



Town of Lexington Annual Town Meeting 2020

Select Board Positions

Article 5: Appropriate FY2021 Enterprise Funds Budget

This article provides appropriations to support the Town's three enterprise operations in Fiscal Year 2021. These appropriations are for the Water and Wastewater Divisions of the Department of Public Works, and for the Department of Recreation and Community Programs. Each enterprise fund supports a specific service that the Town operates, by charging user fees to cover all or a portion of the cost of the service.

The Fiscal Year 2021 Water and Wastewater budgets include all operating costs, including Massachusetts Water Resources Authority assessments, debt service, salaries and wages, and operating expenses.

Revenue to support the water and wastewater operations is raised from user charges based on water consumption, and from other miscellaneous revenues such as testing fees, new meter charges and investment interest.

Water and wastewater revenues also cover the indirect costs of operating these funds, which are recognized under Article 4 as funding sources to support general fund activities.

The Fiscal Year 2021 Department of Recreation and Community Programs operating budget covers the cost of Community Center programs and traditional recreational programs such as instructors, coaches, supplies, recreation program administration, and golf course management. Revenue from fees charged to users partially supports the direct and indirect costs for these activities.

In addition to user fees, a transfer of \$375,000 from the Recreation and Community Programs Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings is being recommended for appropriation to support recreation activities, and a transfer of \$218,916 is recommended from the tax levy to support the Community Center.

The Select Board unanimously support passage of Article 5.