

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**Report on the Examination
of Basic Financial Statements**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Selectboard
Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts' ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts' internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts' ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, pension plan and other post-employment benefit plan schedules, as listed on the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts' basic financial statements. The Supplementary Schedule, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 15, 2024, on our consideration of the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Scanlon and Associates, LLC

Scanlon & Associates, LLC
South Deerfield, Massachusetts

August 15, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of Great Barrington, we offer readers of these financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Town's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Town's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

- The Town's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$42,795,323 (net position) for the fiscal year reported. This compares to the previous year when assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$40,090,913, or an increase of \$2,704,410 (7%).
- At the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported total ending fund balance of \$20,748,843, a decrease of \$2,333,227 in comparison with the prior year.
- The General Fund's total fund balance increased \$1,232,502 to \$18,500,228. The ending General fund balance is 55% of revenues and transfers in; and 57% of expenditures and transfers out.
- Total liabilities of the Town increased by \$2,414,848 (6%) to \$45,145,453 during the fiscal year. This change was mainly the result of net increases in bond anticipation notes payable of \$3,635,838 and in the pension liability of \$2,710,915; and net decreases in warrants and accounts payable of \$781,035, in unearned revenue of \$477,139 and in the bonds payable of \$2,511,003.
- The Town had General fund free cash certified by the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$10,170,990. The key factors that attributed to the free cash amount for fiscal year 2023 were unexpended/unencumbered appropriations of \$1,149,700, excess over budget state and local receipts of \$3,947,400 and prior year free cash not appropriated of \$4,695,200.
- The Town's enterprise funds certified free cash is as follows:
 - Sewer fund \$ 6,461,206.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Great Barrington's basic financial statements. These basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the difference between them reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused sick leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities include general government, public safety, public works, education, health and human services, culture and recreation, employee benefits and insurance, state assessments and interest. The business-type activities include the sewer activities.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund statements focus on *near-term inflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financial requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decision. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds and governmental activities*.

The Town of Great Barrington adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary funds. The Town maintains one type of proprietary fund. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The Town uses enterprise funds to account for its sewer activities.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the Town's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

Notes to the basic financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Financial Highlights

Statement of Net Position Highlights

	Governmental Activities		
	2023	2022	Change
Assets:			
Current assets	\$ 30,296,838	\$ 30,953,375	\$ (656,537)
Noncurrent assets (excluding capital assets)	-	1,885,378	(1,885,378)
Capital assets	39,598,273	38,164,852	1,433,421
Total assets	69,895,111	71,003,605	(1,108,494)
Deferred Outflows of Resources	4,077,059	3,677,250	399,809
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	1,185,020	2,932,683	(1,747,663)
Current debt	8,305,688	5,589,740	2,715,948
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	16,962,913	14,108,569	2,854,344
Noncurrent debt	8,395,953	10,143,426	(1,747,473)
Total liabilities	34,849,574	32,774,418	2,075,156
Deferred Inflows of Resources	6,285,782	10,609,928	(4,324,146)
Net Position:			
Net investment in capital assets	22,896,632	22,431,686	464,946
Restricted	8,171,126	8,440,461	(269,335)
Unrestricted	1,769,056	424,362	1,344,694
Total net position	\$ 32,836,814	\$ 31,296,509	\$ 1,540,305

	Business-Type Activities		
	2023	2022	Change
Assets:			
Current assets	\$ 8,711,045	\$ 7,968,238	\$ 742,807
Noncurrent assets (excluding capital assets)	-	185,429	(185,429)
Capital assets	11,739,247	11,342,939	396,308
Total assets	20,450,292	19,496,606	953,686
Deferred Outflows of Resources	402,027	410,914	(8,887)
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	145,833	492,257	(346,424)
Current debt	1,527,636	530,513	997,123
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	1,576,558	1,342,302	234,256
Noncurrent debt	7,045,852	7,591,115	(545,263)
Total liabilities	10,295,879	9,956,187	339,692
Deferred Inflows of Resources	597,931	1,156,929	(558,998)
Net Position:			
Net investment in capital assets	3,165,759	2,925,811	239,948
Restricted	862,457	1,144,484	(282,027)
Unrestricted	5,930,293	4,724,109	1,206,184
Total net position	\$ 9,958,509	\$ 8,794,404	\$ 1,164,105

Financial Highlights

Statement of Activities Highlights

	Governmental Activities		
	2023	2022	Change
Program Revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 1,208,680	\$ 1,267,453	\$ (58,773)
Operating grants and contributions	2,732,802	946,543	1,786,259
Capital grants and contributions	701,370	703,944	(2,574)
General Revenues:			
Property taxes	26,982,463	25,023,960	1,958,503
Motor vehicle excise and other taxes	979,107	1,021,489	(42,382)
Hotel room occupancy, meals and cannabis taxes	2,675,916	3,384,858	(708,942)
Penalties and interest on taxes	211,757	276,844	(65,087)
Nonrestricted grants	2,133,668	3,385,618	(1,251,950)
Unrestricted investment income	285,896	65,620	220,276
Gain/(Loss) on sale of capital assets	-	74,489	(74,489)
Miscellaneous	198,771	29,610	169,161
Total revenues	38,110,430	36,180,428	1,930,002
Expenses:			
General government	5,796,176	3,662,087	2,134,089
Public safety	3,734,814	3,689,370	45,444
Public works	3,848,633	3,911,875	(63,242)
Education	18,915,797	17,984,107	931,690
Health and human services	508,424	437,899	70,525
Culture and recreation	957,317	987,712	(30,395)
Employee benefits and insurance	2,676,917	1,844,661	832,256
State assessments	63,975	61,043	2,932
Interest	283,972	309,857	(25,885)
Total expenses	36,786,025	32,888,611	3,897,414
Net (expenses) revenues	1,324,405	3,291,817	(1,967,412)
Contributions to permanent funds	10,800	11,750	(950)
Transfers	205,100	188,700	16,400
Change in net position	1,540,305	3,492,267	(1,951,962)
Net position - beginning of year	31,296,509	27,804,242	3,492,267
Net position - end of year	\$ 32,836,814	\$ 31,296,509	\$ 1,540,305

	Business-Type Activities		
	2023	2022	Change
Program Revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 3,295,769	\$ 2,545,229	\$ 750,540
Operating grants and contributions	36,257	40,361	(4,104)
Total revenues	3,332,026	2,585,590	746,436
Expenses:			
Sewer	1,962,821	1,550,861	411,960
Total expenses	1,962,821	1,550,861	411,960
Net (expenses) revenues	1,369,205	1,034,729	334,476
Transfers	(205,100)	(188,700)	(16,400)
Change in net position	1,164,105	846,029	318,076
Net position - beginning of year	8,794,404	7,948,375	846,029
Net position - end of year	\$ 9,958,509	\$ 8,794,404	\$ 1,164,105

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$42,795,323 at the close of fiscal year 2023.

Net position of \$26,062,391 (61%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the investment in its capital assets is reported net of its related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the net position, \$9,033,583 (21%), represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net position* \$7,699,349 (18%) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town is able to report positive balances in all categories of net position for its governmental activities, business-type activities and for the government as a whole.

The governmental activities net position increased by \$1,540,305 (5%) during the current fiscal year. The key elements of the increase in net position for fiscal year 2023 are attributed to net increases resulting from the acquisition of \$4,162,973 in new capital assets exceeding the depreciation expense (normally spread out over the useful life of the asset) for the year of \$2,729,552 and due to the changes in debt of \$1,970,490 and in the deferred outflows/(inflows) of resources related to pensions of \$4,231,823; and net decreases due to the changes in governmental fund's balances of \$2,333,227 and to the pension liability/asset of \$4,291,610.

There was an increase of \$1,164,105 in net position reported in the sewer business-type activities.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, the general fund *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$20,748,843, a decrease of \$2,333,227 (10%) in comparison with the prior year.

Breakdown of the governmental funds are as follows:

- Non-spendable fund balance – \$326,865 (2%).
- Restricted fund balance – \$5,425,450 (26%).
- Committed fund balance – \$1,100,341 (5%).
- Assigned fund balance – \$6,139,571 (30%).
- Unassigned fund balance – \$7,756,616 (37%).

Major Governmental Funds

The *General Fund* is the Town's primary operating fund and the largest source of day-to-day operations. At the end of the fiscal year, the General Fund reported a total fund balance of \$18,500,228 increasing \$1,232,502 (7%) from the prior year. Of the \$18,500,228, the unassigned amount is \$12,355,848 (66.7%), the assigned amount is \$6,139,571 (33.2%) and the committed amount is \$4,809 (.1%). General fund revenues were \$858,590 (2.5%) less than the prior fiscal year while expenditures increased by \$2,104,745 (7%). Other activity in the General Fund consisted of net transfers in from other funds of \$191,997.

The main components of the decrease in general fund revenues were related to increases in property taxes of \$942,568 (4%) and decreases in hotel room occupancy, meals and cannabis taxes of \$708,942 (21%) and in licenses, permits and fees of \$1,235,609 (40%) from the prior year.

The major changes in general fund expenditures from the prior fiscal year were as follows:

- Increase in General government expenditures of \$324,561 (12%).
- Increase in Public works expenditures of \$197,730 (12%).
- Increase in Education expenditures of \$988,255 (5.5%).
- Increase in Debt service expenditures (principal and interest) of \$231,222 (11%).

The *Town Capital Projects Fund* is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition of vehicles and equipment, and the construction of major capital facilities and infrastructure. The fund has a deficit balance of \$4,055,233 at the end of the year. The fund shows a decrease of \$4,225,836. This change is attributed to expenditures of \$4,314,346, net transfers in of \$69,772 and the issuance of debt premiums of \$18,738. The Town has also issued bond anticipation notes totaling \$6,558,215 which are not reflected in the Fund Balance. Permanent financing will be done once these projects near completion which will eliminate any deficits.

The *American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant* is a United States Federal Government established funding source to assist in the fighting of the coronavirus. The activity in the Grant were receipts of \$1,515,093 matching the expenses. The Town has an accumulated unearned revenue of \$560,815 which will be used at a later date.

At the end of the fiscal year, the *Nonmajor Governmental Funds* reported a fund balance of \$6,303,848 increasing \$660,107 (12%) from the prior year. This change was mainly attributed to revenues exceeding expenditures by \$716,776 and net transfers out of \$56,669 to other funds. The fund balance is reported \$326,865 as nonspendable, \$4,876,642 as restricted, and \$1,100,341 as committed.

Proprietary funds. The proprietary funds statements share the same focus as the government-wide statements, reporting both short-term and long-term information about financial status.

Major Proprietary Funds

The *Sewer Fund* has accumulated a fund balance of \$9,958,509 used in the financing and operations of the Town's sewer system. The fund shows an increase of \$1,164,105 (13%) in total operations. This change is attributed to operating revenues exceeding operating expenses by \$1,514,078, interest and other income of \$36,257, interest expense of \$181,130 and net transfers out to the governmental funds of \$205,100. Operating revenues increased by \$750,540 (29%) and operating expenses also increased by \$412,037 (30%) from the prior year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The final general fund budget for fiscal year 2023 was \$34,143,782. This was an increase of \$1,634,404 (5%) from the previous year's budget.

