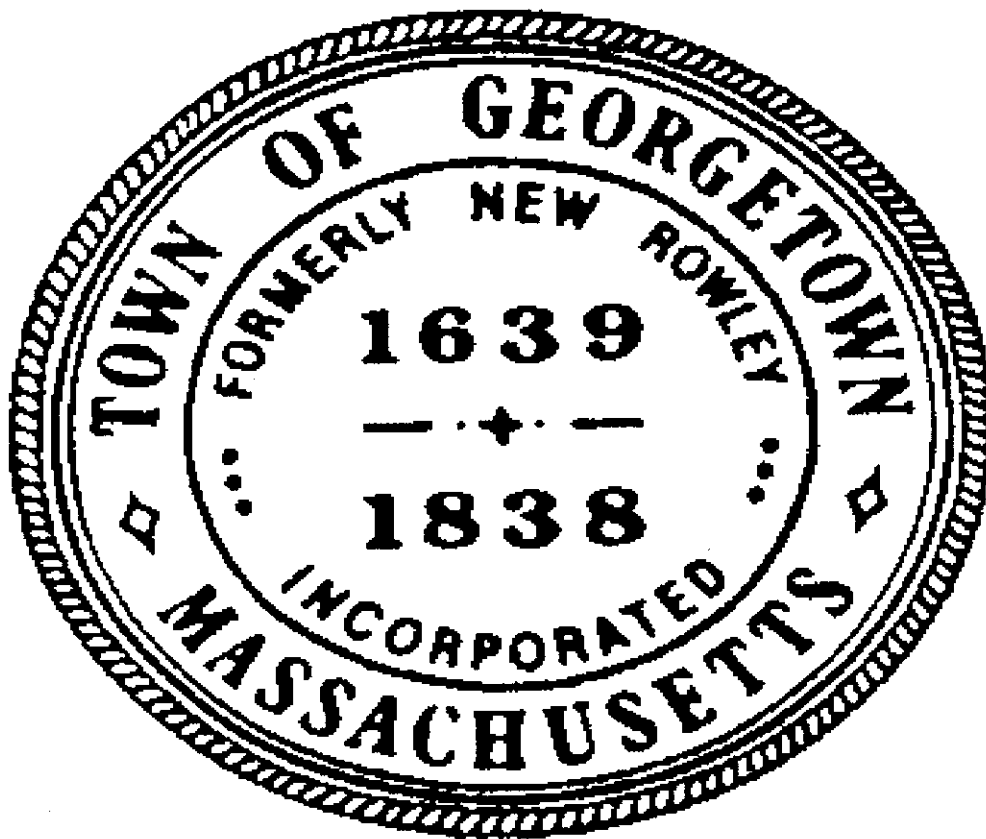


Finance and Advisory Board
Annual Report and Recommendations
For
Fiscal Year 2011



Annual and Special Town Meeting

Monday May 3, 2010

7:00 PM

Georgetown Middle/Senior High School Auditorium

Please bring this book with you to the Annual Town Meeting

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Annual Report of the Finance and Advisory Board

To the Citizens of Georgetown,

The Georgetown Finance and Advisory Board is pleased to present you with its budget and warrant article recommendations for the Town, for the fiscal year 2011, beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. Please note that the votes taken by the Board by the time of printing will be listed below each warrant article. Subsequent votes will be available at the Annual Town Meeting, Monday, May 3, 2010.

The Finance and Advisory Board is presenting Georgetown residents with a balanced budget for FY2011. This budget has presented some challenges that have been difficult at best. Our state revenues are expected to decrease by 4.6% or a \$301,422 decrease in state aid. The Motor Vehicle Excise tax and the Investment Income are budgeted to below FY2008 numbers. This decrease in revenue has made balancing the budget difficult. Three Town employee unions, the Police Command Staff, Police Patrolmen and the Highway, Dispatchers and Clerical units, have agreed to a 0% increase for FY2011. In addition, no increases have been budgeted for the non union employees. The cost of debt service for FY2011 has decreased by \$160,000 from FY2010. Throughout the entire budget process, one theme was consistent; it will only keep getting more difficult to fund our Town budgets with a 91% residential tax base.

The Finance and Advisory Board would like to thank all the Departments, Boards and Committees for all their hard work in putting this budget together. The process itself was not only educational concerning the needs of the town, but allowed all involved to get to know each other a little bit better.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin O'Malley, Chair

Jim Lacey, Vice Chair

John Bonazoli, Clerk

Lisa Bartlett-Collin

Andrew Belliveau

Reggie Tardif

A VOTER'S GUIDE TO TOWN MEETING

Compiled by Moderator Beverly Enos

At Town Meeting, the voter's approve or disapprove moneys allocated to Town departments necessary for operation throughout the following fiscal year.

The Board of Selectmen, School, Highway, Police, and other departments are then bound by this allocation. If they expect to exceed this limit, then they must go back to the taxpayers at a Special Town Meeting and ask for more. It is a popular misconception that the Board of Selectmen or School Committee control the spending of your tax dollar. This is not true, they only get to spend what you allot to them at Town Meeting.

Other decisions are also reached at Town Meeting that affects your day to day living in Georgetown. All zoning by-laws and changes must be approved at Town Meeting as well as street acceptances, license fees and penalties, and requests for purchase of capital equipment.

Who's Who at Town Meeting:

The **Moderator** presides and regulates the proceedings, decides all questions of order, and makes public declaration of all votes.

The **Finance Committee's** primary duty is to advise and make recommendations to Town Meeting on the budget and other areas of finance. Statutorily, their authority is limited to making transfers from the town's reserve fund to other line items in the budget for extraordinary or unforeseen occurrences.

The **Town Clerk** keeps accurate records of the minutes of Town Meeting and records all votes passed as declared by the Moderator.

Town Counsel sees to it that the presented articles are in proper form and is available for consultation with the Moderator on legal questions during the meeting.

The **Board of Selectmen** (or Select board as is more politically correct) is a three person elected board that holds the responsibility of "day to day" operations of the Town. It is this board that sets the time and place for the Town Meeting and prepares and issues the Warrant.

The **Town Administrator** serves as the chief administrative officer and manages the Selectmen's office, prepares for Selectmen's meetings, coordinates with department heads, and is liaison with Town Counsel. At the present time the Town Administrator also serves as the Acting Finance Director.

The Order of Business:

- Meeting called to order
- Return of the Warrant
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Introduction of visitors
- Complimentary Resolutions (appreciation certificates, etc.)

- Reports of committees
- Consideration of the Warrant Articles
 - What are commonly referred to as “stock items” are called early in the meeting and most often consist of:
 - standard operating budgets, such as Light Department
 - Road Machinery Fund continuation
 - cable television revolving Account
 - Articles then normally follow in numerical order an exception may be by a motion to amend that an article be “taken out of sequence.” On occasion there may be circumstances that make this desirable or necessary. A majority of the voters present must be obtained to move the sequence of articles.

Procedure for Each Warrant Article:

- The Moderator will announce the article number.
- The Motion is made by the appropriate board or sponsor of the article.
- The Moderator may repeat the article.
- A “Second” is required to open the discussion.
- Report of Advisory Committees (usually Finance Committee and/or Planning Board).
- Explanation by appropriate board or petition sponsor.
- Discussion:
 - Those who wish to speak must be recognized by the Moderator. Raising your hand should do it or you may proceed to any of the floor microphones to do so.
 - Once recognized, please state your name and address.
 - Address all remarks to the Moderator and all questions through the Moderator.
 - When the Moderator senses that the meeting is ready to vote, the motion will be repeated prior to the vote being taken.

When discussion has come to a close and the motion has been repeated for clarity, the Moderator will call for a vote.

