

MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

AGENDA

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Topics may start earlier than specified, unless there is a hearing scheduled

Meeting Being Taped

Votes May Be Taken

1. 6:30PM Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken
2. 6:30 Approve Minutes: Selectboard Meetings: February 9, 2026, if available
3. 6:30 **Public Comment Period:** Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment
4. 6:32 **Suzanne LoManto, RiverCulture**
 - RiverCulture seeks provisional approval for the fourth annual Northeast Unity Car Show, Sunday, September 20, 2026, for the purpose of timely advertising of this event. Permits to close First Street and use the Town Hall parking lots will be submitted in the Spring.
5. 6:35 **FY27 Preliminary Budget Hearing**
 - Updates to Police Operating Budget and special article requests
 - Consider adopting Selectboard FY27 Preliminary budget; transmit to Finance Committee for their review and recommendations
 - Next steps in the budget process
6. 7:00 **Assistant Town Administrator's Business**
 - Authorize contract amendment with Bowman Consulting Group Ltd for additional design work for Montague Center Complete Streets project. Contract value is \$12,250 to be funded by Town Meeting appropriation.
 - Other project updates
6. 7:10 **Town Administrators Business**
 - Discussion: School Advocacy Funding and invitation to participate in "Rural and Declining Enrollment Schools Week of Action" March 9 to 13
 - Topics not anticipated within 48-hour posting requirements.

Next Meeting

Selectboard Meeting: Monday, February 23, 2026, at 6:30pm via ZOOM

**TOWN OF MONTAGUE
FISCAL YEAR 2027
PRELIMINARY BUDGET
PROPOSAL**

FEB 16 2026

PURPOSE OF TONIGHT'S VOTE

- Prelim budget built with Selectboard direction
 - Focus on service continuity, exceptional consideration of proposals to expand service or personnel, preserve long term sustainability
- Budgetary Headwinds:
 - Inflation in supplies, utilities, and contracts
 - Limited state aid/ Less grant opportunities
 - Labor Cost/Health Insurance costs
 - Firstlight PILOT
- “Level services minus 2%” framework
 - Real reductions and tight assumptions
 - Efficiencies over service cuts
- General Fund Budget is balanced without need for override and minimized use of levy capacity
- Foundation for Finance Committee review and reconciliation

NOTABLE UPDATES SINCE 2/9

Police Budget (+\$44K)

Cruiser +\$17K, Tasers +\$10K, IT+\$17K

Tech School Resource Officer (-12K Revenue)

Franklin County Tech Assessment

Repurpose old Special Articles (+306,122)

New Special Articles:

Police Patrol Cruiser, HVAC Rehab, equipment

+\$94K in use of excess capacity, increases affordable assessment by \$45K

BIG PICTURE SUMMARY

Total Budget: \$31.9M (+7% from FY26)

General Fund Budget: \$13.9M (+9% from FY26)

GMRSD Assessment: \$13.2M (+4.2%)

Estimated Avg Single Family Tax impact: + \$150

HOW THE BUDGET BALANCES

- Controlled use of excess levy capacity
- Strategic use of free cash
- Temporary pause on certain annual stabilization transfers

- Outstanding risks to budget largely limited to Health Insurance at this point

SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

Gill-Montague Regional School District

- +4.2% (+527,910 over FY26)- \$13,191,088
 - Determined by Affordable Assessment formula
 - GMRSD reports a budget deficit of \$1.6M

Franklin County Tech School

- +34% (+289,555 over FY26)- \$1,131,215
 - Student count jumped from 73 to 87
 - Buffered by FCTS Stabilization

FREE CASH AND CAPITAL

- Anticipated General Fund Capital- \$649,500
 - No major construction or large vehicle purchases
- Free Cash Starting Balance: \$840,400
- Repurpose/ close out old Articles: \$306,122
- Remaining Free Cash: \$352,932

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Clean Water Facility

\$3.3M budget (2.7% increase)

Tax levy support decreases due to Millers Falls flow reductions

Mechanic position included

Airport

\$450K Budget (5.6% increase)

\$100,000 levy support (= to FY26)

EXCESS CAPACITY + TAX IMPACT

Excess Levy Capacity

- FY26 use: \$342,400 (increase to taxation)
- FY27 Use: \$270,340
- FY27 Remaining Excess Capacity: \$834,528

Anticipated Tax Impact

- \approx \$150 increase to average Single Family Home (+3%)