There was a decrease of \$48,150 for adjustments between the total original budget and the total final amended budget for various budget operating line items.

General fund expenditures were less than budgeted by \$1,665,851. Of the \$1,665,851 in under budget expenditures, \$516,177 has been carried over to fiscal year 2024.

There is a negative variance in intergovernmental income of \$21,283 as expectations (budget) were higher than the receipts.

There was a negative variance in public works expenditures of \$142,767 as snow and ice actual payments exceeded the budget.

Overall, the variance with the final budget was a positive \$5,437,799 consisting of a revenue surplus of \$4,198,125 and an appropriation surplus of \$1,149,674.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2023 amounts to \$39,598,273 and \$11,739,247, respectively.

The investment in capital assets includes land, construction in progress, buildings and renovations, machinery, equipment and other and infrastructure.

Major capital events during the current fiscal year in the governmental type funds included the following:

- Town Hall and Buildings' improvements for \$132,735.
- Police Station improvements for \$32,568.
- Police vehicle purchases for \$113,730.
- Highway equipment purchases for \$52,544.
- Road and sidewalk infrastructure improvements for \$3,732,784.
- Council on Aging vehicle purchase for \$39,984.
- Ramsdell Library improvements for \$58,638.

Major capital events during the current fiscal year in the business-type funds included the following:

Sewer fund:

- Equipment purchase for \$109,213.
- Infrastructure improvements for \$675,180.

Debt Administration. The Town's outstanding governmental debt as of June 30, 2023 totaled \$9,740,000 for various building improvements, vehicles and equipment, and infrastructure improvements.

The governmental activities currently have \$6,558,215 in bond anticipation notes outstanding for multiple capital activities.

The Town's outstanding business-type debt as of June 30, 2023 totaled \$7,534,540 consisting of various sewer system improvements.

The business-type activities currently have \$982,373 in bond anticipation notes outstanding for phase II of the sewer improvement project.

Please refer to notes 3E, 3F and 3G for further discussion of the major capital and debt activity.

Next Year's Annual Town Meeting

The Town of Great Barrington operates under the "Open Meeting" concept where each voter has an equal vote in adopting of Town budgets and appropriations. The financial statements for June 30, 2023 do not reflect the fiscal year 2024 Town Meeting actions with exception of the free cash amount used to fund the budget. The Annual Town Meeting on May 1, 2023 authorized the fiscal year 2024 operating and capital budgets as follows:

From raise and appropriate		\$ 30,918,252
From sewer receipts	\$ 2,824,711	
From sewer capital project	300,000	
From sewer retained earnings	<u>614,400</u>	3,739,111
From Other Available Funds:		
General Fund:		
Unassigned fund balance:		
Free cash		5,623,394
Non-major Governmental Funds:		
Community preservation fund	1,320,000	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	<u>30,000</u>	<u>1,350,000</u>
		<u><u>\$ 41,630,757</u></u>

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Great Barrington's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Town Manager, Town Hall, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts 01230.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2023

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
CURRENT:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 25,964,800	\$ 8,039,623	\$ 34,004,423
Investments	2,113,255	-	2,113,255
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Property Taxes	498,357	-	498,357
Tax Liens	874,340	-	874,340
Excise Taxes	198,758	-	198,758
Departmental	28,468	-	28,468
User Charges	-	671,422	671,422
Due from Other Governments	563,581	-	563,581
Lease	55,279	-	55,279
Total current assets	<u>30,296,838</u>	<u>8,711,045</u>	<u>39,007,883</u>
NONCURRENT:			
Capital Assets, net of accumulated Depreciation:			
Nondepreciable	6,682,915	1,082,654	7,765,569
Depreciable	32,915,358	10,656,593	43,571,951
Total noncurrent assets	<u>39,598,273</u>	<u>11,739,247</u>	<u>51,337,520</u>
Total Assets	<u>69,895,111</u>	<u>20,450,292</u>	<u>90,345,403</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	2,083,858	211,140	2,294,998
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	1,993,201	190,887	2,184,088
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>4,077,059</u>	<u>402,027</u>	<u>4,479,086</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT:			
Warrants Payable	298,099	68,301	366,400
Accrued Payroll	84,061	8,284	92,345
Payroll Withholdings	43,383	-	43,383
Tax Refund Payable	74,000	-	74,000
Other	548	-	548
Accrued Interest	73,343	69,248	142,591
Unearned Revenue	560,815	-	560,815
Compensated Absences	35,771	-	35,771
Landfill Post-Closure Care Costs	15,000	-	15,000
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	6,558,215	982,373	7,540,588
Bonds Payable	1,747,473	545,263	2,292,736
Total current liabilities	<u>9,490,708</u>	<u>1,673,469</u>	<u>11,164,177</u>
NONCURRENT:			
Compensated Absences	174,684	22,299	196,983
Landfill Post-Closure Care Costs	45,000	-	45,000
Net OPEB Liability	14,281,718	1,304,855	15,586,573
Net Pension Liability	2,461,511	249,404	2,710,915
Bonds Payable	8,395,953	7,045,852	15,441,805
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>25,358,866</u>	<u>8,622,410</u>	<u>33,981,276</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>34,849,574</u>	<u>10,295,879</u>	<u>45,145,453</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	223,506	22,646	246,152
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	6,006,997	575,285	6,582,282
Deferred Inflows Related to Lease	55,279	-	55,279
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>6,285,782</u>	<u>597,931</u>	<u>6,883,713</u>
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	22,896,632	3,165,759	26,062,391
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects	2,502,983	862,457	3,365,440
Federal & State Grants	1,252,714	-	1,252,714
Community Preservation	2,371,417	-	2,371,417
Permanent Funds:			
Expendable	32,286	-	32,286
Nonexpendable	326,865	-	326,865
Other Purposes	1,684,861	-	1,684,861
Unrestricted	1,769,056	5,930,293	7,699,349
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 32,836,814</u>	<u>\$ 9,958,509</u>	<u>\$ 42,795,323</u>

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**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Program Revenues</u>				<u>Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position</u>		
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ 5,796,176	\$ 384,030	\$ 2,384,381	\$ -	\$ (3,027,765)	\$ -	\$ (3,027,765)
Public Safety	3,734,814	641,283	141,845	-	(2,951,686)	-	(2,951,686)
Public Works	3,848,633	71,346	-	701,370	(3,075,917)	-	(3,075,917)
Education	18,915,797	-	-	-	(18,915,797)	-	(18,915,797)
Health and Human Services	508,424	103,592	164,785	-	(240,047)	-	(240,047)
Culture and Recreation	957,317	8,429	38,623	-	(910,265)	-	(910,265)
Employee Benefits and Insurance	2,676,917	-	3,168	-	(2,673,749)	-	(2,673,749)
Intergovernmental Assessments	63,975	-	-	-	(63,975)	-	(63,975)
Interest	283,972	-	-	-	(283,972)	-	(283,972)
Total Governmental Activities	36,786,025	1,208,680	2,732,802	701,370	(32,143,173)	-	(32,143,173)
Business-Type Activities:							
Sewer	1,962,821	3,295,769	36,257	-	-	1,369,205	1,369,205
Total Primary Government	\$ 38,748,846	\$ 4,504,449	\$ 2,769,059	\$ 701,370	(32,143,173)	1,369,205	(30,773,968)
General Revenues:							
Property Taxes					26,982,463	-	26,982,463
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes					979,107	-	979,107
Hotel room occupancy, meals and cannabis taxes					2,675,916	-	2,675,916
Penalties & Interest on taxes					211,757	-	211,757
Grants & Contributions not restricted to specific programs					2,133,668	-	2,133,668
Unrestricted Investment Income					285,896	-	285,896
Miscellaneous					198,771	-	198,771
Contributions to Permanent Funds					10,800	-	10,800
Transfers, net					205,100	(205,100)	-
Total General Revenues, Contributions and Transfers					33,683,478	(205,100)	33,478,378
Change in Net Position					1,540,305	1,164,105	2,704,410
Net Position:							
Beginning of year					31,296,509	8,794,404	40,090,913
End of year					\$ 32,836,814	\$ 9,958,509	\$ 42,795,323

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**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023**

	General Fund	Town Capital Projects Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Grant Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 16,635,973	\$ 2,520,774	\$ 560,815	\$ 6,247,238	\$ 25,964,800
Investments	2,113,255	-	-	-	2,113,255
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:					
Property Taxes	487,628	-	-	10,729	498,357
Tax Liens	861,269	-	-	13,071	874,340
Excise Taxes	198,758	-	-	-	198,758
Departmental	1,300	-	-	27,168	28,468
Due from Other Governments	71,306	-	-	492,275	563,581
Lease	55,279	-	-	-	55,279
Total Assets	\$ 20,424,768	\$ 2,520,774	\$ 560,815	\$ 6,790,481	\$ 30,296,838
Liabilities:					
Warrants Payable	\$ 260,709	\$ 17,792	\$ -	\$ 19,598	\$ 298,099
Accrued Payroll	77,402	-	-	6,659	84,061
Employee Withholdings	43,383	-	-	-	43,383
Tax Refund Payable	74,000	-	-	-	74,000
Other	-	-	-	548	548
Unearned Revenue	-	-	560,815	-	560,815
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	-	6,558,215	-	-	6,558,215
Total Liabilities	455,494	6,576,007	560,815	26,805	7,619,121
Deferred Inflows of Resources:					
Unavailable Revenue	1,413,767	-	-	459,828	1,873,595
Related to Lease	55,279	-	-	-	55,279
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,469,046	-	-	459,828	1,928,874
Fund Balance:					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	326,865	326,865
Restricted	4,809	543,999	-	4,876,642	5,425,450
Committed	-	-	-	1,100,341	1,100,341
Assigned	6,139,571	-	-	-	6,139,571
Unassigned	12,355,848	(4,599,232)	-	-	7,756,616
Total Fund Balance	18,500,228	(4,055,233)	-	6,303,848	20,748,843
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 20,424,768	\$ 2,520,774	\$ 560,815	\$ 6,790,481	\$ 30,296,838

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**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	General Fund	Town Capital Projects Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Grant Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	\$ 26,181,767	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 616,713	\$ 26,798,480
Intergovernmental	1,313,513	-	1,515,093	1,450,036	4,278,642
Excise and Other Taxes	1,002,066	-	-	-	1,002,066
Hotel Room Occupancy, Meals and Cannabis Taxes	2,675,916	-	-	-	2,675,916
Licenses, Permits, Fees	1,850,891	-	-	-	1,850,891
Charges for Services	-	-	-	379,616	379,616
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	208,387	-	-	3,370	211,757
Investment Income	285,896	-	-	26,859	312,755
Gifts and Donations	-	-	-	36,243	36,243
Other	-	-	-	33,872	33,872
Total Revenues	33,518,436	-	1,515,093	2,546,709	37,580,238
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General Government	2,954,507	210,543	1,515,093	1,032,330	5,712,473
Public Safety	2,770,889	130,017	-	438,932	3,339,838
Public Works	1,824,293	3,896,632	-	163,820	5,884,745
Education	18,972,362	-	-	-	18,972,362
Health and Human Services	401,909	-	-	145,149	547,058
Culture and Recreation	681,182	77,154	-	13,083	771,419
Employee Benefits and Insurance	2,525,498	-	-	36,619	2,562,117
Intergovernmental Assessments	63,975	-	-	-	63,975
Debt Service:					
Principal	1,866,900	-	-	-	1,866,900
Interest	416,416	-	-	-	416,416
Total Expenditures	32,477,931	4,314,346	1,515,093	1,829,933	40,137,303
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,040,505	(4,314,346)	-	716,776	(2,557,065)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In	300,356	106,150	-	7,309	413,815
Operating Transfers Out	(108,359)	(36,378)	-	(63,978)	(208,715)
Bond Premium	-	18,738	-	-	18,738
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	191,997	88,510	-	(56,669)	223,838
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,232,502	(4,225,836)	-	660,107	(2,333,227)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	17,267,726	170,603	-	5,643,741	23,082,070
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 18,500,228	\$ (4,055,233)	\$ -	\$ 6,303,848	\$ 20,748,843