Votes:

Voice vote: Most often this process begins with “All in Favor (raise the voting slips you received when checking in at the meeting)”. If the voice vote (raise of voting slips) has obvious results, the Moderator will then state that the motion passed or failed.

Standing count/show of hands:

If the vote (raise of voting slips) seems too close to call by a voice vote (raise of voting slips), or the vote is immediately questioned by seven voters (“I question the vote”), the Moderator will ask the Tellers to come into the meeting and count the votes. Each Teller has a pre-specified area to count. The Moderator will ask those in favor of the motion to hold up their voting slips- they are counted and the results are tabulated and reported to the Moderator. The process is then repeated for those against the motion. The Moderator will then announce whether the motion has passed or failed and the vote tally.

Ballot vote: Voting by secret ballot is done if prior to a standing count, a motion is made and carried to count by written secret ballot. The Town Clerk then disburses specific ballot slips and they are collected in an orderly manner in a ballot box and counted. The results are given to the Moderator who will announce the results to the Town Meeting.

Once a vote is counted - by standing vote/show of hands or ballot vote - it cannot be questioned.

Vote Quantum (Proportion) Required:

Majority

- to pass an affirmative main motion - (budget etc)
- to pass the acceptance of a road if it is part of a subdivision plan

2/3 required

- to amend zoning by-laws
- to appropriate from Stabilization fund
- to take or purchase land or easements(generally)
- to take or purchase land for a Public Domain
- to transfer Municipal land (not for park purposes) to another board or municipal purpose
- to sell or abandon land or easements acquired other than by purchase and held for specific purpose (schools, playgrounds...) in charge of a board or committee other than Selectmen
- to make changes or additions to a Town Map prepared or approved by planning board and adopted by town meeting
- road acceptance if NOT part of a subdivision plan

4/5 required

- to PAY UNPAID BILLS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR which may be unenforceable due to the insufficiency of an appropriation (at special town meeting 9/10)

Motions & Terminology

For those who have attended many Town Meetings, the “language” of the meeting may be sometimes somewhat confusing. Massachusetts General Laws and the Town of Georgetown By Laws are full of such terminology in “legalese.” The following are some of the most often used motions and a listing of some basic terminology. These are written in, hopefully, an every day understandable language.

Common Town Meeting Motions:

end the Meeting	“I move to adjourn”	Majority
amending a Motion	“I move to Amend by...”	Majority
end Debate	“I move the Question”	2/3
consider something out of scheduled order	“I move to change the order of business and consider...”	Majority
object to Procedure	“Point of Order”	none - Moderator rules
request another method of voting	“I move that vote be taken by...”	Majority
request counted vote (after vote has been declared)	“I move for a count”	7 voters -
reconsider a vote (must have voted on prevailing side)	“I move to Reconsider.....”	Majority
request information	“I request Point of Information”	none - Moderator rules

Terminology:

Appropriation

- An authorization by Town Meeting to make obligations and payments from the treasury for a specific purpose.

Assessed Valuation

- The value set on real or personal property by the Board of Assessors as a basis for setting the tax rate.

Capital Budget

- A multi year plan of spending for large capital items requested by Town Departments. Most of these are voted on individually as warrant articles.

Cherry Sheet

- Called so due to the cherry pink color paper on which it was originally printed.
- A form from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue showing all of the State and County charges and reimbursements to the Town as certified for the following year.
- Supposed to be received by March 1 of each year from the State Tax Commission.

Fiscal Year

- A 12 month period commencing on July 1 to which the annual town budget applies. The moneys appropriated at the May Town Meeting are for the next fiscal year starting July1.

Free Cash

- The amount of Surplus Revenue over and above uncollected taxes of prior years.
- Free Cash must be certified by the State Director of Accounts.

General Fund

- The major town fund created with town receipts and tax revenues from which the majority of town expenses are met.

Operating Budget

- A plan of proposed spending and the proposed means of paying for it for the next fiscal year.

Reserve Fund

- This fund is established by voters at Annual Town Meeting.
- To use these monies, transfers may be authorized by the Finance Committee and only for “extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures” that do not warrant calling of a Special Town Meeting.
- Any unexpended balance of this fund is closed out to Surplus Revenue at fiscal year end.

Stabilization Fund

- This fund is designed to accumulate amounts for capital and other future spending purposes.
- These moneys may be invested (and accrue interest) by the town.
- These moneys may be appropriated by a 2/3 vote at any Town Meeting for any legal purpose.

Surplus Revenue

- This fund represents the amount by which Cash, Accounts Receivable, and other assets exceed the town’s liabilities and reserves.

Transfers

- The town may by majority at any Town Meeting, transfer any amount previously appropriated to any other use authorized by law.

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
FY 2011 BUDGET SUMMARY**

	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2009	2010	2011
REVENUE			
Taxes	12,472,998	13,019,499	13,295,133
State Revenue	5,948,793	6,571,370	6,170,807
School Construction - MSBA payments	1,231,500		
Local Receipts/Enterprise	2,316,029	2,183,345	1,837,500
Other Available Funds	21,086	21,086	21,086
OTHER REVENUE SOURCES			
Override	91,000		
Free Cash	113,034	75,256	
Transfer from Stabilization Fund	50,000		
Transfer from Water Dept.			233,057
TOTAL REVENUE	22,244,440	21,870,556	21,557,583
OPERATING EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT			
General Government			
Town Meeting Expense	1,184	1,600	1,600
Selectmen	1,559	2,000	2,000
Administration and Finance	497,544	509,836	500,314
Operation Support	385,121	343,500	343,500
Licensing & Registration	74,455	69,873	80,738
Land Use	113,089	113,555	154,840
Total General Government	1,072,952	1,040,364	1,082,992
Public Safety			
Police Protection	1,328,421	1,322,606	1,338,343
Police Public Safety Building	55,927	51,083	51,083
Other Public Safety	3,902	0	14,096
Police	1,388,250	1,373,689	1,403,522
Fire/Emergency Medical	415,758	413,249	413,249
Protective Inspections	3,903	3,886	3,925
FIRE	419,661	417,135	417,174
Total Public Safety	1,807,911	1,790,824	1,820,696
Code Enforcement			
Code Enforcement	128,191	116,872	116,875
Total Code Enforcement	128,191	116,872	116,875
Education			
Public Schools	10,982,372	10,932,372	11,523,155
School Assessments	232,699	277,248	229,492
Total of Education	11,215,071	11,209,620	11,752,647
Public Works & Facilities	919,717	704,000	704,127
Undesignated (Street/Traffic Lights)	51,896	49,364	49,364
Human Services			
Health Services	92,892	97,789	97,786
Special Programs	141,854	160,357	159,942
Total of Human Services	234,746	258,146	257,728
Culture & Recreation	324,128	322,294	329,522
Debt Service			
Debt Retirement	1,661,086	871,086	710,852
Borrowing	682,501	211,252	177,660
Total of Debt Service	2,343,587	1,082,338	888,512
Insurance	3,296,259	3,648,655	3,920,027
Overlay/State/Snow & Ice	844,154	697,508	635,093
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,238,612	20,919,985	21,557,583
TOTAL REVENUE			21,557,583