STABALIZATION FUNDS

Healthy stabalization Balances

- Capital: \$2.6M
- General: \$1.3M

Recommendation:

- Temporarily forgo taxation funded deposits (not OPEB)
- Can backfill stabalizations funds with surplus of free cash
- Needs weigh-in from FinCom

NEXT STEPS

- Wed Feb 25- TA presents Preliminary Budget to FinCom
- Wed March 11- Capital Article Review with CIC and FinCom
- Wed March 18- Budget Reconciliation with FinCom
- Mon March 23- SB approves draft motions for ATM warrant
- Mon April 6- SB approved final warrant

Revenue Estimates for FY2026 <u>TOC</u>	FY2023	FY2023	FY2024	FY2024	FY2025	FY2025	FY2026	FY2026	FY2027
	Budget Estimates	Actual	Proposed Budget Estimates						
Tax Levy									
Prior Year Limit	19,683,180	19,683,180	21,041,319	21,041,319	21,944,209	21,944,209	22,716,273	22,716,273	23,511,440
2.50%	492,080	492,080	526,033	526,033	548,605	548,605	567,907	567,907	587,786
New Growth	120,000	866,059	75,000	376,857	75,000	223,459	200,000	227,260	200,000
Debt Exclusion	1,182,556	1,182,556	1,205,071	1,205,068	1,204,232	1,205,984	1,203,580	1,203,579	1,097,946
Excess Capacity	(500,000)	(1,677,412)	(1,149,544)	(1,241,751)	(1,149,544)	(1,447,268)	(1,094,528)	(1,104,868)	(834,528)
Subtotal Tax Levy	20,977,816	20,546,463	21,697,879	21,907,526	22,622,502	22,474,989	23,593,232	23,610,151	24,562,644
Less Allowance for A&E	(100,000)	(92,465)	(101,000)	(400,781)	(400,000)	(223,557)	(400,000)	(224,587)	(230,000)
Net Levy	20,877,816	20,453,998	21,596,879	21,506,745	22,222,502	22,251,433	23,193,232	23,385,564	24,332,644
State Aid									
Unrestricted Aid	1,617,624	1,660,151	1,649,976	1,713,276	1,764,674	1,764,674	1,803,497	1,784,085	1,801,926
Veterans' Benefits	66,176	38,279	66,176	40,519	25,468	31,755	76,475	64,503	65,148
Exemptions V/B/SS/Eld	37,105	8,534	36,734	36,872	36,701	48,465	53,789	63,131	63,762
State Owned Land	252,836	330,057	257,893	366,300	368,422	375,462	375,484	375,484	375,484
Chapter 70 (Smith Vo-Tech)				9,046		9,046	9,046	9,046	-
Public Libraries	18,651	22,120	18,651	25,647	25,647	29,161	28,852	28,852	28,852
less offset	(18,651)	(22,120)	(18,651)	(25,647)	(25,647)	(29,161)	(28,852)	(28,852)	(28,139)
Subtotal Cherry Sheet	1,973,741	2,037,021	2,010,779	2,166,013	2,195,265	2,229,402	2,318,291	2,296,249	2,315,366
Less State Charges	(93,915)	(94,155)	(95,793)	(104,836)	(110,000)	(106,651)	(115,365)	(115,365)	(115,365)
Net State Revenue	1,879,826	1,942,866	1,914,986	2,061,177	2,085,265	2,122,751	2,202,926	2,180,884	2,200,001
Local Receipts									
Recap Budget									
Motor Vehicle Excise	750,000	776,671	778,490	859,408	775,000	885,130	798,250		815,000
Other Excise	1,000		-						
Meals Tax	50,000	71,469	71,000	76,718	71,000	67,445	72,775		72,000
Penalties & Interest	128,000	137,566	137,000	149,190	137,000	201,201	140,425		145,000
PILOT	14,000	15,624	15,500	16,396	14,000	14,574	14,350		14,500
Charges for Trash Disposal	263,000	304,102	304,000	295,082	275,000	320,743	280,500		285,000
Rental - 50% of Kearsarge + other rer	84,728	84,728	86,235	86,235	70,769	78,769	79,831		81,421
Other Charges for Service	57,000	79,711	67,000	85,695	59,000	74,895	60,180		65,000
Building Permits		113,728	112,000	120,292	109,000	122,138	112,270		112,500
Licenses & Permits	158,000	61,310	57,500	59,391	46,000	57,827	47,380		47,500
Fines & Forfeits	16,000	10,654	10,000	12,249	8,000	19,378	8,080		10,000
Investment Income	1,000	31,330	10,000	59,926	2,000	131,581	10,000		30,000
FCTS reimb for SRO-shown below									
Miscellaneous Recurring	60,820	91,341	67,030	101,047	79,058	101,251	84,597		85,500
Misc. Non-Recurring		23,114		281,898		12,445			
Total Local Receipts For AA	1,583,548	1,801,348	1,715,755	2,203,526	1,645,827	2,087,377	1,708,638	-	1,763,421
Other Local Receipts									
FCTS SRO Reimb	77,000	96,862	77,500	78,540	77,500	40,055	77,500		72,000
GMRSD SRO Reimb	65,000	90,125	65,000	66,300	65,000	43,675	-	-	-
50% Kearsarge Lease	83,728	83,728	85,235	85,235	70,769	78,769	79,831	-	81,421
Grand Total Local Receipts	1,809,276	2,072,063	1,943,490	2,433,601	1,859,096	2,249,876	1,865,969	-	1,916,842
								50,873	2.73%
									-0.13%