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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
Total Fund Balances to the Statement of Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Total Governmental Fund Balances		\$	20,748,843
Capital Assets (net) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.			39,598,273
Revenues are recognized on an accrual basis of accounting instead of a modified accrual basis.			1,873,595
The statement of net position includes certain deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources that will be amortized over future periods. In governmental funds, these amounts are not deferred.			(2,153,444)
Long Term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds:			
Bonds Payable	\$	(10,143,426)	
Landfill Post-Closure Care Costs		(60,000)	
Net Other Post Employment Benefits Liability		(14,281,718)	
Net Pension Liability/Asset		(2,461,511)	
Compensated Absences		(210,455)	(27,157,110)
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due.			(73,343)
Net Position of Governmental Activities		\$	<u><u>32,836,814</u></u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ (2,333,227)

Governmental Funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and are reported as depreciation expense:

Capital Outlay Purchases	\$ 4,162,973	
Depreciation	<u>(2,729,552)</u>	1,433,421

Revenue in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred inflow - unavailable revenue. 540,992

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position:

Repayment of Debt Principal	1,866,900	
Net Amortization of Premium from Issuance of Bonds	122,328	
Premium from the Issuance of Bonds and Notes	<u>(18,738)</u>	1,970,490

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:

Net Change in Compensated Absences	18,313	
Net Change in Landfill Post-Closure Care Costs	15,000	
Net Change in Net Other Post Employment Benefit Liability	(439,040)	
Net Change in Deferred Outflow/(Inflow) of Resources Related to OPEB	384,027	
Net Change in Net Pension Liability/Asset	(4,291,610)	
Net Change in Deferred Outflow/(Inflow) of Resources Related to Pensions	4,231,823	
Net Change in Accrued Interest	<u>10,116</u>	(71,371)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 1,540,305

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TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGETARY BASIS
(NON-GAAP) - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Actual Budgetary Basis	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Amounts Carried	Original Budget	Final Budget			
	Forward from Prior Year					
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 25,755,039	\$ 25,755,039	\$ 26,005,767	\$ -	\$ 250,728
Intergovernmental	-	1,334,796	1,334,796	1,313,513	-	(21,283)
Excise and Other Taxes	-	605,000	605,000	1,002,066	-	397,066
Hotel Room Occupancy, Meals and Cannabis Taxes	-	555,000	555,000	2,675,916	-	2,120,916
Licenses, Permits, Fees	-	732,179	732,179	1,850,891	-	1,118,712
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	-	75,000	75,000	208,387	-	133,387
Investment Income	-	70,000	70,000	268,599	-	198,599
Total Revenues	-	29,127,014	29,127,014	33,325,139	-	4,198,125
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	416,805	3,061,603	3,353,751	2,954,507	207,233	192,011
Public Safety	6,163	2,921,325	2,998,688	2,770,889	24,762	203,037
Public Works	33,687	1,861,433	1,956,520	1,824,293	274,994	(142,767)
Education	-	19,196,633	19,196,633	18,972,362	-	224,271
Health and Human Services	1,854	472,661	452,272	401,909	614	49,749
Culture and Recreation	100	723,040	723,290	681,182	7,324	34,784
Employee Benefits and Insurance	-	3,127,805	3,093,805	2,525,498	1,250	567,057
Intergovernmental Assessments	-	64,495	64,495	63,975	-	520
Debt Service:						
Principal	-	1,866,900	1,866,900	1,866,900	-	-
Interest	-	437,428	437,428	416,416	-	21,012
Total Expenditures	458,609	33,733,323	34,143,782	32,477,931	516,177	1,149,674
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(458,609)	(4,606,309)	(5,016,768)	847,208	(516,177)	5,347,799
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	-	200,000	200,000	300,356	-	100,356
Operating Transfers Out	-	(258,000)	(306,150)	(308,359)	-	(2,209)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	(58,000)	(106,150)	(8,003)	-	98,147
Net Change in Budgetary Fund Balance	(458,609)	(4,664,309)	(5,122,918)	\$ 839,205	\$ (516,177)	\$ 5,445,946
Other Budgetary Items:						
Free Cash and Other Reserves	-	4,708,000	4,708,000			
Prior Year Deficits	-	(43,691)	(43,691)			
Prior Year Encumbrances	458,609	-	458,609			
Total Other Budgetary Items	458,609	4,664,309	5,122,918			
NET BUDGET	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Reconciliation of Revenues and Expenditures
from Budgetary Basis to GAAP Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Revenues	Expenditures
Reported on a Budgetary Basis	\$ 33,325,139	\$ 32,477,931
<i>Adjustments:</i>		
Activity for Stabilization Funds Recorded in the General Fund for GAAP Purposes	17,297	-
Net Increase in Revenue from recording Refund Taxes Payable	348,000	-
Net Decrease in Revenue from Recording 60-Day Receipts	(172,000)	-
Reported on a GAAP Basis	\$ 33,518,436	\$ 32,477,931

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**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023**

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds
	Sewer Fund
ASSETS	
CURRENT:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 8,039,623
User Charges, net of allowance for uncollectibles	671,422
Total current assets	8,711,045
NONCURRENT:	
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Nondepreciable	1,082,654
Depreciable	10,656,593
Total noncurrent assets	11,739,247
Total Assets	20,450,292
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	211,140
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	190,887
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	402,027
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT:	
Warrants Payable	68,301
Accrued Payroll	8,284
Accrued Interest	69,248
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	982,373
Bonds Payable	545,263
Total current liabilities	1,673,469
NONCURRENT:	
Compensated Absences	22,299
Net OPEB Liability	1,304,855
Net Pension Liability	249,404
Bonds Payable	7,045,852
Total noncurrent liabilities	8,622,410
Total Liabilities	10,295,879
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	22,646
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	575,285
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	597,931
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,165,759
Restricted for Capital Projects	862,457
Unrestricted	5,930,293
Total Net Position	\$ 9,958,509

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**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds
	Sewer Fund
Operating Revenues:	
Charges for Services	\$ 3,177,095
Other	118,674
Total Operating Revenues	3,295,769
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries & Wages	469,211
Operating Expenses	924,395
Depreciation	388,085
Total Operating Expenses	1,781,691
Operating Income (Loss)	1,514,078
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):	
Interest Income	34,947
Other	1,310
Interest Expense	(181,130)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	(144,873)
Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers	1,369,205
Operating Transfers:	
Transfers (Out)	(205,100)
Total Operating Transfers	(205,100)
Change in Net Position	1,164,105
Net Position at Beginning of Year	8,794,404
Net Position at End of Year	\$ 9,958,509

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**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds
	Sewer Fund
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	
Receipts from Customers and Users	\$ 3,304,299
Receipts from Other Revenues	118,674
Payments to Vendors	(1,098,286)
Payments to Employees	(471,523)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	1,853,164
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Transfers from (to) Other Funds	(205,100)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Noncapital Financing Activities	(205,100)
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Other	1,310
MCWT Project Drawdowns	543,298
Proceeds from the Issuance of Notes and Bonds	153,575
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(784,393)
Principal Payments on Bonds and Notes	(532,292)
Interest Expense	(194,498)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(813,000)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Investment Income	34,947
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Investing Activities	34,947
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	870,011
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	7,169,612
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 8,039,623

**Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash
Provided by (Used For) Operating Activities:**

Operating Income (Loss)	\$	1,514,078
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:		
Depreciation		388,085
Deferred (Outflows)/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions		(428,775)
Deferred (Outflows)/Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB		(121,336)
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		
Increase (Decrease) in Warrants Payable		(37,766)
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Payroll		1,228
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences		(3,540)
Increase (Decrease) in Net OPEB Liability		(20,847)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Pension Liability/Asset		434,833
Decrease (Increase) in User Charges Receivable		127,204
Total Adjustments		339,086
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	\$	1,853,164

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**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023**

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 15,805
Total Assets	15,805
LIABILITIES	
Warrants Payable	-
Total Liabilities	-
NET POSITION	
Held for Other Governments	\$ 15,805

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**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Custodial Funds
Additions:	
Property Tax Collections for Other Governments	\$ 1,081,917
Total Additions	1,081,917
Deductions:	
Payments of Property Tax Collections to Other Governments	1,335,889
Total Deductions	1,335,889
Change in Net Position	(253,972)
Net Position at Beginning of Year	269,777
Net Position at End of Year	\$ 15,805

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts (the Town) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the recognized standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant Town accounting policies are described herein.

A. Reporting Entity

The Town was incorporated in 1761 under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Town is governed by an elected five-member Selectboard.

For financial reporting purposes, the Town has included all funds, organizations, account groups, agencies, boards, commissions and institutions. The Town has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable as well as other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Town are such that exclusion would cause the basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. In fiscal year 2023, it was determined that no entities met the required GASB-39 and GASB-61 criteria of component units.

The Town is responsible for electing the governing board and/or committee members of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, the Great Barrington Housing Authority and the Great Barrington Fire District. These related organizations are excluded from the financial reporting entity because the Town's accountability does not extend beyond the Town electing the board members. A description of the related organizations follows:

Berkshire Hills Regional School District - A regional school district made up of three communities to serve and provide a learning experience. The Town is indirectly liable for debt and other expenditures of the District and is assessed annually for its share of operating and capital costs. The regional school district is a separate entity under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The District is responsible for both the operating and capital costs related to the school and operates independently from the Town.

Great Barrington Housing Authority – A public housing agency that provides housing assistance to eligible and qualified low and moderate income families, the elderly and the handicapped. The housing authority is an autonomous and self-sufficient agency under the State Executive Office of Communities and Development. The Town has no significant influence over management, budget or policies of the authority.

Great Barrington Fire District – A District that provides water services to the residents of the Town. The districts are autonomous and self-sufficient units under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Town has no significant influence over management, budget or policies of the district.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (e.g., statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. Governmental activities, which are primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which are supported primarily by user fees and charges.

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The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Fund financial statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Non-major funds are aggregated and displayed in a single column.

Because governmental fund statements are presented using a measurement focus and basis of accounting different from that used in government-wide statements' governmental column, a reconciliation is presented that briefly explains the adjustments necessary to reconcile ending net position and change in net position.

Major Fund Criteria

Major funds must be reported if the following criteria are met:

- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures/expenses of an individual governmental fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding element (assets, liabilities, etc.) for all funds of that category or type (total governmental funds),

and

- If the total assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental funds are at least 5 percent of the corresponding element for all governmental funds combined.