REVENUE DETAIL

	Estimated FY 2009	Actual FY 2010	Estimated FY 2011
FY LEVY LIMIT			
Prior Fiscal Year	11,461,304	11,990,470	12,406,802
Proposition 2 1/2 Levy Limit Growth	286,533	299,762	310,170
New Growth	100,000	116,570	50,000
Levy Limit	11,847,837	12,406,802	12,766,972
Debt Exclusions			
Public Safety Building	-	-	-
School Renovations	315,953	315,438	302,038
Library	193,020	189,270	185,340
Capital Equipment	116,188	107,989	40,783
Total Debt Exclusion	625,161	612,697	528,161
Allowable Levy Limit	12,472,998	13,019,499	13,295,133
STATE REVENUE			
Education		1,026,220	
		4,356,024	
Chapter 70	4,444,922	5,382,244	5,067,813
School Transportation			
Charter Tuition Assessment Reimb.		2,574	
School Construction	1,231,500		
School Choice Receiving Tuition	284,031	283,081	249,198
School Lunch	8,424	8,603	7,586
Total Education	5,968,877	5,676,502	5,324,597
General Government			
Lottery	838,575	631,160	605,914
Additional Assistance	52,998	included w/lottery	
Revenues from Meals Tax Increase			
Revenues from Rooms Tax Increase			
Highway Fund			
Police Career Incentive	53,921	9,709	5,011
Veterans Benefits	21,642	34,777	31,486
Exemptions: Vet, Blind & Surv. Spo	11,763	17,887	17,580
Exemptions: Elderly	6,526	included w/vet, blind & surv.	
State Owned Land	216,719	195,082	178,982
Public Libraries	9,272	6,453	7,237
Variance per House Ways & Means unapplied		894,868	
Total General Government	1,211,416	894,868	846,210
Total State Revenue	7,180,293	6,571,370	6,170,807
ESTIMATED LOCAL REVENUE			
Local Receipts			
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,142,845	1,142,845	950,000
Penalties and Interest on Taxes	40,000	40,000	50,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	50,500	50,500	50,500
Fees	88,000	70,000	55,000
Rentals	40,000	40,000	40,000
Other Departmental Revenue	10,000	10,000	15,000
Licenses and Permits	120,000	100,000	110,000
Fines and Forfeits	75,000	90,000	90,000
Investment Income	150,000	75,000	28,000
Electrical Depart. Benefits & Debt Service	525,000	525,000	400,000
Misc. Receipts	10,000	10,000	9,000
Misc Medicaid Revenue	64,684	30,000	40,000
Misc			
Total Estimated Local Receipts	2,316,029	2,183,345	1,837,500
Other Available Funds			
Septic Betterment	21,086	21,086	21,086
Assessors Overlay Excess	-		
Water Department			233,057
Total Other Available Funds	21,086	21,086	254,143
Total Estimated Local Receipts	2,316,029	2,183,345	1,837,500
Total Revenue	21,990,406	21,795,300	21,557,583
Enterprise Revenues			
User Charges	1,125,833	1,190,556	1,237,395
Connection Fees	14,000	14,000	45,500
Other Departmental Revenue	16,250		35,000
Investment Income	3,600	6,000	2,500
Total Estimated Enterprise Revenue	1,159,683	1,210,556	1,320,395

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN						
FY2011 BUDGET			EXPENSE DETAIL			
		Line Item	FY09	FY10	FY11	\$ Change
						from FY10 to
Category	Department	Number	Actual	Budget	Proposed	FY11
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
	Town Meeting Expense	11131	1,184	1,600	1,600	-
Selectmen:						
	Selectmen Salaries	11221	0	0	-	-
	Selectmen Staff Salaries					-
	Selectmen Expenses	11224	1,559	2,000	2,000	-
Total Selectmen						
			1,559	2,000	2,000	-
Administration and Finance						
	Fin/Adv. Comm. Expense	11312	200	200	200	-
	Reports, Town & Fin Comm.	11951	4,116	500	500	-
	Town Administrator Salary	11227	99,955	91,189	91,189	-
	Town Administrator Staff Salary	11222	33,946	33,610	33,946	336
	Town Administrator Expenses	11229	2,349	2,000	2,000	-
	Accountant Salary	11351	63,071	62,446	63,071	625
	Accountant Expenses	11353	3,048	3,700	3,300	(400)
	Board of Assessors Salary	11411	900	900	900	-
	Assessors Asst. Salary	11412	48,724	59,000	61,982	2,982
	Assessors Staff Wages	11413	42,015	43,275	43,275	-
	Assessors Expense	11414	37,191	45,015	31,275	(13,740)
	Treasurer/Collector Salary	11454	63,071	62,446	63,070	624
	Asst. Collector Salary	11455	36,925	36,559	36,925	366
	Asst. Treasurer Salary	11456	42,931	42,506	42,931	425
	Treasurer/Collector Staff Wages	11452				-
	Treasurer/Collector Expenses	11453	19,102	26,490	25,750	(740)
Total Administration and Finance						
			497,544	509,836	500,314	(9,522)
Operation Support:						
	Town Hall Operating Exp.	11226	61,449	64,000	64,000	-
	Computer Sys Main & Sup	11225	65,088	72,000	72,000	-
	Reserve Fund Expense	11321	125,000	125,000	96,000	(29,000)
	Reserve Salary Expense					-
	Town Counsel Expense	11511	102,331	50,000	80,000	30,000
	Personnel Board Expense	11521				-
	Tax Title Foreclosure	11581	8,253	9,500	8,500	(1,000)
	Town Audit	11591	23,000	23,000	23,000	-
Total Operation Support						
			385,121	343,500	343,500	-
Licensing & Registration:						
	Town Clerk Salary	11611	33,466	33,135	33,466	331
	Town Clerk Staff Wages	11612	17,520	17,596	17,772	176
	Town Clerk Expense	11613	5,286	6,500	6,500	-
	Election Expense	11621	14,559	7,600	18,000	10,400
	Registrars Expense	11631	3,624	5,042	5,000	(42)
Total Licensing & Registration						
			74,455	69,873	80,738	10,865

