

FY23 Budget Highlights Hubbardston Annual Town Meeting June 7, 2022

The following report details highlights from the proposed FY23 Town Budget. This budget is a joint recommendation of the Select Board and Finance Committee.

Revenue

\$272k in additional revenues are estimated for the FY23 budget; no one-time revenues were used and no additional taxes are proposed above the allowed 2.5%

General Government (Article 8)

- Additional administrative support in the Executive and Land-Use offices.
- Increases to support the FY23 election cycle
- Contractual and payroll increases for town staff (average COLA is 3%)
- Improved inspectional services by budgeting for a full-time commissioner. This is paid in part by the elimination of the regional agreement with the City of Gardner
- Additional investment in town recreation

Education (Articles 9-11)

- The Quabbin Regional School District is receiving \$191k in additional funding for FY23. This represents 70 percent of all new revenues.
- The town's proposed budget for the Quabbin Regional School District (Article 10) is a rejection of the School Committee's budget requesting an additional \$407,633 (8.07 percent increase). This request represents \$135k more than all of the new revenues the town will receive for FY23.
- Meets all obligations for Monty Tech and issued school debt