#### TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday November 16, 2021

- 1. Call to Order A. O'Dwyer opened the meeting at 6:00pm; those present via zoom: Michelle Loubert, Meredith O'Connor, Anne O'Dwyer, Philip Orenstein. Town Manager Mark Pruhenski, Finance Director Sue Carmel. Absent: Tom Blauvelt
- 2. Roll Call M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye."
- 3. Finance Committee reorganization discussion and vote
  - a. A. O'Dwyer stated she would like to step down as Finance Committee Chair. T. Blauvelt had expressed interest in becoming Chair, but does not have the time/capacity. M. Loubert stated she would like to step down as Vice Chair due to logistical and timing issues.
- A. O'Dwyer made a motion for P. Orenstein to serve as Chair of the Finance Committee; M. Loubert seconded. A. O'Dwyer asked if any discussion P. Orenstein stated he would be happy to serve just so others with seniority have had the opportunity. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 4-0.
- P. Orenstein made a motion for A. O'Dwyer to serve as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee; M. Loubert seconded. A. O'Dwyer asked if any discussion there was none. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 4-0.
  - b. P. Orenstein delegated the Chair role for the meeting to A. O'Dwyer.
- 4. Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
  - a. Approval of 4/27/21 Finance Committee meeting minutes A. O'Dwyer stated that P. Orenstein did not attend the 4/27 meeting and should be deleted from the attendee list and paragraph 6.
     M. Loubert stated minutes should be corrected to use last names.
- M. Loubert made a motion to approve the 4/27/21 Finance Committee meeting minutes as amended; M. O'Connor seconded. A. O'Dwyer asked if any additional discussion there was none. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye." All in favor, 3-0.
  - b. Approval of Minutes from FY 22 Budget Meetings of 2/16/21, 2/17/21, 3/24/21, 4/27/21 M. Loubert stated she was not comfortable approving the minutes without additional review as the meetings occurred several months ago. The Committee members agreed and tabled approval of the minutes for the next meeting.
- 5. Update from Finance Director
  - a. September 2021 Operating Budget Reports S. Carmel presented stating that payment for long-term debt is not reflected as it is paid in the last six months of the year. Regarding spend for technology, S. Carmel clarified it includes open purchase orders so funds have not actually been expended. P. Orenstein asked about the reserve fund transfer under Assessor's S. Carmel stated it is for the software conversion and carried over from FY21. P. Orenstein asked if higher legal fees were anticipated due to multiple projects M. Pruhenski replied he did not expect any excessive legal fees.

b. M. Pruhenski provided an update on the salary survey stating four salaries in need of immediate adjustment had been made totaling \$23,000 – which is half of what was budgeted. He added that performance evaluations were just completed and will be discussed with the Selectboard to determine any additional adjustments. He also noted he would leverage Dalton's salary survey to identify any other potential salary inconsistencies and would not need funding for a separate survey. M. Loubert asked about using the Massachusetts Municipal Association benchmark salary survey results – M. Pruhenski replied he was unable to access the data, but Alicia Dulin was going to try and he would follow up.

#### 6. Finance Committee Business

- a. Recommendation to Selectboard regarding Senior Tax Deferral Program (Clause 41A) Discussion/Vote
  - i. P. Orenstein presented an overview and findings regarding the Senior Tax Deferral Program and potential recommendations to the Selectboard. He expressed support for the program and stated the open questions are rules for income eligibility and interest rate. He clarified that this is already state law, but not widely used potentially because of the low-income eligibility and program complexity so there is limited data especially for towns comparable to GB. The state's eligibility requirements are: age 65+, resident for 10 years, \$20,000 in income (single or couple) and 8% interest rate but he added towns can change criteria via town meeting. He stated that taxes accrue over time and are due when the home is sold or the taxpayer dies.
  - ii. Committee members discussed specifics and process for the program including payment timing and impact on heirs; mortgage lender approval and liens; other towns' eligibility requirements instances where state legislation provided towns with additional flexibility; value of program in cases of dire financial need; and impact on town finances.
  - iii. Regarding eligibility, A. O'Dwyer stated the income level should be more than \$20,000 and the interest rate lower than 8%.
- A. O'Dwyer made a motion to recommend \$40,000 maximum income to the Selectboard; P. Orenstein seconded. A. O'Dwyer asked if any discussion M. Loubert recommended \$30,000. P. Orenstein stated he supports \$40,000 as social security benefits average \$17,000 per individual/\$35,000 for a couple. A. O'Dwyer stated she would rather increase income so the program is more available. It was stated that in Chatham, as an example, eligibility was set below \$40k and there was almost no participation, so it was raised after a few years.
- A. O'Dwyer retracted her original motion; P. Orenstein retracted his second
- A. O'Dwyer made a motion to recommend \$35,000 maximum income to the Selectboard with a note that the Committee considered a \$30-40,000 range; P. Orenstein seconded. A. O'Dwyer asked if any additional discussion there was none. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 4-0.
- A. O'Dwyer made a motion to recommend an interest rate of 6% to the Selectboard; M. Loubert seconded. A. O'Dwyer asked if any discussion M. Loubert stated 5% is in the range for a line of credit. P. Orenstein asked if it should be a market or subsidized rate. He noted seniors are not going to have other good options. He suggested a 4% rate and noted mortgage rates are 3-5%.
- A. O'Dwyer rescinded her original motion.

A. O'Dwyer made a motion to recommend an interest rate of 4% to the Selectboard; P. Orenstein seconded. A. O'Dwyer asked if any additional discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "no," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." Motion passed, 3-1.

- b. Looking ahead: Mon 11/22 Joint SB/FC Meeting (re: Tax Classification Hearing & Town Audited Reports FY19 & FY20) The Committee discussed rescheduling the 11/22 meeting and proposed new date of 12/13 at 5:00pm so it would proceed the Selectboard meeting. M. Pruhenski will confirm.
- c. Initial discussion of suggestions regarding budget process P. Orenstein suggested changes to the budget process to be discussed at the next meeting. Areas for discussion included: maintaining a schedule and tracking funding sources for town capital projects including projects completed, in process and planned for the future; annual review of previously approved, but unissued/unused borrowings; and the inclusion of reserves in health and life insurance category.
  - i. M. Pruhenski stated he has been discussing capital tracking with staff and has asked for a capital spreadsheet tracking funding sources/project funds expended from start to completion.

#### 7. Finance Committee Member Comments

- a. A. O'Dwyer stated the Committee needs to vote on a budget and financial policy for FY23 at the next meeting. Also, as outgoing Chair she thanked everyone for their support and welcomed/congratulated P. Orenstein as the new Chair. P. Orenstein thanked A. O'Dwyer for her commitment and help over the years and go forward.
- 8. Citizen Speak Time
- 9. Media Time

M. Loubert stated the 12/21 Finance Committee meeting should be rescheduled due to the holidays. The Committee agreed to meet on 12/13 at 5pm or 12/14 if that does not work.

