



Special and Annual Town Meeting

Member Packet

Town of Westhampton
May 14, 2022

“The 40,000 Foot View”

Operating Expenses (General Government):

FY2022 (Appropriated)	\$6,345,628
FY2023 (Proposed)	\$6,480,773
FY2023 (Recommended)	\$6,473,773

For FY2023, anticipated funding sources for General Government expenses include State Aid, Local Receipts, Ambulance Receipts Reserved, and raised through taxation.

Use of Free Cash:

Capital Purchases (Proposed):	\$ 397,500
Non-Capital Expenses (Proposed):	\$ 2,925
Debt retirement (Proposed):	\$ 152,561
Expenses from Previous Fiscal Year:	\$ 6,487
Transfer to General Stabilization:	\$ 160,000
Reduce tax burden and balance budget:	\$ 96,352 (subject to change)
TOTAL:	\$ 815,825

Reserves:

FY2022:

Free Cash:	\$ 925,814
Stabilization:	\$ 433,560
TOTAL:	\$ 1,359,374

FY2023:

Free Cash:	\$ 109,989
Stabilization:	\$ 593,560
TOTAL:	\$ 703,549

WARRANT ARTICLE SUMMARY

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET by ARTICLE

<u>Art #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
7	Salaries and Compensations for elected officers	\$17,987
8	General Government	\$311,758
9	Fire, Poilce, EMS	\$208,833
10	Ambulance Services	\$25,000
11	Inspection / Public Safety	\$52,860
12	Elementary School	\$2,023,069
13	Hampshire Regional High School	\$1,515,829
16	Vocational Tuition	\$300,000
17	Vocational Transportation	\$73,100
18	Road / Highway Maintenance	\$492,139
19	Snow Removal	\$100,000
20	Transfer Station	\$100,983
21	Cemetery	\$9,500
22	Public Health	\$35,202
23	Council on Aging	\$9,025
24	Veterans Agent / Benefits	\$12,968
25	Library	\$119,806
26	Culture and Recreation	\$875
27	Debt / Intergovernmental / Unclassified	\$1,064,839
TOTALS		\$6,473,773

CAPITAL / OTHER EXPENSES by ARTICLE

STM-1	Retirement of Debt (Highway Truck / Public Safety Building Design)	\$152,561
STM-2	FY2021 Vocational Education Tuition	\$6,487
28	Chapter 90 Appropriation (from Cherry Sheet) (Req: \$184,376)	\$184,376
29	an Actuary Audit of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) *** (Req: \$2,925)	\$2,925
30	a utility tractor with articulating brush mower deck (Highway) (Req: \$220,000)	\$220,000
31	Portable Compressor (Highway) (Orig: \$20k; Amend:\$29,000)	\$29,000
32	a new medium-duty four-wheel-drive truck (Highway) (Req: \$76,000)	\$76,000
33	a new light- or medium-duty four-wheel-drive truck (Police) (Req: \$65,000)	\$65,000
34	dual-band radios (Police) (Req: \$7,500)	\$7,500
35	Transfer to General Stabilization Fund	\$160,000
36	Balance the budget and reduce tax rate	\$96,352
		\$1,000,201

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET (Articles 5-27) **6,473,773**

CAPITAL / OTHER EXPENSES (Articles 28-36) **1,000,201**

TOTALS: **7,473,974**

Accountant Checksum: **\$ 7,473,974**

Difference: **\$ -**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, the sum of \$160,000 to pay the remaining debt on a 2021 Highway Department Truck, and design services for the Public Safety Complex project, or take any other action in relation thereto.

DESCRIPTION: These balances were intended to be paid through a multi-year borrowing. By paying off these two debts ahead of time, the town will save thousands in financing charges and interest.

The amount proposed to be paid is **\$152,561**; the proposed funding source is **free cash**.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, incurred by the departments, boards and officers of the Town of Westhampton, or take any other action relative thereto.

DESCRIPTION: There is an unpaid bill from the 2021 Fiscal Year (2nd Quarter of the 2020-2021 academic year) for out-of-district vocational educational expenses due to Westfield Technical Academy.

The amount proposed to be paid is **\$6,487**; the proposed funding source is **free cash**.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money to provide for expenses relative to the Snow Removal Account for Fiscal Year 2022, or take any action in relation thereto.

DESCRIPTION: This article was in anticipation of an outstanding balance on the Snow Removal account. There is no outstanding balance, and no action is required.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COME TO THE POLLS on JUNE 4, 2022, from 8 AM to 12 NOON!

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

DESCRIPTION: Town Boards and Committees may present a written or oral report to Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by ballot necessary officers to serve in the ensuing year:

Board	Term	Candidate(s)	Residence
Selectboard	One for three years	Susan Bronstein Scott Johndrow	72 Main Rd. 29 Hathaway Rd.
Board of Assessors	One for three years	Winifred (Winnie) Gorman	67 Main Rd.
Planning Board	Two for three years	Wade Clement Jennifer Milikowsky	15 North Rd. 36 Clapp Rd.
Planning Board	One for one year	John Zimmerman	48 North Rd.
Finance Committee	Three for three years	Steve Holt Scott Stanton	34 North Rd. 18 South Rd.
Finance Committee	Two for two years		
Library Trustees	Two for three years		
Elementary School Committee	Two for three years	Morley Cleary Scott Johndrow	31 Southampton Rd. 29 Hathaway Rd.
Moderator	One for one year	Benjamin Warren	207 Reservoir Rd.
Tree Warden	One for one year	Thomas Jenkins	8 Perry Hill Rd.
Constable (North District)	One for three years	Leroy Douchkoff	103 Montague Rd.