Revenue Estimates for FY2026 <u>TOC</u>	FY2023	FY2023	FY2024	FY2024	FY2025	FY2025	FY2026	FY2026	FY2027	Proposed Budget Estimates 28,449,487	1,187,360	4.36%
	Budget Estimates	Actual	Budget Estimates	Actual	Budget Estimates	Actual	Budget Estimates 27,262,127	Actual				
Available Funds												
Existing Sp Art Balances			12,099	12,099		21,218			306,122			
Capital Stabilization	225,000	225,000	100,000	100,000	228,500	404,000	325,000	325,000	5,000			
CWF Capital Stabilization	130,000	130,000										
GMRSD Stabilization									231,907			
FCTS Stabilization												
Cannabis Impact Stabilization	238,800	238,800			-		60,000	60,000				
Canal District Utility Impr Stab							67,900	67,900				
Transportation Infrastructure			7	7	-							
Res for Excluded Debt					487	487						
Town Stabilization for Sp Articles												
Town Stabilization For GM												
Town Gen Stab to make up for lost Rev												
Sale of RE & Chapter 90					26,041	26,041	23,372	23,372	18,805			
Overlay Surplus			250,000	250,000								
Receipts Res for Approp	49,950	49,950	53,250	53,250	52,250	52,250	52,250	52,250	77,250			
Total Available Funds	643,763	643,763	415,356	415,356	307,278	503,996	528,522	528,522	639,084			
Free Cash												
Individual Articles	251,242	251,242	2,180,701	2,180,701	314,000	314,000	1,255,200	1,255,200	487,469			
Reduce Levy												
Total Free Cash	251,242	251,242	2,180,701	2,180,701	314,000	314,000	1,255,200	1,255,200	487,469			
Grand Total General Revenue	25,461,923	25,093,217	28,051,412	28,597,580	26,788,141	27,442,056	29,045,849	27,350,170	29,576,041			
less available funds	24,566,918	24,198,212	25,455,355	26,001,523	26,166,863	26,624,060	27,262,127	25,566,448	28,449,487			
										530,192	1.83%	
Borrowing												
Town					836,500	836,500	1,800,000	1,800,000				
CWF					283,800	283,800	1,200,000	1,200,000	966,000			
Total Borrowing	-	-	-	-	1,120,300	1,120,300	3,000,000	3,000,000	966,000			
Sewer User Fees	2,605,938		2,719,224	2,963,720	2,759,825	2,961,338	2,841,377		3,038,476			
CWF Cap Stabilization			50,136	50,136								
Sewer Retained Earnings			352,364	352,364		27,282	231,800	231,800	228,706			
Airport User Fees	316,015	202,189	426,965	227,094	286,043	317,265	302,964		330,300			
Airport Retained Earnings						24,000			8,144			
Grand Total All Sources	28,383,876	25,295,406	31,549,965	32,140,758	30,954,309	31,892,241	35,421,990	30,581,970	34,139,523			