10. Adjournment – A. O'Dwyer made a motion to adjourn; M. Loubert seconded. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 4-0. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow Recording Clerk

# TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING December 13, 2021

- Call to Order P. Orenstein opened the meeting at 5:00pm; those present via zoom: Tom Blauvelt, Michelle Loubert, Meredith O'Connor, Anne O'Dwyer, Philip Orenstein. Town Manager Mark Pruhenski, Finance Director Sue Carmel.
- 2. Roll Call T. Blauvelt, "aye," M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye."
- 3. Approval of Minutes from Joint Finance Committee/Select Board FY 22 Budget Meetings of Feb 16, Feb 17, Feb 24 and March 2. (previously included in the Nov 16 Finance Committee packet)
  - a. P. Orenstein stated he would abstain as he was not in attendance.
  - b. A. O'Dwyer stated she would have the minutes corrected to reflect last names and numbered pages.
  - c. The Committee discussed the February 16,2021 minutes M. Loubert made a correction on p.2, Selectboard/Town Manager highlights to clarify that Selectboard members apply payroll to cover their portion of their insurance premium.
- T. Blauvelt made a motion to approve the February 16, 2021 minutes as amended; M. Loubert seconded.
- P. Orenstein asked if any additional discussion there was none. Roll call vote: T. Blauvelt, "aye," M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye." All in favor, 4-0.
- T. Blauvelt made a motion to approve the February 17, 2021 minutes; M. Loubert seconded. P. Orenstein asked if any discussion M. Loubert asked for clarification on minutes under Capital, #4. A. O'Dwyer stated she would clarify, and minutes were tabled.
- T. Blauvelt made a motion to approve the February 24, 2021 minutes; M. Loubert seconded. P. Orenstein asked if any discussion there was none. Roll call vote: T. Blauvelt, "aye," M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye." All in favor, 4-0.
- T. Blauvelt made a motion to approve the March 2, 2021 minutes; M. Loubert seconded. P. Orenstein asked if any discussion there was none. Roll call vote: T. Blauvelt, "aye," M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye." All in favor, 4-0.
- 4. Budget Calendar for FY 2023
- A. O'Dwyer made a motion to confirm joint budget meetings and the public hearing would start at 6:00pm on dates as listed; M. Loubert seconded. Roll call vote: T. Blauvelt, "aye," M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 5-0.
- 5. Review of proposed changes to FY 2023 Budget Policy and schedule for future review
  - a. P. Orenstein stated there are few changes in the policy for FY23 other than the dollar amount and duration of capital projects. He added there was not time to make any substantive changes this year, but there would be a rigorous review by the Committee in September/October to get ahead of next year's budgeting process.
  - b. S. Carmel clarified budget policy changes re: capital are for borrowing purposes.

- A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the FY23 budget policy; T. Blauvelt seconded. P. Orenstein asked if any additional discussion there was none. Roll call vote: T. Blauvelt, "aye," M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 5-0.
- 6. Update from Finance Director: November 2021 Operating Budget Reports
  - a. S. Carmel stated the budget was on track and noted purchase orders account for the higher spend reflected in the report. She also noted postage for Collector/Treasurer is high and will be discussed with Alicia Dulin and that Police Department and DOT overtime is high, but is expected to level off. She also stated the veterans' budget is at 20% spend and noted it has been decreasing over the years. The Committee asked why that was so and S. Carmel stated she would look into it. P. Orenstein asked if the library spend is lower due to staffing and COVID S. Carmel replied it is lower for library clerks and M. Pruhenski stated there is only one open position at the library.

#### 7. Finance Committee Member Comments

- a. A. O'Dwyer asked if there would be a forensic audit M. Pruhenski stated since a criminal trial is pending he would caution against conversation that might impact the trial. P. Orenstein noted the audit itself is unqualified which is very positive.
- b. T. Blauvelt announced the Community Preservation Committee Step 2 applications are due December 17 and the CPA Committee will hold hearings January 6 and 11 on the applications.
- c. P. Orenstein announced the items to be covered in meetings to follow tonight at the joint meeting with the Selectboard and Selectboard regular meeting including the auditor's presentation and Senior Tax Deferral Program.
- 8. Citizen Speak Time
- 9. Media Time
- 10. Adjournment P. Orenstein made a motion to adjourn; A. O'Dwyer seconded. Roll call vote: T. Blauvelt, "aye," M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 5-0. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow Recording Clerk

#### GREAT BARRINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING February 7, 2022

- 1. Call to Order P. Orenstein opened the meeting at 6:30pm; those present via zoom: Michelle Loubert, Meredith O'Connor, Anne O'Dwyer, Philip Orenstein. Town Manager Mark Pruhenski, Finance Director Sue Carmel. Absent: Tom Blauvelt.
- 2. Roll Call M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye."
- 3. Approval of Minutes Meetings of July 27, August 24 and September 28, 2021.

  M. Loubert made a motion to approve the July 27, 2021 Finance Committee meeting minutes; A.

  O'Dwyer seconded. P. Orenstein asked if any discussion there was none. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 4-0.
- M. Loubert made a motion to approve the August 24, 2021 Finance Committee meeting minutes; A. O'Dwyer seconded. P. Orenstein asked if any discussion there was none. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 4-0.
- M. Loubert made a motion to approve the September 28, 2021 Finance Committee meeting minutes; A. O'Dwyer seconded. P. Orenstein asked if any discussion there was none. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 4-0.
- 4. Finance Committee member committee reports moved to next meeting

It was recognized that the meeting webinar access code was incorrect, but it was confirmed that attendees were able to dial in via phone. P. Orenstein pointed out there would be discussion not additional voting on any items.

- P. Orenstein made a motion to proceed with the meeting; M. O'Connor seconded. P. Orenstein asked if any discussion M. Loubert stated it is important for the public to have full access. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "no," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." Motion passed 3-1.
- 5. Update from Finance Director: December 2021 Operating Budget Reports
  - a. S. Carmel stated we are halfway through the year and budget is overall at 47% spend. She noted some departments are over 50% but that is due to encumbrances with the exception of IT because of software subscriptions paid for early in the year. She also followed up on a previous discussion about the decrease in spend for veterans' benefits noting the reason is some veterans have passed away. She also noted she would monitor expenses for snow/ice.
  - b. P. Orenstein asked when the revised budget is submitted S. Carmel replied revised budget reflects transfers within a department budget. He also inquired about the Assessor's Office reserve fund transfer which S. Carmel clarified was carried over from last year and was for the software program changes.
  - c. A. O'Dwyer asked about Health and Life Insurance which is at 50% spend and questioned an initial concern about it being overfunded. S. Carmel clarified that the Wastewater Enterprise Fund will be transferring its share which is paid in two \$80k payments per year. A. O'Dwyer also asked about medical services S. Carmel stated this is through the Selectboard office and there is a budget transfer in process so there will not be a deficit go forward.

- 6. Summary of senior circuit breaker program and tax assistance available through the senior center P. Orenstein stated the Program is related to the Tax Deferral Program as another tax-savings opportunity for seniors applied for via annual tax returns. He noted the Senior Center can assist with filing.
- 7. 41A Senior tax deferral follow up request to Town staff to clarify the filing deadline and criteria that apply this spring P. Orenstein stated that while any modifications to criteria will go to Town Meeting, any seniors that want to apply in this cycle need to do so by April 1 or three months after the tax bill is mailed. He asked Town staff to clarify/update timing and existing criteria.
- 8. Update on Clause 41C Property Tax Exemption criteria request to Town for update P. Orenstein stated the Program has been in existence for a while and is successful he noted the income test criteria is \$20,000 for a single and \$30,000 for a couple by Town vote there was a cost of living adjustment, but it is not recorded on the Town website and he asked Town staff to update.
- 9. Discussion possible invitations to the Collectors office and the Assessor's Office for presentations at a future meeting P. Orenstein suggested that representatives of the Collectors and Assessors Offices be invited to Finance Committee meetings to discuss procedures and how their offices are operating including the handling of delinquent properties and the assessment timeline. The Committee agreed it was a good idea.
- 10. Calculation of Fire District tax on the most recent tax bill P. Orenstein stated there was a recent shift in timing for the Town's property tax bill from semi-annual to quarterly impacting tax bills. In addition, the increase from the first two to the second two quarters of the year is an adjustment in the Fire District tax bill related to a prior administrative error. He also noted there are other factors that can impact tax bills. M. Loubert noted not everyone receives a Fire District bill.
- 11. Update letter from Southern Berkshire Ambulance P. Orenstein acknowledged a letter from Caleb Stone, Chief of Operations of Berkshire Ambulance, noting improvements in operations, billing/cash flow and the addition of new board members. He also reported Berkshire Ambulance will not need the municipal subsidy this year, but is instead requesting Town ARPA funds for equipment.
  - a. A. O'Dwyer commended SBAS on their fundraising efforts.
- 12. Room Occupancy Tax breakdown between Short Term Rental and Traditional Lodging P. Orenstein shared information in response to requests for data related to short-term rental discussions. He shared aggregated data from DOR included taxes received from short-term rentals vs traditional lodging. He added that aggregate Room Occupancy Tax revenue has increased significantly in FY22.
- 13. Discussion of the Residential Property tax exemption study presented to the Select Board on Jan.10th
  - a. P. Orenstein presented background/context for discussion of a recent study. He noted that in November last year there was a tax classification hearing where the tax rate is set for the year. At that time the Town chose not to use the residential tax exemption option but Selectboard member, Ed Abrahams, asked for analysis/data to make that determination. As a result, the Town Assessor and a consultant developed a report on the potential impact of the option. He noted it is a controversial topic and opened public discussion.
  - b. E. Abrahams clarified it is a decision that must be made every year and in order to do so effectively, there needs to be a deeper understanding via data/numbers not anecdotal stories.

