



Fiscal Year 2022 Budget & Warrant Public Hearing

May 13th, 2021
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Remote Participation and Comment

Residents may participate in the meeting via:

- Teleconference by calling (929) 436-2866 and entering Meeting ID: 881 4960 8367 and Passcode: 781405
- Or web conference at:
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Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & introductions
- Review of meeting goals and ground rules
- Presentation and discussion of summary budget information
- Presentation and discussion of the Town Meeting Warrant / Secret Ballot
- Final public comment
- Adjournment

Welcome & Introductions

- Welcome from the Chair of the Select Board
- Select Board Members:
 - Bruce Bourgoine (Chair)
 - Dennis Price (Vice Chair)
 - Ralph Eno
 - Chris Sammons
 - Kathryn Woodsum

Welcome & Introductions

- Welcome from the Chair of the Budget Committee
- Budget Committee Members:
 - Andy Tolman (Chair)
 - Ellen Schneiter (Secretary)
 - Marty Hanish
 - Rebecca Lambert
 - Ed Sims

Public Hearing Goals

- Present the 2021-2022 (FY22) Municipal Budget.
- Provide information on the upcoming Town Meeting and Secret Ballot Vote.
- Hear and answer (whenever possible) any questions, concerns, and comments related to the FY22 budget and Town Meeting Warrant

Budget Goals

- Improve communication with the public and incorporate public feedback in the budget
- Consider the Town budget separate from the School and County budgets
- Focus on capital investment projects and utilize a long-range planning cycle
- Use designated and undesignated funds responsibly
- Work together toward the public good

Budget Goals

- Consider and account for the impacts of COVID-19 on revenues, expenditures, and municipal operations
- Use debt wisely and responsibly
- Prioritize investment in recreational assets and public facilities
- Provide reliable public services
- Minimize budget impacts to taxpayers

Budget Process Summary to Date

- We've had 14 public meetings and presentations to develop and discuss the budget since October.
- We've had review and comment by members of the public, Boards and Committees, the Budget Committee, and the Select Board.
- We've reviewed budget details for all departments and divisions
- We've reviewed and revised the 5-year capital plan.

Revenue Highlights

- A 10% factor was applied to the tax base, along with a conservative 1% increase for new value.
- All revenue lines were reviewed for current and potential COVID -19 impacts and many were increased from the prior year
- State Rev. Sharing was conservatively increased to \$225,000 from \$200,000.
- Motor Vehicle revenues are up by \$57,500
- New revenue for interlocal CEO of \$36,135

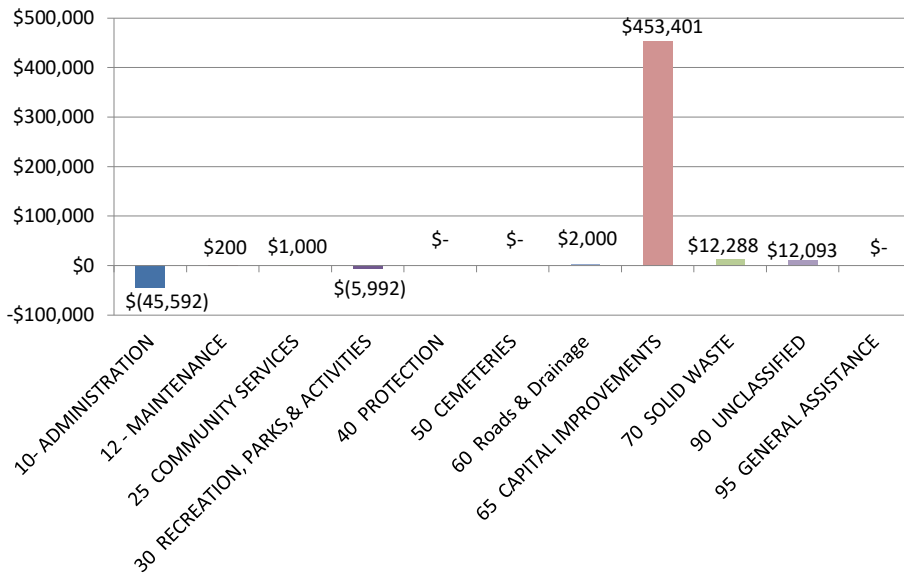
Revenue Highlights (cont'd)

- Use of Designated Funds down by \$74,681
- Use of Undesignated Funds down by \$52,117
- Beach revenue is down an estimated \$6,492
- We anticipate bond proceeds of \$395,000
- Total Transfer Station revenue is up \$10,233, with Fees alone increasing an estimated \$19,200
- FirstPark revenue is up \$10,000 and they are anticipated to be revenue neutral!

