

FY2022 BUDGET - TABLE 1 MAY, 2021

		FY19 ACTUAL	FY20 ACTUAL	FY21 BUDGET	FY22 BUDGET	\$\$ CHANGE FROM FY21	% CHANGE FROM FY21
	REVENUES						
	Property Taxes	224,490,569	234,846,238	254,898,615	270,104,696	15,206,081	6.0%
	Local Receipts	35,725,309	36,878,485	25,183,825	23,951,386	(1,232,439)	-4.9%
	State Aid	22,112,759	22,259,149	22,371,084	22,835,638	464,554	2.1%
	Free Cash	8,427,936	9,081,257	11,065,720	10,401,890	(663,830)	-6.0%
	Other Available Funds	4,872,678	3,188,731	4,390,037	3,329,073	(1,060,964)	-24.2%
	TOTAL REVENUE	295,629,251	306,253,860	317,909,281	330,622,683	12,713,402	4.0%
	EXPENDITURES						
	DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES						
	1 . Select Board	708,050	752,179	841,662	968,105	126,443	15.0%
	2 . Human Resources	498,780	459,435	594,485	604,195	9,710	1.6%
	3 . Information Technology	2,077,848	1,993,949	2,080,259	2,212,246	131,987	6.3%
	4 . Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations	301,017	257,180	327,515	331,266	3,751	1.1%
	5 . Finance Department	3,280,214	3,276,686	3,316,233	3,368,197	51,964	1.6%
	<i>a. Comptroller</i>	650,453	704,846	686,819	715,461	28,642	4.2%
	<i>b. Purchasing</i>	724,872	715,553	727,235	709,756	(17,479)	-2.4%
	<i>c. Assessing</i>	735,490	660,690	738,659	752,421	13,762	1.9%
	<i>d. Treasurer</i>	1,169,399	1,195,597	1,163,520	1,190,559	27,039	2.3%
	6 . Legal Services	1,166,351	1,149,170	1,057,022	1,081,333	24,311	2.3%
	7 . Advisory Committee	23,805	19,693	28,520	29,007	487	1.7%
	8 . Town Clerk	758,640	798,563	750,024	617,240	(132,784)	-17.7%
	9 . Planning and Community Development	1,184,050	1,230,257	1,153,926	1,272,086	118,160	10.2%
	10 . Police	18,578,613	17,742,983	17,386,626	17,493,030	106,404	0.6%
	11 . Fire	15,586,571	16,105,142	15,951,670	16,481,472	529,802	3.3%
	12 . Building	5,511,493	8,158,293	8,831,246	9,587,404	756,158	8.6%
(1)	13 . Public Works	16,069,996	16,360,644	16,008,198	16,668,234	660,036	4.1%
	<i>a. Administration</i>	911,556	966,214	950,304	959,616	9,312	1.0%
	<i>b. Engineering/Transportation</i>	1,306,949	1,316,971	1,350,119	1,392,568	42,449	3.1%
	<i>c. Highway</i>	5,532,652	6,062,296	5,103,753	5,233,854	130,101	2.5%
	<i>d. Sanitation</i>	3,246,937	3,413,212	4,030,333	4,310,136	279,803	6.9%
	<i>e. Parks and Open Space</i>	3,912,389	3,650,776	3,988,879	4,188,729	199,850	5.0%
	<i>f. Snow and Ice</i>	1,159,513	951,175	584,810	583,331	(1,479)	-0.3%
	14 . Library	4,249,242	4,241,330	4,000,760	4,262,381	261,621	6.5%
	15 . Health and Human Services	1,408,011	1,324,313	1,568,639	1,595,761	27,122	1.7%
	16 . Veterans' Services	201,513	270,108	312,087	316,384	4,297	1.4%
	17 . Council on Aging	954,436	966,717	913,379	1,027,656	114,277	12.5%
	18 . Recreation	983,211	1,117,436	1,034,617	1,058,391	23,774	2.3%
(2)	19 . Personnel Services Reserve	715,000	715,000	715,000	715,000	0	0.0%
(2)	20 . Collective Bargaining - Town	1,400,693	1,505,081	1,910,000	415,000	(1,495,000)	-78.3%
	<i>Subtotal Town</i>	73,541,840	76,224,078	78,781,868	80,104,388	1,322,520	1.7%
	21 . Schools	110,918,206	116,978,533	120,748,990	119,870,476	(878,514)	-0.7%
	22 . Vocational Education Assessments	13,878	26,113	92,895	92,895	0	-
	<i>Subtotal Education</i>	110,932,084	117,004,646	120,841,885	119,963,371	(878,514)	-0.7%
	TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES	184,473,924	193,228,724	199,623,752	200,067,759	444,006	0.2%
	NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES						
(1)	23 . Employee Benefits	62,487,155	65,149,336	68,518,848	71,554,793	3,035,945	4.4%

