

FY 25 Operating Budget Update

MARCH 2, 2024

SELECT BOARD, FINANCE COMMITTEE, TOWN ADMINISTRATION



Changes to Budget

Item #	Description	Increase/ (Decrease)
Expenditures		
1	Adjust Retirement Assessment based on adjusted PERAC calculations	(\$188,927)
2	Town Insurance adjustment for finalized rates	(\$31,996)
3	Reduce Property & Liability Insurance to 0% increase per MIIA	(\$13,000)
4	Combining Planning Board, ZBA and Master Plan Committee Budgets to a "Planning Department"	(\$789)
5	Increase Library Books and Publications to minimum requirements	\$5,000
6	Increase Technology Supplies for computer replacements	\$10,000
7	Reorganization of Planning BOH, Conservation Admin Assistant	\$26,955
8	Two Part-Time Circulation Assistants added to Library Budget	\$30,661
9	Adjust Essex North Shore Tech for Preliminary Budget (Enrollment increased 4 students over prior year)	\$64,038
10	Comp Reserve/Salary Recalculations (comp & class, contracts)	\$166,175
	Total Expense Increase (Decrease)	\$68,117

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Item #	Description	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues		
1	Increase TSS Revenue for new calculation of sticker prices	(\$90,000)
2	Reduce Amount of Overlay to Raise	(\$70,000)
3	Increase Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	(\$50,000)
4	Increase Interest Revenue	(\$50,000)
5	Increase MELD Tax Rate Reduction contribution	(\$38,212)
6	Increase Hotel Excise Tax Revenue	(\$25,000)
7	Increase Penalties and Interest on Taxes	(\$8,000)
8	Increase Fees for new calculation of sticker prices	(\$7,000)
	Total Revenue (Increase)/Decrease	(\$338,212)
	Net Change - From 2/3/24 to 3/2/24	(\$201,978)

Revenue Summary

REVENUES

	FY2024 BUDGETED	FY2025 ESTIMATE	\$ Change	% Change
NET PROPERTY TAXES RAISED	\$ 37,331,848	\$ 38,835,617	\$ 1,503,769	4.0%
TOTAL NET STATE AID	2,185,456	2,249,948	64,492	3.0%
TOTAL LOCAL RECEIPTS	3,986,846	4,165,344	178,498	4.5%
TOTAL OFFSET RECEIPTS	<u>1,241,731</u>	<u>1,145,892</u>	<u>(95,839)</u>	<u>-7.7%</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u><u>\$ 44,745,881</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 46,396,801</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,650,920</u></u>	<u><u>3.7%</u></u>

Expenditure Summary

EXPENDITURES

	FY2024 BUDGET	FY2025 PROPOSED	\$ Change	% Change
TOTAL TOWN SERVICES	\$ 14,407,194	\$ 15,099,220	\$ 692,025	4.8%
TOWN DEBT SERVICE	3,805,330	3,828,178	22,848	0.6%
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	14,724,501	15,973,452	1,248,951	8.5%
TOTAL MASCONOMET ASSESSMENT	10,896,460	11,142,263	245,803	2.3%
TOTAL ESSEX NORTH SHORE ASSESSMENT	874,395	982,153	107,758	12.3%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 44,707,880</u>	<u>\$ 47,025,265</u>	<u>\$ 2,317,385</u>	<u>5.2%</u>

Budget Status

❖ Outstanding Items

❖ Elementary School

❖ Masco Final Budget

❖ Recreation Commission

❖ Police CBA

FY 2025 Proposed Revenue	\$ 46,396,801
FY 2025 Proposed Budget	\$ 47,025,265
Surplus/ (deficit)	\$ (628,464)