

Sherborn, Massachusetts

# Annual Town Meeting

May 15, 2021

◆ Please bring this notice with you to the meeting ◆

**at the Sherborn DPW Garage,  
7 Butler Street**

Middlesex ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Sherborn in said county GREETINGS;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Sherborn qualified to vote in Town Meeting, to meet on **Saturday, May 15, 2021, at 10:00am** at the **DPW Garage, 7 Butler Street, SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS** to act on the following Articles. If this Town Meeting is required to be postponed, the new date will be posted on the Town's website: [www.sherbornma.org](http://www.sherbornma.org).

## **FY2022 Omnibus Budget: Advisory Committee Report to the Town**

### **Sherborn Advisory Committee:**

The past 12 months have certainly been among the most unusual and challenging years any of us has faced on many levels. During this time, our town employees – including first responders and public safety officers, public health agents and nurses, educators and school administrators and maintenance workers, and public works employees, in addition to the many town hall employees and volunteers who help keep the government running – are to be commended for their care and dedication to public service and keeping the town's residents and children safe and sound.

Despite a relatively small increase in the FY2021 Omnibus Budget, the tax rate increased from \$19.46 per \$1000 of assessed property value in 2020 to \$19.63 in 2021. The fiscal challenges of the past year have been offset by state and federal relief funds to address COVID19-related expenses, and the town is expecting to receive additional funds in calendar year 2021 from the American Rescue Plan. The FY2022 Omnibus Budget does not presume receipt of these projected relief funds and yet represents only a 2.1% overall increase compared to FY2021. For comparison, an informal survey of 21 nearby towns revealed an average increase of 3.43% over FY2021, and Sherborn's budget increase would be third lowest in that group. We are confident that profligate spending is not the primary driver of Sherborn's relatively high tax rate, and that continued growth in Town Valuation will be necessary to keep the tax rate stable or decreasing.

The budgets with significant FY22 increases over guidance include the Department of Public Works, the Fire Department, the Police Department, and Debt Service. The DPW has been facing an uphill challenge over the past several years as it attempts to counteract years of underfunding which led to deteriorating roadways and infrastructure. The Fire Department budget increase is driven primarily by the salary of the full time Lieutenant, a position established through grant funding three years ago with a planned shift to town funding in FY22. As the demographics of the town shift, reducing the pool of potential volunteer firefighters available to respond during normal business hours, the full time Lieutenant has filled a crucial role in the day-to-day operation and emergency response capabilities of the Fire Department. Police Department increases are driven primarily by salary increases resulting from a new Collective Bargaining Agreement as well as increased costs from additional state mandated training. The increase in Debt Service includes anticipated borrowing for capital items totaling slightly over \$3 million as outlined in Article 10 of the Warrant. Over half of that amount is for the Pine Hill Lane

improvements, a major project that has been many years in the making. While there is \$1.3 million earmarked in a state Bond Bill which could offset the cost of the Pine Hill Lane project, this budget does not presume successful funding of the project in the Governor's Capital Improvement Plan. If approved, the capital items would collectively account for approximately \$0.31 of the tax rate, translating to approximately \$261 on the average annual tax bill.

We can simplify the calculation of tax rate to the total Omnibus Budget ("the numerator") divided by the Total Town Valuation ("the denominator"). We are confident that the Omnibus presented in this Warrant represents a very efficient and streamlined budget while maintaining or enhancing town services, setting a numerator that is as low as reasonably achievable. The denominator is harder to control, and often has a greater effect on the tax rate. Town Valuation, especially in a town like Sherborn with relatively minimal commercial or industrial districts, is highly dependent on the number of homes and the average value of those homes. Advisory recognizes that there are competing opinions among town residents and boards as to whether the more prudent approach is to promote development to increase the number of homes or to restrict development and preserve the town's rural character which is one of the primary appeals to prospective home buyers. We feel that the Advisory Committee and the town's Department Heads are doing all possible to limit the rise of the numerator for FY22, but it must be noted that the denominator must increase or future tax rate increases are inevitable.

*Steven Tsai, Chair*  
*Wassim Bassalee*  
*Dhruv Kaushal*

*Jane Materazzo, Vice Chair*  
*Brendan Daly*  
*Stephen Leahy*

*Mark Albers*  
*Peter Gallitano*  
*Natalie Weare*



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From the Moderator:

## Town Meeting Procedures

The New England town meeting is considered by many to be a model of democratic process. To achieve this, the moderator follows procedures that combine general laws of the Commonwealth, Sherborn by-laws, and rules of conduct developed by Sherborn's moderators over many years. By consistent application of these rules, our town meetings move smoothly, often expeditiously, and with the participation of all who wish to be heard.

### Motions

- All motions and amendments must be within the scope of the article under consideration.
- The Moderator will always recognize a member of the Advisory Committee for the main motion on each article.
- Non-routine motions (such as amendments) must be in writing for the clerk's record.

### Conduct of Debate

- You must be recognized by the Moderator.
- Once recognized, use one of the microphones, and, before proceeding, state your name and address for the Clerk's record.
- Your comment should be specific to the substance of the motion on the floor.

### Voting

- Normally, a voice vote will be taken on all motions.
- A hand count by the tellers will be made if the voice vote is not clear to the Moderator, or if seven voters question the voice vote immediately after it is declared by the Moderator.
- If a vote requires more than a majority, fifty voters may request a ballot vote.

