

## **Town of Great Barrington Massachusetts**

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FISCAL YEAR 2024 --- BUDGET OVERVIEW

February 28, 2023

# **Budget Overview – Priorities**

Public safety and public health

- Maintain a high quality of life by providing exceptional public services to our residents and visitors
- Invest in our public infrastructure (Building and campus improvements, Roads, Sidewalks, Parks and Open Space, Bridges, etc.)
- Invest in our most important asset--- our staff.
- Look to the future and invest in our stabilization accounts



### FY24 Revenue Sources and Estimates

Revenue	
Tax Levy	\$27,531,429
State Aid	\$1,350,377
Local Receipts	\$2,222,500
Enterprise Fund	\$2,831,982
Free Cash to reduce tax levy	\$4,000,000
Free Cash to fund Special Articles/Capital	\$1,772,394
Retained Earnings to fund Capital	\$614,400
TOTAL REVENUE	\$40,323,082

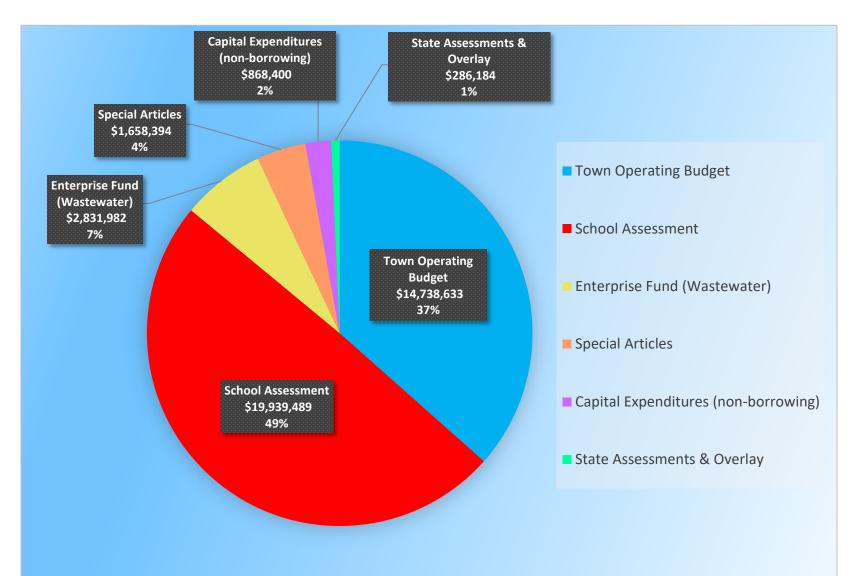


# FY24 Proposed Expenditures At-A-Glance

Expenditure	
Town Operation Budget	\$14,738,633
BHRSD Assessment	\$19,939,489
Enterprise Fund (Wastewater)	\$2,831,982
Special Articles	\$1,658,394
Capital (non-borrowing)	\$868,400
State Assessments / Overlay	\$286,184
TOTAL TO BE RAISED	\$40,323,082

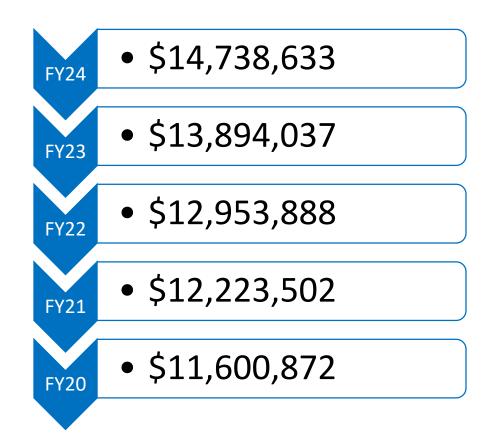


### **FY24 Proposed Budget**





### **Town Operating Budgets** FY20 – FY24





# **Proposed FY24 Appropriations**

Department	Expenditures
General Government	\$2,034,612
Public Safety	\$3,044,809
Public Works	\$2,944,830
Cultural, Rec, Human Services	\$1,259,767
Insurance	\$1,784,882
Debt	\$2,495,750
Retirement	\$1,157,483
Miscellaneous	\$16,500
TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING	\$14,738,633



### Capital Program Historical Data FY20 – FY24



### **Capital Budget FY24 – Highlights**

#### Streets, Sidewalks and Bridges

Continued improvements town-wide and engineering funds for future projects including walking paths and culverts

#### Buildings/Grounds and Parks

Continued improvements to town buildings, cemeteries, and parks and architectural/engineering funds for future projects

#### Vehicles and Equipment

1 Police cruiser, 3 DPW trucks, 1 DPW loader, 1 DPW excavator, 1 Fire UTV trailer and various firearms/tasers & lawn maintenance equipment

#### Technology

Costs to make ready utility poles to provide fiber optic to Housatonic

#### Wastewater

1 mower, collection system improvements, and engineering funds for future projects



### **FY24 Proposed Special Articles**

<ul> <li>Community Impact Funding</li> </ul>	\$500,000
<ul> <li>BHRSD Vocational Tuition and Transportation</li> </ul>	\$140,000
<ul> <li>Stabilization</li> </ul>	\$150,000
<ul> <li>Capital Stabilization</li> </ul>	\$150,000
<ul> <li>Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)</li> </ul>	\$176,500
<ul> <li>Emergency Medical Services Subsidy (SBA)</li> </ul>	\$151,294
<ul> <li>Housatonic Water Works Relief</li> </ul>	\$150,000
<ul> <li>Cemetery Study and Maintenance</li> </ul>	\$ 30,000
<ul> <li>Unemployment Trust Fund</li> </ul>	\$ 20,000
<ul> <li>Affordable Housing Trust Fund</li> </ul>	\$175,000
<ul> <li>Website Upgrade</li> </ul>	\$ 30,600
<ul> <li>Legal Fees/Cannabis HCA Renewals</li> </ul>	\$ 15,000

# **FY24 Budget - As Presented**

Estimated Tax Rate - \$14.80 (This is a conservative estimate and assumes no value growth)

Excess Levy Capacity - \$1,486,720 (This means we have additional taxing capacity)

Remaining General Fund Free Cash Balance - \$734,789.20

Remaining Free Cash Generated by Cannabis Community Impact Funds Balance - \$4,065,384.80

Remaining Wastewater Retained Earnings Balance - \$5,247,109.00

OPEB - This budget proposes to re-purpose an existing pension reserve fund, added to a portion of our free cash, to invest \$1M

Stabilization Fund Balance - \$584,396 (as of 12/31/22)

Capital Stabilization Fund Balance - \$1,326,988 (as of 12/31/22)



#### THANK YOU!



### **Department Heads**

# Chris Rembold (Capital)





Allie Crespo (Comprehensive Budget)

SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