TOC	FY2027 BUDGET SUMMARY	31,978,910	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actuals	FY26 Budget	FY27 Requested Level Services	FY27 BOS Recommend	FY27 FC Recommend	Source Taxation	Free Cash	Available Funds	Town Capital Stabilization Funds	Town Debt	GMRSRD Stabilization	Sewer Fees	Airport Fees	
updated since FY23 budget file																	
<u>SOURCES</u>																	
NET LEVY	22,222,502	22,222,502	23,193,232	24,332,644	24,332,644	24,332,644	24,332,644	24,332,644									
STATE AID (NET OF CHARGES)	2,085,265	2,085,265	2,202,926	2,200,001	2,200,001	2,200,001	2,200,001	2,200,001									
LOCAL RECEIPTS	1,859,096	1,859,096	1,865,969	1,916,842	1,916,842	1,916,842	1,916,842	1,916,842									
FREE CASH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-									
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-									
Sp Article Balances	-	-	-	306,122	306,122	306,122	306,122	306,122		306,122							
Transportation Infrastructure RRA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-									
Reserve for Excluded Debt	487	487	-	-	-	-	-	-									
Overlay Surplus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-									
Colle Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	52,250	52,250	52,250	77,250	77,250	77,250	77,250	77,250		77,250							
Sale of Real Estate	26,041	26,041	23,372	18,805	18,805	18,805	18,805	18,805									
FREE CASH FOR SPECIAL ARTICLES	314,000	314,000	1,255,200	487,469	487,469	487,469	487,469	487,469		487,469							
TOWN CAPITAL STABILIZATION	228,500	228,500	325,000	-	-	-	-	-									
TOWN STABILIZATION	-	-	-	231,907	231,907	231,907	231,907	231,907		231,907							
FCTS STABILIZATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-									
GMRSRD STABILIZATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-									
CWF CAPITAL STABILIZATION	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000						5,000			
CANNABIS IMPACT STABILIZATION	-	-	60,000	-	-	-	-	-									
CANAL DISTRICT UTILITY IMPR STABILIZ	-	-	67,900	-	-	-	-	-									
BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF GRANTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-									
TOWN BORROWING	836,500	836,500	1,800,000	-	-	-	-	-									
CWF BORROWING	283,800	283,800	1,200,000	966,000	966,000	966,000	966,000	966,000		966,000							
CWF RETAINED EARNINGS	-	-	231,800	228,706	228,706	228,706	228,706	228,706		228,706							
CWF USER FEES	2,759,825	2,759,825	2,841,377	3,038,476	3,038,476	3,038,476	3,038,476	3,038,476		3,038,476							
AIRPORT RETAINED EARNINGS	-	-	-	8,144	8,144	8,144	8,144	8,144		8,144							
AIRPORT USER FEES	286,043	286,043	302,964	330,300	330,300	330,300	330,300	330,300		330,300							
TOTAL ESTIMATED SOURCES	30,954,309	30,954,309	35,421,990	34,147,667	34,147,667	34,147,667	34,147,667	34,147,667		28,449,487	487,469	634,084	-	966,000	-	3,272,182	338,444
GENERAL FUND SOURCES - NET OF BORROWING, THFS DEBT BALANCE, CWF, AIRPORT, COLLE				29,498,791						29,498,791							
		FY25 Budget	FY25 Actuals	FY26 Budget	FY27 Requested	FY27 BOS	FY27 FC Recommend										
GENERAL GOVERNMENT																	
113 TOWN MEETING	3,180	1,413	3,180	3,180	3,180	3,180	3,180	3,180									
122 SELECTBOARD	326,230	308,440	324,662	343,147	343,147	343,147	343,147	343,147									
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE	600	196	600	575	575	575	575	575									