DESCRIPTION: Please vote on Election Day: Saturday, June 4, from 8 to 12 noon!

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to **take care of the highways**, including entering into contracts, and accepting any money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or other sources.

DESCRIPTION: This article reauthorizes the Selectboard as supervisory authority over the Highway Superintendent, in accordance with MGL Chapter 41 Section 68.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to **apply for and expend grants** from federal or state programs.

DESCRIPTION: This article is self-explanatory.

ARTICLE 5: To amend the general bylaw of the Town of Westhampton, Article 5 “The Finance Committee”, by adding section 5-4-4 as follows:

5-4-4 The town shall establish and maintain the following revolving funds in accordance with Section 53E-1/2 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws:

5-4-4-1 - For the purchase of Fire Department materials, supplies and training, to be funded by inspection fees, and to be expended without further appropriation by the Fire Chief.

5-4-4-2 – For the maintenance, upkeep and groundskeeping of the Westhampton Cemetery, to be funded by sales of plots and burial fees, and to be expended without further appropriation by the Cemetery Superintendent.

DESCRIPTION: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 Section 53 E-1/2, allows towns to establish revolving funds to receive fees and monies from specific sources, and expend those funds for specific purposes. The amounts allowed to be directed into each fund must be reauthorized every year by Town Meeting. While these funds have been used for many years, the General Law requires that such funds be established by bylaw, which was not done. This article corrects that oversight.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote authorize or re-authorize the following **Revolving Funds** for the purposes and amounts as listed below.

FY2023 – REVOLVING FUNDS

FUND	PURPOSE	SOURCE OF FUNDS	MAX AMOUNT
Fire Department	Materials, supplies and training	Inspection Fees	\$2,000.00
Westhampton Cemetery	Cemetery upkeep, maintenance and grounds-keeping	Plot purchases, donations	\$6,000.00
Police Dept / School Resource Officer	School Resource Officer (SRO) policing activities and materials	Fees paid for services	\$8,000.00

DESCRIPTION: This article reauthorizes the amounts relative to each revolving fund, as listed.

ARTICLE 7: To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41 G.L., which requires that salaries of elected officials be fixed by vote of the Town, and to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for **Salaries and Compensation** to be as of July 1, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

Office (Proposed)	FY2022 Adopted	FY2023 Proposed		
Moderator (\$538)	522	538		
Selectboard, Chair (\$2,199)	2,135	2,199		
Selectboard Members (2 @ \$1,728)	3,356	3,456		
Assessors, Chair (\$3,370)	3,272	3,370		
Assessors, Members (2 @ \$3,009)	5,844	6,018		
School Committee, Chair (\$506)	492	506		
School Committee, Members (4 @ \$294)	1,144	1,176		
Tree Warden (\$724)	703	724	Finance Committee	
TOTAL	\$17,468	\$17,987	17,987	8, 0, 0

Westhampton was first settled in 1762. Originally part of Northampton, Westhampton was officially incorporated on September 29, 1778. The first town meeting was held on November 19, 1778, at which the Reverend Enoch Hale, brother of American spy Nathan Hale, was chosen to be the town's first minister.

In 2028, Westhampton will celebrate its Semiquincentennial - its 250th Anniversary.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for charges relative to **General Government**, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8: GENERAL GOVERNMENT

#	Fund #	Description	FY2022 Appropriated	FY2023 Requested	Finance Committee	
					Rec.	Vote
1	015122.700	Selectboard Expense	5,800	5,800	5,800	8, 0, 0
2	015122.711	Information Technology Support	15,272	22,904	22,904	8, 0, 0
3	015122.714	Document Management Sys	2,100	2,100	2,100	8, 0, 0
4	015129.113	Administrative Asst. Sal.	43,038	57,384	57,384	7,0,1
5	015132.780	Reserve Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	8, 0, 0
6	015135.114	Accounting Officer Sal.	17,014	17,525	17,525	8, 0, 0
7	015135.200	Independent Audit	14,500	14,500	14,500	8, 0, 0
8	015135.700	Accounting Officer Exp.	4,350	4,790	4,790	8, 0, 0
9	015141.116	Assessor Assistant	16,367	16,859	16,859	8, 0, 0
10	015141.700	Assessors Expense	14,400	16,577	16,577	8, 0, 0
11	015145.113	Treasurer Salary	17,014	17,525	17,525	8, 0, 0
12	015145.700	Treasurer Expense	7,500	8,250	8,250	7,0,1
13	015145.703	Tax Title Expense	6,500	6,500	6,500	8, 0, 0
14	015146.113	Tax Collector Salary	17,014	17,525	17,525	8, 0, 0
15	015146.700	Tax Collector Expense	19,716	20,150	20,150	7,0,1
16	015147.000	Tax Taking Expense	800	800	800	8, 0, 0
17	015151.300	Counsel Fees	20,000	20,000	18,000	7,0,1
18	015161.113	Town Clerk Salary	16,367	16,859	16,859	8, 0, 0
19	015161.700	Town Clerk Expenses	5,800	7,715	7,715	8, 0, 0
20	015161.704	Training-Treas, Coll, T.Clerk	2,000	2,000	2,000	8, 0, 0
21	015163.113	Clerk Board of Registrars	100	100	100	8, 0, 0
22	015171.700	Con Com Expenses	225	225	225	8, 0, 0
23	015175.700	Planning Board Expenses	300	500	500	8, 0, 0
24	015176.700	Zoning Board of Appeals	600	600	600	8, 0, 0
25	015192.700	Town Offices Expenses	28,995	19,070	19,070	8, 0, 0
26	015192.710	Town Hall & Annex Repairs	13,278	2,500	2,500	8, 0, 0
TOTALS:			304,050	313,758	311,758	

