## Office of the Town Administrator

April 19, 2023

To: Select Board, Finance Committee<br>From: Nathan Boudreau, Town Administrator

## RE: Budget Update \#2 - Public Hearing

Ahead of the April 20, 2023 Public Hearing I wanted to take a moment to provide and update on the proposed FY24 Town of Hubbardston Operations and Capital Budget.

Changes from Budget Update \#1:

## Cherry Sheet Update

The House Ways \& Means Committee has released their version of the FY2024 budget proposal, and the Division has posted updated preliminary cherry sheets on the DLS website. These estimates are preliminary and subject to change, but the budget has been updated to reflect them.

## Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Preliminary Assessment

The preliminary Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District assessment figured are now available and have gone down due to a decrease in Hubbardston enrollment. The assessment is ~\$50,000 less than early estimates.

## Quabbin Regional School District Assessment

On April 18, 2023, we received the annual assessment from the Quabbin Regional School District which announced a $9.02 \%(\$ 489,111)$ increase over last year. Within my proposal, I have kept a $6.0 \%$ increase in the line item as in the past. If the higher number passes then we will have to make alterations or cuts to the budget similar to FY2023.

| Due Date | Barre | Hardwick | Hubbardston | New Braintree | Oakham | Total |
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| $8 / 15 / 2023$ | $\$ 1,655,998.81$ | $\$ 726,223.17$ | $\$ 1,478,509.87$ | $\$ 344,591.79$ | $\$ 658,206.63$ | $\$ 4,863,530.27$ |
| $11 / 15 / 2023$ | $\$ 1,655,998.80$ | $\$ 726,223.17$ | $\$ 1,478,509.86$ | $\$ 344,591.79$ | $\$ 658,206.63$ | $\$ 4,863,530.25$ |
| $2 / 15 / 2024$ | $\$ 1,655,998.80$ | $\$ 726,223.17$ | $\$ 1,478,509.86$ | $\$ 344,591.79$ | $\$ 658,206.63$ | $\$ 4,863,530.25$ |
| $5 / 15 / 2024$ | $\$ 1,655,998.80$ | $\$ 726,223.16$ | $\$ 1,478,509.86$ | $\$ 344,591.78$ | $\$ 658,206.63$ | $\$ 4,863,530.23$ |
| Total | $\$ 6,623,995.21$ | $\$ 2,904,892.67$ | $\$ 5,914,039.45$ | $\$ 1,378,367.15$ | $\$ 2,632,826.52$ | $\$ 19,454,121.00$ |

## Department of Public Works Increases

Director Brown has requested an increase for the Hubbardston Department of Public Works (DPW) in FY24. He has presented data on the increased workload and responsibilities of the DPW in recent years, making a strong case for the need for an increase in funding. As a result of the rising cost of living, the department is experiencing difficulty with recruitment and retention. An increase would improve their financial situation and show that the town values and rewards hard work and dedication. We are in the process of scheduling a meeting with the union to discuss the impact an increase of this nature would have on their upcoming 2025-2028 contract.

The Financial impact of a $7 \%$ increase would be $\sim \$ 18,342$ to a fully staffed department. However, the Hubbardston DPW is currently has one full and one temporary vacancy.

Thank you, and please let me know if you have any questions as we proceed through the budget season. I look forward to the April 20, 2023 public hearing and reviewing any questions you may have.