### Consent Calendar

Articles 1-7 and 11-13 will be considered and voted through Consent Calendars. The purpose of the Consent Calendar is to save time by dispensing with separate motions and separate votes on articles that can be expected to pass unanimously or nearly unanimously. These articles are: routine (have appeared regularly and have passed regularly either for the past 10 years or, if fewer than 10, for all the years in which they have appeared); and clearly explained in the *Advisory Committee Report*.

## Town Election

**Tuesday, June 15, 2021**

**Town Hall**

**7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

# Recommendations on Warrant Articles

## **ARTICLE 1. ANNUAL REPORTS**

To hear and act on the reports of the various Town Officers and Committees as contained in the Annual Town Report or otherwise. (*Select Board*)

**Advisory Committee:** A copy of the Annual Town Report is posted on the Town's website and hard copies are available to those residents who request them. Copies of this Report are also available for inspection and copying at Town Hall so that all interested citizens may review the contents of this comprehensive document. This article requests that residents accept delivery, in some form as described above, of the Annual Town Report; it does not ask residents to take any action based on its contents.

**We recommend favorable action. (9-0)**

## **ARTICLE 2. FY21 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS (CURRENT FISCAL YEAR)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money, and if so, what sum, for the purpose of supplementing the various line items of the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 budget, previously voted by the Town under Article 9 of the Warrant for the 2020 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto. (*Select Board for the Town Administrator and Finance Director*)

**Advisory Committee:** This article provides additional funding for unanticipated expenses that are now projected to be incurred in specific line items of the Town Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. The total supplemental funding required is \$326,096.10 broken down as follows:

- Snow and Ice: \$113,834.60
- Ambulance Revolving Fund: \$100,000
- Farm Pond Revolving Fund: \$25,000
- Police Overtime: \$87,261.50

This Sum of \$326,096.10 in Supplemental Spending for FY 2021 is in line with expectations and previous estimates.

**We recommend favorable action. (9-0)**

## **ARTICLE 3. OPEB TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money, and if so, what sum, for the purpose of funding the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund; or take any other action relative thereto. (*Select Board for the Treasurer*)

**Advisory Committee:** When employees of the Town of Sherborn retire, they are entitled to receive OPEB (other post-employment benefits) such as healthcare and life insurance. These benefits accrue every year that an employee works for the town, and so every year the town accrues a future OPEB liability to its employees. To meet this eventual liability the town periodically appropriates monies into an OPEB liability trust fund where it can be invested and grow over time. The town Treasurer recommends an annual contribution for Fiscal Year 2022 in the amount of \$100,000 from free cash.

**We recommend favorable action and that \$100,000 be transferred from Free Cash to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund. (9-0)**

## **ARTICLE 4. PRE-MODERNIZATION BOND PREMIUMS**

To see if the Town will vote to:

1. Supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, may be applied to pay project costs; and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied;

or take any other action relative thereto. (*Select Board for the Town Treasurer*)

**Advisory Committee:** This article allows the Town to change its accounting for bond premiums received through new bond issues. If this language is not adopted, the Town must amortize bond premiums received over the life of the bond, meaning that bond premiums are not necessarily available at the time bonded funds are spent. This change will allow the town to recognize bond premiums at the time the funds are received, so the full bond premium amounts are available to be spent on bonded capital items.

**We recommend favorable action. (9-0)**

## **ARTICLE 5. IMPROVEMENT, EMBELLISHMENT OF CEMETERIES**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money, and if so, what sum, to be used pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 114, Section 15, for the improvement or embellishment of the cemeteries throughout the Town; for the care, preservation or embellishment of any lot or its appurtenances therein; or take any other action relative thereto. (*Select Board for the Cemetery Commission*)

**Advisory Committee:** This article, funded by revenues generated by the sale of cemetery lots, requests \$10,000 be transferred from the Cemetery Enlargement Fund for the care, improvement, embellishment, and enlargement of the cemeteries throughout the Town.

**We recommend favorable action and that \$10,000 be transferred from the Cemetery Enlargement Fund. (9-0)**

## **ARTICLE 6. REVOLVING FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to set the Fiscal Year 2022 spending limit for each of the Revolving funds set forth in Chapter 28 of the General By-laws, pursuant to the provisions of M.G. L. Chapter 44, Section 53E½; or take any other action relative thereto. (*Select Board for the Finance Director*)

<b><u>Revolving Funds</u></b>	<b><u>FY2022 Limit</u></b>
Council on Aging Programs	\$ 75,000
Board of Health Flu Clinic	\$ 20,000
Recycling Committee Sale of Bins	\$ 1,065
Town Forest Sale of Firewood	\$ 35,000
Farm Pond	\$ 160,000
Ambulance	\$ 375,000
Elder Housing	\$ 351,109
Recreation	\$ 250,000
DPW, Fire & Police Surplus Equip	\$ 50,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,317,174</b>

**Advisory Committee:** A revolving fund is used to accumulate fees paid for specific Town Services and use those funds to pay related expenses. Revolving funds allow activities carried out by certain agencies and committees to be self-sustaining without the need for an annual operating budget appropriation. State law requires annual authorization of certain revolving funds. The Council on Aging (COA) receives fees that it uses to provide home-delivery meals, transportation, and activities programs for Sherborn seniors. The Board of Health (BOH) operates a revolving fund for receipts paid and reimbursements received during the operation if the BOH sponsored immunizations. The Recycling Committee receives monies from the sale of composting bins. The Town Forest Committee receives fees from the sale of firewood. Farm Pond receives fees from the sale of stickers and boat permits. The Ambulance Fund receives fees in connection with ambulance services. Elder Housing receives rents for the units at Woodhaven. Recreation receives fees from rental of its fields and from fees charged to participants in its various programs. DPW, Fire & Police Surplus Equipment fund receives fees and receipts in connection with the sale of surplus equipment & materials.

