



FY2022 Introduction

# Town of East Bridgewater



# The Budget Process

- 12/11 – Letter to Departments/Boards starting the budget cycle
- FinCom Liaisons Assigned
- FinCom Hearings Jan/Feb/Mar
- Warrant Opens in February
- Warrant to Press April 9
- Town Meeting May 10



# The State of the State

- Just approved the State's Budget for FY21 a week ago
- Used \$1.3 billion from the State Stabilization Fund
- Used \$90 million of CARES Act to replace lost revenues.
- Expedited the collection of sales taxes



# State of the State

- Sales Tax collections are up \$8.8 million
- Income Tax collections steady
- 7.4%\* unemployment rate down from 17.7% in June.
- East Bridgewater 6.0%\*

\*As of October 31, 2020



# Assessors Outlook

## Paula Wolfe:

- How good and how long will the real estate boom last?
- What's good?
- What's bad?
- The “narrowing” of the forecasts in recent years.



# State of the Town

- General Stabilization \$4.1 million
- Capital Stabilization \$4.3 million
- Free Cash for Capital in May = \$1 Million
- Property Tax Collection Rate in November only down 0.6%.
- Projected Meals Tax Revenue in FY21 projected \$70K



# State of the Town

- Total Debt \$109.4 Million
  - School Bond and Capital Debt \$43.5 M
  - OPEB \$65 M
- Total Operating Budget of \$58 Million
- Annual Debt Service \$4.1 Million



# FY2021

<b>FISCAL 2021 REVENUE SOURCES</b>			
<b>GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>			
<u>State Aid</u>	FinCom Original Estimate	Predicted (COVID)	FinCom v. Predicted
<b>Cherry Sheet Revenues Gross (Less Offset Receipts*)</b>	13,442,233	13,323,207	(119,026)
Less: Cherry Sheet Assessments	(774,378)	(741,100)	33,278
<b>Chapter 70 Total</b>	11,113,840	10,995,125	(118,715)
Charter School Reimbursement	43,746	83,402	39,656
School Choice Receiving Tuition*	276,059	276,264	205
Unrestricted General Govt Aid	1,633,968	1,589,463	(44,505)
Veterans Benefits	158,865	158,865	-
Exemptions: Vets, Blind, Surv Sp & Elderly	191,277	191,277	-
State Owned Land	3,336	3,441	105
Public Libraries*	21,142	25,370	4,228
<b>Total State Aid (Net)</b>	<b>\$ 12,370,654</b>	<b>\$ 12,280,473</b>	<b>\$ (90,181)</b>
<b><u>Local Receipts (Estimated)</u></b>			
1. Motor Vehicle Excise	1,971,159	1,971,159	-
2. Other Taxes (Meals, Room, Other, Cannabis)	-	77,000	77,000
3. Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Excises	315,000	300,000	(15,000)
4. Payments in Lieu of Taxes	3,000	3,000	-
5. - 9. Charges for Services	-	-	-
10. Fees	201,500	221,500	20,000
11. Rentals	1,500	1,500	-
12. - 16. Other Departmental Revenues	-	-	-
17. Licenses and Permits	225,000	263,000	38,000
18. Special Assessments	-	-	-
19. Fines and Forfeits	20,000	20,000	-
20. Investment Income	85,000	100,000	15,000
21. Medicaid Reimbursement	70,000	40,000	(30,000)
22. Miscellaneous Recurring	-	10,000	10,000
23. Miscellaneous Non-Recurring	25,000	25,000	-
<b>Total Local Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 2,917,159</b>	<b>\$ 3,032,159</b>	<b>\$ 115,000</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,287,813</b>	<b>\$ 15,312,632</b>	<b>\$ 24,819</b>



# Projected Revenue FY22

Property Taxes:		
Prior Year Levy Limit	29,350,328	
Add Prop. 2.5%	733,758	
Add New Growth	200,000	
Add Override	-	
Tax Levy Limit	30,284,086	
Add Debt Exclusion	2,977,312	
<b>Maximum Allowable Tax Levy</b>		<b>\$ 33,261,398</b>
State Aid:		
Cherry Sheet Receipts (Net)		
School Construction Aid		<b>\$ 11,979,413</b>
Local Receipts:		<b>\$ 3,032,159</b>
Other Available Funds		
Ambulance	715,000	
WPAT Loan Repayment	202,168	
Overlay Surplus	100,000	
Conservation NOI	10,000	<b>\$ 1,027,168</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 53,091,050</b>



# But...

FY2022 Projected Revenue	\$53,091,050
FY2021 Budgeted Expenses	\$53,390,953
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(\$299,903)</b>



# What you are being asked

- Two Budgets
  - Level Funding
    - (A “Zero” Budget)
  - Level Services
    - (Level Funding **PLUS** contractual increases)



# The Finance Committee

Laura Sebastyn-

- Finance Committee asked for a “*Level Headed*” Budget last year.
- Increased the Snow & Ice Budget to a slightly more realistic level
- Increased the Reserve Account to back-up Departments.
- Liaisons are there to help you.



# The FY2022 Budget

## Questions?



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Thank you for attending.

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