Sincerely,


Nathan R. Boudreau, Town Administrator

| TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON |  |
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| $4 / 19 / 2023$ |  |
| FY 2024 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY |  |
|  | $\$ 10,458,509$ |
| Revenues | $\$ 10,542,126$ |
| Expenses | $\$(83,617)$ |
| Revenues - Expenses |  |
|  |  |
| Transfers from Other Funds: | $\$ 83,617$ |
| Transfer from Stabilization | $\$ 0$ |
| Free Cash for One-Time Expenses |  |
| Free Cash to Balance Omnibus Budget |  |
|  | $\$ 806,289.00$ |
| BALANCE: |   <br> Free Cash Certified Total $\$ 83,617.00$ <br> Free Cash Used at October 2022 STM $\$ 97,915.40$ <br> Operating Budget $\$ 100,000.00$ <br> Reserve $\$ 68,000.00$ <br> ATM 2024 Use (Potential) $\$ 390,000.00$ <br> FY24 Recommended Capital $\$ 739,532.40$ <br> TOTAL $\$ 66,756.60$ <br> Free Cash Surplus / Deficit  |

## Moderator - 114

| 5100 Personnel |  |
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|  | Stipend |
|  | TOTAL |

Select Board -122

Town Admin - 129
5100 Personnel

## Salary

Merit
5110 Employee Support
Cell Phone Stipend
Disability Insurance
Expenses
TOTAL

## 5100 Personne

5110 Employee Support \begin{tabular}{ll}
\& Executive Assistant <br>
\& Expenses <br>
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\& Binding of Records <br>
\& Advertising <br>
\& Legal <br>
\& Town Clock Maint. <br>
\& Warrant Mailings <br>

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Office Supplies <br>
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Town Report <br>
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| $\$ 100.00$ $\$ 100.00$ | \$100.00 $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 0 . 0 0}$ | $\$ 100.00$ $\$ 100.00$ | 0.00\% |
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| \$27,560.00 | \$28,111.20 | \$28,111.20 | 2.00\% |
| \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | 0.00\% |
| \$250.00 | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | 0.00\% |
| \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  |  | 100.00\% |
| \$40,000.00 | \$40,000.00 | \$40,000.00 | 0.00\% |
| \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | 0.00\% |
| \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | 0.00\% |
| \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | 0.00\% |
| \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | 0.00\% |
| \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | 0.00\% |
| \$76,610.00 | \$77,161.20 | \$77,161.20 | 0.72\% |
| \$103,482.00 | \$110,000.00 | \$110,000.00 | 6.30\% |
| \$1,553.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -100.00\% |
| \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | 0.00\% |
| \$2,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -100.00\% |
| \$6,600.00 | \$6,600.00 | \$6,600.00 | 0.00\% |
| \$114,735.00 | \$117,200.00 | \$117,200.00 | 2.15\% |


|  | 5110 Employee Support |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | FC Expenses |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5700 Other |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | FC Reserve Fund | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | -16.67\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | -16.67\% |
| Accountant - 135 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5200 Services |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Accountant Services | \$28,205.00 | \$23,500.00 | \$23,500.00 | -16.68\% |
|  |  | Annual Audit | \$19,500.00 | \$19,500.00 | \$19,500.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Accountant Expense | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5110 Employee Support |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Travel | \$0.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | 100.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$48,005.00 | \$44,800.00 | \$44,800.00 | -6.68\% |
| Assessor - 141 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5110 Employee Support |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Expenses (association dues) | \$275.00 | \$275.00 | \$275.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5200 Services |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Assessing Services | \$72,143.00 | \$72,143.00 | \$73,500.00 | 1.88\% |
|  |  | Assistant | \$9,358.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | 6.86\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$81,776.00 | \$92,418.00 | \$83,775.00 | 2.44\% |
| Treasurer Collector - 149 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5100 Personnel |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Salary | \$68,458.00 | \$68,458.00 | \$65,000.00 | -5.05\% |
|  |  | Certification | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | Finance Assistant | \$37,626.00 | \$38,379.00 | \$42,203.70 | 12.17\% |
|  | 5110 Employee Support |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Expenses (Dues and Workshops) | \$370.00 | \$370.00 | \$870.00 | 135.14\% |
|  | 5200 Services |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Payroll Services | \$3,500.00 | \$3,500.00 | \$3,500.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | Expenses (Veri and Bank Fees) | \$4,800.00 | \$4,800.00 | \$4,800.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Expenses (Postage and Supplies) | \$7,300.00 | \$7,450.00 | \$7,450.00 | 2.05\% |