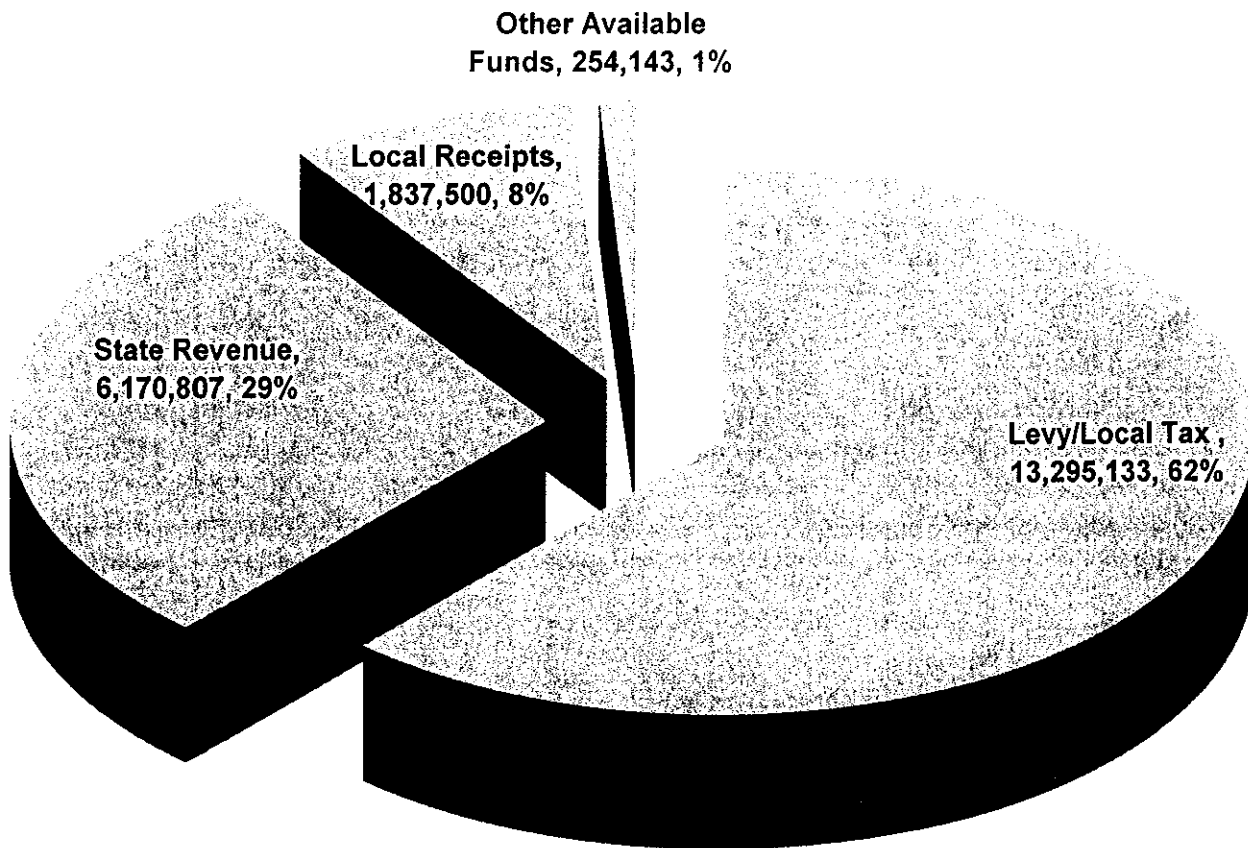
TOWN OF GEORGETOWN		EXPENSE DETAIL				
FY2011 BUDGET						
		Line Item	FY09	FY10	FY11	\$ Change
Category	Department	Number	Actual	Budget	Proposed	from FY10 to FY11
Land Use:						-
	Con. Com. Agent	11712	37,534	37,162	58,807	21,645
	Con Com Staff	11713	4,668	4,657	11,707	7,050
	Conservation Commission Expense	11711	2,011	3,000	3,000	-
	MVPC Assessment	11731	2,433	2,500	2,500	-
						-
	Planning Board Salaries	11752	47,997	48,764	61,285	12,521
	Planning Board Expense	11751	7,816	8,000	7,980	(20)
						-
	ZBA Appeals Clerk Wages	11761	10,630	9,472	9,561	89
	ZBA Appeals Expense	11762	0			-
						-
Total Land Use			113,089	113,555	154,840	41,285
TOTAL OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT			1,072,952	1,040,364	1,082,992	42,628
PUBLIC SAFETY						-
Police Protection:						-
	Police Salaries	12111	1,013,934	1,016,428	1,022,709	6,281
	Police Operating Expense	12118	90,462	83,747	85,747	2,000
	Police School Crossing	12115	7,363	0	6,500	6,500
	Cruiser Replacement	12116	16,843	16,844	17,358	514
	Comm. Center Wages	12121	199,819	205,587	206,029	442
Total Police Protection			1,328,421	1,322,606	1,338,343	15,737
						-
	Public Safety Bldg.-Util	12131	37,647	40,000	40,000	-
	Public Safety Bldg.-Maint.	12132	18,280	11,083	11,083	-
Total Police Public Safety Bldg.			55,927	51,083	51,083	-
Other Public Safety:						-
	Civil Defense Expense	12911				-
						-
	Animal Control Off Salary	12921	3,511	0	12,896	12,896
	Animal Control Off Exp.	12922	391	0	1,200	1,200
						-
	Parking Clerk Expense	12931				-
	Transfer to Capital Projects - Police Fire	19959				-
Total of Other Public Safety			3,902	0	14,096	14,096
Total of Police Department			1,388,250	1,373,689	1,403,522	29,833
Fire Protection:						-
	Fire Salaries & Wages	12211	170,205	166,911	308,149	141,238
	Fire Misc. Wages	12212	6,717	9,889		(9,889)
	Emerg. Response Allow Exp.	12213	116,698	113,099		(113,099)
	Fire Operating Expense	12214	98,638	105,100	105,100	-
						-
	Fire Hydrants Assessments	12216				-
	Apparatus Lease Payment					-
Emergency Medical Services:						-
	Ambulance Retainer Assess	12311	5,250	0		-
	Emer. Med. Tech Expense	12321	18,250	18,250		(18,250)
Total of Fire/Emergency Medical			415,758	413,249	413,249	-
Protective Inspections:						-
	Sealer Wgts./Meas. Serv. Fee	12444	3,903	3,886	3,925	39
						-
TOTAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY			479,490	468,218	482,353	14,135
Code Enforcement:						-
	Inspection Service Wages	12951	120,840	111,765	111,768	3
	Inspection Service Exp.	12952	7,351	5,107	5,107	-
TOTAL OF CODE ENFORCEMENT			128,191	116,872	116,875	3

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN						
FY2011 BUDGET			EXPENSE DETAIL			
		Line Item	FY09	FY10	FY11	\$ Change
		Number	Actual	Budget	Proposed	from FY10 to FY11
Category	Department					
						-
						-
EDUCATION						
Public School:						
	School Salary & Wages	13111	9,229,477	8,659,677	8,940,708	281,031
	School Operating Expense	13112	1,752,895	2,272,695	2,582,447	309,752
Total Public Schools			10,982,372	10,932,372	11,523,155	590,783
School Assessments:						
	Whittier Reg'l. Assess	13121	232,699	277,248	229,492	(47,756)
	School Choice	13122				-
Total School Assessments			232,699	277,248	229,492	(47,756)
TOTAL OF EDUCATION			11,215,071	11,209,620	11,752,647	543,027
						-
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES						
	Highway Surveyor Salary	14211	77,140	77,140	77,140	-
	Highway Wages	14212	196,426	205,865	205,992	127
	Highway Operating Exp.	14213	79,247	89,250	89,250	-
	Road Maint. & Repairs	14215	179,222	174,746	173,316	(1,430)
	Const. & Maint. Drain Exp.	14221	31,793	32,000	32,000	-
	Highway Sidewalks Exp.	14222	4,800	5,000	5,000	-
	Snow/Ice Control Exp.	14231	335,045	104,000	104,000	-
	Loader Lease				1,430	1,430
	Tree Warden Salary	14291	4,535	4,446	4,490	44
	Tree Warden Expense	14292	11,509	11,553	11,509	(44)
TOTAL OF PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES			919,717	704,000	704,127	127
Undesignated:						
	Traffic Lights Expense	12119	2,047	4,500	4,500	-
	Georgetown Electric Dept.					-
	Street Light Assessment	14241	49,849	44,864	44,864	-
		14242				-
TOTAL OF UNDESIGNATED			51,896	49,364	49,364	-
HUMAN SERVICES						
Health Services:						
	Health Salaries & Wages	15111	58,015	58,188	58,016	(172)
	Health Dept Expense	15112	34,877	39,601	39,770	169
Total of Health Services			92,892	97,789	97,786	(3)
Special Programs:						
	Council On Aging Wages	15411	58,913	58,529	59,114	585
	Council On Aging Expense	15412	17,693	21,828	21,828	-
	Veterans Services Expense	15431	39,673	50,000	50,000	-
	Veterans Graves Expense	15432	2,000	4,000	4,000	-
	N. Essex Vet Dist. Assess	15433	23,575	26,000	25,000	(1,000)
	Comm. For Equal Access-Ex	15451				-
Total For Special Programs			141,854	160,357	159,942	(415)
TOTAL FOR HUMAN SERVICES			234,746	258,146	257,728	(418)