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(3)	a. Pensions	23,785,769	24,917,372	26,569,845	28,490,221	1,920,376	7.2%
	b. Group Health	29,632,981	30,539,855	32,701,792	33,305,817	604,025	1.8%
(3)	c. Retiree Group Health Trust Fund (OPEB's)	4,570,465	4,781,980	4,181,979	4,181,979	0	0.0%
	d. Group Life	132,351	127,452	145,000	145,000	0	0.0%
	e. Disability Insurance	43,808	48,480	46,000	46,000	0	0.0%
(3)	f. Worker's Compensation	1,450,000	2,050,000	1,850,000	1,850,000	0	0.0%
(3)	g. Public Safety IOD Medical Expenses	200,000		0	0	0	-
(3)	h. Unemployment Compensation	200,000	200,000	200,000	525,000	325,000	162.5%
	i. Medical Disabilities	18,846	13,694	40,000	40,000	0	0.0%
	j. Medicare Coverage	2,452,935	2,470,503	2,784,233	2,970,776	186,544	6.7%
(2)	24 . Reserve Fund	1,785,722	2,521,043	3,620,855	3,829,013	208,158	5.7%
	25 . HCA Reserve Fund	0	0	701,485	0	(701,485)	-100.0%
	26 . Stabilization Fund	0	0	1,000,000	2,829,788	1,829,788	183.0%
	27 . Affordable Housing	545,112	200,000	726,549	80,737	(645,812)	-88.9%
	28 . Liability/Catastrophe Fund	456,762	389,700	49,729	81,223	31,494	63.3%
	29 . General Insurance	416,563	506,914	703,507	883,358	179,851	25.6%
	30 . Audit/Professional Services	131,994	122,128	142,000	147,000	5,000	3.5%
(5)	31 . Contingency Fund	14,754	61,069	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%
	32 . Out-of-State Travel	1,677	1,276	0	0	0	-
	33 . Printing of Warrants & Reports	54,633	49,666	45,000	45,000	0	0.0%
	34 . MMA Dues	13,121	13,226	13,891	14,239	348	2.5%
	Subtotal General	3,420,338	3,865,022	7,013,016	7,920,358	907,342	12.9%
(1)	35 . Borrowing	15,631,273	17,976,346	25,204,625	34,516,793	9,312,168	36.9%
	a. Funded Debt - Principal	10,195,000	11,333,360	13,674,000	19,377,067	5,703,067	41.7%
	b. Funded Debt - Interest	4,977,927	6,468,027	11,237,370	14,879,226	3,641,856	32.4%
	c. Bond Anticipation Notes	456,250	140,217	233,256	200,500	(32,756)	-14.0%
	d. Abatement Interest and Refunds	2,095	34,742	60,000	60,000	0	0.0%
	TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES	81,538,766	86,990,704	100,736,489	113,991,944	13,255,454	13.2%
	TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	266,012,690	280,219,428	300,360,242	314,059,703	13,699,461	4.6%
	SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS						
	36 . Voting Machines (revenue financed)				130,000		
	37 . Police/Fire Radio Infrastructure (revenue financed)				900,000		
	38 . Parking Meters (revenue financed)				140,000		
	39 . Wash/Harv/Kent/Davis Traffic Signal Upgrade (revenue financed)				140,000		
	40 . Accessible Pedestrian Signal Conversion (revenue financed)				50,000		
	41 . Street Rehab. (revenue financed)				2,072,224		
	42 . Sidewalk Repair/Reconstruction (revenue financed)				344,000		
	43 . Washington St. Rehab and Complete Streets (revenue financed)				600,000		
	44 . Stormwater Improvements (revenue financed Water and Sewer fund)				400,000		
	45 . Water Meter MTU Replacement (revenue financed Water and Sewer fund)				280,000		
	46 . Willow Pond Environmental Restoration (revenue financed Water and Sewer fund)				280,000		
	47 . Playground Equipment, Fields, Fencing (revenue financed)				260,000		
	48 . Town/School Grounds Rehab (revenue financed)				165,000		
	49 . Tree Removal and Replacement (revenue financed)				482,224		
	50 . Town/School ADA Renovations (revenue financed)				85,000		