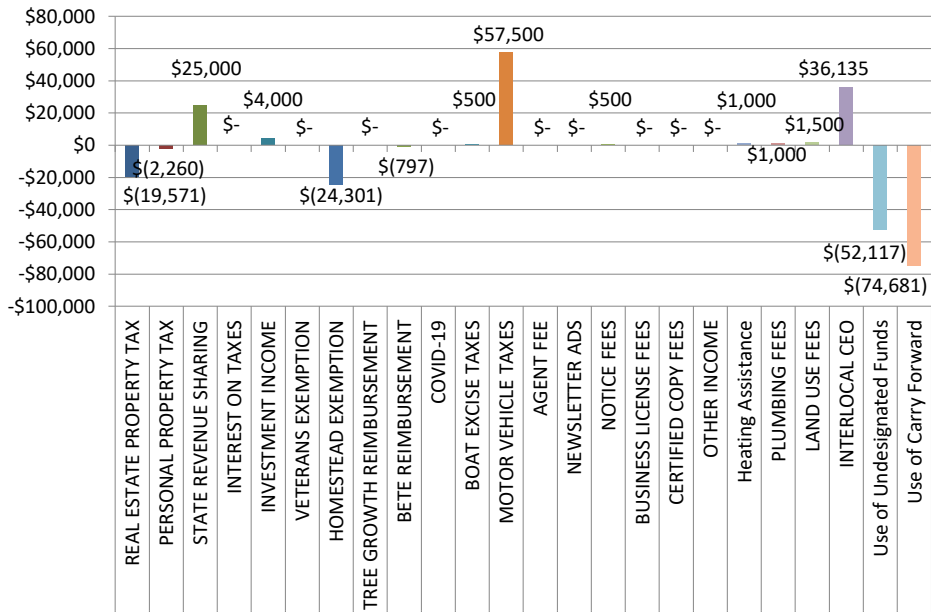
Revenue Summary – By Department

DIVISION	2021 BUDGET	2022 BUDGET	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
10 ADMINISTRATION	\$ 6,169,168	\$ 6,123,576	\$ (45,592)	-0.7%
12 MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	-
25 COMMUNITY SERV.	\$ 35,667	\$ 36,667	\$ 1,000	2.8%
30 REC., PARKS,& ACT.	\$ 24,202	\$ 18,210	\$ (5,992)	-24.8%
40 PROTECTION	\$ 3,450	\$ 3,450	\$ -	0.0%
50 CEMETERIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
60 ROADS & DRAINAGE	\$ 30,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 2,000	6.7%
65 CAPITAL IMPROV.	\$ 37,132	\$ 490,533	\$ 453,401	1221.1%
70 SOLID WASTE	\$ 204,550	\$ 216,838	\$ 12,288	6.0%
90 UNCLASSIFIED	\$ 16,476	\$ 28,569	\$ 12,093	73.4%
95 GENERAL ASSIST.	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0.0%
	\$ 6,525,645	\$ 6,955,043	\$ 429,398	6.6%

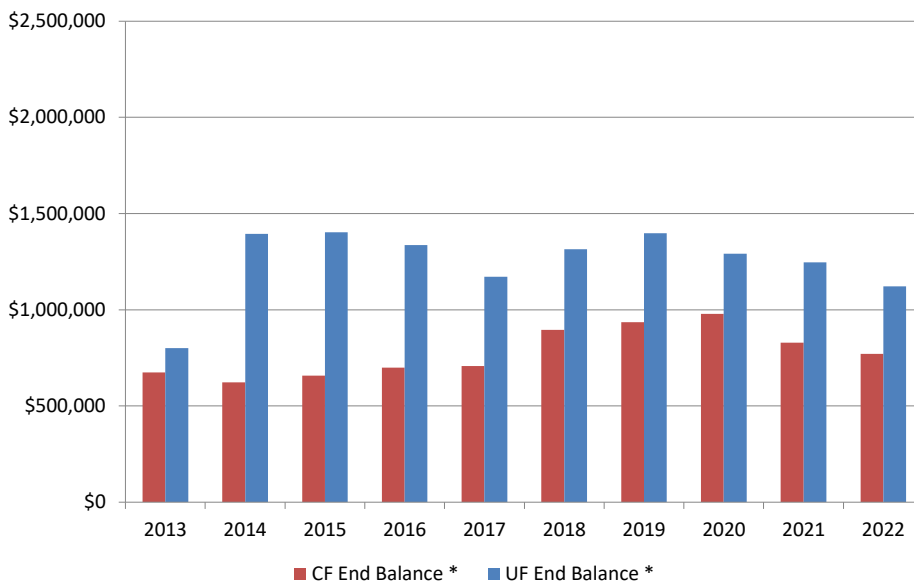
2021-2022 Revenue \$ Change by Department



2021-2022 Revenue \$ Change Admin. By Dept.