DESCRIPTION: Salaries and compensation are increased in accordance with the Cost of Living Adjustment of 3%. Other adjustments are largely due to anticipated increases in materials and fuel costs.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to **Fire, Police and EMS services**, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9: FIRE, POLICE, EMS

#	Fund #	Description	FY2022 Appropriated	FY2023 Requested	Finance Committee	
					Rec.	Vote
27	015210.113	Police Chief Salary	34,725	35,767	35,767	8,0,0
28	015210.700	Police Dept. Expense	82,182	76,804	76,804	8,0,0
29	015210.704	Police Reform	7,500	7,500	7,500	8,0,0
30	015220.113	Fire Chief Salary	13,764	14,177	14,177	8,0,0
31	015220.700	Fire Department Expense	42,200	42,750	42,750	8,0,0
32	015229.700	Safety Complex Building	13,700	14,100	14,100	8,0,0
33	015232.113	Emergency Mgt Dir - Salary	2,665	2,745	2,745	8,0,0
34	015232.700	Emergency Medical Serv.	9,250	9,500	9,500	8,0,0
35	015232.702	EMS Coordinator - Salary	5,330	5,490	5,490	8,0,0
TOTALS:			211,316	208,833	208,833	

DESCRIPTION: Salaries and compensation are increased in accordance with the Cost of Living Adjustment of 3%.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to **Ambulance Services**, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10: AMBULANCE SERVICES

Fund #	Description	FY2022 Appropriated	FY2023 Requested	Finance Committee	
				Rec.	Vote
015232.703	Ambulance Service	25,000	25,000	25,000	8,0,0
TOTALS:		25,000	25,000	25,000	

DESCRIPTION: This represents the third year of a three year contract with the City of Easthampton. The contract is anticipated to be renewed in FY2024.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to **Building Inspections and Other Public Safety Services**, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11: INSPECTION / PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

#	Fund #	Description	FY2022	FY2023	Finance Committee	
			Appropriated	Requested	Rec.	Vote
37	015241.114	Inspector Compensation	6,000	6,000	6,000	8,0,0
38	015241.115	Building Insp/Comm Salary	28,000	28,000	28,000	8,0,0
39	015241.700	Inspector Exp.	12,940	12,940	12,000	8,0,0
40	015294.700	Tree Warden Expense	2,600	2,600	2,600	8,0,0
41	015295.113	Animal Control Officer - Salary	2,000	2,060	2,060	8,0,0
42	015295.700	Animal Control Ofc. Expense	1,043	2,200	2,200	8,0,0
TOTALS:			52,583	53,800	52,860	

DESCRIPTION: Salaries are subject to contract.

In 2021, there were 131 building permits issued, including:

*113 Residential permits
 9 Commercial permits
 2 Sheet Metal permits
 3 Tent permits
 2 Sign permits
 2 Annual Inspections*

*A total of \$45,820 was collected in fees
 for projects valued at \$5,648,468.*

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for charges relative to the **Westhampton Elementary School**, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for charges relative to **Hampshire Regional School**, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, a sum of money for charges relative to **School Choice**, or take any other action relative thereto.

~ No Action Requested. Funding for school choice is taken from Chapter 70 revenues, and requires no action by Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to **Charter School Expenses**, or take any other action relative thereto.

~ No Action Requested. Funding for school choice is taken from Chapter 70 revenues, and requires no action by Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to **Vocational School Tuition**, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to **Vocational School Transportation**, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLES 12 through 17: EDUCATION

Fund #	Description	FY2022 Appropriated	FY2023 Requested	Finance Committee	
				Rec.	Vote
015300.700 - Art.#12	Elementary School	1,926,818	2,023,069	2,023,069	8,0,0
015330.690 - Art.#13	Hampshire Regional	1,439,409	1,515,829	1,515,829	7,0,1
Art. #14	School Choice	NO ACTION REQUESTED			
Art. #15	Charter School				
015320.690 - Art.#16	Vocational Tuition	350,000	300,000	300,000	8,0,0
015320.691 - Art.#17	Vocational Transportation	60,897	73,100	73,100	8,0,0
TOTALS:		410,897	3,911,998	3,911,998	

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to **Road and Highway Maintenance and Facilities**, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLES 18: ROAD / HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