132 RESERVE FUND	50,000	39,004	50,000	49,000	49,000	49,000	49,000	49,000									
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	93,000	113,632	101,374	98,297	98,297	98,297	98,297	98,297									
141 ASSESSORS	186,059	171,526	180,122	185,805	185,805	185,805	185,805	185,805									
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	206,965	189,517	208,335	205,816	205,816	205,816	205,816	205,816									
151 TOWN COUNSEL	87,475	65,587	82,475	67,475	67,475	67,475	67,475	67,475									
155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	92,252	82,008	103,352	110,279	110,279	110,279	110,279	110,279									
159 SHARED COSTS	93,499	78,905	104,930	107,180	107,180	107,180	107,180	107,180									
161 TOWN CLERK	237,224	210,438	219,144	248,690	248,690	248,690	248,690	248,690									
175 PLANNING	140,788	136,527	142,394	152,701	152,701	152,701	152,701	152,701									
176 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	700	83	700	686	686	686	686	686									
190 PUBLIC BLDG UTILITIES	140,050	132,041	145,000	146,300	146,300	146,300	146,300	146,300									
197 FARMERS MARKET	5,200	4,662	5,700	5,950	5,950	5,950	5,950	5,950									
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,663,222	1,533,978	1,671,968	1,725,081	1,725,081	1,725,081	1,725,081	1,725,081									
PUBLIC SAFETY																	
211 POLICE	2,067,608	1,887,490	2,069,965	2,315,855	2,315,855	2,315,855	2,315,855	2,315,855									
211 POLICE CRUISER	60,000	26,917	-	77,000	77,000	77,000	77,000	77,000									
212 DISPATCH	410,768	369,870	410,868	448,858	448,858	448,858	448,858	448,858									
241 BUILDING INSPECTOR	155,082	133,851	149,926	162,498	162,498	162,498	162,498	162,498									
244 SEALER OF WEIGHTS	7,182	7,182	7,182	7,182	7,182	7,182	7,182	7,182									
291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	6,944	6,444	6,944	6,944	6,944	6,944	6,944	6,944									
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	23,658	22,363	24,185	24,641	24,641	24,641	24,641	24,641									
294 FOREST WARDEN	1,882	1,882	1,882	1,882	1,882	1,882	1,882	1,882									
299 TREE WARDEN	30,474	29,824	30,474	29,774	29,774	29,774	29,774	29,774									
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	2,763,598	2,485,823	2,701,426	3,074,634	3,074,634	3,074,634	3,074,634	3,074,634									
PUBLIC WORKS																	
420 DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,772,006	1,751,908	1,810,284	1,875,942	1,875,942	1,875,942	1,875,942	1,875,942									
DPW CAPITAL LEASE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-									
423 SNOW & ICE	321,250	307,755	324,750	324,750	324,750	324,750	324,750	324,750									
433 SOLID WASTE	802,776	774,553	835,300	873,737	873,737	873,737	873,737	873,737									
480 CHARGING STATIONS	11,980	10,729	3,000	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500									
491 CEMETERIES	32,150	30,405	32,150	32,150	32,150	32,150	32,150	32,150									
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	2,940,162	2,875,349	3,005,484	3,113,079	3,113,079	3,113,079	3,113,079	3,113,079									
HUMAN SERVICES																	
511 BOARD OF HEALTH	168,004	153,171	172,144	175,954	175,954	175,954	175,954	175,954									
541 COUNCIL ON AGING	59,272	56,153	77,207	81,085	81,085	81,085	81,085	81,085									
543 VETERANS' SERVICES	77,897	65,910	101,000	81,000	81,000	81,000	81,000	81,000									