Fund End Balances by Fiscal Year (est. for FY22)



Fund Highlights

- We have a 2/12 policy for Undesignated Funds and expect to be just above this threshold in FY22
- Use of fund balance contribute to stability in the mil rate and offset some capital expenditures
- Current and budget year balances are very conservative
- Use of Designated Funds down by \$74,681
- Use of Undesignated Funds down by \$52,117
- Sizable net decrease in overall use of funds, but we still project a reduction in total balance

Expense Highlights

- Administration
 - Insurance, labor, and technology costs are up almost \$50,000
 - Increase in CEO hours, benefits, and cost by \$40,050 primarily due to interlocal agreement
 - Comprehensive Plan cost of \$10,000
 - Legal fees were reduced but we have a reserve
- Maintenance
 - The department is down a net of \$4,245

Expense Highlights

- Community Services
 - \$2,500 decrease in Streetlights due to lower electric costs for LED fixtures
 - \$5,000 for broadband internet consulting
- Recreation, Parks, & Activities
 - Increase of \$3,243 for Beach needs
- Protection
 - Fire Department budget is up \$6,525, in part due to previously unaccounted for stipends
 - Ambulance budget is up \$5,948 per Winthrop

Expense Highlights

- Cemeteries
 - Very small \$200 increase
- Roads & Drainage
 - \$3,700 increase in maintenance costs
 - The winter roads contract is budgeted for a small increase, but we have significantly increased our salt budget due to a change in the mix ratio
- Capital Improvements
 - \$200,000 for Fire Station sprinkler system
 - \$50,000 for Library egress and associated work

Expense Highlights

- Capital Improvements (continued)
 - \$422,000 for paving and infrastructure
 - \$85,000 for parks and recreation
 - \$20,000 for beach infrastructure design and planning
 - \$55,000 for ballfield improvements
 - \$10,000 for Open Space
 - \$45,000 to for Church Rd. Sidewalk design and planning (80% grant funded)
 - Ongoing lease payments and reserve at Transfer Station

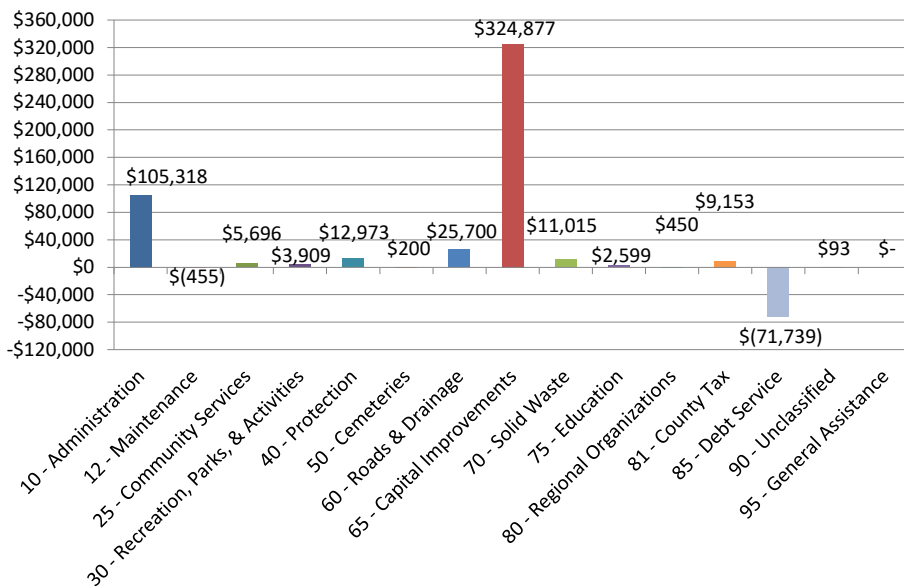
Expense Highlights

- Solid Waste
 - \$7,150 increase in Transfer Station expenses
- County Tax
 - Estimated 3% increase - \$9,153
- Debt Service
 - 2013 Road Bond payoff
 - New municipal bond interest payment of \$5,408
 - Net reduction of \$71,739