Additionally, any other governmental fund that management believes is particularly significant to the basic financial statements may be reported as a major fund.

Proprietary and fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-wide financial statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis* of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the Town's enterprise funds and various other functions of the Town. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues of the various functions concerned.

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Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported.

Fund financial statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis* of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon thereafter to be used to pay current liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Town considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, excises and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria is met. Expenditure driven grants recognize revenue when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

The Town reports the following major governmental fund:

The *general fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *Town capital projects fund* is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition of vehicles and equipment, and the construction of major capital facilities and infrastructure.

The *american rescue plan act (ARPA) grant fund* is a United States Federal Government established funding source to assist in the fighting of the coronavirus.

The Town reports the following major proprietary funds:

The *sewer fund* is used to account for the sewer activities.

The non-major governmental fund consists of other special revenue and permanent funds that are aggregated and presented in the *non-major governmental funds'* column on the governmental funds' financial statements. The following describes the general use of these fund types:

The *special revenue fund* is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than permanent or capital projects funds) that are restricted by law or administrative action to expenditures for specified purposes.

The *permanent fund* is used to account for financial resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support the governmental programs.

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Additionally, the Town reports the following fund types:

The Fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity for others that cannot be used to support the government programs. The Town reports the following fiduciary funds:

The *custodial fund* is used for activities related to collections and payments of property taxes and user charges for the water district that provide utility services to the residents of the Town, and to account for assets held in a purely custodial capacity.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash balances from all funds, except those required to be segregated by law, are combined to form a consolidation of cash. Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition. The Town maintains a cash and investment pool that is available for use by all funds. Each fund's portion of this pool is reflected on the combined financial statements under the caption, "cash and cash equivalents".

Excluding the permanent funds, investment income derived from major and non-major governmental funds is legally assigned to the general fund unless otherwise directed by Massachusetts General Laws (MGL).

Investment income from proprietary funds is maintained in those funds.

E. Investments

The Town maintains investments according to Massachusetts General Laws and adopted policies. Investments are reported according to the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. Investments are defined as securities or other assets that (a) a government holds primarily for the purpose of income or profit and (b) has a present service capacity based solely on its ability to generate cash or to be sold to generate cash. Fair Value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The hierarchy is based upon valuation inputs, which are assumptions that market participants would use when pricing an asset or a liability, including assumptions about risk.

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.

Level 2 inputs are directly observable for an asset or a liability (including quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities), as well as inputs that are indirectly observable for the asset or liability.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability.

Certain investments, such as money market investments and 2a7-like external investment pools, are reported at amortized cost. 2a7-like pools are external investment pools that operate in conformity with the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) Rule 2a7 as promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended and should be measured at the net asset value per share provided by the pool.

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Additional investment disclosures are presented in these Notes.

F. Receivables

The recognition of revenues related to accounts receivable reported in the government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements are reported under the accrual basis of accounting and the modified accrual basis of accounting, respectively.

Property Taxes and Tax Liens

Property taxes are based on assessments as of January 1, 2022 and include betterments, special assessments and liens. Taxes are used to finance the operations of the Town for the fiscal year July 1st to June 30th. By law, all taxable property in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts must be assessed at 100% of fair cash value. Taxes are due and payable on July 1st. The Town has accepted the quarterly tax payment system. Under the quarterly tax payment system, the assessors make a preliminary tax commitment based on the prior year's net tax and may not exceed, with limited exceptions, fifty percent of that amount. The collector must mail preliminary tax bills each year by July 1st. The preliminary tax is payable in two equal installments. The first installment is due on August 1st and the second installment is due on November 1st. After the Town sets the tax rate, the assessors make the actual tax commitment. If actual bills are mailed on or before December 31st, the balance remaining is payable in two equal installments. The first installment is due on February 1st and the second installment is due on May 1st. If bills are mailed after December 31st, the entire balance is not due until May 1st or thirty days after the bills were mailed, whichever is later. Any betterments, special assessments and other charges are added to the actual bills. Interest at the rate of 14% is charged on the amount of any preliminary tax or actual tax installment payment that is unpaid and delinquent and is charged only for the number of days the payment is actually delinquent. If actual tax bills are mailed after December 31st, interest will be computed from May 1st, or the payment due date, whichever is later. The Town has an ultimate right to foreclose on property for which taxes have not been paid. Property taxes levied are recorded as receivables. Revenues from property taxes are recognized in the fiscal year for which they have been levied.

The Town mailed preliminary tax bills for the fiscal year 2023 in June 2022 that were due on August 1, 2022 and November 1, 2022 and actual bills in December 2022 that were due on February 1, 2023 and May 1, 2023.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts electorate in November, 1980, passed legislation known as Proposition 2 1/2, in order to limit the amount of revenue to be raised by taxation. The purpose of the legislation was to control the levy of taxes that are assessed to property owners of a Town. The legal levy limit under Proposition 2 1/2 for fiscal year 2023 is as follows:

Legal Levy Limit Under Proposition	
2 1/2 for fiscal year 2023	\$ 26,787,463
Less: Debt Exclusion	1,361,971
Maximum Allowable Levy	\$ 28,149,434

The total amount to be raised by taxation was \$26,181,268.

The allowance for uncollectible accounts is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Excise Taxes

Excise taxes consist of motor vehicle excise. Excise taxes are assessed annually and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of levy. The Commonwealth is responsible for reporting the number of vehicles registered and the fair value of those vehicles.

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The tax calculation is the fair market value of the vehicle multiplied by \$25 per \$1,000 of value.

The allowance for uncollectible accounts is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

User Charges

User charges and fees consist of sewer fees. Sewer fees are levied based on individual meter readings and are subject to penalties and interest if they are not paid by the respective due date. Sewer liens are processed each year and are included as a lien on the property owner's tax bill. Sewer charges and liens are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy.

The allowance for uncollectible accounts is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

Departmental

Departmental receivables consist of fees for parking tickets and public safety false alarms, and police off-duty details.

The allowance for uncollectible accounts is estimated based on specific account analysis.

Due from Other Governments

Various federal and state grants for operating and capital purposes are applied for and received annually. For non-expenditure driven grants, revenue is recognized as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. For expenditure driven grants, revenue is recognized when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

These receivables are considered 100% collectible and, therefore, do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

Lease Receivable

Lease receivable consists of a governmental lease a building. The lease receivable is measured at the present value of lease payments expected to be received during the lease term.

This receivable is considered 100% collectible and, therefore, does not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, construction in progress, buildings and renovations, machinery, equipment and other, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, water mains, sewer mains, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activity column of the government wide financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or at estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated fair market value.

All purchase and construction costs in excess of \$10,000 are capitalized at the date of acquisition or construction, respectively, with expected useful lives of greater than one year.

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Capital assets (excluding land and construction in progress) are depreciated on a straight-line basis. The estimated useful lives of fixed assets are as follows:

Capital Asset Type	Years
Buildings and renovations	20-40
Machinery, equipment and other	3-15
Infrastructure	20-40

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized and are treated as expenses when incurred. Improvements are capitalized.

H. Interfund Transfers

During the course of its operations, resources are permanently reallocated between and within funds. These transactions are reported as operating transfers in and operating transfers out.

In the government-wide financial statements, operating transfers between and within governmental funds are eliminated from the governmental activities in the statement of activities. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the statement of activities as “Transfers’ net”.

In the fund financial statements, operating transfers between and within funds are not eliminated from the individual fund statements and are reported as operating transfers in and operating transfers out.

I. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

Government-wide financial statements

The government-wide financial statements *Statement of Net Position* includes a separate section, listed below total assets, for *deferred outflows of resources*. This represents the usage of net position applicable for future period(s) and will not be recognized as expenditures until the future period to which it applies. Currently, the items in this category are *deferred outflows related to pensions and deferred outflows related to OPEB*.

In addition to liabilities, the *Statement of Net Position* will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Currently, the items in this category are *deferred inflows related to pensions, deferred inflows related to OPEB and deferred inflows related to lease*.

Fund financial statements

In addition to liabilities, the governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town has two types of items, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies in this category. Accordingly, these items, *unavailable revenue and related to leases*, are reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues for the Town’s property, excise and other taxes; departmental receipts, intergovernmental grants and related to lease. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

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J. Net Position and Fund Balances

In the Government-Wide financial statements, the difference between the Town's total assets, deferred outflows of resources, total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources represents net position. Net position displays three components – net investment in capital assets, restricted (distinguished between major categories of restrictions), and unrestricted. Unrestricted net position represents the net position available for future operations.

Net position classified as net investment in capital assets, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Net position has been "restricted for" the following:

"Capital projects" represents amounts restricted for capital purposes.

"Federal and state grants" represents amounts restricted by the federal and state government for various programs.

"Community Preservation" represents amounts restricted for the purposes under the community preservation act adopted by the Town.

"Permanent funds – nonexpendable" represents amounts held in trust for which only investment earnings may be expended.

"Permanent funds – expendable" represents amounts held in trust for which the expenditures are restricted by various trust agreements.

"Other purposes" represents restrictions placed on assets from outside parties.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of those resources.

The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

Restricted fund balance. This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance. These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Town's highest level of decision-making authority, which is the Town meeting action and can be modified or rescinded only through these actions. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Town removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit.

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Assigned fund balance. This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the Town's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Department heads and Town board/committees have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned fund balance. This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When the restricted and other fund balance resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted resources first, followed by committed, assigned, and unassigned amounts respectively.

K. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt is reported as liabilities in the government-wide and proprietary fund statement of net position. Material bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method.

The face amount of governmental funds long-term debt is reported as other financing sources. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are recognized in the current period. Bond premiums are reported as other financing sources and bond discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual bond proceeds received, are reported as general government expenditures.

L. Investment Income

Investment income derived from major and non-major governmental funds is legally assigned to the general fund unless otherwise directed by Massachusetts General Laws (MGL).

M. Compensated Absences

The Town grants to employees unused sick leave benefits in varying amounts based upon length of service and in accordance with various individual union contracts. Upon retirement, termination, or death, certain employees are compensated for unused sick leave (subject to certain limitations) at their current rates of pay. The Town has established a trust fund with Town appropriations (typically \$35,000 annually, \$30,000 from the general fund and \$5,000 from the sewer fund) to be used to fund the accumulated sick leave benefits. The balance in the trust fund at June 30, 2023 is \$237,414.

N. Pension Benefits

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Berkshire County Retirement System (the System) is provided. Additions to and deductions from the System's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the system. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions), are recognized when due and payable according with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at their fair value.

O. Post Retirement Benefits

In addition to providing pension benefits, health insurance coverage is provided for retired employees and their survivors in accordance with MGL, Chapter 32, on a pay-as-you-go basis. The cost of providing health insurance is recognized by recording the employer's 80% share of insurance premiums for retirees, spouses and surviving spouses in the general fund in the fiscal year paid.

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P. Use of Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the fiscal year. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

Q. Total Column

The total column on the fund financial statements is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column is not the equivalent of consolidated financial information.