**We recommend favorable action to authorize the use of these existing revolving funds at the limits specified in the Warrant. (9-0)**

## **ARTICLE 7. STABILIZATION FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money, and if so, what sum, to Stabilization Funds; or take any other action relative thereto. (*Select Board for the Advisory Committee*)

**Advisory Committee:** The purpose of Sherborn's General Stabilization Fund is for the Town to put aside funds for future uses and is an important component of the Town's total cash reserves, which support Sherborn's municipal bond rating. The current balance in the General Stabilization Fund is approximately \$700,000. We recommend that a total of \$374,185 be transferred into the General Stabilization Fund:

- \$324,185 to pay back funds withdrawn from the General Stabilization Fund in FY21 to pay for Supplemental Appropriations. Typically, Supplemental Appropriations are paid with Free Cash, but due to the delayed Town Meeting last year (outside of the Free Cash "spending window"), the General Stabilization Fund was used to pay these expenses instead.
- \$50,000 in partial replenishment of the amount appropriated from the Stabilization Fund in FY20 to pay for \$150,000 in tree services due to gypsy moth damage.

**We recommend favorable action. (9-0)**

## **ARTICLE 8. FY22 OMNIBUS BUDGET (NEXT FISCAL YEAR: 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, such sums of money, for any and all Town expenses and purposes, including debt and interest; and to provide for a Reserve Fund; and to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected Officers of the Town as required by M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108; and to determine whether such salaries or compensation shall be made effective from July first of the current year; and to provide for the payment of, and raise or appropriate money for, any salary and compensation so voted; or take any other action relative thereto. (*Select Board for the Advisory Committee*)

**Advisory Committee:** The FY2022 Omnibus Budget reflects an increase of approximately 2.1% from FY2021. This number is approximately \$84,000 above Advisory's guidance, which was to keep salaries within a 2% cost of living increase and to keep operating expenses flat. Putting upward pressure on the total were increases in 1) Police budget (negotiated contractual commitments and new, unfunded state training mandates); 2) Debt Service; 3) Fire Department budget (expiration of grant funding for Lieutenant position); 4) DPW budget (primarily gas, tools and equipment, contractual services, traffic details and catch basins); 5) Library budget (expected opening in FY22, with associated increases in staffing and expenses); 6) IT spending (designed to increase efficiency); 7) Transfer Station budget (ongoing challenge of recyclables disposal); 8) Ambulance fund (to address chronic shortfalls in allowable reimbursements); 9) Town Buildings budget (to address deferred maintenance); and 10) Assessor's budget (to address state-mandated revaluations). Offsetting these increases were 1) Regional and Sherborn schools, collectively, providing budgets under Advisory guidance (while maintaining or increasing service levels to students) and 2) significant savings in health and worker's comp insurance and retirement benefits. The Advisory Committee appreciates the care taken by department heads to keep budgets in check while providing adequate and appropriate services to town residents.

**We recommend favorable action. (9-0)**

TOWN OF SHERBORN FISCAL 2022 OMNIBUS BUDGET

BUDGET NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FY2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	(1)	FY 2021 Budgeted	FY 2022 ADV REC
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>							
<b>SELECT BOARD</b>							
122	SELECT BOARD-SALARIES	251,422	256,317	267,375	(2a)	321,120	327,230
122	SELECT BOARD-EXPENSES	106,544	6,423	117,220		36,050	73,351
176	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - EXPENSE	-	1,156	977		2,700	2,700
	<b>SELECT BOARD TOTAL</b>	<b>357,966</b>	<b>263,896</b>	<b>385,572</b>		<b>359,870</b>	<b>403,281</b>
<b>LEGAL COUNSEL</b>							
151	LEGAL COUNSEL	144,416	130,546	206,755		80,000	80,000
<b>ASSESSORS</b>							
141	ASSESSORS-SALARIES	97,338	103,065	115,729	(2b)	121,955	124,804
141	ASSESSORS-EXPENSES	14,080	15,545	12,029		16,150	29,150
	<b>ASSESSORS TOTAL</b>	<b>111,418</b>	<b>118,610</b>	<b>127,758</b>		<b>138,105</b>	<b>153,954</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>							
145	TREASURER-SALARIES	46,739	63,905	64,385	(2c)	80,342	82,259
145	TREASURER-EXPENSES	26,577	8,303	8,629		12,150	12,150
	<b>TREASURERS TOTAL</b>	<b>73,316</b>	<b>72,208</b>	<b>73,014</b>		<b>92,492</b>	<b>94,409</b>
<b>COLLECTOR</b>							
146	COLLECTORS-SALARIES	107,892	109,080	113,338	(2d)	128,322	131,321
146	COLLECTORS-EXPENSES	19,217	21,091	17,242		22,028	22,025
	<b>COLLECTORS TOTAL</b>	<b>127,109</b>	<b>130,171</b>	<b>130,580</b>		<b>150,350</b>	<b>153,346</b>

(1) Expended Amounts Include Encumbrance, Reserve transfers & ATM/Artice for Supplements

Salaries of Elected Officials:

(2a) Selectboard	(2b) Assessors	(2c) Treasurer	(2d) Collector
Chairman	\$0	1st \$0	\$67,486
2nd Member	\$0	2nd \$0	
3rd Member	\$0	3rd \$0	

<b>FINANCE DIRECTOR / ACCOUNTING</b>			
135	ACCOUNTANT - SALARIES	188,702	210,368
135	ACCOUNTANT - EXPENSES	88,066	87,446
	<b>FINANCE DIRECTOR / ACCOUNTING TOTAL</b>	<b>276,768</b>	<b>297,814</b>
			<b>307,391</b>
			<b>305,649</b>