- c. M. Loubert stated there are historical materials/presentation from 2015 that are valuable to the conversation and strongly urged the Committee to consider its findings.
- d. P. Orenstein stated the current report is a hypothetical assessment of how it would work based on recent data. Additional discussion should include new and historical data to be reviewed/ discussed together. He also shared his perspective that there is a widely held view that taxes are high, and some residents are having difficulty paying. He continued stating the question is whether the residential exemption is an effective tool to address the problem. He noted there are a variety of alternatives using needs-based/means testing to get an accurate assessment of who is impacted and what assistance can be provided. His suggested finding a more precise and equitable way to address these concerns.
- e. Chip Elitzer stated he appreciated the Committee's measured and high-level approach. He pointed out that a residential tax exemption reduces the tax rate for some and increases it for others in a zero sum game. His view was the best way to reduce the tax rate overall is to broaden and grow the tax base with second homeowners and home building/improvements. He stated further that 70% of taxes raised goes to the School District with costs based on headcount and second homeowners do not use the schools. He noted Stockbridge has a lower tax rate because of a large number of second homes. Overall, he stated a residential exemption would discourage second homeowners/property improvements and decrease the tax base.
- f. Vivian Orlowski recommended reviewing the 2015 report and noted the residential exemption is not progressive as it does not take income into account. In addition, the new report does not provide context nor consider other municipalities that have instituted the exemption most of which have a large proportion of non-resident properties which is not the case in GB.
- g. Richard Stanley stated the importance of growing the second homeowner segment of the population and having data to avoid unintended consequences.
- h. A. O'Dwyer stated the Committee should review the 2015 report for additional context.
- i. P. Orenstein clarified that the new report is more an illustrative example of the potential impact of the residential exemption on property tax bills. He continued to say the conversation can be continued at the next meeting after review of the materials and a decision made whether or not to make a recommendation on this matter.
- 14. Future meeting schedule The Committee members confirmed their availability for the following meetings: Tuesday March 15 @ 6:30, Tuesday April 19 @ 6:30, Tuesday May 17 @ 6:30.
- 15. Finance Committee Member Comments
  - a. A. O'Dwyer asked about the status of the November/December meeting minutes P. Orenstein stated he would follow up with M. Pruhenski.
- 16. Citizen Speak Time
- 17. Media Time
- 18. Adjournment A. O'Dwyer made a motion to adjourn; M. Loubert seconded. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 4-0. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow, Recording Clerk

# GREAT BARRINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING March 15, 2022

- Call to Order P. Orenstein opened the meeting at 6:31pm; those present via zoom: Michelle Loubert, Meredith O'Connor, Anne O'Dwyer, Philip Orenstein. Town Manager Mark Pruhenski, Finance Director Sue Carmel. Absent: Tom Blauvelt
- 2. Review of prior meeting and its compliance with Open Meeting Law
  - a. P. Orenstein stated he consulted with the Attorney General's Office Open Meeting Law hotline regarding public access to the March 7, 2022 meeting. The AG's view was the meeting did not violate the Open Meeting Law as there was phone access though it was suggested the meeting recording be posted on the Town website which it was the following day. He also stated he was advised to summarize the meeting at this meeting and noted there was only one vote taken where the minutes were approved. He summarized the items discussed at the March 7 meeting: vote to approve minutes of July 27, August 24 and September 28, 2021 meetings; operating budget update; Senior Circuit Breaker Tax information review; Senior Tax Deferral filing deadline to be updated; Property Tax Exemption and criteria update; Town staff future speakers at Committee meetings; calculation of Fire District tax bill; breakdown of room occupancy taxes into short-term rentals and traditional lodging; consultant study on the Residential Property Tax Exemption and public comments/feedback; and discussion of the Finance Committee's meeting schedule. He encouraged anyone with questions to reach out to him directly.
  - b. M. Loubert stated the recording can be found in the Town calendar under February 7.
- 3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Meetings of July 27, August 24 and September 28, 2021
    - i. M. Loubert inquired why the minutes need to be reapproved since the meeting was legal P. Orenstein stated the AG suggested revoting on the minutes.
- M. Loubert made a motion that the vote taken by the Finance Committee on February 7 approving the July 27, August 24 and September 28, 2021 meeting minutes stand as taken; A. O'Dwyer seconded. P. Orenstein asked if any additional discussion there was none. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 4-0.
  - b. Joint Finance Committee-Selectboard meetings February 1, 2, 8 and 9, 2022.
- A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the Joint Finance Committee-Selectboard meeting minutes of February 1, 2, 8 and 9, 2022; M. Loubert seconded. P. Orenstein asked if any discussion P. Orenstein stated for the February 8 minutes on p. 2 should be corrected to OBEB. A. O'Dwyer also asked that the pages be numbered go forward. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 4-0.
- 4. Finance Committee member committee reports P. Orenstein stated because T. Blauvelt was not in attendance this would be covered at the next meeting.
- 5. Discuss of replacement Finance Committee representative on Community Preservation Committee P. Orenstein stated the Finance Committee would need to appoint a new representative to the Community Preservation Committee replacing T. Blauvelt. The Committee agreed to want until the after the election.