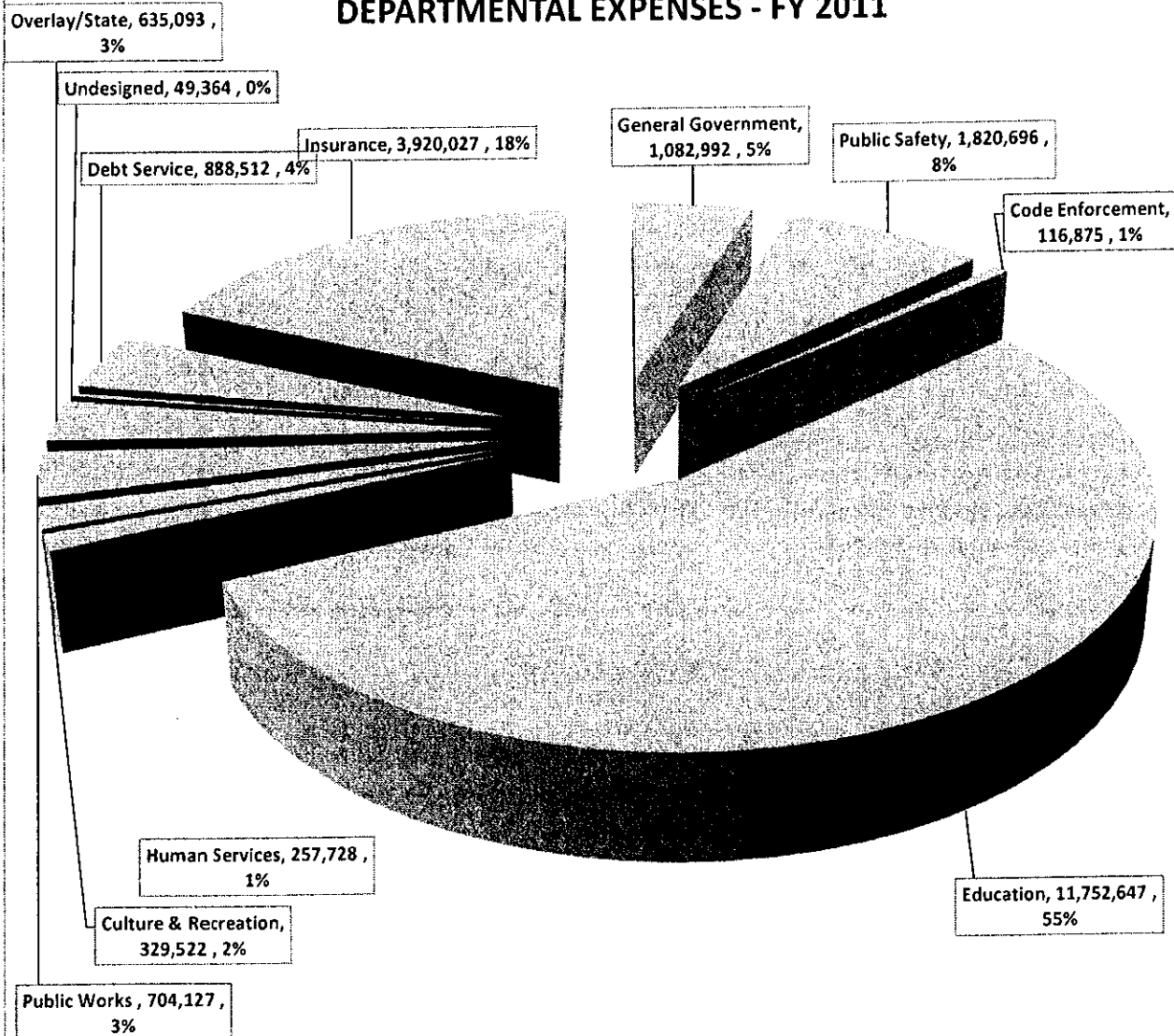
TOWN OF GEORGETOWN		EXPENSE DETAIL				
FY2011 BUDGET		Line Item	FY09	FY10	FY11	\$ Change from FY10 to FY11
Category	Department	Number	Actual	Budget	Proposed	
						-
CULTURE & RECREATION						-
	Library Salary & Wages	16111	178,238	176,591	184,737	8,146
	Library Expense	16112	104,100	104,100	103,182	(918)
						-
Total of Library			282,338	280,691	287,919	7,228
						-
	Recreation Wages	16311	13,280	14,403	14,547	144
	Park and Rec. Expense	16312	26,710	25,400	25,256	(144)
Total of Parks & Recreation			39,990	39,803	39,803	-
						-
	Historical Comm. Expense	16911	500	500	500	-
						-
	Memorial Day Service Expense	16921	1,300	1,300	1,300	-
						-
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION			324,128	322,294	329,522	7,228
						-
DEBT SERVICE						-
Debt Retirement:						-
	Pub Sfty. Bldg. Principal - Series B	17111	-	-	-	-
	Landfill - Principal	17112	75,000	75,000	75,000	-
	Elect Sub Station Prin. - Series B	17113	95,000	95,000	-	(95,000)
	Land Acquis. - Series C	17114	15,000	12,000	11,000	(1,000)
	Teachers Pay Deferral	17115	-	-	-	-
	School Renov. Principal - Series A	17116	260,000	-	-	-
	Town Hall Renovating - Series C	17118	-	-	-	-
	School Renov. - Series C	17119	785,000	263,000	264,000	1,000
	Water Pollution Abatement Bond	17120	10,401	10,401	10,401	-
	Town Hall Building Remodeling	17121	80,000	80,000	80,000	-
	Public Works - Building Addition	17122	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
	Water Pollution Abatement Bond #2	17123	10,685	10,685	10,451	(234)
	Library Addition Principle	17125	120,000	120,000	120,000	-
	Capital Equipment Principal	17126	185,000	100,000	35,000	(65,000)
	Elect Sub Station Prin. - Series B	17127	0	80,000	80,000	-
						-
Total Of Debt Retirement			1,661,086	871,086	710,852	(160,234)
						-
Borrowing:						-
	Landfill - Interest	17510	32,292	28,335	24,360	(3,975)
	Pub Safety Bldg. Interest - Series B	17511	-	-	-	-
	Elect Sub Station Interest - Series B	17513	6,437	2,162	-	(2,162)
	School Renov. Interest - Series A	17516	122,598	-	-	-
	Capital Equipment Interest - Series A	17517	-	-	-	-
	School Renov. Interest - Series C	17518	379,855	52,438	38,038	(14,400)
	Land Acquisition Interest - Series C	17519	4,233	2,231	1,603	(628)
	Town Hall Renovations - Series C	17520	-	-	-	-
	Short Term Loans-Other	17521	1,100	2,700	2,700	-
	Town Hall Building Remodeling	17523	14,400	12,000	9,200	(2,800)
	Public Works - Building Addition	17524	4,500	3,750	2,875	(875)
	Library Addition - Interest	17525	73,020	69,270	65,340	(3,930)
	Capital Equipment Interest	17526	11,186	7,986	5,784	(2,202)
	Elect Sub Station Interest	17527	32,880	30,380	27,760	(2,620)
						-
Total of Borrowing			682,501	211,252	177,660	(33,592)
						-
TOTAL OF DEBT SERVICE			2,343,587	1,082,338	888,512	(193,826)
						-