TOWN OF SHERBORN FISCAL 2022 OMNIBUS BUDGET

BUDGET		DESCRIPTION	FY 2018		FY 2019	FY 2020	(1)	FY 2021	FY 2022
NUMBER			Actual		Actual	Actual		Budgeted	ADV REC
ADVISORY COMMITTEE									
131		ADVISORY-SALARIES	4,812	-	3,825	1,634	513	513	513
131		ADVISORY-EXPENSES	4,812		3,825	1,634	3,310	3,500	3,500
ADVISORY TOTAL							3,823	4,013	4,013
CONSERVATION COMMISSION									
171		CONSERVATION-SALARIES	45,151	50,129	49,297	52,009	52,009	53,252	53,252
171		CONSERVATION-EXPENSES	10,139	8,793	8,309	15,583	15,583	15,583	15,583
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			55,290	58,922	57,606	67,592	67,592	68,835	68,835
PLANNING BOARD									
175		PLANNING BOARD-SALARIES	44,586	46,607	38,715	49,490	49,490	50,657	50,657
175		PLANNING BOARD-EXPENSES	8,563	10,079	8,101	1,570	1,570	1,570	1,570
PLANNING BOARD TOTAL			53,149	56,686	46,816	51,060	51,060	52,227	52,227
TOWN CLERK									
161		TOWN CLERK-SALARIES	114,030	122,880	119,742	138,513	138,513	145,813	145,813
161		TOWN CLERK-EXPENSES	5,662	5,360	3,097	5,065	5,065	6,200	6,200
TOWN CLERK TOTAL			119,692	128,240	122,839	143,578	143,578	152,013	152,013
ELECTION & REGISTRATION									
162		ELECTIONS-SALARIES	7,114	4,041	4,008	13,636	13,636	5,087	5,087
162		ELECTIONS-EXPENSES	20,822	22,359	12,940	23,945	23,945	17,800	17,800
ELECTION & REGISTRATION TOTAL			27,936	26,400	16,948	37,581	37,581	22,887	22,887
TOWN BUILDINGS									
192		TOWN BUILDINGS-SALARIES	-	-	37,253	20,800	20,800	10,400	10,400
192		TOWN BUILDINGS-EXPENSES	307,571	294,863	266,295	283,900	283,900	305,284	305,284
TOWN BUILDINGS TOTAL			307,571	294,863	303,548	304,700	304,700	315,684	315,684
GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL			1,659,443	1,565,704	1,770,884	1,736,542	1,806,298	1,806,298	1,806,298
Salaries of Elected Officials (continued):									
(2e)Town Clerk									
\$67,486									
PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY									
POLICE									
210		POLICE-SALARIES	1,703,406	1,719,819	1,748,000	1,927,798	2,007,972	2,007,972	2,007,972
210		POLICE-EXPENSES	126,237	99,898	131,492	121,960	130,410	130,410	130,410
210		POLICE-EQUIPMENT							
POLICE TOTAL			1,829,643	1,819,717	1,879,492	2,049,758	2,138,382	2,138,382	2,138,382
FIRE & RESCUE									
220		FIRE & RESCUE-SALARIES	234,732	280,328	287,863	336,281	420,248	420,248	420,248
220		FIRE & RESCUE -EXPENSES	88,284	95,214	132,370	117,800	118,850	118,850	118,850
FIRE & RESCUE TOTAL			323,016	375,542	420,233	454,081	539,098	539,098	539,098
AMBULANCE									
230		AMBULANCE-SALARIES	-	160,000	190,000	165,000	190,000	190,000	190,000
230		AMBULANCE- EXPENSE							
AMBULANCE TOTAL			-	160,000	190,000	165,000	190,000	190,000	190,000
INSPECTORS									
241		BLDG INSPECTORS-SALARIES	76,081	83,593	82,594	92,737	94,386	94,386	94,386
241		BLDG INSPECTORS-EXPENSES	2,602	2,067	2,068	3,600	14,100	14,100	14,100
INSPECTORS TOTAL			78,683	85,660	84,662	96,337	108,486	108,486	108,486
PROTECTION OF LIFE & PROP TOTAL			2,231,342	2,440,919	2,574,387	2,765,176	2,975,966	2,975,966	2,975,966



TOWN OF SHERBORN FISCAL 2022 OMNIBUS BUDGET

BUDGET		DESCRIPTION	FY2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	(1)	FY 2021 Budgeted	FY 2022 ADV REC
NUMBER								
SCHOOLS								
301	DOVER-SHERBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT							
		Salaries & other Compensations	15,473,038	15,776,689	16,246,705		17,181,778	17,522,750
		Benefits	4,055,395	3,897,848	4,486,424		4,356,441	4,342,398
		Other Expenditures	1,220,505	1,306,535	1,305,687		1,459,749	1,383,843
		Transportation	780,754	586,628	406,913		958,822	984,350
		Building & Ground Expenditures	1,293,658	1,235,257	1,192,921		1,272,250	1,269,350
		Sub-total Operating	22,823,350	22,802,957	23,638,650		25,229,040	25,502,691
		Debt Service	1,036,700	1,003,600	965,800		923,400	876,500
		Total Operating Expenses	23,860,050	23,806,557	24,604,450		26,152,440	26,379,191
		Sherborn's Share of Operations	44.24%	44.14%	43.37%		44.44%	45.07%
		Operations Assessed to Sherborn					9,613,546	9,815,682
		Exempt Debt Assessed to Sherborn					404,265	389,429
301		DYS REGIONAL ASSESSMENT	9,245,753	9,504,266	9,569,088		10,017,811	10,205,111
302		TRI-COUNTY VOCATIONAL	1,291	1,326	32,224		33,892	34,967