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

An annual budget is adopted for the Town's General Fund. Although legislative approval is required for the acceptance of grants, capital projects, and borrowing authorizations, annual budgets are not prepared for any other fund; therefore, comparison of budget to actual is only presented for the General Fund.

The Town must establish its property tax rate each year so that the property tax rate levy will comply with the limits established by Proposition 2 1/2, as amended, and also equal the sum of (a) the aggregate of all annual appropriations for expenditures, plus (b) provision for prior year deficits, if any, less (c) the aggregate of all non-property tax revenues estimated to be received, including available funds.

The Town follows these procedures in establishing the General Fund budgetary data as reflected in the financial statements:

- Estimates are submitted by departments in accordance with Massachusetts general Laws.
- The budget is legally enacted by vote at the annual Town meeting.
- Supplemental appropriations may be made from available funds after the setting of the tax rate with Town meeting approval.
- Throughout the year appropriations may be transferred between departments with Town meeting approval.

Massachusetts law requires cities and towns to provide for a balanced budget. Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws states, in part,

"The assessors shall annually assess taxes to an amount not less than the aggregate of all amounts appropriated, granted or lawfully expended by their respective towns (cities) since the preceding annual assessment and not provided for therein . . . "

For fiscal year 2023, the Town incurred a final budget deficit of \$5,122,918 for the General Fund.

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The Town voted from the following sources to fund the deficit budget during the fiscal year:

Unassigned fund balance:		
Free cash votes	\$	4,708,000
Reserve for Deficits		(43,691)
Prior year's encumbrances		458,609
		458,609
	\$	5,122,918

B. Deficit Fund Balances

The following funds have deficits at June 30, 2023 as measured by the balances of unassigned fund balance.

- The *Town capital projects fund* and Major Fund have various deficits totaling \$4,599,232 (the infrastructure improvements projects of \$4,150,391, the Highway equipment projects of \$349,250, other equipment projects of \$1,637, the building improvement projects of \$75,492 and the park improvement project of \$22,462. The Town has outstanding bond anticipation notes for \$6,558,215 for these projects. These deficits will be eliminated upon the issuance of permanent debt as the projects near completion.

3. DETAILED NOTES

A. Deposits and Investments

Custodial Credit Risks - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned. The government does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. Deposits at June 30, 2023 were \$34,566,845. Of these, \$59,606 are exposed to custodial credit risk as uninsured and uncollateralized.

Investment Policies

Investments of funds, except for trust funds, are generally restricted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 55. That statute permits investments of available revenue funds and bond and note proceeds in term deposits and certificates of deposit of banks and trust companies, in obligations issued or unconditionally guaranteed by the federal government or an agency thereof with a maturity of not more than one year, in repurchase agreements with a maturity of not more than 90 days secured by federal or federal agency securities, in participation units in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust ("MMDT"), or in shares in SEC-registered money market funds with the highest possible rating from at least one nationally recognized rating organization.

The MMDT is an investment pool created by the Commonwealth under the supervision of the State Treasurer's office. According to the State Treasurer, the Trust's investment policy is designed to maintain an average weighted maturity of 90 days or less and is limited to high-quality, readily marketable fixed income instruments, including U. S. Government obligations and highly-rated corporate securities with maturities of one year or less. The MMDT is an external investment pool that meets the criteria established under GASB Statement No. 79 to report its investments at amortized cost.

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As such, the Town reports its investments in MMDT in the amount of \$2,113,255. MMDT's fair value is measured at amortized cost.

Custodial Credit Risks - Investments

For an investment, custodial risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town's investments all are in the MMDT and thus are exempt from collateralization. The Town has no policy on custodial credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk

The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

There is no exposure to credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town places no limit on the amount the Town may invest in one issuer. The Town's entire investment is in the MMDT.

Fair Value of Investments

The Town categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by GAAP. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The Town has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2023:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments Measured at Amortized Cost:				
External Investment Pools (MMDT)	<u>\$ 2,113,255</u>			

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B. Receivables

At June 30, 2023, receivables for the individual major governmental funds and non-major governmental funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
Major and nonmajor governmental funds:			
Property taxes	\$ 535,357	\$ (37,000)	\$ 498,357
Tax liens	874,340	-	874,340
Excise taxes	263,758	(65,000)	198,758
Departmental	28,468	-	28,468
Due from other governments	563,581	-	563,581
Lease	55,279	-	55,279
	<u>\$ 2,320,783</u>	<u>\$ (102,000)</u>	<u>\$ 2,218,783</u>

At June 30, 2023, receivables for the business-type activities consist of the following:

	Gross Amount	Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Amount
Sewer Fund:			
User charges	\$ 681,422	\$ (10,000)	\$ 671,422

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The composition of amounts due from other governments as of June 30, 2023 for the governmental funds is as follows:

General Fund:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Department of Veterans Services:			
Veterans benefits	\$	35,812	
Department of Revenue:			
Veterans, blind and surviving spouse exemptions		35,494	\$ 71,306

Nonmajor Governmental Funds:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security:

Federal Emergency Management Agency:			
Pass Through Commonwealth of Massachusetts:			
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency:			
Emergency Management Performance Grant		5,400	
Department of Elder Affairs:			
Council on Aging Service Incentive Grants		12,000	
Department of Energy Resources:			
Green Communities Grant		36,184	
Department of Fire Services:			
Fire Equipment Grant		3,600	
Public Safety Grants		211	
Massachusetts Department of Transportation:			
Mobility Management Grant		8,396	
Highway Department - Chapter 90 funded projects		408,859	
Other:			
Various		17,625	492,275
			\$ 563,581

C. Lease Receivable

The Town's lease receivable is measured at the present value of lease payments expected to be received during the lease term. A deferred inflow of resources is recorded for the lease. The deferred inflow of resources is recorded at the initiation of the lease in an amount equal to the initial recording of the lease receivable. Revenue is recognized when earned.

On January 2, 2014, the Town entered into a 10-year property lease with the Massachusetts Trial Court to lease real property of a facility located at 9 Gilmore Avenue, Great Barrington, Massachusetts 01230. The Commencement Date of the property lease was July 1, 2013. The fixed payment will be equal to \$9,294 per month. The property lease has provisions for an additional option period to extend the lease for ten years. The lease receivable is measured at the present value of the future minimum payments expected to be received during the lease term at a discount rate of 3.0%.

In Fiscal year 2023, the Town recognized \$108,105 of lease revenue and \$3,423 of interest revenue under the leases which is included in Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds.

The future minimum lease payments are due as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 55,279	\$ 485	\$ 55,764

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D. Deferred Inflows of Resources – Unavailable Revenue

Governmental funds report deferred inflows of resources in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of deferred inflows of resources reported in the governmental funds are as follows:

General Fund:			
Property taxes	\$	305,528	
Tax liens		872,369	
Excise taxes		198,758	
Departmental		1,300	
Due from other governments		35,812	
Lease		55,279	
		\$	1,469,046
Nonmajor governmental funds:			
Property taxes		10,729	
Tax liens		13,071	
Departmental		27,169	
Due from other governments		408,859	
		\$	459,828
		\$	1,928,874

E. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the governmental and business-type activities for the year ended June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 5,904,052	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,904,052
Construction in progress	1,208,739	2,572,667	(3,002,543)	778,863
Total capital assets not being depreciated	7,112,791	2,572,667	(3,002,543)	6,682,915
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and Renovations	17,354,719	-	-	17,354,719
Machinery, equipment and other	11,127,714	206,258	(86,195)	11,247,777
Infrastructure	28,042,867	4,386,591	-	32,429,458
Total capital assets being depreciated	56,525,300	4,592,849	(86,195)	61,031,954
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and Renovations	8,231,974	604,635	-	8,836,609
Machinery, equipment and other	7,956,122	656,442	(86,195)	8,526,369
Infrastructure	9,285,143	1,468,475	-	10,753,618
Total accumulated depreciation	25,473,239	2,729,552	(86,195)	28,116,596
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	31,052,061	1,863,297	-	32,915,358
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 38,164,852	\$ 4,435,964	\$ (3,002,543)	\$ 39,598,273

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	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 10,655	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,655
Construction in Progress	527,702	544,297	-	1,071,999
Total capital assets not being depreciated	538,357	544,297	-	1,082,654
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and renovations	10,077,690	-	-	10,077,690
Machinery, equipment and other	1,360,544	109,213	-	1,469,757
Infrastructure	10,166,478	130,883	-	10,297,361
Total capital assets being depreciated	21,604,712	240,096	-	21,844,808
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and renovations	8,405,815	133,750	-	8,539,565
Machinery, equipment and other	1,229,630	44,984	-	1,274,614
Infrastructure	1,164,685	209,351	-	1,374,036
Total accumulated depreciation	10,800,130	388,085	-	11,188,215
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	10,804,582	(147,989)	-	10,656,593
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 11,342,939	\$ 396,308	\$ -	\$ 11,739,247

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:

General government	\$ 153,463
Public safety	547,568
Public works	1,763,950
Health and human services	9,549
Culture and recreation	255,022
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,729,552</u>

Business-Type Activities:

Sewer fund	<u>\$ 388,085</u>
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F. Short-Term Financing

Under the general laws of the Commonwealth and with the appropriate local authorization the Town is authorized to borrow funds on a temporary basis to (1) fund current operations prior to the collection of revenues, by issuing revenue anticipation notes, (2) fund grants prior to reimbursements, by issuing grant anticipation notes, and (3) fund capital projects costs incurred prior to selling permanent debt by issuing bond anticipation notes.

Details related to the short-term debt activity of the governmental type fund and business-type fund are as follows:

Governmental Activities	Interest Rate	Final Maturity Date	Balance July 1, 2022	Renewed/ Issued	Retired/ Redeemed	Outstanding June 30, 2023
Bond Anticipation Notes:						
Municipal Purpose Loan of 2022	2.05%	6/16/2023	\$ 3,619,250	\$ -	\$ 3,619,250	\$ -
Municipal Purpose Loan of 2023	5.00%	12/14/2023	-	6,558,215	-	6,558,215
Total Governmental Activities			<u>\$ 3,619,250</u>	<u>\$ 6,558,215</u>	<u>\$ 3,619,250</u>	<u>\$ 6,558,215</u>

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Business-Type Activities:

Purpose	Interest Rate	Final Maturity Date	Balance July 1, 2022	Renewed/ Issued	Retired/ Redeemed	Outstanding June 30, 2023
Bond Anticipation Notes:						
Municipal Purpose Loan of 2022	2.05%	6/16/2023	\$ 285,500	\$ -	\$ 285,500	\$ -
Municipal Purpose Loan of 2023	5.00%	12/14/2023	-	439,075	-	439,075
Community Water Plan	2.00%	11/15/2023	-	543,298	-	543,298
Total Business-Type Activities			<u>\$ 285,500</u>	<u>\$ 982,373</u>	<u>\$ 285,500</u>	<u>\$ 982,373</u>

G. Long Term Debt

General Obligation Bonds

The Town issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds have been issued for both governmental and business-type activities.