- 6. Update from Finance Director
  - a. P. Orenstein stated the report was not in the packet, but asked S. Carmel to highlight anything notable. M. Loubert stated the report had been emailed to the Committee.
  - b. S. Carmel stated the snow/ice budget is showing a deficit and next month there would be a reserve fund transfer by the Fire Department for equipment maintenance/repair. Otherwise, everything is on track. She also noted the March report would be good timing for a comprehensive review.
    - i. P. Orenstein asked about the deficit in Public Works for office equipment S. Carmel stated there will be a budget transfer that will resolve it.
    - ii. A. O'Dwyer confirmed there has not yet been a Reserve Fund transfer this year.
- 7. Discussion of Town's discretion over Unused Free Cash related to Cannabis tax revenue
  - a. P. Orenstein presented on the Town's unused free cash from cannabis tax revenue. He stated the Town's available free cash balance is \$1.75m due to cannabis taxes/fees paid by the marijuana establishments in GB. The discussion is to be focused on ambiguities in guidance and the Town's discretion over the funds. He stated there are three sources of guidance: The Massachusetts DOR, Cannabis Control Commission and the host agreements.
    - i. Regarding the DOR, P. Orenstein stated the guidance is clear that the funds can be considered free cash. A. O'Dwyer stated there was no ambiguity in the DOR's position it is just that different state agencies take different positions. S. Carmel noted state law takes precedence over host agreements and there is no ambiguity in accounting for the funds
    - ii. Regarding the host agreements, P. Orenstein stated there is flexibility in how the Town is allowed to use the funds, but guidance is not entirely clear. He noted the agreements state it is in the Town's sole discretion, but states that is through a good faith allocation in specific areas. It does not refer to using funds to decrease property taxes.
    - iii. A. O'Dwyer stated there have been challenges to what cannabis businesses are being asked to pay and speculated that funds may be recalled.
    - iv. Regarding the CCC, P. Orenstein stated there may be a need to substantiate that funds are being used in an appropriate way and there may be an impact on host agreement renewals. He continued to say the Town has been judicious is allocating funds but there should be agreement on the remaining \$1.7m.
    - v. M. Loubert stated "sole discretion" means within the parameters of the law.
    - vi. M. Pruhenski stated there are no concerns about how the funds have been used to-date. P. Orenstein agreed and stated the objective is for the Finance Committee to give the Selectboard a recommendation on the remaining \$1.7m. If there is full discretion, then directing it to free cash is fine. If there is a different view, it should be allocated more consistent with the host agreements.
    - vii. P. Orenstein stated Town counsel should weigh in.
    - viii. A. O'Dwyer asked what other towns are doing and if there is an effort to find consistency across agencies. She noted the DOR's position rules and M. Loubert agreed.
    - ix. M. Loubert stated the Town is going a good job in the allocation and there is no issue it is more about go forward especially if the Town needs the funds, so to avoid a fire drill. She also stated it would be helpful to get Town counsel's view.
    - x. The Committee agreed a vote was not required to get Town counsel's perspective.

- 8. Discussion and comment on draft list of future Committee priorities
  - a. P. Orenstein stated there was a draft list of priorities in the packet and asked for comments now or at future meetings. He also noted this would be helpful for new Committee members.
  - b. Regarding the priorities, A. O'Dwyer stated it is important to discuss the financial impacts of the High School renovation/build and noted there is not a lot of information at this point including whether this is in the School District's budget. She also stated OPEB has been on the list for many years and suggested looking at how other towns handle it.
- 9. Initial discussion of scope of research relating to an OPEB funding trust (postretirement medical benefits)
- a. P. Orenstein stated the open question is whether the Town should prefund/segregate funds in a trust entity to cover this obligation over time. He stated GB's liability is \$20.5m and currently, there is no trust/prefunding. He shared examples of Lee and Lenox that have liability similar to GB's, but are prefunding at 2% and 23.5% respectively. He noted the Town's financial health is scored partially on how it handles this issue, but has not been a concern in the past. He stated establishing a trust to fund the liability must be approved at Town Meeting and it is a complex process for set-up, governance and reporting. He noted it is possible to set up a trust in the event the Town chooses to use it.
  - b. A. O'Dwyer clarified that the liability is currently paid through the Town's operating budget. She suggested contacting Lenox to understand how they operate their trust and the pros/cons.
  - c. P. Orenstein noted the reason to have a trust is peace of mind for recipients and if there is excess cash it could go to the trust. He stated this would be researched further and the discussion would be continued once new Committee members are onboard.

#### 10. Future meeting schedule

- a. P. Orenstein confirmed the next meetings are Tuesday April 19 @ 6:30 and Tuesday May 17 @ 6:30, but there may need to be a new schedule after that due to new members.
- b. A. O'Dwyer noted the May 17 may have to be rescheduled pending new member schedules.
- c. P. Orenstein acknowledged Tom, Meredith and Michelle have resigned from the Committee, but will stay on through the election to ensure there is a quorum.

#### 11. Finance Committee Member Comments

- a. P. Orenstein stated he received notice too late to include in the packet that the School District is requesting Finance Committee approval to borrow \$1.5m for a feasibility study.
  - i. M. Pruhenski stated he and S. Carmel were meeting with BHRSD to establish a process and timeline and they will follow up with the Finance Committee. A. O'Dwyer asked what the implications are of approving the borrowing and noted the high cost. M. Pruhenski stated school administration would make a presentation and answer questions.
- 12. Citizen Speak Time
- 13. Media Time
- 14. Adjournment A. O'Dwyer made a motion to adjourn; M. Loubert seconded. Roll call vote: M. Loubert, "aye," M. O'Connor, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor, 4-0. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow, Recording Clerk

# 41C SENIOR EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY TAX

#### - Requirements:

Applicant must be 65 or older prior to the year that the exemption is being filed, as well as over either all or part of the property that is being assessed.

Applicant must have owned and occupied real estate property in Massachusetts for five years.

The applicant has been domiciled in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years.

- Income: Applicant/Spouse/Co-Owner(s)/Spouse All income must be reported.

Social Security
Railroad, Federal, Mass. & Political Subdivisions
Other Pension & Retirement Allowances
Profits from business & profession
Dividends & Interest
Wages, salaries, other compensations
(rents, capital gains, etc.)

#### - Assets: All assets must be reported.

Value of the domicile is not included but other real estate that the applicant owns must be reported.

Balance of all bank accounts.

Value of all stocks, bonds, IRAs, CDs, annuities.

Value of Motor Vehicles & Trailers.

- Limitations:Income Single: \$22,213 Married: \$33,470

Assets: Single: \$40,000 Married: \$55,000

Applicant must meet both income & asset limitations. Assessors may request additional documentation. First time applicants are required to provide a copy of their birth certificate.

If your home is held in a trust and you are a trustee and beneficiary, or hold a life estate to your home, you must submit a copy of the trust with your application to determine if you are eligible.

#### - Filing Dead lines

Applicants have from July 1<sup>st</sup> to file an application in each fiscal year with the
assessors in the city or town where your property is located. The application dead
line end on April 1, or three months after the actual tax bills are mailed, whichever
is later."

# **Since Last Proposal**

- Redid Regional Agreement particularly capital assessment formula
- Refined educational plan including vocational programs(6 proposed)
- > About to retire existing debt on elementary and middle school
- > Shifts in voters and assessed value of each community
- Stronger outreach and communication

# **Next Steps**

- MSBA invited us into Eligibility Period
- > (17 approved and 42 rejected)
- School Committee voted to support \$1.5 million for feasibility study
- Talking to select boards and finance committees to get their recommendations and put on warrant
- Appoint a building committee and engage community
- > Set up another, hopefully successful, vote

# **QUESTIONS?**



#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**DATE:** April 12, 2022

TITLE: Proposed Amendments to FY23 Budget

**BACKGROUND:** On March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Town was notified of four additional Great Barrington students that would be attending Taconic High School's vocational program for the 2022-2023 school year. During budget sessions, our original request of \$70,000 for funding Out of District Tuition and Transportation was to cover the current student enrolled in the vocational program entering her third year of studies. Although we were aware that additional students may come onboard, at the time the budget was prepared, we had no knowledge of any additions. Due to the addition of these four students, we are requesting the Special Article be amended from \$70,000 to \$250,000. Tuition is approximately \$19,000 per student and with the additional transportation involved in coordinating five students being picked up and transported to Taconic High School, we may need to seek alternative services. Therefore, we need to ensure enough funding is set aside for this purpose.

In addition, Chief Burger is seeking an increase of \$6,500 to the Fire Department operating budget. The additional funds are needed due to the April 6<sup>th</sup> notification from the Great Barrington Fire District announcing a 5% increase in water rates and a 10% increase to hydrant rentals. Prior to this notification, he was advised that there would be no rate increase for FY23 and prepared his budget accordingly.

