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Fiscal Year 2023

Quad Board: Budget Kickoff Meeting

# General Discussions

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Timeline

Future Planning

- Building Projects
- Stabilization Accounts

Tax Levy and Local Receipts

Department Priorities

# Budget Timeline

- October 29<sup>th</sup> – Capital Improvement Plan submitted to CIC, FinCom, BOS
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Department Heads submit budgets & fee recommendations to TA
- Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – TA to submit draft budget to BOS & FinCom
- Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – CIC to submit recommendations to BOS & TA
- Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – Governor releases budget
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> – Budget Hearings
- Mar 16<sup>th</sup> – Public Hearing on Departmental Fees

# Building/Infrastructure Projects

\$50m plus for anticipated building projects

- DPW Facility - \$20m
- South End Fire Station - \$6-7m with apparatus
- 540 Arcade Ave - \$1.7m
- Library - \$19.6m (potential grant of \$7m)
- High School Turf Field - \$2m
- School Recreational Facilities – Cost TBD
- School Building Projects – Cost TBD

Outstanding Debt - \$25,098,824

- Down \$1.2m from FY 21
- Down \$2.5m from FY 18

# Stabilization Accounts

## Stabilization Fund

- Balance of \$4,800,107
- 15% of Certified Free Cash to be transferred into account per the Town's Financial Policies approved by BOS on April 14, 2021 (\$452,740)
- Minimum balance of 7% of prior year tax levy (\$3,219,996) per the Financial Policies

## Municipal Capital Stab Fund

- Balance of \$398,908 (includes \$200k budgeted transfer from General Fund)
- 15% of Certified Free Cash to be transferred into account per the Financial Policies (\$452,740)
- Minimum balance of 3% of prior year tax levy (\$1,379,998) per the Financial Policies

# Stabilization Accounts

## Public Building and Infrastructure Stab Fund

- Balance of \$208,759
- 15% of Certified Free Cash to be transferred into account per the Financial Policies (\$452,740)
- Retail/Medical Marijuana sales tax to be transferred into fund

## Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund

- Balance of \$3,214,566.47 (8% funded)
- 15% of Certified Free Cash to be transferred into account per the Financial Policies (\$452,740)
- \$40.8m unfunded liability

# Certified Free Cash

## Free Cash

- Remaining Balance of \$1,207,305
- 30% available for capital or other one-time expenses (\$905,479)
- 10% of Free Cash to remain unspent from fiscal year to fiscal year (\$301,826)
  - To ensure following year's Free Cash calculation will begin with a positive balance

# Revenue & Department Priorities

## Revenue

- 2.5% Tax Increase – Generates on average \$1.15m of new revenue yearly
- New Growth – Average estimate of \$400k in new revenue yearly
- Debt Exclusion – generates yearly revenue for principal & interest payments on debt excluded projects
- Local Receipts – generates roughly 2% increase year-over-year (\$150k)

## Department Priorities

- Town side of budget : DPW and Fire Department Staffing needs



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Questions?