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51 . Town/School Energy Conservation Projects (revenue financed)				165,000		
52 . Public Building Fire Alarm upgrades (revenue financed)				175,000		
53 . Town/School Bldg Security / Life Safety Systems (revenue financed)				170,000		
54 . Classroom Capacity (revenue financed)				1,738,600		
55 . Water System Improvements (utility bond)				2,000,000		
56 . Wastewater System Improvements (utility bond)				3,000,000		
57 . Murphy Playground (bond)				915,000		
58 . Robinson Playground (bond)				1,150,000		
59 . Town/School Bldg Envelope/Fenestration Repairs (bond)				750,000		
(4) TOTAL REVENUE-FINANCED SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	10,979,868	9,949,094	8,828,250	7,617,048	(1,211,202)	-13.7%
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	276,992,558	290,168,522	309,188,492	321,676,751	12,488,259	4.0%
NON-APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES						
Cherry Sheet Offsets	88,500	89,070	86,027	103,231		
State & County Charges	6,672,137	6,826,231	6,779,677	6,934,714		
Overlay	1,762,675	1,785,140	1,830,085	1,882,988		
Deficits-Judgments-Tax Titles	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000		
TOTAL NON-APPROPRIATED EXPEND.	8,548,312	8,725,441	8,720,789	8,945,932	225,144	2.6%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	285,540,869	298,893,963	317,909,280	330,622,683	12,713,403	4.0%
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	10,088,382	7,359,897	0	0	0	

(1) Breakdown provided for informational purposes.

(2) Figures provided for informational purposes. Funds were transferred to departmental budgets for expenditure.

(3) Funds are transferred to trust funds for expenditure.

(4) Amounts appropriated. Bonded appropriations are not included in the total amount, as the debt and interest costs associated with them are funded in the Borrowing category (item #35).

FY22 BUDGET - TABLE 2 MAY 2021 FINAL MOTION

Department/Board/Commission	Personnel Services/ Benefits	Purchase of Services	Supplies	Other Charges/ Expenses	Utilities	Capital Outlay	Inter-Gov't'al	Debt Service	Agency Total
Select Board (Town Administrator)	894,122	60,880	3,048	7,900		2,155			968,105
Human Resources Department (Human Resources Director)	321,796	239,359	14,900	26,500		1,640			604,195
Information Technology Department (Chief Information Officer)	1,242,973	675,773	10,350	15,050		268,100			2,212,246
Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations (Director)	304,391	20,000	3,000	3,000		875			331,266
Finance Department (Director of Finance)	2,459,347	824,334	46,960	28,707	1,219	7,630			3,368,197
Legal Services (Town Counsel)	812,449	183,269	2,500	81,500		1,615			1,081,333
Advisory Committee (Chair, Advisory Committee)	24,867		3,275	570		295			29,007
Town Clerk (Town Clerk)	490,288	110,172	15,250	500		1,030			617,240
Planning and Community Department (Plan. & Com. Dev. Dir.)	1,163,790	91,034	9,712	4,550		3,000			1,272,086
Police Department (Police Chief)	16,137,780	516,731	122,857	28,300	291,193	396,169			17,493,030
Fire Department (Fire Chief)	15,865,351	168,426	126,952	27,100	225,037	68,606			16,481,472
Public Buildings Department (Building Commissioner)	2,930,001	3,745,951	24,575	5,248	2,825,759	55,870			9,587,404
Public Works Department (Commissioner of Public Works)	8,710,724	5,121,628	970,261	45,500	1,132,392	687,730			16,668,233
Public Library Department (Library Board of Trustees)	3,136,179	236,861	583,525	4,700	257,992	43,124			4,262,381
Health & Human Services Department (Health & Human Svcs Dir)	1,282,613	221,514	35,100	4,120	47,629	4,785			1,595,761
Veterans' Services (Veterans' Services Director)	154,997	2,388	1,150	157,339		510			316,384
Council on Aging (Council on Aging Director)	890,566	48,418	18,846	4,250	59,876	5,700			1,027,656
Recreation Department (Recreation Director)	758,855	23,037	86,480	12,400	174,619	3,000			1,058,391
School Department (School Committee)									119,870,476
Total Departmental Budgets	57,581,089	12,289,775	2,078,741	457,234	5,015,716	1,551,834			198,844,863
DEBT SERVICE									
Debt Service (Director of Finance)								34,516,793	34,516,793
Total Debt Service								34,516,793	34,516,793
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS									
Contributory Pensions Contribution (Director of Finance)	28,490,221								28,490,221
Group Health Insurance (Human Resources Director)	33,305,817								33,305,817
Retiree Group Health Insurance - OPEB's (Director of Finance)	4,181,979								4,181,979
Group Life Insurance (Human Resources Director)	145,000								145,000
Disability Insurance	46,000								46,000
Workers' Compensation (Human Resources Director)	1,850,000								1,850,000
Unemployment Insurance (Human Resources Director)	525,000								525,000
Ch. 41, Sec. 100B Medical Benefits (Town Counsel)	40,000								40,000
Medicare Payroll Tax (Director of Finance)	2,970,776								2,970,776
Total Employee Benefits	71,554,793								71,554,793
GENERAL / UNCLASSIFIED									
Vocational Education Assessments									92,895
Reserve Fund (*) (Chair, Advisory Committee)				3,829,013					3,829,013
Stabilization Fund (Director of Finance)				2,829,788					2,829,788
Liability/Catastrophe Fund (Director of Finance)				81,223					81,223
Housing Trust Fund (Planning & Community Development Dir.)				80,737					80,737
General Insurance (Town Administrator)		883,358							883,358
Audit/Professional Services (Director of Finance)		147,000							147,000
Contingency (Town Administrator)				10,000					10,000
Out of State Travel (Town Administrator)									
Printing of Warrants (Town Administrator)	15,000	20,000	10,000						45,000
MMA Dues (Town Administrator)				14,239					14,239
Town Salary Reserve (*) (Director of Finance)	415,000								415,000
Personnel Services Reserve (*) (Director of Finance)	715,000								715,000
Total General / Unclassified	1,145,000	1,050,358	10,000	6,845,000					9,143,253
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	130,280,882	13,340,133	2,088,741	7,302,234	5,015,716	1,551,834		34,516,793	314,059,703