Lastly, the Department of Public Works is requesting an increase to the capital budget of \$70,000. Due to an oversight, the original request for a highway truck did not include the snowfighter package.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The combined operating budget increases will impact the FY23 tax levy by an additional \$186,500. This results in an overall increase of 3.2% over the prior fiscal year levy or a tax rate increase of \$0.47 (\$14.86 to \$15.33). The capital budget increase will have no impact until the FY24 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the amended budget requests be approved as presented and recommended to Town Meeting.

PREPARED AND REVIEWED BY:

Susan M. Carmel, Town Accountan

**APPROVED**: Date: 4/12/2022

Mark A. Pruhenski, Town Manager

# FY2023 Special Articles - Financial

	Article	Purpose	Funding Source	roposed Amount
1	Community Impact Funding	To utilize the community impact money the town received from the sale of retail marijuana in FY20 to fund various community programs/needs in accordance with CCC guidelines.	Free Cash	\$ 350,000
2	BHRSD Vocational Tuition and Transportation	To fund the tuition and transportation costs for <b>five</b> Great Barrington students to attend the vocational program at Taconic High School in Pittsfield.	Tax Levy	\$ 250,000
3	Stabilization	To build back up the Town's reserves. Stabilization at one point was over \$1,000,000. In 20 years, the town has used \$1.1 million of stabilization funds to offset the tax levy or fund other purposes. In that same time period, only once has money been replenished/transferred in; that was in 2006. With the significant increase in Free Cash this year, it would be prudent for the Town to set money aside and build this reserve back up.	Free Cash	\$ 100,000
4	Capital Stabilization	In May of 2019, the town voted to establish a Capital Stabilization Fund and seeded it with \$1,000,000; with a contribution of \$100,000 annually thereafter.	Free Cash	\$ 100,000

800,000

Fire Department: 01220

Paccount   Paccount Name   P		Ро	Positions	su	FY2021	- 7	FY2022		FY2022		FY2023	FY2023
Fire Chief				FY23 APRV	Year-end Actuals	TOW	n Meeting Vote	7 7	Actuals thru 2/31/21		Budget Request	Town Manager Recommended
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\$ 49,775	7.38%
<pre>\$ Increase/Decrease</pre>	<pre>% Increase/Decrease</pre>
	Date
	Approval

Fiscal 2023 Budget Projection

		FY2022		FY2022		FY2023		\$ Change	% Change
	ī	Town Meeting Budget		Budget at Tax Rate		Proposed Budget	ĹL	from FY22 Tax Rate	from FY22 Tax Rate
REVENUE:									
Tax Levy	4	25,016,333	8	25,134,939	₩	25,933,741	₩	798,802	3.2%
State Aid	↔	1,195,215	↔	1,227,535	\$	1,245,542	↔	18,007	1.5%
Local Receipts	ક	2,025,000	8	2,025,000	\$	2,035,000	↔	10,000	0.5%
Enterprise Funds	↔	2,414,500	↔	2,414,500	8	2,658,492	4	243,992	10.1%
Free Cash to Reduce Tax Levy	↔	3,525,000	↔	3,525,000	↔	4,100,000	4	575,000	16.3%
Retained Earnings/Enterprise Funds	8	20,000	↔	20,000	S	64,600	↔	44,600	223.0%
Free Cash for Special Article/Capital Equipment Funding	↔	847,200	↔	847,200	↔	000,809	↔	(239,200)	-28.2%
TOTAL REVENUE	49	35,043,248	69	35,194,174	49	36,645,375	\$	1,451,201	4.1%
TO BE RAISED:						-		,	
Town Budget	↔	12,953,888	s	12,953,888	49	13,676,238	↔	722,350	2.6%
School Budget Assessment	↔	18,432,398	s	18,432,398	8	18,946,633	↔	514,235	2.8%
Enterprise Fund (Wastewater)	↔	2,414,500	↔	2,414,500	4	2,658,492	↔	243,992	10.1%
Total Budget	₩	33,800,786	₩	33,800,786	€9-	35,281,363	₩.	1,480,577	
Special Articles	₩.	840,000	€	840,000	49	800,000	<del>\$</del>	(40,000)	-4.8%
Capital Items (non-borrowing)	₩.	165,350	₩	165,350	49	237,600	€	72,250	43.7%
State Assessments	8	61,643	↔	61,643	69	64,495	↔	2,852	4.6%
State Offsets	\$	14,808	↔	15,075	S	12,960	↔	(2,115)	-14.0%
Berkshire Regional Planning Assessment	\$	5,661	↔	5,661	S	5,957	↔	296	5.2%
Other Amounts to be Raised (tax title litigation funds)	↔	5,000	s	1	s	ī	₩	I	%0.0
Snow & Ice Deficit	↔	1	↔	1	s	1	69	1	%0.0
Other Deficits to be Raised (grant deficit)	↔	1	€	141	s	1	69	(141)	%0.0
Abatements/Exemptions	↔	150,000	\$	305,518	\$	243,000	\$	(62,518)	-20.5%
Total Assessments and Other Amounts to Be Raised	₩	237,112	↔	388,038	€	326,412	₩	(61,626)	
TOTAL TO BE RAISED	49	35,043,248	69	35,194,174	49	36,645,375	4	1,451,201	4.1%

## History of Property Values and Tax Levies

	Total		Tax Rate per	Median Single			
Budget	Assessed	Property	\$1,000	Family	Median	Increase/	% Increase/
Year	Value	Tax	Assessed Value	Home Value	Tax Bill	(Decrease)	Decrease
2023*	\$ 1,691,449,482	\$ 25,933,741	\$15.33	\$348,400	\$5,341.76	\$321.70	6.7%
2022	\$ 1,691,449,482	\$ 25,134,939	\$14.86	\$348,400	\$5,177.22	\$157.16	3.2%
2021	\$ 1,540,736,695	\$ 24,636,380	\$15.99	\$313,950	\$5,020.06	\$80.07	1.7%
2020	\$ 1,523,392,459	\$ 23,993,431	\$15.75	\$313,650	\$4,939.99	\$135.17	3.0%
2019	\$ 1,494,974,463	\$ 23,500,999	\$15.72	\$305,650	\$4,804.82	\$295.84	6.6%
2018	\$ 1,440,219,751	\$ 21,574,492	\$14.98	\$301,000	\$4,508.98	\$150.88	3.5%
2017	\$ 1,426,915,909	\$ 20,832,972	\$14.60	\$298,500	\$4,358.10	\$123.97	2.9%
2016	\$ 1,386,204,580	\$ 19,808,863	\$14.29	\$296,300	\$4,234.13	\$194.96	4.8%
2015	\$ 1,370,499,134	\$ 18,803,248	\$13.72	\$294,400	\$4,039.17	\$185.42	4.8%
2014	\$ 1,322,379,245	\$ 17,931,463	\$13.56	\$284,200	\$3,853.75	-\$111.90	-2.8%
2013	\$ 1,360,883,527	\$ 17,882,010	\$13.14	\$301,800	\$3,965.65	\$16.53	0.4%
2012	\$ 1,351,621,807	\$ 17,733,277	\$13.12	\$301,000	\$3,949.12	\$140.61	3.7%
2011	\$ 1,392,020,846	\$ 16,926,973	\$12.16	\$313,200	\$3,808.51	\$4.61	0.1%
2010	\$ 1,451,065,595	\$ 16,716,276	\$11.52	\$330,200	\$3,803.90	\$138.03	3.8%
2009	\$ 1,427,357,423	\$ 16,214,780	\$11.36	\$322,700	\$3,665.87	\$258.18	7.6%
2008	\$ 1,351,145,810	\$ 15,240,925	\$11.28	\$302,100	\$3,407.69	\$254.45	8.1%
2007	\$ 1,246,355,681	\$ 14,208,455	\$11.40	\$276,600	\$3,153.24	-\$0.44	0.0%
2006	\$ 1,032,428,583	\$ 13,896,489	\$13.46	\$234,300	\$3,153.68	\$209.06	7.1%
2005	\$ 871,438,862	\$ 12,862,438	\$14.76	\$199,500	\$2,944.62	\$186.90	6.8%
2004	\$ 805,151,570	\$ 11,835,728	\$14.70	\$187,600	\$2,757.72	-\$264.69	