DOVER-SHERBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Detail	FY19		FY20		FY21		FY22		%
	Budget		Budget		Budget		Budget		Inc ( Dec)
Liability	61,156		72,446		66,446		76,975		15.85%
Workers Comp	100,026		110,959		96,698		99,065		2.45%
Health Insurance	3,271,584		3,210,000		3,205,000		3,225,000		0.62%
Retirement	636,449		716,472		788,293		751,893		-4.62%
Regional Total	4,069,215		4,109,877		4,156,437		4,152,933		-0.08%

TOWN OF SHERBORN FISCAL 2022 OMNIBUS BUDGET

BUDGET NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FY 2018 Actual		FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	(1)	FY 2021 Budgeted	FY 2022 ADV REC
SHERBORN SCHOOL 303	Salaries & Other Compensation	5,042,057	5,311,210	5,436,795	5,496,429		5,570,677	
	Other Educational Expenditures	315,890	297,161	311,800	366,842		346,350	
	Regular Education Transportation	185,124	186,849	156,280	228,013		228,309	
	Building & Ground Expenditures	243,275	251,302	248,482	268,550		266,550	
	<b>Sub-Total In-District</b>	5,786,346	6,046,522	6,153,357	6,359,834		6,411,886	
	Tuition	934,442	840,637	799,295	481,700		470,000	
	Transportation	151,912	197,781	245,347	155,000		120,000	
	<b>Sub-Total OOD</b>	1,086,354	1,038,418	1,044,642	636,700		590,000	
303	<b>SHERBORN SCHOOLS TOTAL</b>	<b>6,872,700</b>	<b>7,084,940</b>	<b>7,197,999</b>	<b>6,996,534</b>		<b>7,001,886</b>	
316	<b>NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL &amp; MINUTEMAN</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,189</b>	<b>78,786</b>	<b>47,268</b>		<b>-</b>	
<b>SCHOOL TOTAL</b>		<b>16,119,744</b>	<b>16,617,721</b>	<b>16,878,097</b>	<b>17,095,505</b>		<b>17,241,964</b>	

**TOWN OF SHERBORN FISCAL 2022 OMNIBUS BUDGET**

BUDGET		DESCRIPTION	FY2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	(1)	FY 2021 Budgeted	FY 2022 ADV REC
NUMBER								
PUBLIC WORKS								
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS								
401		DPW- SALARIES	577,781	610,922	575,229		619,241	735,694
401		DPW-EXPENSES	365,112	551,677	623,889		453,550	419,350
DP&W TOTAL			942,893	1,162,599	1,199,118		1,072,791	1,155,044
SNOW & ICE								
430		SNOW & ICE- SALARIES	87,425	66,024	35,327		31,845	32,960
430		SNOW & ICE - EXPENSE	299,980	195,475	145,549		53,150	53,150
SNOW & ICE TOTAL			387,405	261,499	180,876		84,995	86,110
STREET LIGHTING								
424		STREET LIGHTING -EXPENSES	23,450	26,377	24,677		26,000	26,000
STREET LIGHTING TOTAL			23,450	26,377	24,677		26,000	26,000
SOLID WASTE								
433		SOLID WASTE-EXPENSES	264,991	279,782	301,481		299,575	336,875
SOLID WASTE TOTAL			264,991	279,782	301,481		299,575	336,875
RECYCLING								
433		RECYCLING EXPENSES	2,746	995	1,983		3,230	3,230
RECYCLING TOTAL			2,746	995	1,983		3,230	3,230
CEMETERIES								
491		CEMETERIES-SALARIES						
491		CEMETERIES-EXPENSES	63,000	63,000	64,160		70,500	75,500
CEMETERY TOTAL			63,000	63,000	64,160		70,500	75,500
PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL			1,684,485	1,794,252	1,772,295		1,557,091	1,682,759

**TOWN OF SHERBORN FISCAL 2022 OMNIBUS BUDGET**

BUDGET		DESCRIPTION	FY 2018		FY 2019	FY 2020	(1)	FY 2021	FY 2022
NUMBER			Actual		Actual	Actual		Budgeted	ADV REC
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES									
HEALTH									
512		BOARD OF HEALTH-SALARIES	104,184	109,762	115,533	127,833		130,684	
512		BOARD OF HEALTH-EXPENSES	18,379	12,639	15,038	20,230		17,256	
		HEALTH TOTAL	122,563	122,401	130,571	148,063		147,940	
COUNCIL ON AGING									
541		COUNCIL ON AGING-SALARIES	104,200	96,033	86,600	130,087		133,707	
541		COUNCIL ON AGING-EXPENSES	24,730	19,603	19,186	31,950		31,950	
		COUNCIL ON AGING TOTAL	128,930	115,636	105,786	162,037		165,657	
VETERANS									
543		VETERANS-SALARIES	700	700	700	700		700	
543		VETERANS-EXPENSES	11,333	3,256	1,422	5,790		5,790	
		VETERANS TOTAL	11,333	3,956	2,122	6,490		6,490	
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL			262,826	241,993	238,479	316,590		320,087	
CULTURE & RECREATION									
LIBRARY									
610		LIBRARY-SALARIES	291,212	289,404	295,718	350,410		402,035	
610		LIBRARY-EXPENSES	134,301	141,189	134,264	163,463		162,700	
		TOTAL	425,513	430,593	429,982	513,873		564,735	
RECREATION									
650		RECREATION-SALARIES	-	5,839	75	8,976		8,976	
650		RECREATION-EXPENSES	15,350	8,412	8,519	6,024		6,024	
		TOTAL	15,350	14,251	8,594	15,000		15,000	
HISTORICAL COMMISSION									
691		HISTORICAL COMMISSION	62	1,377	700	1,300		1,300	
		TOTAL	62	1,377	700	1,300		1,300	
CULTURE & RECREATION TOTAL			440,925	446,221	439,276	530,173		581,035	