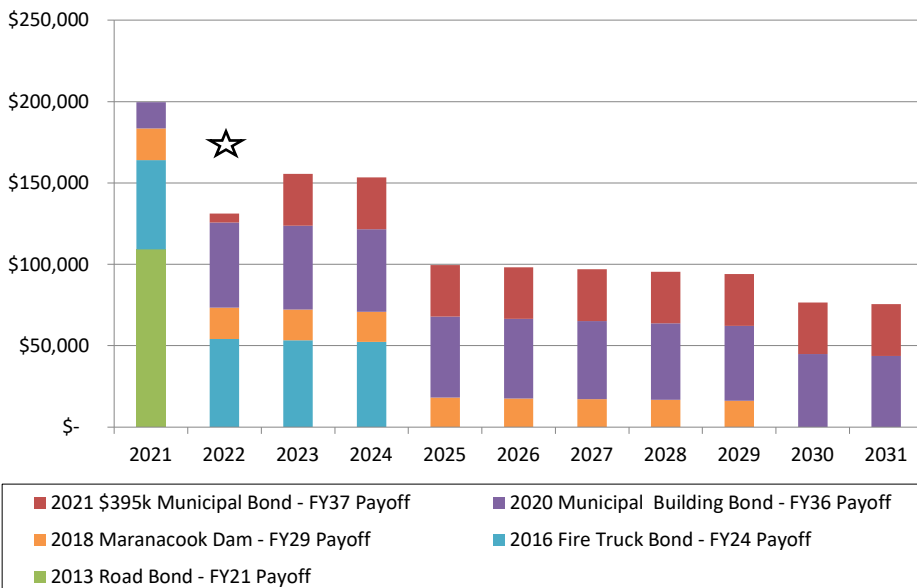
Expense Summary – By Department

DIVISION	2021 BUDGET	2022 BUDGET	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
10 - Administration	\$ 514,780	\$ 620,098	\$ 105,318	20.5%
12 - Maintenance	\$ 145,370	\$ 144,915	\$ (455)	-0.3%
25 - Community Serv.	\$ 69,770	\$ 75,466	\$ 5,696	8.2%
30 - Rec., Parks, & Act.	\$ 46,412	\$ 50,321	\$ 3,909	8.4%
40 - Protection	\$ 141,362	\$ 154,335	\$ 12,973	9.2%
50 - Cemeteries	\$ 22,500	\$ 22,700	\$ 200	0.9%
60 - Roads & Drainage	\$ 392,150	\$ 417,850	\$ 25,700	6.6%
65 - Capital Improv.	\$ 567,981	\$ 892,858	\$ 324,877	57.2%
70 - Solid Waste	\$ 312,650	\$ 323,665	\$ 11,015	3.5%
75 - Education	\$ 3,634,908	\$ 3,637,507	\$ 2,599	0.1%
80 - Regional Org's	\$ 48,550	\$ 49,000	\$ 450	0.9%
81 - County Tax	\$ 300,847	\$ 310,000	\$ 9,153	3.0%
85 - Debt Service	\$ 196,963	\$ 125,224	\$ (71,739)	-36.4%
90 - Unclassified	\$ 121,011	\$ 121,104	\$ 93	0.1%
95 - General Assistance	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.0%
	\$ 6,525,254	\$ 6,955,043	\$ 429,789	6.6%

2021-2022 Exp. \$ Change by Department



Current & Proposed Debt Service



Municipal Budget Highlights

- Budgeted municipal expenses increased by \$427,015 to \$3,016,514 matching FY20 levels
- Budgeted municipal revenues were increased to match expenses
- **The net municipal tax impact is anticipated to be down slightly.**
- **The municipal portion of the mil rate is expected to decrease slightly to about 17.1%**

School & County Budget Highlights

- School budget information is available on their website at www.maranacook.org/budget
- The school budget is set to increase by .07%, and will account for about 76.4% of property taxes
- The County budget is unknown at this time but usually accounts for about 6.5% of property taxes

Important Dates:

- **May 11, 2021** - Absentee Municipal Ballots available
- **June 8, 2021** – Town Meeting / Secret Ballot
 - Kents Hill School, Alford Athletic Center, 1617 Main St.
 - Absentee voting is encouraged, but in-person balloting will be available with precautions.
 - For more information on the budget, warrant, and absentee balloting please visit the town website at www.readfieldmaine.org or call the Town Office at 685-4939.

Town Meeting Warrant

Final Public Comments