|  | 5700 Other |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Tax Title | \$2,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$125,054.00 | \$128,957.00 | \$126,823.70 | 1.42\% |
| Information Technology-155 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5200 Services |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | IT Maintenance | \$70,000.00 | \$70,000.00 | \$70,000.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | Copier | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | Website | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$76,000.00 | \$76,000.00 | \$76,000.00 | 0.00\% |
| Town Clerk - 161 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5100 Personnel |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Town Cerk Salary | \$48,250.00 | \$44,077.00 | \$47,500.00 | -1.55\% |
|  |  | Election Wages | \$3,375.00 | \$3,375.00 | \$3,375.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | Board of Registrar Wages |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5110 Employee Support |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Expenses (Conf, Dues, Mileage) | \$870.00 | \$870.00 | \$870.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5200 Services |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Expenses (Binding, Safe Deposit) | \$3,650.00 | \$4,550.00 | \$4,000.00 | 9.59\% |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Election Expenses | \$750.00 | \$750.00 | \$750.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | Supplies | \$5,750.00 | \$5,500.00 | \$5,500.00 | -4.35\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$62,645.00 | \$59,122.00 | \$61,995.00 | -1.04\% |
| Building \& Maintenance - 192 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5100 Personnel |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Custodian | \$9,941.00 | \$10,139.82 | \$10,139.82 | 2.00\% |
|  | 5200 Services |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Utiities and Maintenance | \$31,000.00 | \$31,000.00 | \$31,000.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | Phone | \$6,500.00 | \$6,500.00 | \$6,500.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$47,441.00 | \$47,639.82 | \$47,639.82 | 0.42\% |
| Police - 210 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5100 Personnel |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Police Chief Salary | \$112,198.00 | \$96,500.00 | \$96,500.00 | -13.99\% |
|  |  | Police Wages | \$503,074.00 | \$540,636.00 | \$525,636.00 | 4.48\% |



|  |  | Ambulance Lease | $\$ 20,536.00$ | \$21,365.00 | $\$ 21,365.00$ | 4.04\% |
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|  |  | Ambulance Pro Service | $\$ 26,880.00$ | $\$ 26,880.00$ | $\$ 26,880.00$ | $0.00 \%$ |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Ambulance Pro Service | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | Medical Supplies | \$12,200.00 | \$12,200.00 | \$12,200.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5700 Other |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Medical Supplies (new) | \$7,500.00 | \$7,500.00 | \$7,500.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$69,616.00 | \$70,445.00 | \$70,445.00 | 1.19\% |
| Land Use-241 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5100 Personnel |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Staff | \$86,382.00 | \$88,910.00 | \$88,910.00 | 2.93\% |
|  | 5110 Employee Support |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Continuing Ed for Inspectors | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5200 Services |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Montachusett Assessment | \$1,526.00 | \$1,526.00 | \$1,526.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Land Use Supplies | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$89,908.00 | \$92,436.00 | \$92,436.00 | 2.81\% |
| Emergency Management - 291 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5100 Personnel |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Emergency Planning Director | \$1,133.00 | \$1,156.00 | \$1,156.00 | 2.03\% |
|  | 5110 Employee Support |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | CERT Support | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Emergency Planning Expenses | \$833.00 | \$833.00 | \$833.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$2,466.00 | \$2,489.00 | \$2,489.00 | 0.93\% |
| Animal Control - 292 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5200 Services |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Regional Animal Control | \$18,573.00 | \$18,944.46 | \$18,944.00 | 2.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$18,573.00 | \$18,944.46 | \$18,944.00 | 2.00\% |
| Tree Warden - 294 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5100 Personnel |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Tree Warden Wages | \$1,900.00 | \$1,900.00 | \$1,900.00 | 0.00\% |