<sup>\*</sup> estimate based on current year assessed value

## Estimated Tax Rate Calculation, Levy Limit and Free Cash Historicals

Estimated Tax Rate Calculation	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	
Total Assessed Valuation	1,523,392,459	1,540,736,695	1,691,449,482	1,691,449,482	
Amount to Be Raised by Taxes/Levy	\$23,993,431	\$24,636,380	\$25,134,939	\$25,933,741	
Estimated Tax Rate @ Town Meeting	\$16.02	\$16.19	\$16.22	\$15.33	
Actual Tax Rate	\$15.75	\$15.99	\$14.86	SEASTER BELLEVIOLET	
Tax Rate increase/(decrease) over Prior Year	\$0.38	\$0.24	-\$1.13	\$0.47	•
Taxes per \$100,000 Assessed Value	\$1,575	\$1,599	\$1,486	\$1,533	
Tax increase/(decrease) on \$100,000 of AV	\$3.00	\$24.00	-\$113.00	\$47.23	

\*based off of prior year assessed values

Levy Limit Increase	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Prior Year Levy Limit	\$ 22,803,152	\$ 23,576,289	\$ 24,555,636	\$ 25,753,823
Plus 2.5%	\$ 23,382,015	\$ 24,165,696	\$ 25,169,527	\$ 26,397,669
New Growth	\$ 194,274	\$ 389,940	\$ 584,296	\$ 150,000 *
Current Year/Estimated Levy Limit	\$ 23,576,289	\$ 24,555,636	\$ 25,753,823	\$ 26,547,669
Debt Exclusions	\$ 1,397,348	\$ 1,377,362	\$ 1,374,492	\$ 1,374,000 *
Current Year/Estimated Maximum Levy Limit	\$ 24,973,637	\$ 25,932,998	\$ 27,128,315	\$ 27,921,669
Current Year/Estimated Tax Levy	\$ 23,993,431	\$ 24,636,380	\$ 25,134,939	\$ 25,933,741
Amount Under Levy	\$ (980,206)	\$ (1,296,618)	\$ (1,993,376)	\$ (1,987,928)

\*estimate

Free Cash Balance** & Uses	F	Certified ree Cash Balance	Αp	wn Meeting propriated ree Cash	appropriated Free Cash
FY22	\$	6,481,554	\$	4,708,000	\$ 1,773,554
FY21	\$	5,614,845	\$	4,372,200	\$ 1,242,645
FY20	\$	2,931,025	\$	2,529,000	\$ 402,025
FY19	\$	3,515,497	\$	2,950,000	\$ 565,497
FY18	\$	1,928,130	\$	1,542,504	\$ 385,626
FY17	\$	3,077,407	\$	2,540,000	\$ 537,407
FY16	\$	2,696,949	\$	2,150,000	\$ 546,949
FY15	\$	2,926,075	\$	2,350,000	\$ 576,075

<sup>\*\*</sup> Free Cash is certified from the prior fiscal year's operations

## **FY23 Capital Requests**

Dept	Project		Total Amount		Borrow		Other	Funding Source
Police	(5) Surveillance Cameras	\$	18,000	\$		<b>Φ</b>	18,000	Free Cash
. 000	(6) Body Cams (incls licensing/data storage for 24 units)	\$	40,000	\$		\$ \$	40,000	Free Cash
	(2) Police Cruisers	\$	115,000	\$	_	\$	115,000	Tax Levy
	Total Police	\$	173,000	\$	-	\$	173,000	Tax Levy
DPW	Vehicles & Equipment							
	Highway Truck w/Snowfighter Package	\$	170,900	\$	170,900	\$	_	
	Roadside Mower	\$	51,128	\$	51,128	\$	-	
		\$	222,028	\$	222,028	\$	-	
	Buildings & Grounds							
	Ramsdelll Library ADA Compliance	\$	350,000	\$	350,000	\$	-	
	Town Hall Campus Re-design (Grounds/Parking Lot)	\$		\$	580,000	\$	-	
	Street and Bridge Income	\$	930,000	\$	930,000	\$	-	
	Street and Bridge Improvements	φ.	200.000	_	200 000	_		
	Engineering	\$	300,000	\$	300,000	\$	-	
	Sidewalk Improvements Bridge Engineering	\$	600,000	\$	600,000	\$	-	
	Castle Street Pedestrian Tunnel	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$	-	004
	Senior Center Parking Lot Improvements	\$	25,000	\$	-	\$	25,000	CPA
	Street Improvements	\$	500,000	\$	500,000	\$	400.000	01-00
	Street improvements	\$	1,900,000 3,425,000	\$	1,494,000 2,994,000	\$	406,000	Ch 90
	Total DPW	\$		\$	4,146,028	\$	431,000	
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Parks	Parks Improvements/Equipment	\$	50,000	\$	50,000	\$	-	
	Total Parks	\$	50,000	\$	50,000	\$	-	
	Total General Fund	\$	4,800,028	\$	4,196,028	\$	604,000	
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СРА	Memorial Field Improvements	\$	500,000	\$	500,000	\$	-	
	Total Community Preservation Fund	\$	500,000	\$	500,000	\$	-	
Wastewater	Primary Clarifier Equipment Replacement	\$	103,651	\$	103,651	\$	-	
	Pickup Truck	\$	64,600	\$	-	\$	64,600	Retained Earning
	High-Pressure Sewer Jetter	\$	102,684	\$	102,684	\$	-	
	Engineering	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$	-	
	High-Pressure Sewer Cleaner	\$	137,160	\$	137,160	\$		
	Total Wastewater	\$	508,095	\$	443,495	\$	64,600	
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	Total FY23 Capital Requests	\$	5,808,123	\$	5,139,523	\$	668,600	

#### **Capital Articles for Town Meeting**

| General Fund Projects | \$ 4,800,028 | Community Preservation Projects | \$ 500,000 | Wastewater Projects | \$ 5,808,123 |

### **Marcotte Ford Government Accounts**

Richard White | (413) 531-0817 | rwhite@marcotteford.com

# **Great Barrington (Budget Estimate)**

[Fleet] 2022 Ford Super Duty F-550 DRW (F5H) XL 4WD Reg Cab 145" WB 60" CA (10)





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### **Price Summary**

PRICE SUMMARY	
	MSRP
Base Price	\$47,065.00
Total Options	\$11,920.00
Vehicle Subtotal	\$58,985.00
Destination Charge	\$1,695.00
Grand Total	\$60,680.00

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**DESCRIPTION** 

Race Red

CODE	MODEL	MSRP
F5H	2022 Ford Super Duty F-550 DRW XL 4WD Reg Cab 145" WB 60" CA	\$47,065.00
COLORS		
CODE	DESCRIPTION	
PQ	Race Red	
ENGINE		
CODE	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
99T	Engine: 6.7L 4V OHV Power Stroke V8 Turbo Diesel B20 -inc: Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) tank, intelligent oil-life monitor and manual push-button engine-exhaust braking, 240 Amp Alternator, 4.10 Axle Ratio, Transmission Power Take-Off Provision, mobile and stationary PTO modes, Dual 78-AH 750 CCA Batteries	\$9,325.00
TRANSMISSI	ON	
CODE	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
44G	Transmission: TorqShift 10-Speed Automatic -inc: 10R140 w/neutral idle and selectable drive modes: normal, tow/haul, eco, deep sand/snow and slippery (STD)	\$0.00
OPTION PAC	KAGE	
CODE	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
660A	Order Code 660A	\$0.00
AXLE RATIO		
CODE	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
X41	4.10 Axle Ratio	Inc.
TIRES		
CODE	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
TGK	Tires: 225/70Rx19.5G BSW Traction (TGK) -inc: 4 traction tires on the rear and 2 traction tires on the front, Not recommended for over the road applications; could incur irregular front tire wear and/or NVH	\$215.00