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN		EXPENSE DETAIL				
FY2011 BUDGET						
		Line Item	FY09	FY10	FY11	\$ Change
						from FY10 to
Category	Department	Number	Actual	Budget	Proposed	FY11
INSURANCE						-
Employee Benefits:						-
	Regional Retirement	19111	870,045	944,685	949,378	4,693
	GASB 45			10,000	-	(10,000)
	Workmen Comp Insurance	19121	63,454	85,000	89,000	4,000
	Unemployment Insurance	19131	100,853	75,000	100,000	25,000
	Medical Insurance	19141	1,797,121	2,036,415	2,265,919	229,504
	Salary Reserve					-
	Life Insurance	19151	4,528	4,800	4,800	-
	Medicare Insurance	19161	182,877	175,000	190,000	15,000
	Dental Insurance	19171	123,453	149,755	152,930	3,175
Other Insurance						-
	Vehicle Prop & Liab. Ins	19951	153,928	168,000	168,000	-
TOTAL OF INSURANCE			3,296,259	3,648,655	3,920,027	271,372
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET			20,066,037	20,222,477	20,922,490	700,013
	Total State Charges*** see attached		95,328	98,558	101,631	3,073
	State Off-Sets		308,276	301,751	264,021	(37,730)
	Snow & Ice Deficit		0	0		-
	School Choice Assess - Sending		296,597	140,213	128,500	(11,713)
	Charter School Sending Tuition				9,493	9,493
	Essex County Tech Sending Tuition		48,306	61,339	61,448	109
	Teachers Pay Deferral		25,647	25,647		(25,647)
	Overlay		70,000	70,000	70,000	-
Subtotal			844,154	697,508	635,093	(62,415)
TOTAL EXPENSES			20,910,191	20,919,985	21,557,583	637,598
TAX RECAP CHARGES (Cherry Sheet)						-
	Transfer to Capital Projects					-
	Snow & Ice Deficit					-
	State Charges		95,328	98,558	101,631	3,073
	School Choice Assessments - Sending		296,597	140,213	128,500	(11,713)
	Charter Sending Tuition				9,493	9,493
	Essex County Tech Sending Tuition		48,306	61,339	61,448	109
	Teachers Pay Deferral		25,647	25,647		(25,647)
	Overlay		70,000	70,000	70,000	-
Subtotal			535,878	395,757	371,072	(24,685)
STATE OFFSETS						-
	Remediation Assistance					-
	School Choice - Receiving Tuition		290,580	284,919	249,198	(35,721)
	School Lunch		8,424	8,603	7,586	(1,017)
	Public Library		9,272	8,229	7,237	(992)
Subtotal			308,276	301,751	264,021	(37,730)
TOTAL STATE CHARGES			844,154	697,508	635,093	(62,415)
WATER DEPARTMENT						-
	Water Salaries & Wages	74501	444,190	472,402	472,402	-
	Water Expenses & Rent	74502	334,075	352,950	441,285	88,335
	Water Department Direct Costs	74503	212,387	221,113	233,094	11,981
	Water Treatment Plant-Interest	74505	27,796	27,533	26,828	(705)
	Water Treatment Plant-Principal	74504	73,252	71,091	72,132	1,041
	Water Transmission Loop Interest	74509	16,401	15,777	15,122	(655)
	Water Transmission Loop Principal	74511	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
	Art#5 ATM 6/02 Dual trans Loop	74507	-	-	-	-
	ART # 29 ATM 5/05 Land Purchase	74512	-	-	-	-
	Water Operating Reserve Fund	74506	25,000	25,000	35,000	10,000
	Admin Fees	745011	4,844	4,690	4,532	(158)
TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT			1,157,945	1,210,556	1,320,395	109,839

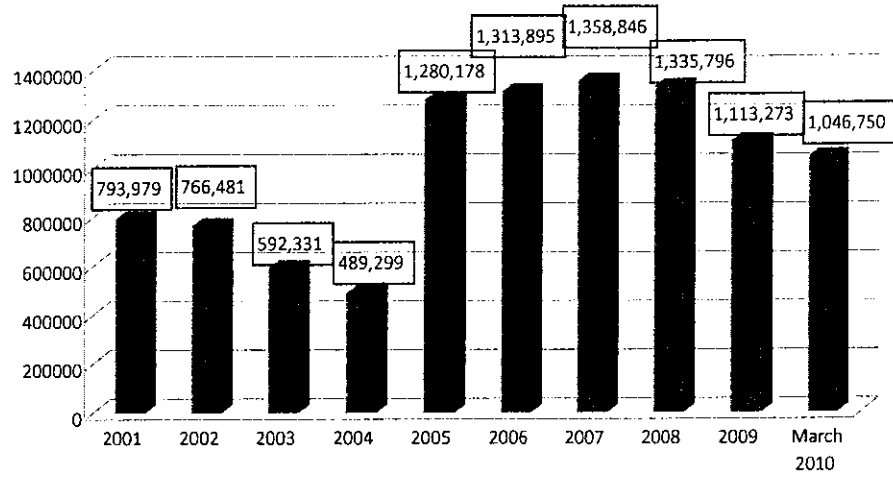
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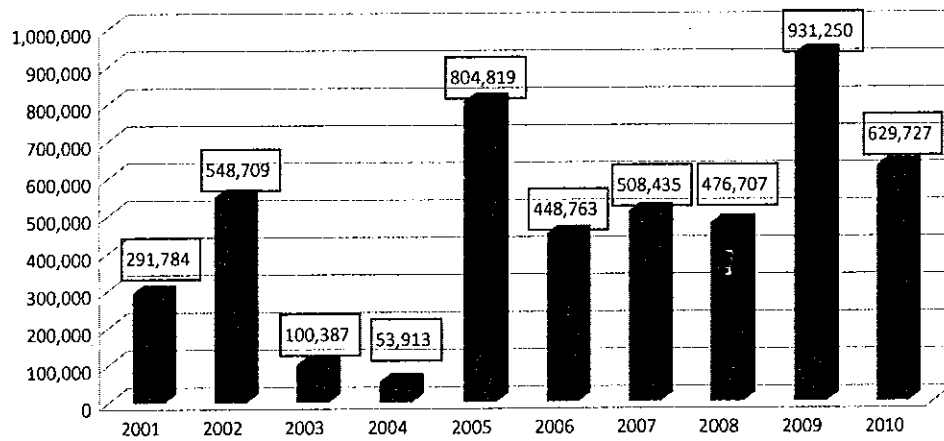
DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES - FY 2011



STABILIZATION BALANCES



CERTIFIED FREE CASH



Consent Calendar

The use of a Consent Calendar speeds the passage of warrant articles which the Selectmen and Moderator, in consultation with Town Counsel and the Finance and Advisory Committee, believe should generate no controversy and can be properly voted without debate.

Each year there are a number of warrant articles which past experience suggests that the action taken on the floor of the Town Meeting will be routine, non-controversial, and predictable.

At Town Meeting, said list is then read by the Moderator as "Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12". If any voter has any doubt about passing a motion, or wishes an explanation of any article included in the Consent Calendar, the voter will say "hold" in a loud voice as each article is called out.

The Moderator will then ask if the "hold" is for a question or debate. If it is for a question, an explanation will be given and the article remains on the Consent Calendar. If the "hold" is for debate on the article it is removed from the Consent Calendar and restored to its original place on the warrant to be brought up, debated, and voted in the usual manner.

After calling the individual articles on the Consent Calendar, the Moderator will ask that all articles be passed as a unit by a unanimous vote.

Article 6: Municipal Light Department Continuation of Operation (ATM10-06)

To see if the Town will appropriate receipts of the Municipal Light Department for the operation of said Department under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, as defined in Section 34, Chapter 164, General Laws, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010, or take any other action in relation thereto.

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To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$227,438, or any other sum to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Transportation Bond issue, to be spent by the Highway Surveyor, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

May 3, 2010

ESSEX, ss. To the Constables of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Essex, Greetings.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in the elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Georgetown Middle/High School on May 3, 2010 at 7 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2010 operating budget (STM05/10-01)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 2 of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of adjusting line items in the FY10 budget, and, as necessary, to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing departmental expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2: Water Treatment Budget-Unexpected repairs and Increased Chemical Costs (STM05/10-02)

To see if the TOWN will vote to appropriate from Water Department Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings, the sum of \$45,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Water Commissioners for Unexpected repairs to the Filter Plant and Increased Chemical Costs for FY2010

Town Warrant
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Article 1: Town Officers and Committee Reports (ATM10-01)

To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2: General Operating Budget/Reserve Fund (ATM10-02)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest and including support of the schools, to fix salaries of the several elected offices of the Town, as provided by section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing year, as set forth in the Finance and Advisory Board Proposed Budget and Town Meeting Warrant for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 3: Stabilization Fund (ATM10-03)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 4: Water Department Operating Budget (ATM10-04)

To see if the Town will appropriate the receipts and available funds of the Water Department Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Water Department under the direction of the Water Commissioners for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of this article. (Vote: 7-0)

Article 5: Capital Fund (ATM10-05)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed \$50,000 to be added to the Capital Fund, a special purpose stabilization fund created by vote of the May 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, said funds to be further appropriated by Town Meeting for improvements and/or repairs to municipal buildings and infrastructure, or take any other action related thereto.