(*) NO EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED DIRECTLY AGAINST THESE APPROPRIATIONS. FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED AND EXPENDED IN APPROPRIATE DEPT.

ARTICLE 14-17

REVISED REFERRAL MOTION OFFERED BY DEBORAH BROWN, TMM1

MOVED: That Warrant Articles 14 (other than the contingent motion on page 14-32 of the Combined Reports), 16 and 17 be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Moderator for further study and for a report to the next (fall) Town Meeting.

Explanation:

I do believe that the STR Committee has worked hard to address a range of concerns with Short-Term Rentals (STRs), but I still have questions. Some of the concerns might be easy to address, but some will not be. The issues below are likely not exhaustive either. As such, we owe it to the residents to perform additional work.

The motion to refer is necessitated in order to further investigate and report to elaborate or resolve the following issues:

1. Is there some quantitative data to demonstrate that Brookline might well lose housing to STRs? If this is a key reason for the restrictions, then such data should be included. Boston is a poor example, because it has not been good about monitoring its rental market. Newton or even Silver Spring, MD might be better examples.
2. Does the STR Warrant Article violate or conflict with provisions in “MGL Chapter 183A, Condominiums?” Again, greater clarity would help to answer this in advance of a vote.
3. Is there less restrictive language to protect persons seeking to use their homes as STRs, while protecting the rights of other homeowners? Section 5.11.4, creates an extremely high hurdle for potential hosts. It states that “Where a Short-Term Rental Unit is part of a condominium association, a certification signed by the condominium association that the condominium Master Deed, By-Laws, or other governing documents expressly permit the proposed Short-Term Rental.”
4. Describe what comparable communities have done to regulate STRs. Did the Committee look at comparable communities beyond Massachusetts? I saw a policy that put a cap on the total number of STR permits for the Town. Some places allow for nonresidential STRs, but with additional restrictions.
5. Renters be expressly excluded from being STR hosts. Again, are there less restrictive alternatives?
6. Specific requirements like requiring guests to arrive and depart by a certain hour would address condo owner’s concerns. Of course, condo owners could

amend their bylaws or policies to create even greater restrictions like an additional duty for hosts to clean common areas after each stay, require board approval on a regular basis, or pay an additional sum for utilities.