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**Options Total** 

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\$11,920.00

CODE	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
AS	Medium Earth Gray, HD Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat -inc: center armrest, cupholder, storage and driver's side manual lumbar	\$0.00
DDITIONAL	EQUIPMENT - PACKAGE	
CODE	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
90L	Power Equipment Group -inc: Deletes passenger side lock cylinder, upgraded door-trim panel, Accessory Delay, Advanced Security Pack, SecuriLock Passive Anti-Theft System (PATS) and inclination/intrusion sensors, MyKey, owner controls feature, Power Locks, Remote Keyless Entry, Folding Trailer Tow Mirrors w/Power Heated Glass, manual telescoping, heated convex spotter mirror and integrated clearance lamps/turn signals, Power Front Side Windows, 1-touch up/down driver/passenger window	\$915.00
DDITIONAL	EQUIPMENT - MECHANICAL	
CODE	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
473	Snow Plow Prep Package -inc: pre-selected springs (see order guide supplemental reference for springs/FGAWR of specific vehicle configurations), Note 1: Restrictions apply; see supplemental reference or body builders layout book for details, Note 2: Also allows for the attachment of a winch, Note 3: Highly recommended to add (86M) dual battery on 7.3L gas engines, Adding (67B) 397 amp alternators for diesel engine is highly recommended for max output	\$250.00
52B	Trailer Brake Controller -inc: smart trailer tow connector, Verified to be compatible w/electronic actuated drum brakes only	\$270.00
62R	Transmission Power Take-Off Provision -inc: mobile and stationary PTO modes	Inc.
67B	397 Amp Alternators	\$115.00
ADDITIONAL	L EQUIPMENT - EXTERIOR	
CODE	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
18B	Platform Running Boards	\$320.00
512	Spare Tire, Wheel & Jack -inc: Excludes carrier, 6-Ton Hydraulic Jack	\$350.00
61J	6-Ton Hydraulic Jack	Inc.
63A	Utility Lighting System -inc: LED side-mirror spotlights	\$160.00

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### **Standard Equipment**

Mechanical	
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	Engine: 7.3L 2V DEVCT NA PFI V8 Gas (STD)
	Transmission: TorqShift 10-Speed Automatic -inc: 10R140 w/neutral idle and selectable drive modes: normal, tow/haul, eco, deep sand/snow and slippery (STD)
	4.88 Axle Ratio (STD)
	50-State Emissions System
	Transmission w/Oil Cooler
	Electronic Transfer Case
	Part-Time Four-Wheel Drive
	78-Amp/Hr 750CCA Maintenance-Free Battery w/Run Down Protection
	HD 240 Amp Alternator
	Towing Equipment -inc: Trailer Sway Control
	Trailer Wiring Harness
	11040# Maximum Payload
	GVWR: 18,000 lbs Payload Package
	HD Shock Absorbers
	Front And Rear Anti-Roll Bars
	Firm Suspension
	Hydraulic Power-Assist Steering
	40 Gal. Fuel Tank
	Single Stainless Steel Exhaust
	Dual Rear Wheels
	Auto Locking Hubs
	Front Suspension w/Coil Springs
	Leaf Rear Suspension w/Leaf Springs
	4-Wheel Disc Brakes w/4-Wheel ABS, Front And Rear Vented Discs and Brake Assist
	Upfitter Switches
Exterior	
	Wheels: 19.5" x 6" Argent Painted Steel -inc: Hub covers/center ornaments not included
	Tires: 225/70Rx19.5G BSW A/P (STD)
	Clearcoat Paint
	Black Front Bumper w/Black Rub Strip/Fascia Accent and 2 Tow Hooks

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	Black Fender Flares
	Black Side Windows Trim and Black Front Windshield Trim
	Black Door Handles
	Black Manual Side Mirrors w/Manual Folding
	Manual Extendable Trailer Style Mirrors
	Fixed Rear Window
	Light Tinted Glass
	Variable Intermittent Wipers
	Aluminum Panels
	Front Splash Guards
	Black Grille
	Autolamp Auto On/Off Aero-Composite Halogen Daytime Running Lights Preference Setting Headlamps w/Delay-Off
	Cab Clearance Lights
Entertainment	
	Radio w/Seek-Scan and Clock
	Radio: AM/FM Stereo w/MP3 Player -inc: 4 speakers
	Fixed Antenna
	SYNC Communications & Entertainment System -inc: enhanced voice recognition, 911 Assist, 4.2" LCD cente stack screen, AppLink, 1 smart-charging USB port and steering wheel audio controls
	2 LCD Monitors In The Front
nterior	
	4-Way Driver Seat -inc: Manual Recline and Fore/Aft Movement
	4-Way Passenger Seat -inc: Manual Recline and Fore/Aft Movement
	Manual Tilt/Telescoping Steering Column
	Gauges -inc: Speedometer, Odometer, Oil Pressure, Engine Coolant Temp, Tachometer, Transmission Fluid Temp, Engine Hour Meter, Trip Odometer and Trip Computer
	FordPass Connect 4G Mobile Hotspot Internet Access
	Manual Air Conditioning
	Illuminated Locking Glove Box
	Interior Trim -inc: Chrome Interior Accents

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Interior	
	HD Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat -inc: center armrest, cupholder, storage and driver's side manual lumbar
	Day-Night Rearview Mirror
	Passenger Visor Vanity Mirror
	3 12V DC Power Outlets
	Front Map Lights
	Fade-To-Off Interior Lighting
	Full Vinyl/Rubber Floor Covering
	Smart Device Remote Engine Start
	Instrument Panel Covered Bin and Dashboard Storage
	Manual 1st Row Windows
	Systems Monitor
	Trip Computer
	Outside Temp Gauge
	Analog Appearance
	Seats w/Vinyl Back Material
	Manual Adjustable Front Head Restraints
	Air Filtration
Safety-Mechanical	
	Driveline Traction Control
Safety-Exterior	
	Side Impact Beams
Safety-Interior	
	Dual Stage Driver And Passenger Seat-Mounted Side Airbags
	Dual Stage Driver And Passenger Front Airbags w/Passenger Off Switch
	Safety Canopy System Curtain 1st Row Airbags
	Outboard Front Lap And Shoulder Safety Belts -inc: Height Adjusters
WARRANTY	
	Basic Years: 3 Basic Miles/km: 36,000 Drivetrain Years: 5 Drivetrain Miles/km: 60,000 Corrosion Years: 5 Corrosion Miles/km: Unlimited Roadside Assistance Years: 5 Roadside Assistance Miles/km: 60,000

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#### **Quote Worksheet**

		MSRP
Base Price		\$47,065.00
Dest Charge		\$1,695.00
Total Options		\$11,920.00
	Subtotal	\$60,680.00
User Item		\$3,000.00
	Subtotal Pre-Tax Adjustments	\$3,000.00
Less Customer Discount		\$0.00
	Subtotal Discount	\$0.00
Trade-In		\$0.00
Excluded from Sales Tax	Subtotal Trade-In	\$0.00
	Taxable Price	\$63,680.00
Sales Tax		\$0.00
	Subtotal Taxes	\$0.00
	Subtotal Post-Tax Adjustments	\$0.00
	Total Sales Price	\$63,680.00

Dealer Signature / Date

Customer Signature / Date

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**DATE:** April 12, 2022

TITLE: Proposed Amendments to FY23 Budget

**BACKGROUND:** On March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Town was notified of four additional Great Barrington students that would be attending Taconic High School's vocational program for the 2022-2023 school year. During budget sessions, our original request of \$70,000 for funding Out of District Tuition and Transportation was to cover the current student enrolled in the vocational program entering her third year of studies. Although we are aware the possibility exists that additional students may come onboard, at the time the budget was prepared, we had no knowledge of any additions. Due to the addition of these students, we are requesting the Special Article be amended from \$70,000 to \$250,000. Tuition is approximately \$19,000 per student and with the additional transportation involved in coordinating five students being picked up and transported to Taconic High School, we may need to seek alternative services. Therefore, we need to ensure enough funding is set aside for this purpose.