#	Fund #	Description	FY2022	FY2023	Finance Committee	
			Appropriated	Requested	Rec.	Vote
47	015421.700	Highway Administration	10,000	10,000	10,000	8,0,0
48	015422.115	Highway Salaries	243,586	246,915	246,915	7,0,1
49	015422.700	Highway Materials	95,843	98,239	98,239	7,0,1
50	015425.700	Road Machinery	43,811	47,985	47,985	8,0,0
51	015426.700	Road Machinery Fuel	43,050	51,000	51,000	8,0,0
52	015429.700	Road Machinery Buildings	30,772	38,000	38,000	7,0,1
TOTALS:			467,062	492,139	492,139	

DESCRIPTION: Salaries and compensation are increased in accordance with the Cost of Living Adjustment of 3%. Budget provides for the likelihood of significant increases in the cost of materials, road fuel, and heating fuel.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for **Snow Removal**, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLES 19: SNOW REMOVAL

#	Fund #	Description	FY2022	FY2023	Finance Committee	
			Appropriated	Requested	Rec.	Vote
53	015423.700	Snow Removal	100,000	100,000	100,000	7,0,1
TOTALS:			100,000	100,000	100,000	

ARTICLE 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the **Operation of the Transfer Station and Maintenance of the Westhampton Landfill**, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLES 20: TRANSFER STATION / LANDFILL

#	Fund #	Description	FY2022	FY2023	Finance Committee	
			Appropriated	Requested	Rec.	Vote
54	015430.700	Transfer Station	84,108	100,983	100,983	7,0,1
TOTALS:			84,108	100,983	100,983	

DESCRIPTION: Significant increases in costs for solid-waste disposal are anticipated in FY2023. About 65% of Transfer Station expenses are offset by revenues received for solid waste disposal (over \$48,000 in FY2021, and an estimated \$55,000 in FY2022). There are costs for maintenance of the capped landfill that have no revenue offset.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to the **Operation and Maintenance of the Westhampton Cemetery**, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLES 21: WESTHAMPTON CEMETERY

#	Fund #	Description	FY2022	FY2023	Finance Committee	
			Appropriated	Requested	Rec.	Vote
55	015491.113	Cemetery Salary	6,970	9,000	9,000	7,0,1
56	015491.114	Cemetery Commission	494	500	500	7,0,1
TOTALS:			7,464	9,500	9,500	

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to **Public Health**, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLES 22: PUBLIC HEALTH

#	Fund #	Description	FY2022	FY2023	Finance Committee	
			Appropriated	Requested	Rec.	Vote
57	015512.113	Board of Health Salary	1,317	1,359	1,359	7,0,1
58	015512.700	Board of Health Expense	500	500	500	7,0,1
59	015513.690	HRMC	7,550	8,000	8,000	7,0,1
60	015513.700	Foothills Health District	26,084	24,313	24,313	7,0,1
61	015519.115	Animal Inspector Salary	1,000	1,030	1,030	7,0,1
TOTALS:			36,451	35,202	35,202	

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to the **Westhampton Council on Aging**, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLES 23: COUNCIL ON AGING

#	Fund #	Description	FY2022	FY2023	Finance Committee	
			Appropriated	Requested	Rec.	Vote
62	015541.113	COA Coordinator	5,500	6,000	6,000	7,0,0
63	015541.700	Council on Aging	3,025	3,025	3,025	7,0,1
TOTALS:			8,525	9,025	9,025	

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to **Veterans Benefits and Services**, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLES 24: VETERANS' BENEFITS

#	Fund #	Description	FY2022	FY2023	Finance Committee	
			Appropriated	Requested	Rec.	Vote
64	015543.115	Veterans Agent	1,910	1,968	1,968	7,0,1
65	015543.700	Veterans Expense	14,460	14,460	11,000	7,0,0
TOTALS:			16,370	16,428	12,968	

DESCRIPTION: Veterans' Benefits are determined according to state formulas, and mandated by state law. Expenses are compensated at 75% by the state.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to the **Westhampton Public Library**, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLES 25: PUBLIC LIBRARY

#	Fund #	Description	FY2022	FY2023	Finance Committee	
			Appropriated	Requested	Rec.	Vote
66	015610.700	Library	110,997	119,806	119,806	4,2,1
TOTALS:			110,997	119,806	119,806	

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to **Culture and Recreation Activities**, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLES 26: CULTURE / RECREATION

#	Fund #	Description	FY2022	FY2023	Finance Committee	
			Appropriated	Requested	Rec.	Vote
67	015691.700	Historical Commission	1,200	1,200	600	8,0,0
68	015692.700	Memorial Day	200	200	200	8,0,0
69	015699.700	Cultural Council	75	75	75	8,0,0
TOTALS:			1,475	1,475	875	

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for charges relative to **Employment Benefits, Insurance and other Mandated Expenses**, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLES 27: DEBT / BENEFITS / INSURANCE

#	Fund #	Description	FY2022 Appropriated	FY2023 Requested	Finance Committee	
					Rec.	Vote
70	015710.914	DEBT: Highway Truck (FY2022)	25,360	0		
71	015710.916	DEBT: Public Safety Complex - Building Design (FY2022)	14,640	0		
72	015710.917	DEBT: Public Safety Complex - Building Construction	255,795	256,800	256,800	7,0,1
73	015840.690	Pioneer Valley Planning Comm.	280	286	286	8,0,0
74	015911.170	Hampshire County Retirement	229,706	257,903	257,903	8,0,0
75	015913.170	Unemployment Insurance	20,000	20,000	20,000	8,0,0
76	015914.170	Group Health Insurance	395,000	402,250	402,250	8,0,0
77	015915.171	Medicare Insurance	30,000	32,600	32,600	8,0,0
78	015945.740	Liability Insurance & Bonds	87,570	90,000	90,000	7,0,0
79	015998.083	OPEB Trust	5,000	5,000	5,000	7,0,0
TOTALS:			1,063,351	1,064,839	1,064,839	