General obligation bonds currently outstanding of the governmental type fund are as follows:

	Interest Rate	Date Issued	Final Maturity Date	Original Amount Issued	Outstanding June 30, 2023
Inside Debt:					
Municipal Purpose Loan of 2013	2.62%	8/1/2013	6/1/2028	\$ 2,526,400	\$ 425,000
Municipal Purpose Loan of 2014	1.89%	6/15/2014	6/1/2024	1,657,280	150,000
Municipal Purpose Loan of 2016	1.31%	6/26/2016	6/15/2027	4,725,000	1,640,000
Municipal Purpose Loan of 2017	2.13%	10/26/2017	4/15/2033	3,940,000	2,115,000
Municipal Purpose Loan of 2021	0.98%	1/26/2021	7/15/2040	4,027,099	3,150,000
Municipal Purpose Loan of 2021	1.25%	11/17/2021	11/15/2041	2,511,900	2,260,000
Total Inside Debt					<u>9,740,000</u>
Outside Debt:					
Total Bonded Debt					9,740,000
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds					403,426
Total governmental type debt					<u>\$ 10,143,426</u>

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Future Debt Service

The annual principal and interest payments to retire all governmental type fund general obligation long-term debt outstanding as of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 1,660,000	\$ 269,805	\$ 1,929,805
2025	1,390,000	216,205	1,606,205
2026	1,330,000	175,005	1,505,005
2027	1,195,000	134,055	1,329,055
2028	795,000	97,430	892,430
2029-2033	2,645,000	212,397	2,857,397
2034-2038	625,000	27,998	652,998
2039-2043	100,000	3,400	103,400
	<u>\$ 9,740,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,136,295</u>	<u>\$ 10,876,295</u>

General obligation bonds currently outstanding of the business-type fund are as follows:

	Interest Rate	Date Issued	Final Maturity Date	Original Amount Issued	Outstanding June 30, 2023
Sewer Fund:					
Inside Debt:					
Municipal Purpose Loan of 2013	2.62%	8/1/2013	6/1/2028	\$ 268,600	\$ 100,000
Municipal Purpose Loan of 2021	0.98%	1/26/2021	7/15/2040	962,901	855,000
Municipal Purpose Loan of 2021	1.25%	11/17/2021	11/15/2041	308,100	250,000
Massachusetts Clean Water Trust:					
Sewer system improvements	2.00%	2/11/2016	1/15/2036	4,210,000	2,937,306
Sewer system improvements	2.00%	4/13/2017	1/15/2037	4,579,305	3,392,234
Total Bonded Debt					7,534,540
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds					56,575
Total Business-type debt					<u>\$ 7,591,115</u>

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Future Debt Service

The annual principal and interest payments to retire all business-type long-term debt outstanding are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 537,869	\$ 158,481	\$ 696,350
2025	541,733	145,448	687,181
2026	545,790	132,489	678,279
2027	520,044	119,773	639,817
2028	529,500	107,922	637,422
2029-2033	2,626,674	374,485	3,001,159
2034-2038	2,077,930	112,036	2,189,966
2039-2043	155,000	4,850	159,850
	<u>\$ 7,534,540</u>	<u>\$ 1,155,484</u>	<u>\$ 8,690,024</u>

A summary of the changes in governmental activities and business-type long term liabilities during the year is as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2023	Amounts Due within One Year
Governmental activities:					
Bonds Payable:					
General obligation bonds	\$ 11,606,900	\$ -	\$ 1,866,900	\$ 9,740,000	\$ 1,660,000
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds	507,016	-	103,590	403,426	87,473
Landfill post-closure care costs	75,000	-	15,000	60,000	15,000
Compensated absences	228,768	6,666	24,979	210,455	35,771
Net OPEB liability	13,842,678	439,040	-	14,281,718	-
Net pension liability	-	2,461,511	-	2,461,511	-
Governmental activity					
Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 26,260,362</u>	<u>\$ 2,907,217</u>	<u>\$ 2,010,469</u>	<u>\$ 27,157,110</u>	<u>\$ 1,798,244</u>
Business type activities:					
Bonds Payable:					
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,338,100	\$ -	\$ 133,100	\$ 1,205,000	\$ 130,000
Massachusetts Clean Water Trust bonds	6,728,732	-	399,192	6,329,540	407,869
Add: Unamortized premium on bonds	64,796	-	8,221	56,575	7,394
Compensated absences	25,839	-	3,540	22,299	-
Net OPEB liability	1,325,702	-	20,847	1,304,855	-
Net pension liability	-	249,404	-	249,404	-
Business-type activity					
Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 9,483,169</u>	<u>\$ 249,404</u>	<u>\$ 564,900</u>	<u>\$ 9,167,673</u>	<u>\$ 545,263</u>

Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (MCWT)

The Town is scheduled to be subsidized by the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (MCWT) on a periodic basis for principal in the amount of \$9,060,860 and interest costs of \$2,061,219 for a loan which the Town has borrowed from MCWT. The gross amount outstanding at June 30, 2023 for principal and interest combined for the loan is \$7,290,926. Since the Town is legally obligated for the total amount of the debt, such amounts for the gross principal have been recorded on the financial statements.

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Landfill Post-Closure Care Costs

State and Federal laws and regulations require the Town perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill site for thirty years after closure.

The \$60,000 reported as landfill post-closure care liability as of June 30, 2023 represents the remaining estimated post-closure maintenance costs. These amounts are based on what it will cost to perform all post-closure care in 2023. Actual costs may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology or changes in regulations.

Legal Debt Limit

Under Section 10 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws a Town may authorize indebtedness up to a limit of five percent of its equalized valuation of the Town. Debt issued in accordance with this section of the law is designated as being "inside the debt limit." The Town's inside debt at June 30, 2023 totaled \$17,274,540.

In addition, the Town is authorized to incur debt outside of that limit for specific purposes. Such debt, when issued, is designated as being "outside the debt limit."

The following is a computation of the legal debt limit as of June 30, 2023.

Equalized Valuation-Real Estate and Personal Property (2022)		<u>\$ 1,741,152,600</u>
Debt Limit: 5 % of Equalized value		<u>87,057,630</u>
Total Debt Outstanding	\$ 17,274,540	
Less: Debt Outside Debt Limit	-	<u>17,274,540</u>
Inside Debt Excess Borrowing Capacity at June 30, 2023		<u>\$ 69,783,090</u>

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Loans Authorized and Unissued - Memorandum Only

Under the general laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Town must authorize debt at a Town meeting. This authorized debt does not have to be actually issued at that time and remains authorized until the debt is actually issued or Town meeting votes to rescind the authorized debt. Loan authorizations that have not been issued as of June 30, 2023 and are not reflected in the Town's financial statements are as follows:

Date Town Meeting Authorized	Purpose	Amount
5/2/2011	Water System Improvements	\$ 320,000
5/5/2014	Sewer System Improvements	2,633,844
5/7/2018	Departmental Vehicles, Equipment and Capital Improvements	100,000
5/6/2019	Departmental Vehicles, Equipment and Capital Improvements	2,017,000
6/22/2020	Departmental Vehicles, Equipment and Capital Improvements	425,000
6/22/2020	Sewer System Improvements	343,900
6/7/2021	Departmental Vehicles, Equipment and Capital Improvements	252,980
6/7/2021	Sewer System Improvements	69,000
6/6/2022	Departmental Vehicles, Equipment and Capital Improvements	2,210,083
6/6/2022	Sewer System Improvements	218,125
6/6/2022	Memorial Field Improvements through CPA	500,000
5/1/2023	Departmental Vehicles, Equipment and Capital Improvements	6,206,600
		<u>\$ 15,296,532</u>

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H. Fund Balances

The following is a summary of the Town's Governmental fund balances at the year ended June 30, 2023:

	General Fund	Major Funds	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable:				
Permanent funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 326,865	\$ 326,865
Restricted:				
Federal, state and local grants	-	-	843,855	843,855
Town Revolving funds	-	-	71,414	71,414
Community preservation funds	-	-	2,347,617	2,347,617
Debt service	4,809	-	-	4,809
Donations and gifts	-	-	159,064	159,064
Capital projects	-	543,999	-	543,999
Permanent funds	-	-	190,367	190,367
Other	-	-	1,264,325	1,264,325
	<u>4,809</u>	<u>543,999</u>	<u>4,876,642</u>	<u>5,425,450</u>
Committed:				
Conservation Fund	-	-	30,360	30,360
Employee Fringe Benefits Fund	-	-	237,414	237,414
Pension Reserve Fund	-	-	829,676	829,676
Unemployment Fund	-	-	2,891	2,891
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,100,341</u>	<u>1,100,341</u>
Assigned:				
General government	207,233	-	-	207,233
Public safety	24,762	-	-	24,762
Public works	274,994	-	-	274,994
Health and Human Services	614	-	-	614
Culture and Recreation	7,324	-	-	7,324
Employee benefits and Insurance	1,250	-	-	1,250
Subsequent year's budget	5,623,394	-	-	5,623,394
	<u>6,139,571</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,139,571</u>
Unassigned:				
General fund	12,355,848	-	-	12,355,848
Capital project deficits	-	(4,599,232)	-	(4,599,232)
	<u>12,355,848</u>	<u>(4,599,232)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,756,616</u>
Total Governmental fund balances	<u>\$ 18,500,228</u>	<u>\$ (4,055,233)</u>	<u>\$ 6,303,848</u>	<u>\$ 20,748,843</u>

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I. Special Trust Funds

Stabilization Fund

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, allows for the establishment of stabilization funds for one or more different purposes. The creation of a fund requires a two-thirds vote of the legislative body and must clearly define the purpose of the fund. Any change to the purpose of the fund along with any additions to or appropriations from the fund requires a two-thirds vote of the legislative body. Any interest shall be added to and become a part of the fund.

At June 30, 2023, the balance in the stabilization fund is \$1,923,337 and is reported in the General Fund as unassigned fund balance.

4. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The Town has obtained a variety of commercial liability insurance policies which passes the risk of loss listed above to independent third parties.

Settlement claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

B. Contingent Liabilities

Litigation

Litigation is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of individual matters is not always predictable. Although the amount of the liability, if any, at June 30, 2023, cannot be ascertained, management believes any resulting liability should not materially affect the financial position at June 30, 2023.

The Town has received state and federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursement to the grantor agency for any expenditure disallowed under the terms of the grant. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed cannot be determined at this time, although, based on prior experience, Town management believes such disallowances, if any, will not be material.

C. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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D. Pension Plan

Plan Description

The Town is a member of the Berkshire County Retirement System (the System). The System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by a five-member board. Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 32, assigns authority to establish the System and amend benefit provisions of the plan; which is regulated by the Public Employees Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). The System is a defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all employees of its member employers. The System issues a publicly available financial report in accordance with guidelines established by the Commonwealth's PERAC. That report may be obtained by contacting the System at 29 Dunham Hall, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201-6207.

Benefits Provided

The System provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. MGL Chapter 32 establishes uniform benefit and contributory requirements for all contributory public employee retirement systems (PERS). The Massachusetts PERS benefits are uniform from system to system, with a few minor exceptions. Members of the System become vested after 10 years of creditable service. The System provides for retirement allowance benefits up to a maximum of 80% of a member's highest three-year average annual rate of regular compensation. Retirement benefits are determined as a percentage of the member's final three-year (five-year for members hired on or after April 2, 2012) final average compensation times the member's years of creditable service prior to retirement. The percentage is based on the age of the member at retirement and his or her Group classification. Most employees who joined the system on or after April 2, 2012 cannot retire prior to age 60. The authority for amending these provisions rests with the Massachusetts Legislature.

