



**Town of Montague**  
**Department, Board, Committee, Commission**  
**BUDGET NARRATIVE**

**FY 24**

*Complete this form electronically! Be clear and concise!*

Department: Montague DPW Submitted by: Tom Bergeron Superintendent

**1. Please describe and provide the rationale for any substantial changes in your FY23 line-item budget submission.**

Line items that have been increased were due to contract increases. Some of those items included trash, wages, and snow and ice.

**2. To this point in FY23, has your department experienced any notable successes, such as improving or providing new programs or services, or implementing new technologies? If so, please describe.**

Some of the new successes that the DPW has had to were being able to use a new robotic sewer camera, and a new Vactor. Both of these allow us to handle bigger sewer jobs and with much more accuracy.

**3. Are there presently challenges to your department's ability to meet its goals and objectives that are due to its FY23 operating budget? If so, offer your recommendation(s) for improving the situation.**

The DPW has taken on more responsibility with the sewer lines, including many reports to the DEP. This alone has put strain on the DPW, as we have to do many sewer line inspections with the same crew that we need for road work. Splitting the time up for both means some of the Department's project either did not happen or were not finished.

A new hire for the department to help with the extra sewer work would be a good start.

**4. Did you receive funding for any special articles in FY23? What is the status of those expenditures/investments? Does your department have any older special article appropriations that remain unspent?**

We received our annual discretionary account.