DESCRIPTION: The first two items in this table are zeroed out in anticipation of passage of Special Town Meeting Article 1. If STM Article 1 fails, these two budget lines must be funded with at least \$27,000 and \$16,000 respectively.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money as may be certified from available funds, due to the Town as **Chapter 90 Highway Funds from the Transportation Bond Issue**, or take any other action in relation thereto.

DESCRIPTION: The Town's FY2023 Chapter 90 allocation is anticipated to be **\$184,376**. This funding may only be used for specific costs related to road, bridge and culvert maintenance. It cannot be used to offset highway salaries, or equipment maintenance.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for an **Actuary Audit of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)**, or take any other action in relation thereto.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed expense is **\$2,925**.
Proposed funding source: **Free Cash**
Finance Committee recommends: **\$2,925** (by a unanimous vote)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of a **Utility Tractor with Articulating Brush Mower Deck** for use by the Westhampton Highway Department, with requested and necessary upfit equipment and additions, or take any other action in relation thereto.

DESCRIPTION: Requested appropriation: **\$220,000**.
Proposed funding source: **Free Cash**
Finance Committee recommends: **\$220,000** (by a unanimous vote)

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for a **Portable Compressor** for use of by the Highway Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

DESCRIPTION: Requested appropriation: **\$29,000**.
Proposed funding source: **Free Cash**
Finance Committee recommends: **\$20,000** (by a unanimous vote)*

* This expense was originally proposed at \$20,000, based on pre-Covid-19 pricing, and the Finance Committee recommendation was based on the original proposal. However, updated estimates for the requested equipment were significantly increased; as a result, a Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for May 12, 2022, to reconsider the request. Their recommendation will be delivered in person at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of a new **Medium Duty Four-wheel Drive One-ton Truck** for use by the Westhampton Highway Department, with requested and necessary upfit additions, or take any other action in relation thereto.

DESCRIPTION: Requested appropriation: **\$76,000**.
Proposed funding source: **Free Cash**
Finance Committee recommends: **\$76,000** (by a unanimous vote)

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of a new **Light- or Medium-duty Four-wheel Drive Truck** with requested and necessary upfit additions, for use by the Westhampton Police Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

DESCRIPTION: Requested appropriation: **\$65,000**.
Proposed funding source: **Free Cash**
Finance Committee recommends: **\$65,000** (vote: 5, 1, 0)

ARTICLE 34: To see if the town will vote to appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of **Police Digital Dual Band Radios**, or take any other action relative thereto.

DESCRIPTION: Requested appropriation: **\$7,500.**
Proposed funding source: **Free Cash**
Finance Committee recommends: **\$7,500** (by a unanimous vote)

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to the **General Stabilization Fund**, or take any action relative thereto.

DESCRIPTION: The Stabilization Fund earns interest on all deposits. Expenditures may only be made by a 2/3 majority vote by Town Meeting. Standard practice suggests maintaining a stabilization fund balance equal to 5% - 7 % of general budget.

Requested appropriation: **\$160,000.**
Anticipated balance: \$593,560.
Proposed funding source: **Free Cash**
Finance Committee recommends: **\$160,000** (by a unanimous vote)

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, or other available funds, a sum of money to **Balance the Budget and to Reduce the Tax Rate** for the Fiscal Year 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

DESCRIPTION: This would help to reduce the property tax burden for residents.

Requested appropriation: **\$96,352.**
Proposed funding source: **Free Cash**

* The Finance Committee meeting to consider this article was scheduled for May 12, 2022. Their recommendation will be delivered in person at Town Meeting.

GENERAL BUDGET

Article	Acct #	Description
100 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
7	015114.113	Moderator Salary
7	015122.113	Selectboard Salaries
8	015122.700	Selectboard Expense
8	015122.711	Information Technology Support
8	015122.714	Document Management Sys
8	015129.113	Administrative Asst. Sal.
	015129.114	Admin Asst Search/Training
8	015132.780	Reserve Fund
8	015135.114	Accounting Officer Sal.
8	015135.200	Independent Audit
8	015135.700	Accounting Officer Exp.
7	015141.113	Assessors Salaries
8	015141.116	Assessor Assistant
8	015141.700	Assessors Expense
	015141.702	Field Review Conversion
8	015145.113	Treasurer Salary
8	015145.700	Treasurer Expense
8	015145.703	Tax Title Expense
8	015146.113	Tax Collector Salary
8	015146.700	Tax Collector Expense
8	015147.000	Tax Taking Expense
8	015151.300	Counsel Fees
8	015161.113	Town Clerk Salary
8	015161.700	Town Clerk Expenses
8	015161.704	Training-Treas, Coll, T. Clerk
8	015163.113	Clerk Board of Registrars
8	015171.700	Con Com Expenses
8	015175.700	Planning Board Expenses
	015175.702	Consulting Planner
8	015176.700	Zoning Board of Appeals
8	015192.700	Town Offices Expenses
8	015192.710	Town Hall & Annex Repairs
	015192.711	Town Hall Roof
	015192.712	Great Hall Paint
Total Gen. Government		

