



# FY26 Proposed Capital Budget Articles

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The Select Board has supported continued reinvestment in the Town's assets and infrastructure. Capital Articles are built each year from the submissions included in the 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan, which was distributed in November. All projects listed in the articles, are detailed in that document.

The FY26 Budget:

- ✓ Continues high level of Capital Investment
  - Important to maintain Town and School buildings and infrastructure
  - Important to ensure safe and efficient capital equipment
  - Consistent investment through base capital
  - Continue efforts for additional funding beyond base for important projects
  
- ✓ Base Capital Budget – Funded with Free Cash
  - Municipal Capital Improvements - \$1,525,000
  - School Capital Improvements- \$1,140,000
  - Recommendation to increase these amounts from current allocation – have been level funded for 6 years (total increase of \$292k over FY25)
  
- ✓ Additional Capital Budget – Funded with Free Cash / Meals Hotels Tax / Other Funding Sources
  - Appropriation for additional capital as done in prior years
    - Additional Capital Improvements - \$1,414,500 Funded with Meals/Hotels Tax Revenue or Free Cash
    - Sewer Capital Improvements - \$75,000 Funded with Sewer retained earnings
    - Other Capital Improvements - \$885,000 Funded with Ambulance receipts and Cemetery Trust
  
- ✓ Additional Capital Articles with projects that would require borrowing
  - Sewer \$500,000 MWRA No interest loan

# Capital Funding Sources - Current Balances

There are two main funding sources for the base capital articles and additional capital article:

## Free Cash

- As of July 1, 2024 - The Town's free cash has been certified by the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$14,302,047.
- Per the financial policies, the Free Cash balance needs to be maintained at 4% of general fund operating budget, net of debt service
  - For FY25, amount is \$4.2M

## Meals/Hotels Tax

- At the November 2017 Town Meeting, the residents approved establishing a special purpose fund to hold all Hotel and Meals Tax revenue until appropriated by future Town Meetings
- Funds have been used by Town Meeting for capital projects, not operating budgets
- Current balance in account \$2.3M

There are also other dedicated funding sources for capital articles, including:

## Ambulance Receipts

- Current unreserved balance in account is \$1.5M

## Sewer Retained Earnings

- FY24 final unreserved fund balance \$2.9M

## Cemetery Perpetual Care Receipts (Trust Fund)

- Receipts in the fund may not be expended, but the earnings on them may
- The current balance of the expendable portion of the fund is \$60k (10/31/2024)

# FY26 Capital Budget – Proposed Municipal Capital Article

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Item	Requesting Department	Amount	Funding Source
Wheelchair Accessible Van	COA	\$62,000	Free Cash
One Ton Dump Truck (Truck 15)	DPW	\$80,000	Free Cash
One Ton Dump Truck (Truck 16)	DPW	\$80,000	Free Cash
Tree Chipper	DPW	\$80,000	Free Cash
Roadway Improvement	DPW	\$250,000	Free Cash
Turnout Gear Replacement	Fire	\$75,000	Free Cash
Radio Upgrade and Replacement	Fire	\$30,000	Free Cash
Fire Suppression Equipment Replacement	Fire	\$50,000	Free Cash
End User Technology	IT	\$75,000	Free Cash
Library Patron/Staff End User Technology	Library	\$25,000	Free Cash
Police Vehicles	Police	\$325,000	Free Cash
Safety Equipment	Police	\$68,000	Free Cash
Municipal Communication - Police, Fire & EMS			
Radio Infrastructure	Police	\$95,000	Free Cash
Building Facilities Maintenance	DPW Facilities	\$150,000	Free Cash
Energy Efficiency	DPW Facilities	\$50,000	Free Cash
Municipal Parking Lots	DPW Facilities	\$30,000	Free Cash
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,525,000</u></b>	

This Article is to be Funded with Free Cash  
 This is the annual base capital for Municipal

# FY26 Capital Budget – Proposed Schools Capital Article

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Technology	\$250,000	Free Cash
HVAC and Controls	\$300,000	Free Cash
Vehicles	\$90,000	Free Cash
Building Improvements	\$500,000	Free Cash
Roofing	\$300,000	Free Cash
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	\$215,000	Free Cash
Copiers / Duplicators	\$30,000	Free Cash
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,685,000</u></b>	
	<b>\$1,140,000</b>	<b>Current Proposed Funding</b>
	<b><u>\$545,000</u></b>	<b>Amount of Requests Over Funding - School Committee and Administration to determine which projects go forward</b>

This Article is to be Funded with Free Cash  
This is the annual base capital for Schools

# FY26 Capital Budget – Proposed Additional Capital

Item	Requesting Department	Amount	Funding Source
Town Hall Renovation/Reconfiguration	Select Board	\$150,000	Free Cash
Town Hall Roof Replacement	DPW Facilities	\$250,000	Free Cash
DPW Garages	DPW Facilities	\$75,000	Free Cash
Meeting Room Technology	Select Board	\$90,000	Free Cash
Town/School Financial Enterprise Software	IT	\$237,500	Free Cash
Generator Replacement (COA and Library)	DPW Facilities	\$250,000	Meals/Hotels Tax
Library Lighting System Replacement	DPW Facilities	\$300,000	Meals/Hotels Tax
Additional Study Room Project	Library	\$62,000	Meals/Hotels Tax
	Total	<u>\$1,414,500</u>	Free Cash & Meals/Hotels Tax Revenue

Funded by Meals/Hotels Revenue & Free Cash

# FY26 Capital Budget – Proposed Other Capital Articles / Sewer

## Sewer Capital Improvements

Item	Amount	Funding Source
Stormwater MS4	\$75,000	Sewer Retained Earnings
Total	<u>\$75,000</u>	Sewer Retained Earnings

## Sewer Capital Borrowing

Item	Amount	Funding Source
Inflow and Infiltration Program	\$500,000	MWRA Loan

## Other Revenue Sources

Item	Requesting Department	Amount	Funding Source
Cemetery Tractor	DPW	\$50,000	Cemetery Trust
Rescue Upgrade and Replacement	Fire	\$35,000	Ambulance Receipts
Fire Engine Replacement	Fire	\$850,000	Ambulance Receipts
Total		<u>\$935,000</u>	