7. Has the Committee properly targeted the STR problem areas with adequate specificity? Rather, is the greatest potential STR issue among owners with fewer than three units? What would be the unforeseen consequences of essentially only allowing single family homeowners to be hosts?
8. Given the contentious nature of this Warrant Article, more robust community engagement is needed. It is not enough to simply post meetings on the Town's calendar. We would all benefit from community meetings, especially in areas likely to be disproportionately impacted by STRs. It is also important to have a robust record of participation should the Warrant Article be challenged.
9. Is it an absolute that anyone allowed a STR permit would be "grandfathered," and thus exempt from future requirements?
10. Provide for more economic diversity on the next STR Committee to better reflect the diversity of interests and ideas.
11. Establish strong antidiscrimination language in the bylaw. Generally, anti-discrimination laws involve properties over a certain number of units. As we have seen issues with hosts discriminating against members of protected categories in the past, the STR anti-discrimination language should be specific.

ARTICLE 19 & 20

REFERRAL MOTION OFFERED BY SUSAN PARK, TMM2

MOVED: That warrant articles 19 and 20 be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Moderator for further study and for a report to the next (fall) Town Meeting.

Explanation:

Are these WA's ready to be voted on? We do not think so. There is much in here that is unclear and needs clarification. If these WA's do not pass, can cannabis couriers and operators still set up shop in Brookline and deliver cannabis? This has been untested, and it is unclear whether these WA's do anything except invite couriers and operators. Also the 20% of courier and operator licenses based off of the liquor licenses don't quite make sense because the number of liquor licenses might be more than 20 as of today.

The WA's also suggest cannabis cafes in items u, v, and w, and the WA's cover too much in there without the community knowing what they are fully voting on.

The motion to refer is necessitated in order to further investigate and report to elaborate on the following:

1. Why the courier and operators were 4 each making that a total of 8 licenses when liquor licenses could be more than 20 in Brookline.
2. To fully understand if these WA's are necessary if the Select Board has the authority to allow or turn down licenses.

ARTICLES 1 & 2

MOTION OFFERED BY THE PETITIONER

Article 1

MOVED That the Town adopts the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Brookline is an affluent community, but 12% of its residents live below the poverty level. Over 30% of its residents struggle to pay their bills. Senior single women and women head of households are especially vulnerable;

WHEREAS, this Warrant Article is about Brookline’s humanity and our willingness as a community to help those most in need;

WHEREAS, this Warrant Article seeks to bridge the gap between our aspirations as a progressive community and to actually provide essential services for some of our most vulnerable residents;

WHEREAS, internet access is critical to the health, education and wellbeing of Brookline residents;

WHEREAS, the Brookline Housing Authority lacks to resources, despite its best efforts, to provide WIFI for its residents;

WHEREAS, at least \$140,000 is needed to ensure that all BHA residents have access to WIFI;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: That Town Meeting directs Select Board to use its authority, within 60 days of the passage of this resolution, to undertake discussions with the Brookline Housing Authority to identify no less than \$140,000 from Brookline sources like, but not limited to, federal stimulus dollars, to upgrade and expand WIFI access at BHA properties.

Article 2

MOVED That the Town adopts the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Brookline is an affluent community, but 12% of its residents live below the poverty level. Over 30% of its residents struggle to pay their bills. Senior single women and women head of households are especially vulnerable;

WHEREAS, this Warrant Article is about Brookline's humanity and our willingness as a community to help those most in need;

WHEREAS, Brookline Housing Authority has aggressively sought to secure funds to make these essential repairs to its housing with minimal success;

WHEREAS, the kitchens at High Street, Veterans, Trustman and Egmont are in dire need of repairs;

WHEREAS, this Warrant Article seeks to bridge the gap between our aspirations as a progressive community and to actually provide essential services for some of our most vulnerable residents;

WHEREAS, at least \$625,000 is needed to repair a fraction of Brookline Housing Authority's (BHA's) worst state funded housing (25 of 375) kitchens and bathrooms;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. Town Meeting directs Select Board to use its authority, within 60 days of the passage of this resolution, to undertake discussions with the Brookline Housing Authority to identify no less than \$625,000 from Brookline resources like, but not limited to, federal stimulus dollars to repair units at BHA.

Explanation:

BHA does not have the requisite funds to repair their state funded housing or cover the cost of WIFI for its residents. Some of these units are in dire need of repair, especially the kitchens and bathrooms. These resolutions seek to protect Brookline residents. We could all agree that these new funds have to come from somewhere. The amount requested, \$765,000, is modest as compared to the scope of the actual needs. BHA estimates that the total state funded housing repair costs are well over \$40m dollars and it would cost at a minimum, \$17m to repair all of the kitchens and bathrooms at state funded housing. The budget amendment no longer seeks funds to cover lost rents. It would appear that the American Rescue Plan Act will cover a portion of the unpaid rents, so this budget amendment will not seek such a sum.