Employees who resign from service and who are not eligible to receive a retirement allowance or are under the age of 55 are entitled to request a refund of their accumulated total deductions. Survivor benefits are extended to eligible beneficiaries of members whose death occurs prior to or following retirement.

Cost of living adjustments granted between 1981 and 1997 and any increases in other benefits imposed by the Commonwealth's State law during those years are borne by the Commonwealth and are deposited into the pension fund. Cost-of-living adjustments granted after 1997 must be approved by the Board and are borne by the System.

Contributions

MGL Chapter 32 governs the contributions of plan members and the Town. Plan members are required to contribute to the System at rates ranging from 5% to 9% based upon their membership date with an additional 2% contribution after exceeding \$30,000 in annual covered compensation. The Town is required to pay into the System its share of the system-wide actuarial determined contribution that is apportioned among the employers based on active current payroll. Administrative expenses are funded through investment earnings. The Town's proportionate share of the required contribution to the System for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$1,041,083, representing 22.16% of the covered payroll, an actuarially determined amount that, when combined with plan member contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by plan members during the year and an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

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Pension Liability

As of June 30, 2023, the Town reported a liability of \$2,710,915 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2023. Accordingly, update procedures were used to roll back the total pension liability to the measurement date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2022, the Town's proportional percentage was 8.33%, which was a slight decrease from the last measurement.

Pension Expense

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Town recognized a pension expense of \$1,124,300; reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions of \$2,294,998 from the differences between expected and actual experience, net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments and changes in assumptions; and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions of \$246,152 from the differences between expected and actual experience.

The Town's net deferred outflows/(inflows) of resources related to pensions will be recognized in the pension expense as follows;

For years ended June 30,	
2024	\$ 157,603
2025	330,118
2026	524,123
2027	1,037,002
	<u>\$ 2,048,846</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2023, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement that was updated to December 31, 2022:

Valuation date	January 1, 2023
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal Cost Method
Asset valuation method	Market Value. For funding purposes, gains and losses each year are recognized over 5 years.
Investment rate of return	6.75% per year net of investment expenses, including inflation
Projected salary increase	Select and ultimate by job group; ultimate rates 4.25% for Group 1 and 4.75% for Group 4.
Inflation	2.50% per year.
Cost of living adjustments	3.00% of the first \$16,000.

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Mortality rates

Pre-retirement rates reflect the RP-2014 Blue Collar Employees table projected generationally with Scale MP-2021 (gender distinct).
 Post retirement rates reflect the RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant table projected generationally with Scale MP-2021 (gender distinct).
 For disabled retirees, rates reflect the RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant table set forward one year projected generationally with Scale MP-2021 (gender distinct).

Long-term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equities	21.20%	1.19%
International Equities	12.20%	0.72%
Emerging Market Equities	4.70%	0.45%
Core Fixed Income	13.80%	0.66%
Value-added Fixed Income	7.00%	0.56%
Private Equity	17.70%	1.66%
Real Estate	11.20%	0.52%
Timber/Natural Resources	3.20%	0.21%
Hedge Funds/PCS	8.60%	0.56%
Overlay	0.40%	0.00%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Rate of Return

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the annual money-weighted rate of return (which expresses investment performance), net of investment expense was (11.49%). The money-weighted rate of return considers the changing amounts actually invested during a period and weighs the amount of pension plan investments by the proportion of time they are available to earn a return during that period. The rate of return is then calculated by solving, through an iterative process, for the rate that equates the sum of the weighted external cash flows into and out of the pension plan investments to the ending fair value of pension plan investments.

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Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability (asset) was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers will be made based on the actuarial determined rates based on the Board’s funding policy, which establishes the contractually required rates by Statute. Based on those assumptions, the System’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments or current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension asset.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Town’s proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%. As well as what the Town’s proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	5.75%	6.75%	7.75%	
Town's net pension liability/(asset)	\$ 5,889,310	\$ 2,710,915	\$	-

E. Other Post-Employment Benefits Payable

The cost of post-employment benefits generally should be associated with the periods in which costs occur rather than in the future year when it will be paid. The Town recognizes the cost of post-employment benefits in the year when the employee services are received, reports the accumulated liability from prior years, and provides information useful in assessing potential demands on the Town’s future cash flows.

Plan Description

In addition to providing pension benefits, the Town provided post-employment health care and life insurance benefits for retired employees, their dependents and beneficiaries. The benefits, benefit levels, employee and employer contributions are governed by Massachusetts General Law chapter 32. As of the actuarial valuation date there are approximately 126 active and retired employees, and spouses that meet the eligibility requirements. The plan does not issue a separate financial report.

Investment Policy

The Town’s does not have a policy to contribute to an OPEB trust and has not contributed as of June 30, 2023. The Town has not established an irrevocable trust for the purpose of accumulating assets to prefund the OPEB liabilities. If such a trust existed, Plan assets segregated and restricted in an OPEB trust must be dedicated to providing plan benefits to retirees and beneficiaries in accordance with the terms of the plan and must be legally protected from creditors of the employer. Further, employer contributions to the trust must be irrevocable.

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GASB Statement No. 75 – Financial Reporting for OPEB Employer

Funding Policy

The contribution requirements of plan members and the Town are established and may be amended through Town ordinances. For the period ending June 30, 2023, the total Town premiums plus implicit costs for the retiree medical program were \$511,278. The Town also made a contribution to an OPEB Trust of \$0 for a total contribution during the reporting period of \$511,278 to be reported on the financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Measurement Date

GASB Statement No. 75 requires the net OPEB liability to be measured as of a date no earlier than the end of the employer’s prior fiscal year and no later than the end of the employer’s current fiscal year, consistently applied from period to period. Accordingly, the net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021.

Plan Membership:

Current active members		70
Current retirees, beneficiaries and dependents		56
Total		126

Net OPEB Liability

The components of the net OPEB liability are as follows:

		<u>6/30/2023</u>
Total OPEB liability	\$	15,586,573
Less: Plan fiduciary net position		-
Town's Net OPEB liability	\$	15,586,573
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability		0.00%

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement for the reporting date of June 30, 2023:

Valuation date	July 1, 2021
Actuarial cost method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Inflation	2.50% annually
Single equivalent discount rate	3.65%, compounded annually, for the measurement as of June 30, 2023

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Mortality rates	
Pre-retirement mortality (General & Public Safety)	RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality table, projected with generational mortality improvement using Scale MP-2020.
Post-retirement mortality (General & Public Safety)	RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality table, projected with generational mortality improvement using Scale MP-2020.
Disabled mortality (General & Public Safety)	RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality table, set forward one year with full generational mortality improvement using Scale MP-2020.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were reflective of published municipal bond indices; the Bond Buyer 20-Bond GO Index as of June 30, 2023 is 3.65%.

Rate of Return

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return (which expresses investment performance), net of investment expense was not provided.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.65%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from the Town will be made in accordance with the plan's funding policy. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be insufficient to make all projected benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the 3.65% municipal bond rate was applied to all periods to determine the total OPEB liability.

Changes in the Net OPEB Liability

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total OPEB Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Total OPEB Liability
Balances at June 30, 2022	\$ 15,168,380	\$ -	\$ 15,168,380
Service cost	684,517	-	684,517
Interest on OPEB Liability	552,143	-	552,143
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-
Changes in assumptions	(307,189)	-	(307,189)
Difference between actual and expected experience	-	-	-
Net investment income	-	-	-
Employer contributions to Trust	-	511,278	(511,278)
Total benefit payments including implicit cost	(511,278)	(511,278)	-
Net change in total OPEB liability	418,193	-	418,193
Balances at June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 15,586,573</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,586,573</u>

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Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Town's net OPEB liability as well as what the Town's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.65%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.65%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current	1% Increase
	2.65%	Discount Rate	4.65%
		3.65%	
Town's net OPEB liability	\$ 18,325,025	\$ 15,586,573	\$ 13,421,821

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rates

The following presents the Town's net OPEB liability as well as what the Town's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare	1% Increase
		Cost Trend	
		Rates	
Town's net OPEB liability	\$ 12,993,876	\$ 15,586,573	\$ 18,980,577

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Plan and additions to or deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, the Plan recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value, except for money market investments and participating interest earning investment contracts (repurchase agreements) that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year, which are reported at cost.

Expense, Deferred Outflows or Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the GASB Statement No. 75 reporting period and fiscal year ending date, the Town recognized an OPEB expense of \$424,108 and reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB of \$2,184,088 from changes in assumptions and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB of \$6,582,282 from the differences between expected and actual experience and changes in assumptions.

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The Town's net deferred outflows/(inflows) of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in the OPEB expense as follows:

<u>For years ended June 30,</u>	
2024	\$ (700,948)
2025	(836,455)
2026	(1,038,244)
2027	(1,259,744)
2028	(543,602)
Thereafter:	(19,201)
	<u>\$ (4,398,194)</u>

F. Implementation of New GASB Pronouncements

The GASB issued Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, for implementation in fiscal year 2023. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Town's financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, for implementation in fiscal year 2023. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Town's financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, for implementation in fiscal year 2023. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Town's financial statements.

G. Future GASB Pronouncements

Management is currently assessing the impact the implementation of the following pronouncements will have on the basic financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2023*, clarification on GASB No. 34 Management's Discussion and Analysis; on GASB No. 63 Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position; requirements related to leases and requirements related to derivative instruments for implementation in fiscal year 2023 and 2024.

The GASB issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections—An Amendment of GASB No. 62*, for implementation in fiscal year 2024.

The GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, for implementation in fiscal year 2025.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Required Supplementary Information
Pension Plan Schedules
Berkshire County Retirement System
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

The Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability represents multiyear trend information relating to the Town's proportion of the net pension liability and related ratios.

Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net pension Liability:

Measurement Date	Town's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	Town's covered employee payroll	Net pension liability percentage of covered employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
12/31/2022	8.33%	\$ 2,710,915	\$ 4,697,370	57.71%	90.67%
12/31/2021	8.58%	\$ (2,015,528)	\$ 4,406,945	-45.74%	107.00%
12/31/2020	8.61%	\$ 1,104,060	\$ 4,064,178	27.17%	95.93%
12/31/2019	8.59%	\$ 2,631,117	\$ 4,054,738	64.89%	89.90%
12/31/2018	8.17%	\$ 3,573,884	\$ 3,569,228	100.13%	84.40%
12/31/2017	8.23%	\$ 2,127,702	\$ 3,595,440	59.18%	90.41%
12/31/2016	8.38%	\$ 3,332,894	\$ 3,545,000	94.02%	84.06%
12/31/2015	8.49%	\$ 3,592,713	\$ 3,592,000	100.02%	82.25%
12/31/2014	8.61%	\$ 2,260,900	\$ 3,469,000	65.17%	88.13%

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Pension Plan Schedules
Berkshire County Retirement System
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The Schedule of the Employer Contributions presents multiyear trend information on the Town's required and actual payments to the pension plan and related ratios.

