



Report of the Town Manager

January 28, 2019

1. Financial Updates-

- a. The Governor's Fiscal Year 2020 Cherry Sheet estimates were released. I have attached Winchendon's estimates to this report. As you will see revenues have increased by just over \$63,000 but the assessments have increased by nearly \$70,000, impacting Winchendon negatively by nearly \$7,000.
- b. Funding for Robinson Broadhurst requests for 2019 have been submitted. Below is a list of the applications submitted:

Robinson Broadhurst Requests		
May 2019		
		Amount
<u>Requesting Department</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Requested</u>
Town Manager	Wayfinding Signage	\$ 35,000.00
Winchendon Public Schools	Promote Student Academic Excellence; Wonders reading program, Chromebooks lease for grades 5 -9, Upgrade securing at Toy town, Extended day and year programs, radios	\$ 204,799.50
Fire Department	ATV to access miles of trails in community	\$ 27,373.99
	Community Fire Extinguisher Training Package	\$ 20,886.00
Public Works	DPW Building Roof Replacement	\$ 250,000.00
	Replace DPW Septic System	\$ 45,000.00
	Repair/Repave Sidewalks	\$ 100,000.00
Council on Aging (*)	Purchase new SUV for elderly transportation	\$ 25,500.00
Winchendon Police Department	Purchase Five Mobile Patrol Tablets	\$ 29,220.00
Beals Memorial	Repurpose existing basement area to children's room	\$ 220,000.00
Ingleside Utilization Committee	Acquisition of 8.2 acre lot that abuts Ingleside/Winchendon Community Park	\$ 39,900.00
Total Requests for 2019		\$ 997,679.49

- c. The May Town Meeting warrant opened today.

2. Personnel Updates-

- a. I have begun meeting with the collective bargaining units to discuss new union contracts.

3. Project Updates-

- a. All of the necessary Town communications equipment has been installed on the tower acquired from Comcast and is operational. A bid has been awarded

to remove the abandoned water tank and a separate bid has been awarded for the cement building near the abandoned water tower.

- b. The library project is finally nearly complete with only punch list items left to address.

4. Miscellaneous Updates –

- a. Fallfest has been scheduled for October 12th. Information is being distributed to local businesses and vendors who participated last year.
- b. MIIA met with town and school staff to begin the planning for transitioning to MIIA for employee health insurance July 1st.
- c. The Fire Department ladder truck has been inspected after being damaged when exiting the Fire Department building. Identified damage total \$13,000. Chief Smith does not expect to have repairs completed until late February. The damage to the building has been inspected by a MIIA adjuster. MIIA has engaged with contractors in other communities to make the same type of repairs. One of those contractors will be used to repair the Fire Station. The door opening will also be raised giving the vehicles more clearance as part of the repair.

**FY2020 Preliminary Cherry Sheet Estimates
Winchendon**

PROGRAM	FY2019 Cherry Sheet Estimate	FY2020 Governor's Budget Proposal
Chapter 70	\$11,450,030	\$11,477,410
School Transportation	\$0	\$0
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	\$59,422	\$30,492
Smart Growth School Reimbursement	\$0	\$0
Offset Receipts:		
School Choice Receiving Tuition	\$308,381	\$283,484
Sub-Total, All Education Items:	\$11,817,833	\$11,791,386

General Government:

Unrestricted Gen Gov't Aid	\$1,739,507	\$1,786,474
Local Share of Racing Taxes	\$0	\$0
Regional Public Libraries	\$0	\$0
Urban Revitalization	\$0	\$0
Veterans Benefits	\$256,000	\$286,290
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	\$44,424	\$54,249
State Owned Land	\$76,978	\$78,947

Offset Receipts:

Public Libraries	\$17,612	\$18,259
Sub-Total, All General Government:	\$2,134,521	\$2,224,219
Total Estimated Reciepts:	\$13,952,354	\$14,015,605

PROGRAM	FY2019 Cherry Sheet Estimate	FY2020 Governor's Budget Proposal
State Assessments and Charges:		
Retired Employees Health Insurance	\$0	\$0
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	\$0	\$0
Mosquito Control Projects	\$0	\$0
Air Pollution Districts	\$2,499	\$2,537
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	\$0	\$0
Old Colony Planning Council	\$0	\$0
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	\$18,680	\$18,680
Sub-Total, State Assessments:	\$21,179	\$21,217

Transportation Authorities:

MBTA	\$0	\$0
Boston Metro. Transit District	\$0	\$0
Regional Transit	\$17,260	\$22,065
Sub-Total, Transp Authorities:	\$17,260	\$22,065

Annual Charges Against Receipts:

Multi-Year Repayment Program	\$0	\$0
Special Education	\$12,108	\$14,535
STRAP Repayments	\$0	\$0
Sub-Total, Annual Charges:	\$12,108	\$14,535

Tution Assessments:

School Choice Sending Tuition	\$919,522	\$927,192
Charter School Sending Tuition	\$377,340	\$432,216
Sub-Total, Tution Assessments:	\$1,296,862	\$1,359,408
Total All Estimated Charges:	\$1,347,409	\$1,417,225