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	updated since FY23 budget file															
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	305,173	275,234	350,351	338,039	338,039	338,039	338,039								
	CULTURE & RECREATION															
610	LIBRARIES	518,233	511,548	521,033	542,084	542,084	542,084	542,084								
630	PARKS & RECREATION	164,826	167,301	169,326	179,107	179,107	179,107	179,107								
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	500	-	500	500	500	500	500								
693	WAR MEMORIALS	1,600	638	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600								
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	685,159	679,487	692,459	723,291	723,291	723,291	723,291								
	DEBT SERVICE															
700	DEBT SERVICE	1,158,857	1,138,854	1,160,025	1,175,422	1,175,422	1,175,422	1,175,422								
	INTERGOVERNMENTAL															
840	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	116,874	116,423	119,041	126,678	126,678	126,678	126,678								
	MISCELLANEOUS															
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,657,083	2,597,665	2,926,701	3,502,336	3,502,336	3,502,336	3,502,336								
946	GENERAL INSURANCE	119,600	115,717	119,600	121,202	121,202	121,202	121,202								
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	2,776,683	2,713,383	3,046,301	3,623,538	3,623,538	3,623,538	3,623,538								
	GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND	12,409,728	11,818,532	12,747,055	13,899,762	13,899,762	13,899,762	13,899,762								
	GF Change	3.8%		2.7%	9.0%											
	CLEAN WATER FACILITY															
440	CLEAN WATER FACILITY	2,116,590	2,224,464	2,209,442	2,218,829	2,218,829	2,218,829	2,218,829								
	CWF CAPITAL OUTLAY	58,500	48,377	58,500	-	-	-	-								
449	DPW SUBSIDIARY	85,150	74,796	85,150	85,150	85,150	85,150	85,150								
700	CWF DEBT	479,365	453,359	485,028	514,159	514,159	514,159	514,159								
910	CWF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	380,719	315,472	383,183	488,835	488,835	488,835	488,835								
	TOTAL CWF	3,119,324	3,116,469	3,221,303	3,306,973	3,306,973	3,306,973	3,306,973	268,497						3,038,476	
	482 AIRPORT	255,238	318,637	271,625	288,504	288,504	288,504	288,504	100,767		18,805				330,300	
700	AIRPORT DEBT	102,775	102,775	99,935	101,015	101,015	101,015	101,015								
910	AIRPORT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	61,664	45,995	54,172	60,353	60,353	60,353	60,353								
	TOTAL AIRPORT	419,677	467,407	425,732	449,872	449,872	449,872	449,872	100,767		18,805				330,300	
300	EDUCATION															
	FCTS	837,356	837,356	841,660	1,131,215	1,131,215	1,131,215	1,131,215	899,308		231,907					
	GMRSD	12,143,442	12,143,442	12,663,178	13,191,088	13,191,088	13,191,088	13,191,088	13,191,088							
	TOTAL EDUCATION	12,980,798	12,980,798	13,504,838	14,322,303	14,322,303	14,322,303	14,322,303	14,090,396	-	231,907	-	-	-	-	-
	RAISE DEBT SERVICE DEFICIT															
	GRAND TOTAL	28,929,527	28,383,205	29,898,928	31,978,910	31,978,910	31,978,910	31,978,910	28,359,422	-	250,712	-	-	-	3,038,476	330,300
	PLUS SPECIAL ARTICLES/NEW REQUESTS	FY25	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY27	FY27	FY27								
	Policy: Taxation transfer to FCTS Stabilization															
	SPECIAL ARTICLES															
	Operating Appropriation to OPEB	50,000		50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000								
	Add'l Appropriation to OPEB															
	Operating Appropriation to CI Stab	46,761		49,664	-	-	-	-								
	Operating Appropriation to Town Gen Stab	-		-	-	-	-	-								
	Add'l Approp to Town GSF to meet minimum	-		-	-	-	-	-								
	Add'l Approp to FCTS Stab per policy	-		-	-	-	-	-								
	50% Kearsarge Lease - 48.5 % to GM Stab	34,323		38,718	39,489	39,489	39,489	39,489								
	50% Kearsarge Lease - 51.5 % to Town Cap Stab	36,446		41,113	-	-	-	-								
	50% Kearsarge Lease - 51.5 % to Town Cap Stab	36,446		41,113	-	-	-	-								
	Add'l to Town Cap Stab															
	Add to CWF Capital Stabilization Fund															
	Add to Conservation Fund	10,000		10,000	-	-	-	-								
	Smith VoTech Tuition and Transportation	36,000		59,000	59,000	59,000	59,000	59,000							59,000	
	Reseal Unity Park Skatepark				4,900	4,900	4,900	4,900							4,900	
	Montague Center Park Improvements				7,991	7,991	7,991	7,991							7,991	
	Carnegie Library Repairs				16,500	16,500	16,500	16,500							3,550	12,950
	Police Equipment				13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200							13,200	
	Funding for Art and Culture				7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500							5,200	2,300
	DPW Discretionary based on balance end of March	64,218		36,470	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	-		35,000					
	Colle RRA	52,250		52,250	52,250	52,250	52,250	52,250							52,250	
	Upfit Airport F450				26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000							21,000	5,000
	Replace 2013 Wacher Neuson Roller				35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000							32,384	2,616
	Replace DPW 2013 F350				80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000							56,367	23,633
	Large used excavator				150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000							24,692	125,308
	Replace 2014 2032R Tractor				65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000							41,666	23,334
	Transfer Station Security Gate				30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000							27,495	2,505