Offset by transfers to Library Expenses as follow s:				
	From Dowse	From Saltonstall	From State Aid to	
	Memorial Fund	Operating Fund	Libraries	
FY 18	\$4,240	\$41,856	\$4,445	
FY 19	\$4,246	\$42,693	\$4,445	
FY 20	\$2,813	\$58,695	\$4,445	
FY 21	\$1,209	\$60,883	\$4,445	
FY22				

TOWN OF SHERBORN FISCAL 2022 OMNIBUS BUDGET

BUDGET NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	FY2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	(1)	FY 2021 Budgeted	FY 2022 ADV REC
<b>INSURANCE AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>							
919	GENERAL INSURANCE	118,636	137,395	150,523		176,933	171,279
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INCL OPEB & RET	2,917,932	3,212,611	2,832,731		3,050,646	2,970,218
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>							
710	DEBT SERVICE (TOTAL)	1,363,757	1,642,597	1,283,885		1,399,118	1,486,408
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>							
132	RESERVE ACCOUNT	-	-	-		300,000	300,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>26,799,090</b>	<b>28,099,413</b>	<b>28,317,486</b>		<b>28,927,774</b>	<b>29,536,014</b>

Employee Benefits include OPEB Appropriation of \$100,000 to be transferred to the OPEB Trust Fund

Employee Benefits:

Allocation of Benefits:		
The following allocations of employee benefits are based on historical data; actuals may differ		
	FY21Adv Rec	% of Total Empl
General Gov't	504,937	17%
Library	148,511	5%
CM&D	207,915	7%
Police/Fire	445,533	15%
School (1)	1,039,576	35%
Retirees	623,746	21%
Total	2,970,218	100%

(1) Does not include teachers' retirement as it is paid by the State

Transfers from Reserve Account to various departments are included in departmental expenditures.	
FY 2018	\$17,726
FY 2019	\$148,054
FY 2020	\$145,219
FY 2021	\$0

## **ARTICLE 9. AUTHORIZATION FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION – TURF FIELD AT LAUREL FARM**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money, and if so, what sum, to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Commission for the design and construction of a new, unlighted, turf athletic field at Laurel Farm, contingent upon at least Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) first being raised through certain private donations for the said purpose; and also to establish a stabilization fund under the Recreation Commission to be funded through the use of field fees and private donations for the purpose of repairing, resurfacing, or replacing the said field; or take any other action relative thereto. (*Select Board for Recreation Commission*)

**Advisory Committee:** The Laurel Farm Field Project is designed to provide a better playing experience to participants in a variety of youth sports while generating revenue from field rentals – making the project cost neutral to the Town. The project also includes improvements to the parking lot, equipment for field maintenance, the construction of a shed for storage of equipment, and grading and improvements to the natural turf fields.

Synthetic turf fields have become increasingly popular because they provide a uniform playing surface for sports such as soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, and baseball. This uniform surface is stable, firm, and slip resistant, which may aid in the Town's Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") compliance efforts. Synthetic turf fields drain well and will extend the typical playing season because the Town will not have to close water-soaked fields to protect them from damage. Moreover, synthetic turf fields will decrease early-season wear on the Town's natural fields and allow for germination.

The Sherborn Recreation Commission has made a compelling financial case for the project. Most of the cost of construction will be covered by private donations, and revenues generated by field rentals to club sports will pay for debt service, field maintenance and replacement, and help fund other recreation projects. The overall cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$4 million; \$3 million of which will be raised through the Recreation Commission's private fundraising efforts, and \$1 million will come from the Town.

Several local clubs have eagerly expressed interest in renting synthetic turf fields from the Town, and the Recreation Commission is confident revenue from field rentals will exceed any debt service payments and maintenance costs related to the project.

We acknowledge there are concerns about the environmental impacts of synthetic turf fields, but several safer alternatives for materials used in synthetic turf fields have been developed in recent years. Synthetic turf fields are now commonplace in neighboring towns, including towns, like Sherborn, that depend on private wells for drinking water.

The proposed Laurel Farm Field Project will benefit the Town by providing a superior playing surface for youth sports and producing field rental income that will allow the project to eventually pay for itself. Laurel Farm is one of the Town's most valuable recreational assets, and this project will be a tremendous benefit to youth sports and the community as a whole.

**We recommend favorable action and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow up to \$1,000,000 for the design and construction of a new, unlighted, turf athletic field at Laurel Farm pursuant to General laws Chapter 44, Section 7(1) or any other applicable statute; provided however, that 1) this appropriation is contingent upon at least \$3,000,000 first being raised through certain private donations for the said purpose, and 2) this appropriation shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by the General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(k)(Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and notes authorized by this vote. (5-4).**

**Minority Report:** While we appreciate that many (though not all) town athletes who use Laurel Fields are strongly in favor of this project, we believe that the potential risks to human health and the environment, as well as financial risks to the taxpayers at large are significant enough to warrant further analysis before such a project is authorized.