In addition to this request, Chief Burger is seeking an increase of \$6,500 to his operating budget. The additional funds are needed due to the April 6<sup>th</sup> notification from the Great Barrington Fire District announcing a 5% increase in water rates and a 10% increase to hydrant rentals. Prior to this notification, he was advised that there would be no rate increase for FY23 and prepared his budget accordingly.

Lastly, the Department of Public Works is requesting an increase to the capital budget of \$70,000. Due to an oversight, the original request for a highway truck did not include the snowfighter package.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The combined operating budget increases will impact the FY23 tax levy by an additional \$186,500. This results in an overall increase of 3.2% over the prior fiscal year levy or a tax rate increase of \$0.47 (\$14.86 to \$15.33).

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the amended budget requests be approved as presented.

PREPARED AND REVIEWED BY:	
	Susan M. Carmel, Town Accountant
APPROVED: Mark Pruhenski	Date: 4/7/2022
Mark A. Pruhenski, Tow	n Manager



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John Malumphy Great Barrington Highway Dept 14 East Street Great Barrington MA.01040 March 21, 2022

Tarco T2000 8.5' All Season Body PKG

We are pleased to quote the following:

**New Tarco T2000** Snow Fighting Equipment Package fully installed & operational upon a new **F550** cab & chassis with a 60" CA. and Gas Engine Equipment Package to include the following:

#### > Tarco T2000-8.5SS 8.5' Type 304 Stainless Steel Body with Cab Shield

Formed body top rail with side board pockets

16" Body side height, dirt shedder design

24" Tailgate Height, manual latching mechanism

#### 3/16" Hardox Floor

7GA type 304 Stainless Conveyor with 3/4" thick poly wear plate

Front mounted spinner assembly with stainless steel chute and 14" poly spinner

Conveyor chain is 14" width and Chevron design (US Made)

20:1 Conveyor drive gear box (US Made) with Char-Lynn Hydraulic Motor (US Made)

Spinner driven from independent Char-Lynn hydraulic motor (US Made)

#### **Dual Action Telescopic Front Hoist**

Double acting side tip cylinders

Continuous side tip floor hinge pin is stainless steel equipped with grease lines for remote lubrication

Dump hoist and side tip safety prop

#### **Bolt on SS Paving Apron**

- Conspicuity Tape & Safety Stickers as Required
- > Tailgate Chain Covers
- Front and Rear Mud Flaps with Anti-Sail
- Shovel Holder with Snapper Pin
- Wheel Chock Holder with Chocks
- ➤ Combination Ball/Pintle Assembly with 5/8" Plate, D-Rings, Seven (7) Wire Trailer Plug
- Roll Rite Hydraulic Load Cover
- > Front Plow Hitch with Heated LED Lights
- ➤ Side mount Hydraulic Reservoir with Sight/Temp gauge
- Hydraulic Filter with Indicator
- Low Oil Alert with Shutdown System
- ➤ 1-1/4 Ball Valve shut-offs
- > Transmission-mounted PTO /Gear Pump
- Load Sense Valve System to Operate Hydraulics mounted in SS Enclosure
- ► Hydraulic Manifold & ½" Stainless Steel Piping throughout utilizing Short Lengths of Hose & Swivel Fittings
- Cirus Spread Smart Spreader Control
- Cirus Black Tip Plow Control System

AAAAA	LED LIGHTING SYSTEM Four (4) Whelen 500 Series Amber Strobes mounted on cab shield, (2) Rear Amber Strobes. Rear to also Include Trucklite S/T/T & Reverse in each Corner post LED Spinner Light with In Cab Switch LED Load Light with In Cab Switch Body Up Alarm Preco 230 Back Up Alarm
>	Body Painted Red
<b>A</b>	Complete Package Installed & Operational on Chassis
FO	B: EAST HARTFORD. CTBudget OnlyPer Truck\$95,735.59
Po	otions:  ly Fenders Over Rear TiresPer TruckAdd \$ 750.00  placeable Front Bumper for Summer UsePer TruckAdd \$ 675.00
	Pricing Valid for Orders Placed within 15 Days of Quotation. All orders placed after 15 Days subject to manufacturer price increases at time of order
Ji	spectfully Submitted,  m Uccello- es Consultant

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL: The above prices, specifications, and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted.

SIGNED:\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE:\_\_\_\_\_

From: To: John Malumphy Susan Carmel

Subject:

FW: 550 10" oneway quote

Date:

Friday, April 8, 2022 11:47:35 AM

From: John Malumphy < JMalumphy@Townofgb.org>

Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 11:16 AM

To: Sean Van Deusen <svandeusen@townofgb.org>

Subject: Fwd: 550 10' oneway quote

#### Sent from my iPhone

#### Begin forwarded message:

From: John Malumphy < imalumphy@townofgb.org>

Date: March 21, 2022 at 2:47:00 PM EDT

To: Sean Van Deusen < svandeusen@townofgb.org>

Subject: FW: 550 10' oneway quote

From: Richard Atwood <aacemeteryservices@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021 9:11 AM **To:** John Malumphy < <u>JMalumphy@Townofgb.org</u>>

Subject: 550 10' oneway quote

#### \*\*CAUTION:\*\*

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#### Good morning John,

Please figure \$5900.00 for 10' oneway hydroturn plow with osc bar, galvanized coating included.

Thank You, Rich

A&A Memorials, Inc. Post Office Box 596 Housatonic, MA 01236 PH: (413) 274-6631 Cell: (413) 329-3672 Sean Van Deusen DPW Superintendent

E-mail: svandeusen@townofgb.org www.townofgb.org



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## TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON **MASSACHUSETTS**

### **Reserve Fund Transfer**

April 12, 2022

TO:

**Finance Committee** 

FROM: Sean Van Deusen, DPW Superintendent

RE:

Reserve Fund Transfer Request

I am respectfully requesting a transfer of funds from the Finance Committee Reserve Fund to provide additional funding for the below line items in the Department of Public Works budgets. Please see attached Executive Summary for a detailed explanation.

	ACCOUNT NAME	ORG	OBJ	AMOUNT
From:	Reserve Fund	01131	57800	\$50,000
To:	Electricity	01192	52110	\$20,000
	Street Lights	01422	52110	\$10,000
	Gas/Diesel	01422	54810	\$20,000

*See attached YTD budget to actual report.		
Department Head Signature:  Town Accountant:	_ Date:	4/13/22
Assistant Town Manager: Suitspher Buls!	Date: _	4/13/22
Finance Committee:		



# TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/GREAT BARRINGTON POLICE

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

TITLE: Reserve Fund Transfer Request

Over the past year a variety of factors have caused fuel prices to rise to 14 year highs. As a result, the Great Barrington DPW has nearly exhausted its FY 2022 allocation for Gas and Diesel.

Additionally, electricity costs have also increased and the Great Barrington DPW has exhausted its FY 22 electricity budget. I hereby request a reserve funds transfer in the amount of \$50,000

PREPARED AND REVIEWED BY:

Sean VanDeusen, DPW Superintendent



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