TOC	FY2027 BUDGET SUMMARY	31,978,910	FY25 Budget	FY25 Actuals	FY26 Budget	FY27 Requested Level Services	FY27 BOS Recommend	FY27 FC Recommend	Source Taxation	Free Cash	Available Funds	Town Capital Stabilization Funds	Town Debt	GMRSD Stabilization	Sewer Fees	Airport Fees
updated since FY23 budget file																
Alley and Non-Chapter 90 Paving					30,000	30,000	30,000		27,965	2,035						
Sidewalk replacement and repair					15,000	15,000	15,000		12,550	2,450						
Police Cruiser					80,500	80,500	80,500		80,500							
Police Station HVAC					38,000	38,000	38,000		38,000							
Shea Facility and Theatrical upgrades					100,000	100,000	100,000		67,900	32,100						
Colle Building Tile Replacement					25,000	25,000	25,000		25,000							
Secondary Clarifier Mechanism (x2)					966,000	966,000	966,000					966,000				
Super Duty Work Truck with Plow					85,000	85,000	85,000					85,000				
Wastewater Facility Planning Study					125,000	125,000	125,000					125,000				
CWF Generator Redesign Funding					23,706	23,706	23,706					23,706				
Airport FY26 Operating Support					8,144	8,144	8,144		8,144				8,144			
Overlay Surplus to OPEB																
Free Cash to Reserves					200,000											
Total Special Articles		2,069,646	-	5,442,752	2,168,180	2,168,180	2,168,180	89,489	487,469	383,372	-	966,000	-	233,706	8,144	
TOTAL ESTIMATED USES	30,999,173	28,383,205	35,341,680	34,147,090	34,147,090	34,147,090	34,147,090	28,448,911	487,469	634,084	-	966,000	-	3,272,182	338,444	
SUMMARY																
TOTAL ESTIMATED SOURCES	30,954,309	30,954,309	35,421,990	34,147,667	34,147,667	34,147,667	34,147,667	28,449,487	487,469	634,084	-	966,000	-	3,272,182	338,444	
TOTAL ESTIMATED USES	(30,999,173)	(28,383,205)	(35,341,680)	(34,147,090)	(34,147,090)	(34,147,090)	(34,147,090)	(28,448,911)	(487,469)	(634,084)	-	(966,000)	-	(3,272,182)	(338,444)	
ESTIMATED SHORTFALL	(44,864)	2,571,103	80,310	577	577	577	576	0	-	-	-	-	0	-		

