



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

FY 19

Please complete this form electronically in its entirety!

Department: 113 – Town Meeting Submitted by: Steven Ellis

Please describe and provide the rationale for any substantial changes in your FY19 line item budget submission.

The Town Meeting budget includes no substantial changes, but does include \$100 for envelopes to support mailings at the request of the Selectmen's secretary. This will avoid the need to take them from other accounts/purposes.

Did you receive funding for any special articles in FY18? What is the status of those expenditures/investments?

No

To-date in FY18, has your department experienced any notable successes, such as improving or providing new programs or services, or implementing new technologies? If so, please describe.

Town Meeting members are now being proactively asked to provide email contact information to facilitate communication. We are in the vicinity of 50% compliance and look forward to moving that number upward this winter through direct contact at special town meetings.

Are there challenges to your department's ability to meet its goals and objectives that are due to its FY18 operating budget? If so, offer your recommendation(s) for improving the situation.

I have some concern that the FY18 budget cycle will feature three special town meetings and one annual town meeting. I don't think it will create a budget issue, but it does require additional staff time and related expenses, including legal.

Are there other areas of your budget where you wish advocate for change, such as stipends, materials, etcetera?

No