The potential risks of artificial turf to human health and the environment have frequently been cited. Testing of turf surfaces routinely detects the presence of semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), select metals, and PFAS substances (the latter often referred to as "forever chemicals" because their chemistry keeps them from breaking down under typical

environmental conditions, so they build up over time in groundwater, soil, plants – and human bodies.) Health risks associated with these chemicals are well documented. While it may not be possible to quantify with certainty the degree to which these chemicals will leach into groundwater or soil, it is well established that such leaching does occur, and that children are more vulnerable than adults to the effects of such chemicals. We understand that the town committees tasked with evaluating the health and environmental effects of these types of projects – including the Board of Health, Conservation Commission and Groundwater Protection Committee, among others – have only recently been made aware of this project and have not had an opportunity to conduct proper reviews. In light of the potential risks to human health and the environment, we believe it is critical that the relevant town committees conduct appropriate reviews before citizens are asked to vote on whether to approve the project.

In addition, proponents of the Article assert that this project will pay for itself, and that rental fees from use of the fields will be sufficient to build, maintain, safely remove and replace the fields. Initial costs for installing the field are estimated at \$4M, but no formal engineering or construction plan for the project has been obtained, so this estimate could vary substantially. Also, the life span of these fields is expected to be no more than 8-10 years, so frequent replacement will be necessary. Due to the toxicity of substances in the turf, it is expensive to safely remove it during replacement, and there are questions about the ability to recycle turf materials. Recreation Commission projections that rental fees will be sufficient to cover all costs associated with the fields are just that – projections – based on a host of unknowns. And no amount of rental fees would be sufficient to cover the costs of a major environmental clean-up effort in the event that soil or groundwater in the area were seriously contaminated by the turf.

The Recreation Department projects that the turf fields would be used 20-25% of the time by Sherborn teams and the rest of the time by teams based outside of Sherborn. As a result, we are concerned about the risk/benefit ratio of this project. At best, only those citizens who play turf-friendly sports will benefit – and only for 20-25% of the time that the fields are in use. Yet Sherborn taxpayers at large will necessarily share the financial, health and environmental risks of the project.

We also expect that if artificial turf is installed at Laurel Fields and increased usage of the fields is as robust as the Recreation Committee hopes, there will likely be an effect on traffic patterns and traffic safety at the intersection of the Fields and Rt. 27, as well as increased demand on DPW resources to maintain and clean the area. To our knowledge, no significant analysis has been done with respect to any of these issues.

We are aware of a number of towns – including Wellesley, Concord, Marblehead and Sharon – who are organically managing town playing fields and/or have placed moratoriums on artificial turf fields pending further study of the associated risks. We believe that Sherborn, taxpayers should not be asked to approve the design and construction of artificial turf fields on town property at this time, in the absence of 1) an engineering and construction plan for the project, 2) reports of the relevant town committees tasked with evaluating health and environmental risks, 3) a more robust analysis of ALL costs (financial and other) associated with this project and 4) information about potentially less expensive and safer ways to improve the quality of the playing experience on Laurel Fields. Accordingly, we recommend against passage of this Article.

## **ARTICLE 10. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (FY22 CIP)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum or sums of money, and if so, what sum or sums, for the purpose of capital expenditures of the Town of Sherborn; and to determine if any amount borrowed under this article shall be contingent upon the passage of a ballot question exempting the amounts required to pay for the bonds from the provisions of Proposition 2½; or take any action relative thereto. (*Select Board for Various Departments*)

NO.	LEAD DEPT.	ITEM	AMOUNT
1a.	FD	Command Vehicle	\$ 45,000
1b.	FD	Hose Replacement	\$ 37,096
2.	PD	Cruisers (Marked \$55K; Unmarked \$44K)	\$ 99,000
3.	Select Board	Town Buildings & Facilities	\$ 369,000

4a.	DPW	Equipment	\$ 82,704
4b.		1-ton Truck	\$ 109,719
4c.		Roadway Management	\$ 457,451
5.	Select Board / DPW	Pine Hill Access Road & Campus Improvements	\$ 1,611,735
6.	Select Board / DPW	Woodhaven & Leland Farms Public Water Supply	\$ 198,000
7.	COA	Architectural Study – Senior Center	\$ 40,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,049,705</b>

#### **Line 1a: FD Command Vehicle — \$45,000**

**Advisory Committee:** The fire department would like to sell its current command vehicle and replace it with one that makes more sense operationally and financially. The proposed new command vehicle would be shorter and more nimble; it would achieve double the fuel efficiency and would be able to be operated by one person. The current command vehicle would be sold at auction and is estimated to account for two-thirds of the cost of its replacement, a Chevrolet Tahoe. Assuming a useful life of 10 years, the new vehicle would result in a cost of \$1,500 a year. However, it is also estimated that the Town will achieve annual fuel savings of roughly \$2,350 each year which when netted together, results in an annual savings to the Town of \$850.

**We recommend favorable action, and that \$45,000 be transferred from Free Cash for the purchase of a Fire Department Command Vehicle. (9-0)**

#### **Line 1b: FD Hoses — \$37,096**

**Advisory Committee:** The fire department relies on fire hoses to aid in fulfilling its core mission, since we don't have a town-wide fire hydrant system to rely on. Much of the Department's hose was replaced in recent years, but about 25% of our hose is now over 25 years old, has recently failed testing, and needs to be replaced.