|  | 520 Services |  |  |
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|  | 5200 Services |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Plowing Private Ways | \$2,100.00 | \$2,100.00 | \$2,100.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | Winter Outside Services | \$5,300.00 | \$5,300.00 | \$5,300.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Equip., Supplies \& Materials | \$160,000.00 | \$160,000.00 | \$160,000.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$232,639.00 | \$239,860.00 | \$235,400.00 | 1.19\% |
| Street Lights - 424 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5200 Services |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Municipal Lights | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 | 0.00\% |
| Cemetery-491 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Cemetery Equiptment | \$1,300.00 | \$1,300.00 | \$1,300.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$1,300.00 | \$1,300.00 | \$1,300.00 | 0.00\% |
| Senior Center - 541 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5100 Personnel |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | COA Director | \$16,536.00 | \$16,866.72 | \$16,867.00 | 2.00\% |
|  | 5200 Services |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Coa Expenses | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | COA Expenses | \$1,900.00 | \$1,900.00 | \$1,900.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$20,936.00 | \$21,266.72 | \$21,267.00 | 1.58\% |
| Veterans - 543 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5110 Employee Support |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Veteran Training Expenses | \$650.00 | \$650.00 | \$650.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5200 Services |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Regional Services | \$6,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$6,000.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Veterans Expenses | \$200.00 | \$700.00 | \$200.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | Veteran Flags | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | Veteran Graves | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5700 Other |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Veteran Benefits | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | 0.00\% |


|  |  | TOTAL | \$27,850.00 | \$34,350.00 | \$27,850.00 | 0.00\% |
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| Library - 610 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5100 Personnel |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Director | \$28,649.00 | \$29,222.00 | \$29,222.00 | 2.00\% |
|  |  | Assistant Wages | \$17,062.00 | \$17,403.00 | \$17,403.00 | 2.00\% |
|  | 5110 Employee Support |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Association Dues | \$310.00 | \$310.00 | \$310.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5200 Services |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Utilities and Maintenance | \$19,510.00 | \$19,510.00 | \$19,510.00 | 0.00\% |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Books and Materials | \$19,886.00 | \$19,886.00 | \$19,886.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$85,417.00 | \$86,331.00 | \$86,331.00 | 1.07\% |
| Recreation - 630 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Park Sefvices and Expenses | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | 0.00\% |
| Agricultural Commission - 690 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Ag Commission Expenses | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | 0.00\% |
| Historical Commission-691 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5400 Supplies |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Expenses | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | 0.00\% |
| Debt - Short-Term Interest - 750 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Short-Term Interest (Inside Levy) | \$2,600.00 | \$14,485.00 | \$14,485.00 | 457.12\% |
|  |  | Short-Term Interest (Outside Levy) | \$5,375.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | -100.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$7,975.00 | \$14,485.00 | \$14,485.00 | 81.63\% |
| Debt - Short Term Principal 750 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Principal on Short-Term Debt | \$100,000.00 | \$50,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | 0.00\% |
|  |  | TOTAL | \$100,000.00 | \$50,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | 0.00\% |


| Debt - Long-Term Principal - $\mathbf{7 5 1}$ |  |  |  |  |
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| TOTAL | $\$ 128,000.00$ | $\$ 131,000.00$ | $\$ 131,000.00$ | $\mathbf{2 . 3 4 \%}$ |
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| Library Off-Set | $\$ 8,627.00$ | $\$ 8,627.00$ | $\$ 8,627.00$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ |
| Overlay | $\$ 60,000.00$ | $\$ 60,000.00$ | $\$ 60,000.00$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ |
| TOTAL | $\$ 68,627.00$ | $\$ 68,627.00$ | $\$ 68,627.00$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ |
| GRAND TOTAL | $\$ 10,212,381.65$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 , 5 5 5 , 5 4 0 . 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 , 5 4 2 , 1 2 6 . 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 2 3 \%}$ |