FY2021

Approp	Expended
\$	\$
509	509
5,253	3,668
5,800	4,018
11,108	9,744
2,100	2,100
41,988	41,988
-	-
5,895	-
16,599	16,599
14,500	14,500
4,200	4,187
8,894	6,042
15,578	15,968
16,312	13,911
12,500	-
16,599	16,599
7,000	5,637
3,500	2,926
16,599	16,599
18,670	17,032
800	210
20,000	14,727
14,195	14,195
6,316	6,193
5,000	4,778
100	100
225	203
335	335
6,000	-
1,065	1,065
28,573	20,968
13,278	-
-	-
319,490	254,801

FY2022

Approp	Δ (\$, %)
\$	
522	\$13 / 2.6%
5,491	\$238 / 4.5%
5,800	\$0 / 0.0%
15,272	\$4,164 / 37.5%
2,100	\$0 / 0.0%
43,038	\$1,050 / 2.5%
3,620	
15,000	\$9,105 / 154.5%
17,014	\$415 / 2.5%
14,500	\$0 / 0.0%
4,350	\$150 / 3.6%
9,116	\$222 / 2.5%
16,367	\$789 / 5.1%
14,400	-\$1,912 / -11.7%
12,500	\$0 / 0.0%
17,014	\$415 / 2.5%
7,500	\$500 / 7.1%
6,500	\$3,000 / 85.7%
17,014	
19,716	-\$1,656 / -8.9%
800	\$0 / 0.0%
20,000	\$0 / 0.0%
16,367	\$2,172 / 15.3%
5,800	-\$516 / -8.2%
2,000	-\$3,000 / -60.0%
100	\$0 / 0.0%
225	\$0 / 0.0%
300	-\$35 / -10.4%
6,000	\$0 / 0.0%
600	-\$465 / -43.7%
28,995	\$422 / 1.5%
13,278	\$0 / 0.0%
-	
9,000	
350,300	\$30,809 / 9.6%

FY2023

Requested	Δ (\$, %)	FinComm	Δ (\$, %)	Voted
\$		\$		
538	\$16 / 3.1%	538		8,0,0
5,655	\$164 / 3.0%	5,655		8,0,0
5,800		5,800		8,0,0
22,904	\$7,632 / 50.0%	22,904		8,0,0
2,100		2,100		8,0,0
57,384	\$14,346 / 33.3%	57,384		7,0,1
-	-\$3,620 / -100.0%			
15,000		15,000		8,0,0
17,525	\$511 / 3.0%	17,525		8,0,0
14,500		14,500		8,0,0
4,790	\$440 / 10.1%	4,790		8,0,0
9,388	\$272 / 3.0%	9,388		8,0,0
16,859	\$492 / 3.0%	16,859		8,0,0
16,577	\$2,177 / 15.1%	16,577		8,0,0
-	-\$12,500 / -100.0%			
17,525	\$511 / 3.0%	17,525		8,0,0
8,250	\$750 / 10.0%	8,250		7,0,1
6,500		6,500		8,0,0
17,525	\$511 / 3.0%	17,525		8,0,0
20,150	\$3,136 / 18.4%	20,150		7,0,1
800		800		8,0,0
20,000		18,000	-\$2,000 / -10.0%	7,0,1
16,859	\$492 / 3.0%	16,859		8,0,0
7,715	\$1,915 / 33.0%	7,715		8,0,0
2,000		2,000		8,0,0
100		100		8,0,0
225		225		8,0,0
500	\$200 / 66.7%	500		8,0,0
-	-\$6,000 / -100.0%			
600		600		8,0,0
19,070	-\$9,925 / -34.2%	19,070		8,0,0
2,500	-\$10,778 / -81.2%	2,500		8,0,0
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-	-\$9,000 / -100.0%			
329,339	-\$20,961 / -6.0%	327,339	-\$2,000 / -0.6%	

			FY2021	
Article	Acct #	Description	Approp	Expended
200 - PUBLIC SAFETY			\$	\$
9	015210.113	Police Chief Salary	33,878	33,713
9	015210.700	Police Dept. Expense	81,410	61,107
	015210.703	Police Equip & Training	4,316	3,482
9	015210.704	Police Reform	-	-
9	015220.113	Fire Chief Salary	13,428	13,428
9	015220.700	Fire Department Expense	42,200	41,127
9	015229.700	Safety Complex Building	13,500	9,034
9	015232.113	Emergency Mgt Dir - Salary	2,600	2,600
9	015232.700	Emergency Medical Serv.	9,250	8,702
9	015232.702	EMS Coordinator - Salary	5,200	5,200
10	015232.703	Ambulance Service	25,000	25,000
	015234.700	Covid-19	1,171	1,087
11	015241.114	Inspector Compensation	6,000	5,880
11	015241.115	Building Insp/Comm Salary	24,000	24,000
11	015241.700	Inspector Exp.	9,200	4,481
7	015294.113	Tree Warden Salary	686	686
11	015294.700	Tree Warden Expense	2,600	2,200
11	015295.113	Animal Control Officer - Salary	1,830	927
11	015295.700	Animal Control Officer Expenses	1,043	1,043
Total Public Safety			277,312	243,698

