buildings of that type, size, and permit date.

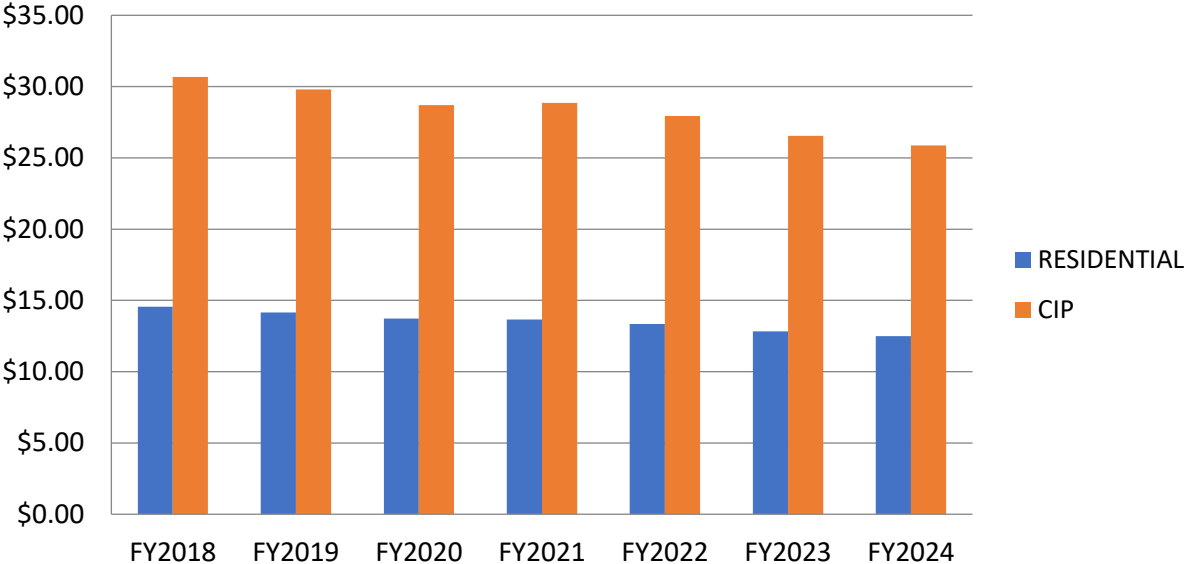
CC105 and CC106: Mixed Fuel: This path is for buildings using fossil fuels for space heating, water heating, cooking, or clothes drying. In addition to otherwise applicable requirements of the Stretch Code, buildings following this option must all be electrification-ready, including pre-wiring for future electric conversion of any fossil fuel end uses. This means that buildings should be wired to accommodate future electric use and outlets must be installed near the fossil fuel equipment for future installation of electric equipment. In addition, this path requires on-site renewable energy production and additional minimum efficiency requirements for fossil fuel heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and water heating equipment.

Sources: Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, MA Net Zero Buildings Coalition

The following charts have been included in the 2023 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Book to provide additional context and historical information as it pertains to tax rates, single family home tax bills, and levy raised in Dedham.

Historic Residential and CIP Tax Rates in Dedham

RESIDENTIAL AND CIP TAX RATES



Property Type	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
RESIDENTIAL	\$14.55	\$14.15	\$13.72	\$13.67	\$13.35	\$12.84	\$12.50
CIP	\$30.68	\$29.79	\$28.70	\$28.86	\$27.93	\$26.55	\$25.88

Historical Tax Bill for Single Family Home in Dedham

Fiscal Year	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Average SFH	\$473,826	\$499,901	\$540,688	\$550,083	\$597,742	\$668,273	\$739,506
Tax Rate	\$14.55	\$14.15	\$13.72	\$13.67	\$13.35	\$12.84	\$12.50
Average Tax Bill	\$6,894.17	\$7,073.60	\$7,418.24	\$7,519.63	\$7,979.86	\$8,580.63	\$9,243.83
Average Increase (\$)	\$272.79	\$179.43	\$344.64	\$101.39	\$460.23	\$600.77	\$663.20
Average Increase (%)	4.12%	2.60%	4.87%	1.37%	6.12%	7.53%	7.73%

Note: SFH stands for single family home

Historic Levy Raised for the Town of Dedham

Fiscal Year	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Levy	\$84,516,081	\$86,602,476	\$89,836,926	\$93,353,589	\$97,098,374	\$101,712,664	\$109,648,329
Debt Exclusion	\$2,791,493	\$2,720,355	\$2,525,746	\$2,447,975	\$2,368,873	\$1,939,156	\$1,757,343
Total Tax Raise	\$87,307,574	\$89,322,831	\$92,362,672	\$95,801,564	\$99,467,247	\$103,651,820	\$111,405,672
Increase (\$)	\$2,330,387	\$2,015,257	\$3,039,841	\$3,438,892	\$3,665,683	\$4,184,573	\$7,753,852
Increase (%)	2.74%	2.31%	3.40%	3.72%	3.83%	4.21%	7.48%