{BEGIN CONSENT CALENDAR}

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{END CONSENT CALENDAR}

Article 13: Fire Department, Ladder Truck Payment (ATM10-13)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$77,000 for the Fiscal Year 2011 lease payment for the Fire Department ladder truck, or take any other action thereon.

Article 14: Fire Department, Command Vehicle Purchase (ATM10-27)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town to enter into a lease or lease/purchase agreement, for a period up to or exceeding three years, of a 4 wheel drive vehicle for the Fire Department, or to purchase the same, and to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money for this lease or purchase, or take any other action related thereto.

Article 15: Fire Department, Engine 5 Refurbishment (ATM 10-28)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of Forty thousand dollars(\$40,000) for the purpose of refurbishing Engine 5 (1999 KME), or take any other action related thereto.

Article 16: Demand Charge Increase (ATM10-16)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize an increase in the fee charged for each written demand issued by the collector from five dollars (\$5.00) to ten dollars (\$10.00), with such fee to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by MGL Chapter 60, Section 15, effective as of July 1, 2010, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of this article. (Vote: 7-0)

Article 17: Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School, Roof Repair Project (ATM10-17)

To see if the Town of Georgetown will vote to approve \$3,294,627 of debt authorized by the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School District, ("District") on March 10, 2010, a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School Building Committee for a roof repair project for the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School, located at 115 Amesbury Line Road, Haverhill, MA 01830. The proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and assessed annually during the term of outstanding debt to the Town of Georgetown pursuant to its Regional Agreement. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 66.18 percent of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount as determined by the MSBA, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of this article. (Vote: 7-0)

Article 18: Transfer of the Little's Hill Affordable Housing Funds to Affordable Housing Trust (ATM10-18)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds in the Little's Hill M Account (5-32083) the sum of \$78,880.00, more or less, to the Line Item Z-32926 to be used by the Affordable Housing Trust for affordable housing purposes as specified under Section 165-71 of the Georgetown Zoning Bylaw and, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of this article. (Vote: 7-0)

Article 19: Council on Aging Van local match (ATM10-19)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$11,000 to provide the 20 percent local match required to receive a \$55,000 Federal grant for the purchase of a new wheelchair accessible 8-11 passenger van for the Georgetown Council on Aging, contingent upon the award of the grant, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of this article. (Vote: 7-0)

Article 20: School Committee, Rebalancing HVAC System at Middle High School (ATM10-29)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of fourteen thousand, one hundred and seventy five dollars (\$14,175) for the purpose of inspecting, adjusting, and rebalancing the unit ventilators and HVAC system at the Georgetown Middle High School or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21: Community Preservation Committee (ATM10-20)

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of Article A, B, C, D, E, F. (Vote: 7-0)

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of Article G. (Vote: 6-0-1)

Article A: Community Preservation General Budget

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2011 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate, pursuant to G.L. Ch. 44B §6 from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2011; and further, pursuant to G.L. Ch. 44B §6, to reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation

Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, excluding land for recreational use; a sum of money for acquisition, preservation and rehabilitation of historic resources; and a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; as well as a sum of money to be placed in the 2011 Budgeted Reserve for general Community Preservation Act projects or purposes recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:.

Appropriations:

\$22,500 (less than 5% of the estimated FY revenues) to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year;

Reservations:

\$60,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space excluding land for recreational use.

\$60,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for acquisition and preservation of historic resources; and

\$60,000 (>10% of the estimated FY revenues) for the creation, preservation and support of community housing.

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article B: Community Preservation Community Housing Category, "Roof Replacement"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve Account, the amount of \$75,000 (Seventy Five Thousand dollars) to be allocated to the Georgetown Housing Authority for the purpose of replacing roofs on Housing Authority buildings on Laurel Lane and Spruce Lane. Any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Explanation

The Georgetown Housing Authority is requesting your consideration to provide funding to conclude our roof replacement project at our Trestle Way site. The Georgetown Housing Authority is a state funded low income elderly and handicapped community with 126 units. We also have a 10 unit site on Jewett Street for low income and handicapped families. With the global financial crisis affecting the HA funding from the state, some Housing Authorities have discussed mothballing empty units. This is not acceptable to us in Georgetown, so we are seeking other funding for major projects.

Article C: Community Preservation Historic Resources Category, "Historic Perley School Restoration and Rehabilitation"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve Account and the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated account, the amount of \$210,000.00 (Two Hundred Ten Thousand dollars) for Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Historic Perley School and to allow for an engineering

firm with expertise in architectural preservation to develop a Comprehensive Conditions Assessment for the historic property in order to ensure that all work accomplished is consistent with the guidelines and requirements of United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (Department of Interior regulations Standards for Rehabilitation codified in 36 CFR 67). Also to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments for any grants to defray the costs associated with this initiative. Any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Explanation

The Georgetown Public Schools is requesting \$210,000 from CPC funds to address several rehabilitative and restorative items on the portion of the Perley Elementary School that was originally constructed in 1899. School officials met with two members of the Historical Commission and Fredric C. Detwiler, Architect & Preservation Planner, to identify potential projects that would qualify for funding through CPC. A walk through inspection and assessment of the building generated a list of four potential projects. A phased approach to requesting funding was suggested by the CPC. As a result, the district obtained quotations to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment and to repair and/or replace the original slate roof since it is the highest priority. The potential for further structural damage and the potential for indoor air quality issues are the driving forces behind the need to repair the roof. In addition, funding for the roof project will include replacing the copper valleys, hip/ridge caps, and gutter linings. In Phase One of the plan, the cost of the assessment and the repair of the roof make up the request for funds this spring.

The second tier of priorities includes the replacement of sections of the original soffit, fascia, and trim just under the roof which has deteriorated over time. The front steps to the main entrance of the school pose a safety risk to people entering the building especially when wet or slippery. They are constructed of granite, include no handrails and have a step height that is higher than normal. There are several places in the original structure where masonry repair to the original stone and brick work is needed. The final determination regarding Phase 2 projects will be outlined in the comprehensive needs assessment.

Article D: Community Preservation Community Housing Category, "Affordable Housing Trust Grant"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 44B, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve Account, the amount of \$130,000.00 (One Hundred Thirty Thousand dollars) to the Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust for the purposes of Affordable Housing initiatives consistent with the Trust's Articles of Incorporation; and for the creation of a Housing Production Plan which will be Certifiable by the Massachusetts Department Housing and Community Development in accordance with 760 CMR 56.03(4); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into a grant agreement with the Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust setting the terms for such grant, including a requirement that the owners of any dwellings subsequently receiving any of these appropriated monies from the Trust grant to the Town an Affordable Housing Restriction in said dwellings, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such restriction; Any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining

appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Explanation

At Town Meeting in November 2008, the Town voted to create an Affordable Housing Trust for Georgetown. Subsequently, the Trust was established by a Declaration of Trust on September 14, 2009. Generally, the purpose of the Trust is to preserve and create affordable housing in Georgetown for low-to-moderate income households. The Trust grants the trustees authority to acquire assets and use them to carry out its defined purpose. It is the trustees' independent fiduciary responsibility to ensure that Housing Trust funds are used in a responsible manner. Within those strict parameters, the trustees respectfully seek the following CPA funds:

- The allocation of \$30,000 for the Trust to engage a housing specialist to prepare a Housing Production Plan ("Plan"). The Plan will serve to support and further achieve Georgetown's established and developing housing objectives. The Plan will educate the Trust about Georgetown's specific housing needs, and guide the Trust in the goals and initiatives it sets for the first five years. Most importantly, and as housing trusts in other towns have done, the Trust will use the plan to act efficiently with its resources.
- The allocation of \$100,000 to fund the Trust's first year. To accomplish its goals, the Trust requires money to act. Because the Trust shares the CPC's affordable housing goals, in effect, a funded Trust's existence serves to add flexibility to the CPC to accomplish housing goals that have been elusive in the past. With CPC's support, the Trust can become an integral benefit and resource collectively for the Town.