FY2021				
			Approp	Expended
			\$	\$
7	015300.113	School Committee Salary	1,596	1,596
12	015300.700	Elementary School	1,804,844	1,653,948
	015300.705	Elementary School Parking Lot	20,000	18,452
16	015320.690	Vocational Tuition	375,000	323,738
17	015320.691	Vocational Transportation	60,104	58,387
13	015330.690	Hampshire Regional	1,380,138	1,380,138
	015330.693	Hampshire Regional Capital	13,400	13,400
Total Education			3,655,082	3,449,658

FY2022			Approp	
			\$	Δ (\$, %)
			34,725	\$847 / 2.5%
			82,182	\$772 / 0.9%
			5,000	\$684 / 15.8%
			7,500	
			13,764	\$336 / 2.5%
			42,200	\$0 / 0.0%
			13,700	\$200 / 1.5%
			2,665	\$65 / 2.5%
			9,250	\$0 / 0.0%
			5,330	\$130 / 2.5%
			25,000	\$0 / 0.0%
			-	-\$1,171 / -100.0%
			6,000	\$0 / 0.0%
			28,000	\$4,000 / 16.7%
			12,940	\$3,740 / 40.7%
			703	\$17 / 2.5%
			2,600	\$0 / 0.0%
			2,000	\$170 / 9.3%
			1,043	\$0 / 0.0%
			294,602	17,290 / 106%

FY2022			Approp	
			\$	Δ (\$, %)
			1,636	\$40 / 2.5%
			1,926,818	\$121,974 / 6.8%
			-	-\$20,000 / -100.0%
			350,000	-\$25,000 / -6.7%
			60,897	\$793 / 1.3%
			1,439,409	\$59,271 / 4.3%
			-	-\$13,400 / -100.0%
			3,778,760	123,678 / 103%

FY2023			Requested		FinComm	
			\$	Δ (\$, %)	\$	Δ (\$, %)
			35,767	\$1,042 / 3.0%	35,767	
			76,804	-\$5,378 / -6.5%	76,804	
			-	-\$5,000 / -100.0%		
			7,500		7,500	
			14,177	\$413 / 3.0%	14,177	
			42,750	\$550 / 1.3%	42,750	
			14,100	\$400 / 2.9%	14,100	
			2,745	\$80 / 3.0%	2,745	
			9,500	\$250 / 2.7%	9,500	
			5,490	\$160 / 3.0%	5,490	
			25,000		25,000	
			-			
			6,000		6,000	
			28,000		28,000	
			12,940		12,000	-\$940 / -7.3%
			724	\$21 / 3.0%	724	
			2,600		2,600	
			2,060	\$60 / 3.0%	2,060	
			2,200	\$1,157 / 110.9%	2,200	
			288,357	-\$6,245 / -2.1%	287,417	-\$940 / -0.3%

FY2023			Requested		FinComm	
			\$	Δ (\$, %)	\$	Δ (\$, %)
			1,682	\$46 / 2.8%	1,682	
			2,023,069	\$96,251 / 5.0%	2,023,069	
			-			
			300,000	-\$50,000 / -14.3%	300,000	
			73,100	\$12,203 / 20.0%	73,100	
			1,515,829	\$76,420 / 5.3%	1,515,829	
			-			
			3,913,680	\$134,920 / 3.6%	3,913,680	

FY2021		
Approp	Expended	
\$	\$	\$
8,026	7,705	
237,645	227,761	
93,505	77,336	
100,000	99,471	
42,742	42,085	
42,450	21,732	
45,021	43,856	
30,000	27,930	
-	-	
29,887	22,765	
79,006	69,204	
6,800	6,800	
481	481	
715,563	647,125	

400 - PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES

Article	Acct #	Description
18	015421.700	Highway Administration
18	015422.115	Highway Salaries
18	015422.700	Highway Materials
19	015423.700	Snow Removal
18	015425.700	Road Machinery
18	015426.700	Road Machinery Fuel
	015427.700	Rd Mach Fuel Storage Tanks
	015427.701	Highway Generator
	015427.702	Hwy Garage Break Room
18	015429.700	Road Machinery Buildings
20	015430.700	Transfer Station
21	015491.113	Cemetery Salary
21	015491.114	Cemetery Commission

Total Public Works

FY2021		
Approp	Expended	
\$	\$	\$
1,285	1,285	
500	250	
7,529	7,529	
22,537	22,538	
879	663	
4,884	4,884	
3,025	2,278	
1,863	1,863	
14,460	8,533	
56,962	49,823	

500 - HUMAN SERVICES

22	015512.113	Board of Health Salary
22	015512.700	Board of Health Expense
22	015513.690	HRMC
22	015513.700	Foothills Health District
22	015519.115	Animal Inspector Salary
23	015541.113	COA Coordinator
23	015541.700	Council on Aging
24	015543.115	Veterans Agent
24	015543.700	Veterans Expense