Schedule of the Town's Contributions:

Measurement Date	Actuarially determined contribution	Less: Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	Town's covered employee payroll	Contributions percentage of covered employee payroll
12/31/2022	\$ 1,041,083	\$ (1,041,083)	\$ -	\$ 4,697,370	22.16%
12/31/2021	\$ 993,573	\$ (993,573)	\$ -	\$ 4,406,945	22.55%
12/31/2020	\$ 931,180	\$ (931,180)	\$ -	\$ 4,064,178	22.91%
12/31/2019	\$ 867,564	\$ (867,564)	\$ -	\$ 4,054,738	21.40%
12/31/2018	\$ 787,563	\$ (787,563)	\$ -	\$ 3,569,228	22.07%
12/31/2017	\$ 757,064	\$ (757,064)	\$ -	\$ 3,595,440	21.06%
12/31/2016	\$ 735,666	\$ (735,666)	\$ -	\$ 3,545,000	20.75%
12/31/2015	\$ 711,322	\$ (711,322)	\$ -	\$ 3,592,000	19.80%
12/31/2014	\$ 688,658	\$ (688,658)	\$ -	\$ 3,469,000	19.85%

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Other Post Employment Benefit Plan Schedules
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Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability:

	<u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>6/30/2022</u>	<u>6/30/2021</u>
Total OPEB liability			
Service cost	\$ 684,517	\$ 1,097,979	\$ 1,035,266
Interest on OPEB liability	552,143	493,299	472,845
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-
Changes in assumptions	(307,189)	(5,158,881)	341,776
Difference between actual and expected experience	-	(2,770,735)	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(511,278)	(466,418)	(474,330)
Net change in total OPEB liability	418,193	(6,804,756)	1,375,557
Total OPEB liability-beginning	15,168,380	21,973,136	20,597,579
Total OPEB liability-ending (a)	\$ 15,586,573	\$ 15,168,380	\$ 21,973,136
Plan fiduciary net position			
Employer contributions to Trust	\$ 511,278	\$ 466,418	\$ 474,330
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(511,278)	(466,418)	(474,330)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	-	-	-
Total fiduciary net position-beginning	-	-	-
Total fiduciary net position-ending (b)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town's net OPEB liability (a-b)	\$ 15,586,573	\$ 15,168,380	\$ 21,973,136

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Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability:

	<u>6/30/2020</u>	<u>6/30/2019</u>	<u>6/30/2018</u>
Total OPEB liability			
Service cost	\$ 718,482	\$ 623,878	\$ 655,305
Interest on OPEB liability	632,124	624,489	579,133
Changes in benefit terms	(321,896)	-	-
Changes in assumptions	4,677,168	1,048,232	(776,171)
Difference between actual and expected experience	(2,215,394)	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(470,212)	(464,153)	(469,964)
Net change in total OPEB liability	<u>3,020,272</u>	<u>1,832,446</u>	<u>(11,697)</u>
Total OPEB liability-beginning	<u>17,577,307</u>	<u>15,744,861</u>	<u>15,756,558</u>
Total OPEB liability-ending (a)	<u>\$ 20,597,579</u>	<u>\$ 17,577,307</u>	<u>\$ 15,744,861</u>
Plan fiduciary net position			
Employer contributions to Trust	\$ 470,212	\$ 464,153	\$ 469,964
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(470,212)	(464,153)	(469,964)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fiduciary net position-beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fiduciary net position-ending (b)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Town's net OPEB liability (a-b)	<u><u>\$ 20,597,579</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,577,307</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,744,861</u></u>

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Schedule of Net OPEB Liability:

	<u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>6/30/2022</u>	<u>6/30/2021</u>
Total OPEB liability	\$ 15,586,573	\$ 15,168,380	\$ 21,973,136
Less: Plan fiduciary net position	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Town's Net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 15,586,573</u>	<u>\$ 15,168,380</u>	<u>\$ 21,973,136</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Town's share of covered employee payroll	\$ 5,553,403	\$ 4,885,210	\$ 4,424,433
Participating employer net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	280.67%	310.50%	496.63%

Schedule of Contributions:

	<u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>6/30/2022</u>	<u>6/30/2021</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 1,235,244	\$ 1,737,208	\$ 1,639,714
Less: Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>(511,278)</u>	<u>(466,418)</u>	<u>(474,330)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 723,966</u>	<u>\$ 1,270,790</u>	<u>\$ 1,165,384</u>
Town's share of covered employee payroll	\$ 5,553,403	\$ 4,885,210	\$ 4,424,433
Contributions percentage of covered-employee payroll	9.21%	9.55%	10.72%
Annual money-weighted rate of return net of investment expense	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Schedule of Net OPEB Liability:

	<u>6/30/2020</u>	<u>6/30/2019</u>	<u>6/30/2018</u>
Total OPEB liability	\$ 20,597,579	\$ 17,577,307	\$ 15,744,861
Less: Plan fiduciary net position	-	-	-
Town's Net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 20,597,579</u>	<u>\$ 17,577,307</u>	<u>\$ 15,744,861</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Town's share of covered employee payroll	\$ 4,009,726	\$ 3,434,514	\$ 3,702,261
Participating employer net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	513.69%	511.78%	425.28%

Schedule of Contributions:

	<u>6/30/2020</u>	<u>6/30/2019</u>	<u>6/30/2018</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 1,350,046	\$ 1,221,853	\$ 1,228,837
Less: Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	(470,212)	(464,153)	(469,964)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 879,834</u>	<u>\$ 757,700</u>	<u>\$ 758,873</u>
Town's share of covered employee payroll	\$ 4,009,726	\$ 3,434,514	\$ 3,702,261
Contributions percentage of covered-employee payroll	11.73%	13.51%	12.69%
Annual money-weighted rate of return net of investment expense	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Schedule of Funding Progress:

Measurement Date	Other Post Employment Benefits						Actuarial Percentage of Covered Payroll ((B-A)/C)
	Actuarial Fiduciary Net Position (A)	Actuarial Total OPEB Liability (B)	Actuarial Net OPEB Liability (B-A)	Actuarial Funded Ratio (A/B)	Actuarial Covered Payroll (C)		
6/30/2023	\$ -	\$ 15,586,573	\$ 15,586,573	0.00%	\$ 5,553,403	280.67%	
6/30/2022	\$ -	\$ 15,168,380	\$ 15,168,380	0.00%	\$ 4,885,210	310.50%	
6/30/2021	\$ -	\$ 21,973,136	\$ 21,973,136	0.00%	\$ 4,424,433	496.63%	
6/30/2020	\$ -	\$ 20,597,579	\$ 20,597,579	0.00%	\$ 4,009,726	513.69%	
6/30/2019	\$ -	\$ 17,577,307	\$ 17,577,307	0.00%	\$ 3,434,514	511.78%	
6/30/2018	\$ -	\$ 15,744,861	\$ 15,744,861	0.00%	\$ 3,702,261	425.28%	
6/30/2017	\$ -	\$ 15,756,558	\$ 15,756,558	0.00%	N/A	N/A	

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SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2022	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2023
Special Revenue:					
Federal and State Grants:					
Brownfields Assessment	\$ 13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (13)	\$ -
Asset Management Grants	(7,250)	7,250	-	-	-
Community Development Block Grant	29,708	1,500	-	-	31,208
Council on Aging Grants	31,301	84,940	69,441	-	46,800
Cultural Council Grants	3,146	5,823	3,890	-	5,079
Emergency Management Grants (COVID-19)	6,064	7,783	-	(13,847)	-
Green Communities Grant	(28,625)	118,047	88,561	(861)	-
Highway Grants	1,894	354,313	163,820	-	192,387
Library Grants	31,526	16,328	5,496	-	42,358
Other Grants and Programs	10,336	202,745	142,256	(1,706)	69,119
Public Safety Grants	5,731	115,091	110,854	(7,607)	2,361
Smart Growth Grants	446,546	135,000	127,000	-	454,546
Other:					
Blue Hill Commons	4,028	36	-	-	4,064
Cemetery Revolving	644	-	-	-	644
Community Preservation Fund	2,103,972	1,000,843	557,197	(200,000)	2,347,618
Council on Aging Transportation Grant	76,777	26,726	41,543	-	61,960
Deputy Collector Fees	1,040	15,633	16,603	-	70
Electrical, Gas and Plumbing Inspections	4,632	57,132	62,046	-	(282)
Gifts and Donations	155,872	36,261	33,068	-	159,065
Insurance Reimbursements	30,496	18,181	10,942	(37,735)	-
Other Grants and Programs	1,135	1,300	325	-	2,110
Outside Details	2,448	248,276	245,714	-	5,010
Parks Department Revolving	2,501	-	-	-	2,501
Police Drug Task Force	(1,450)	15,820	12,121	-	2,249
Sale of Cemetery Lots	456,953	29,400	-	-	486,353
Sale of Real Estate	675,780	-	-	-	675,780
Short Term Rentals	-	15,253	-	-	15,253
Tax Title Revolving	4,220	1,270	(1,030)	-	6,520
Transportation Infrastructure	100	13	-	-	113
Wellness Program	12,571	3,325	2,178	-	13,718
Total Special Revenue page 69	\$ 4,062,109	\$ 2,518,289	\$ 1,692,025	\$ (261,769)	\$ 4,626,604

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2022	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2023
Continued from Page 69	\$ 4,062,109	\$ 2,518,289	\$ 1,692,025	\$ (261,769)	\$ 4,626,604
Special Revenue (Continued):					
Other (Continued):					
Wetland Fund	59,145	1,445	915	-	59,675
Affordable Housing Fund	56,720	1,733	100,374	200,000	158,079
Conservation Fund	30,094	266	-	-	30,360
Employee Fringe Benefits Fund	265,932	3,001	36,619	5,100	237,414
Pension Reserve Fund	820,919	8,757	-	-	829,676
Unemployment Fund	2,724	166	-	-	2,890
Total Special Revenue Funds	5,297,643	2,533,657	1,829,933	(56,669)	5,944,698
Perpetual Permanent Funds:					
Cemetery Perpetual Care	251,202	10,800	-	-	262,002
E.E. Smith Library Trust	24,045	-	-	-	24,045
Hollenbeck Trust	1,063	-	-	-	1,063
L. Chesanow Library Trust	3,500	-	-	-	3,500
M. Dewey Trust	1,707	-	-	-	1,707
Mason Library Trust	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
McKenley Trust	28,548	-	-	-	28,548
Ramsdell Library Trust	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Total Perpetual Permanent Funds	\$ 316,065	\$ 10,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 326,865

**TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Fund Balances July 1, 2022	Revenues	Expenditures	Other Financing Sources (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2023
Permanent Funds:					
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 17,090	\$ 1,643	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,733
Community Building Trust	31	-	-	-	31
E.E. Smith Library Trust	2,063	219	-	-	2,282
Elizabeth Wheeler Trust	288	2	-	-	290
Hollenbeck Trust	206	10	-	-	216
L. Chesanow Library Trust	830	33	-	-	863
M. Dewey Trust	272	16	-	-	288
Mason Library Trust	338	27	-	-	365
McKenley Trust	6,070	268	-	-	6,338
Ramsdell Library Trust	2,845	34	-	-	2,879
Total Permanent Funds	30,033	2,252	-	-	32,285
Total - Non-Major Governmental Funds	\$ 5,643,741	\$ 2,546,709	\$ 1,829,933	\$ (56,669)	\$ 6,303,848