Article E: Community Preservation Open Space Category "Pentucket Pond Fanwort Management"

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c.44B, §6, to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve account the amount of \$60,000.00 (Sixty Thousand dollars) to continue the effort to preserve Pentucket Pond by providing further funding for the management of Fanwort (Cabomba Caroliniana) in Pentucket Pond, in accordance with the Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Pentucket Pond as recommended by the Georgetown Conservation Commission; Any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Explanation

Fanwort is an exotic invasive plant that will crowd out native plants and take over a body of water and eventually limit recreational use of this body of water. It grows in a thick mat in water from two to twelve feet in depth. It was first observed in Pentucket Pond in 1999. The Conservation Commission has been trying to control it since then. To date we have been limited to chemical treatment to the open water part of the pond. Left untreated, swimming, boating and fishing will be severely impacted in addition to negatively affecting the ecosystem of the pond. In the future the Conservation Commission will work towards combining chemical and drawdown techniques to more efficiently and cost affectively treat the Fanwort. In the end the long term health of Pentucket Pond and the ability of the community to benefit from using the pond depend on the control of fanwort.

Article F: Community Preservation Open Space Category, “Pentucket and Rock Ponds Invasives Prevention”

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve account \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand dollars) to be allocated to fund the Pentucket and Rock Ponds Invasives Prevention Program. Any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Explanation

The proliferation of alien aquatic invasive species has been very costly to Massachusetts and other states. Many of these invaders are spread from water body to water body through human activities such as recreational boating. Although Massachusetts spends a significant amount of money each year to combat these issues, most efforts are actually conducted through local management initiatives, such as the Pentucket Pond Fanwort Management Program. Fanwort is just one of many aquatic species of concern that threatens Massachusetts waters. Early detection and rapid response to new & existing invasive species and public education (of area residents and recreational users) are priority actions for this Prevention program for both Pentucket and Rock Ponds. This program would be managed by both the Georgetown Conservation Commission and the Georgetown Police Department's Harbormaster Program.

Article G: Community Preservation Recreational Land Use Category, “Recreational Path Development (Phase 3B)”

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.44B, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account \$132,000 (One Hundred Thirty Two Thousand dollars) to fund the furtherance of the Recreational Path Development. Any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Explanation

- Currently this project is on the Merrimack Valley Metropolitan 2010-2013 TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) as a high priority project for the towns of Boxford, Georgetown, Newbury, Newburyport, and Salisbury with an available funding of \$718,000 plus match for all 5 towns. We are striving to get our fair share through the funding application process.
- The current estimates of project costs for the 4 ½ mile the Georgetown Rail Trail section based on estimates by the Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike Engineering Company are: Construction \$4.4 M; Design - \$550K; Total Project \$4.95M
- The town is liable for a local match that is usually equal to the design costs or approximately 10% of the overall project cost. Our worse case liability is \$550,000.
- We have been gradually setting aside CPA funds to meet this obligation: \$50,000 of \$124,000 from Art28K-ATM5-7-07, and \$250,000 from Art. 28f-ATM5-5-08 for a total of \$300,000. This year's appropriation of \$132,000 will bring us to \$432,000 towards this liability.

- Should the project qualify for Federal funds, it is possible that Georgetown may see a reduction of our match. If not, we may have to seek and appropriation next year to complete the anticipated \$550,000 required match.
- The funds will be spent on satisfying the local responsibility for construction and design; and outstanding trail enhancement expenses. Unspent funds will be returned into the Community Preservation fund.

Article 22: Bayberry Lane, Rosemarie Lane, Sawmill Way, and Waldingfield Rd.

Subdivision/Street Acceptances (ATM10-22)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as public ways the roadways known as “Waldingfield Road”, “Bayberry Lane”, “Sawmill Way”, and “Rosemarie Lane”, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on plans of land entitled:

- a) “Definitive Plan, Northwood Estates, Georgetown, Mass.”, dated October 20, 1989, and recorded with Essex South Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 268, Plan 11;
- b) “Subdivision Plan of Land in Georgetown”, dated March 1, 1983, and filed with the Essex South Registry District of the Land Court as Plan 39834C;
- c) “Subdivision Plan of Land in Georgetown”, dated October 20, 1989, and filed with the Essex South Registry District of the Land Court as Plan 39834E; and
- d) “Subdivision Plan of Land in Georgetown”, dated July 6, 1989, and filed with the Essex South Registry District of the Land Court as Plan 19291D,

copies of which are on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, rights sufficient to use said ways for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Georgetown, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 23: Whispering Pines Subdivision/ Street Acceptances (ATM10-23)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as public ways the roadways known as “Raymond Road”, “Sage Road”, and “Pineneedle Lane”, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled: “Modification of Definitive Subdivision at Whispering Pines, Georgetown, Massachusetts” prepared by Atlantic Engineering & Survey Consultants, Inc., dated August 17, 2001 with a final revision date of June 23, 2003 and recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 370, Plan 28 (the “Plan”), a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, rights sufficient to use said Raymond Road, Sage Road and Pineneedle Lane for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Georgetown, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 24: Section 165-9 Conformity with Scheduled Required (ATM10-24)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by amending the text of the last sentence of §165-9 to read “*The Board of Appeals may authorize, by special permit, any other use not specifically listed in the Schedule of Uses if such use is similar in character to other permitted uses in the district and is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this chapter.*”; or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of this article. (Vote: 7-0)

Article 25: Joint Facilities Department (ATM10-26)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 71, Section 37M to allow the Town to consolidate the administrative functions, including but not limited to financial, personnel, and maintenance functions, of the School Committee with those of the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of this article. (Vote: 7-0)

Article 26: Conservation Department, (ATM10-31)

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Georgetown Conservation Restriction Revolving Fund as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws. This fund shall be funded by fees and donations to be expended without further appropriation for the purpose of inspecting the condition of land for which the Georgetown Conservation Commission is the holder of Conservation Restrictions including, but not limited to staff expenses, legal expenses, equipment and supplies. The Conservation Commission may expend from this account an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 27: Land off Bernay Way /Map 11, Lot 24K (ATM10-21)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of a parcel known as Georgetown Assessor's Map 11-Lot 24K, located on Bernay Way, granted to the Town of Georgetown by the Land Court of Massachusetts, case # 08 TL 136952 Book 29322 Page 383, from the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes to the Conservation Commission for all purposes included in General Laws, G.L. c.40, §8C, as it now reads or may hereafter be amended, the said Board of Selectmen having voted that said parcel of land is no longer needed for general municipal purposes, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40, §15A, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of this article. (Vote: 7-0)

Article 28: Citizen's Petition, Bailey Lane (ATM10-25)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Town Map of the Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts, originally adopted May 7, 1984, as it may have been heretofore revised, to add and to and show on said Official Map, as an existing street, Bailey Lane, between the two sections of Bailey Lane, as shown on said Official Map, said road to be depicted substantially in the location as shown on the Map entitled "Town of Georgetown Mass. Zoning Map 12", prepared by: Planning Board, dated February 1, 1979 and May 7, 1979, Revised, May, 1984. Or WHAT ACTION IT WILL TAKE THEREON.