Total Human Services

FY2022		
Approp		
\$	Δ (\$, %)	
10,000	\$1,974 / 24.6%	
243,586	\$5,941 / 2.5%	
95,843	\$2,338 / 2.5%	
100,000	\$0 / 0.0%	
43,811	\$1,069 / 2.5%	
43,050	\$600 / 1.4%	
1,164	-\$43,856 / -97.4%	
-	-\$30,000 / -100.0%	
25,000		
30,772	\$885 / 3.0%	
84,108	\$5,102 / 6.5%	
6,970	\$170 / 2.5%	
494	\$13 / 2.7%	
684,799	-30,764 / 96%	

FY2022		
Approp		
\$	Δ (\$, %)	
1,317	\$32 / 2.5%	
500	\$0 / 0.0%	
7,550	\$21 / 0.3%	
26,084	\$3,547 / 15.7%	
1,000	\$121 / 13.8%	
5,500	\$616 / 12.6%	
3,025	\$0 / 0.0%	
1,910	\$47 / 2.5%	
14,460	\$0 / 0.0%	
61,346	\$4,384 / 7.7%	

FY2023					
Requested		FinComm			
\$	Δ (\$, %)	\$	Δ (\$, %)	Voted	
10,000		10,000		8.0.0	
246,915	\$3,329 / 1.4%	246,915		7.0.1	
98,239	\$2,396 / 2.5%	98,239		7.0.1	
100,000		100,000		7.0.1	
47,985	\$4,174 / 9.5%	47,985		8.0.0	
51,000	\$7,950 / 18.5%	51,000		8.0.0	
-	-\$1,164 / -100.0%				
-					
-	-\$25,000 / -100.0%				
38,000	\$7,228 / 23.5%	38,000		7.0.1	
100,983	\$16,875 / 20.1%	100,983	\$0 / 0.0%	7.0.1	
9,000	\$2,030 / 29.1%	9,000		7.0.1	
500	\$6 / 1.2%	500		7.0.1	
702,622	\$17,823 / 2.6%	702,622	\$0 / 0.0%		

FY2023					
Requested		FinComm			
\$	Δ (\$, %)	\$	Δ (\$, %)	Voted	
1,359	\$42 / 3.2%	1,359		7.0.1	
500		500		7.0.1	
8,000	\$450 / 6.0%	8,000		7.0.1	
24,313	-\$1,771 / -6.8%	24,313		7.0.1	
1,030	\$30 / 3.0%	1,030		7.0.1	
6,000	\$500 / 9.1%	6,000		7.0.0	
3,025		3,025		7.0.1	
1,968	\$58 / 3.0%	1,968		7.0.1	
14,460		11,000	-\$3,460 / -23.9%	7.0.0	
60,655	-\$691 / -1.1%	57,195	-\$3,460 / -5.7%		

Article	Acct #	Description
600 - CULTURE & RECREATION		
25	015610.700	Library
26	015691.700	Historical Commission
26	015692.700	Memorial Day
26	015699.700	Cultural Council
Total Culture & Rec.		108,334 106,308

FY2022		
Approp		Expended
\$		\$
110,997		105,140
1,200		968
200		200
75		-
112,472		\$4,138 / 3.8%

FY2023		
Requested		FinComm
\$		\$
119,806		119,806
1,200		600
200		200
75		75
121,281		\$8,810 / 7.8%
		120,681
		-\$600 / -0.5%

Article	Acct #	Description
700 - DEBT SERVICE		
	015710.901	Refunding Loan
	015710.914	Debt Hwy Truck & Loader
	015710.916	Long Term Debt Public Saf Design
	015710.917	Long Term Debt Public Saf Const
	015751.915	Int. Long-term Debt
Total Debt Services		386,061 386,061

FY2022		
Approp		Expended
\$		\$
-		71,832
25,360		144,428
14,640		167,000
255,795		-
295,795		-\$2,801 / -100.0%

FY2023		
Requested		FinComm
\$		\$
-		-
-		-
-		-
256,800		256,800
256,800		-\$38,995 / -13.2%
		256,800
		-\$38,995 / 86.8%

Article	Acct #	Description
800 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES		
27	015840.690	PVPC
	015860.600	STRAP Reimbursement
Total Intergov. Svcs		2,274 2,272

FY2022		
Approp		Expended
\$		\$
280		272
-		2,000
280		-\$1,994 / -87.7%

FY2023		
Requested		FinComm
\$		\$
286		286
-		-
286		\$6 / 2.1%
		286
		\$6 / 102.1%

Article	Acct #	Description
900 - UNCLASSIFIED		
27	015911.170	Hampshire Cty Retirement
27	015913.170	Unemployment
27	015914.170	Group Health Insurance
27	015915.171	Medicare
27	015945.740	Insurance & Bonds
27	015998.083	OPEB Trust
Total Unclassified		749,783 699,985

FY2022		
Approp		Expended
\$		\$
229,706		217,213
20,000		5,012
395,000		370,917
30,000		29,868
87,570		76,975
5,000		-
767,276		\$17,493 / 2.3%

FY2023		
Requested		FinComm
\$		\$
257,903		257,903
20,000		20,000
402,250		402,250
32,600		32,600
90,000		90,000
5,000		5,000
807,753		\$40,477 / 5.3%
		807,753
		\$40,477 / 5.3%

TOTAL: 6,270,861 5,839,731

6,345,628 \$74,768 / 1.2%

6,480,773 \$135,145 / 2.1%

6,473,773 \$128,145 / 2.0%