FY27 Affordable Assessment Calculation

Current Allocation Methodology Summary	Original Estimated Revenue
Net Levy (Total less allowance for Abatements)	24,332,644
Less Excluded Debt (+ GMRSD Debt for town bldgs)	(1,097,946)
Available Levy	23,234,698
Net State Aid (Total less Charges & Offsets)	2,200,001
Local Receipts	1,763,421
Free Cash recommended for Operating Expenses	-
Total Available Sources for Operating Expenses	<u><u>27,198,120</u></u>
Total Sources for GMRSD Operating	
48.5 % of Available Sources to GMRSD Operating	13,191,088
Montague's share Excluded GMRSD Debt	-
Total	<u><u>13,191,088</u></u>
Requested Assessment	13,191,088
Amount above "affordable" (From GMRSD Stabilization)	-
Taxation share	13,191,088
	12,663,178 FY26 Actual
	<u><u>13,191,088</u></u>
	527,910 Increase
	4.17% % incr

	Total	% of Total	Taxation	Sewer	Airport	Colle RRA	Free Cash	Other Avail Funds	Town Cap Stab	FCTS Stab	GMRS Stab	CWF Cap St	CWF Ret Earn	Airport Ret Earn	Sale of Real Estate	Town Gen Stabilization	CWF Debt	Town Debt
Available	Recommended		28,449,487	3,038,476	330,300	458,637	840,400	686,445	2,648,232	312,676	264,728	278,582	230,675	8,144	501,991	1,381,945	\$966,000	
Town Operating	13,899,762	40.71%	13,899,762															
CWF Operating	3,306,973	9.68%	268,497	3,038,476														
Colle Operating	52,250	0.15%							52,250									
Airport Operating	449,872	1.32%	100,767		330,300											18,805		
FCTS Assessment	1,131,215	3.31%	899,308															
GMRS Assessment	13,191,088	38.63%	13,191,088															
Operating Subtotal	32,031,160		28,359,422	3,038,476	330,300	52,250										18,805		
Surplus/Shortfall			90,065	0	-	406,387	840,400	686,445	2,648,232	80,769	264,728	278,582	230,675	8,144	483,186	1,381,945		
Add to GMRS Stab	39,489	0.12%	39,489															
Add to Town Gen Stab	-	0.00%	-															
Add to Town Cap Stab	-	0.00%	-															
Add to OPEB Trust	50,000	0.15%	50,000															
Add to FCTS Cap Stab	-	0.00%	-															
Operating + Policies Subtotal	32,120,649		28,448,911	3,038,476	330,300	52,250										18,805		
Surplus/Shortfall			576	0	-	406,387	840,400	686,445	2,648,232	80,769	264,728	278,582	230,675	8,144	483,186	1,381,945	966,000	
Add to Conservation Fund	-	0.00%	-															
Smith Vocational	59,000	0.17%																
Reseal Unity Park Skatepark	4,900	0.01%																
Montague Center Park Improvements	7,991	0.02%																
Carnegie Library Repairs	16,500	0.05%																
Police Equipment	13,200	0.04%																
Funding for Art and Culture	7,500	0.02%																
DPW Discretionary based on balance end of Marc	35,000	0.10%																
Upfit Airport F450	26,000	0.08%																
Replace 2013 Wacher Neuson Roller	35,000	0.10%																
Replace DPW 2013 F350	80,000	0.23%																
Large used excavator	150,000	0.44%																
Replace 2014 2032R Tractor	65,000	0.19%																
Transfer Station Security Gate	30,000	0.09%																
Alley and Non-Chapter 90 Paving	30,000	0.09%																
Sidewalk replacement and repair	15,000	0.04%																
Police Cruiser	80,500	0.24%																
Police Station HVAC	38,000	0.11%																
Shea Facility and Theatrical upgrades	100,000	0.29%																
Colle Building Tile Replacement	25,000	0.07%																
Secondary Clarifier Mechanism (x2)	966,000	2.83%															966,000	
Super Duty Work Truck with Plow	85,000	0.25%																
Wastewater Facility Planning Study	125,000	0.37%															125,000	
CWF Generator Redesign Funding	23,706	0.07%															23,706	
Airport FY26 Operating Support	8,144	0.02%															8,144	
Overlay Surplus to Reserves	-	0.00%	-															
Free Cash to Reserves	-	0.00%	-															
Op + Policies + Articles Total	34,147,090	99.99%	28,448,911	3,038,476	330,300	77,250	487,469	306,122								18,805		
Final Surplus/Shortfall			576	0	-	381,387	352,932	380,322	2,648,232	80,769	264,728	273,582	1,969	-	483,186	1,381,945	-	

February 10, 2026

VIA EMAIL: chrisN@montague-ma.gov

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RE: **Proposal for Additional Work for Complete Streets Projects
Montague, MA**

Dear Mr. Nolan-Zeller:

Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd. ("Bowman"), is pleased to submit this amendment to provide additional design and survey support services for the Complete Streets project. It is our understanding that the town wishes to revise the preliminary design by relocating the raised crossing at the intersection of Station Street and Main Street. The raised crossing will be relocated west of the Center Street and Main Street intersection. Additional survey and design services will be necessary to complete this request. As this work is out of the original scope of services, the following scope of services is related to the additional design and survey services.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

TASK 6 – ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Bowman will provide survey services for approximately 300 linear feet and design services to relocate raised crossing. Tasks will be as follows:

- Survey limits will extend project limits to approximately 300 feet west of the Center Street and Main Street intersection. Work will include establishing horizontal and vertical control, locating visible surface features (curbing, pavement, building faces, doorways, utility structures, etc.), and obtaining rim and invert data for accessible drainage and sewer structures.
- Design modifications to the final design plans for the relocation of raised crossing, including updates to the previously prepared itemized construction cost estimates. The relocation of the raised crossing will be in proximity to 26-27 Main Street. It is anticipated that the raised crossing at Station Street/Main Street will be converted to a non-raised crossing. In addition, our design will be modified to remove roadway curbing in areas to promote infiltration.

SCHEDULE

Bowman

We will proceed upon receipt of your signed authorization of this proposal. It should be noted that our survey field work will be dependent on the amount of snow cover.

FEE

Our fee for the phase described herein is as follows:

Task 6.....\$12,250

Bowman will perform services outlined above for a lump sum fee of **\$12,250**. Additional Services as necessary will be billed on an hourly basis. Our policy is to invoice on a monthly basis using percent complete for each of the project task shown below.

General terms and conditions will be as referenced as part of the original contract dated September 01, 2025. If you should have any questions, or require further information, please feel free to contact me at 413-875-8855 or pfurgal@bowman.com.

Sincerely,



Paul Furgal, PE, PTOE
New England Deputy Regional Manager
pfurgal@bowman.com

Accepted for Town of Montague

By: _____
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Matthew Lord

(Printed Name of Authorized Representative)

Title: Selectboard Chair

Date: February 17, 2026