**We recommend favorable action and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow up to \$37,096 pursuant to General laws Chapter 44, Section 7(1) or any other applicable statute; provided however, that this appropriation shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by the General Laws Chapter 59 , Section 21C(k)(Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and notes authorized by this vote. (9-0)**

#### **Line 2: PD Cruisers — \$99,000**

**Advisory Committee:** The Police Department would like to reduce its overall fleet from 10 to 9 vehicles. To accomplish this, one marked and two unmarked vehicles would be sold and replaced by two new vehicles – one marked and one unmarked. The reduction in fleet is believed to still result in an operationally viable fleet. The three vehicles proposed to be retired (a 2016 Ford Explorer, a 2013 Chevrolet Impala, and a 2010 Ford Taurus) all have at least 80,000 miles on them and maintenance costs are becoming increasingly inefficient.

**We recommend favorable action and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow up to \$99,000 pursuant to General laws Chapter 44, Section 7(1) or any other applicable statute; provided however, that this appropriation shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by the General Laws Chapter 59 , Section 21C(k)(Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and notes authorized by this vote. (9-0)**

#### **Line 3: Town Buildings & Facilities — \$369,000**

**Advisory Committee:** Town buildings capital improvements are based upon a 20 year plan commissioned by the town in 2016 and updated in 2021. This year's request includes improvements to the DPW Building, Town Hall, Fire station, and Police station. The specific projects include:



- \$150K Town Hall office reconfigurations museum relocation and structural repairs.
- \$80K Town Hall roof replacement insulation/air sealing trim repairs and repainting.
- \$35K DPW wash bay oil separator and tight tank replacement.
- \$50K Fire Station kitchen flooring and lighting.
- \$54K Police Station Fire Alarm Panel.

**We recommend favorable action and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow up to \$369,000 pursuant to General laws Chapter 44, Section 7(1) or any other applicable statute; provided however, that this appropriation shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by the General Laws Chapter 59 , Section 21C (k)(Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and notes authorized by this vote. (9-0)**

#### **Line 4a: DPW Equipment — \$82,704**

**Advisory Committee:** The DPW would like to purchase a Toro Dingo with attachments and a trailer. In the past, DPW has rented a Dingo but it becomes cost prohibitive to do this in perpetuity. The Dingo is used for multiple functions including the baseball fields, roadside mowing, and general use at the DPW garage. The total cost of the Dingo is \$66,360. The DPW would also like to replace its roadside mower attachment at a cost of \$16,345.

**We recommend favorable action and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow up to \$82,704 pursuant to General laws Chapter 44, Section 7(1) or any other applicable statute; provided however, that this appropriation shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by the General Laws Chapter 59 , Section 21C(k)(Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and notes authorized by this vote. (9-0)**

#### **Line 4b: DPW 1-ton Truck — \$109,719**

**Advisory Committee:** This request is to continue phasing out end of life vehicles in the DPW fleet. This vehicle replaces an existing truck that is becoming costly to maintain and is inefficient in its potential uses. The proposed capital request will be from the same manufacturer as the most recent truck purchase. The vehicle allows for cross utilization of tools such as the included leaf collection, brine tank roadway deicing, snow plowing and hook lift. The estimate to purchase the truck is \$109,719.

**We recommend favorable action and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow up to \$109,719 pursuant to General laws Chapter 44, Section 7(1) or any other applicable statute; provided however, that this appropriation shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by the General Laws Chapter 59 , Section 21C (k)(Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and notes authorized by this vote. (9-0)**

#### **Line 4c: DPW Roadway Management — \$457,451**

**Advisory Committee:** The Town of Sherborn employed Green International Affiliates, Inc. to refresh the Pavement Conditions Assessment for the town. Based on the completed analysis, to maintain and slightly improve road conditions the town needs to fund a minimum of \$457,451 in capital improvements for Town roadways. The return on capital investment lowers the higher cost critical repairs and remediation of roadway failure.

This request is part of a 5-year plan to address deteriorating road infrastructure, which is based on a comprehensive report on the current road conditions performed by an outside consultant (Pavement Management Services). The funds called for are intended to supplement the annual Chapter 90 funding from the state, with the goal of gradually improving the overall condition of town roads rather than simply maintaining their current state.

**We recommend favorable action and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow up to \$457,451 pursuant to General laws Chapter 44, Section 7(1) or any other applicable statute; provided however, that this appropriation shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by the General Laws Chapter 59 , Section 21C (k)(Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and notes authorized by this vote. (9-0)**

**Line 5: Pine Hill Access Road & Campus Improvements — \$1,611,735**

**Advisory Committee:** This Article authorizes the Town to spend an amount of up to \$1,611,735 to reconfigure the access road to and from Pine Hill School. The plan calls for one-way traffic flow along Pine Hill Lane, improved ADA access, increased parking spots, and a new exit road depositing traffic onto Elliot Street northeast of Butler Street. The amount of this Article is an estimate. We expect the final amount for this Article will be presented to voters for approval at Town Meeting.

**We recommend favorable action and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow up to \$1,611,735 pursuant to General laws Chapter 44, Section 7(1) or any other applicable statute; provided however, that this appropriation shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by the General Laws Chapter 59 , Section 21C(k)(Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and notes authorized by this vote. (9-0)**

**Line 6: Woodhaven & Leland Farms Public Water Supply Improvements — \$198,000**

**Advisory Committee:** This request is to replace the separate water systems with a joint water management system to improve water quality pursuant to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) guidelines. Onsite Engineering was engaged to undertake and completed a water supply feasibility study for water supply systems. The recommendation was to combine the systems utilizing the existing wells and remediate the water supply system to better conform with guidelines. The total project cost is estimated to be \$198,000. The combined system investment would improve the quality of water, consolidate water system management, and maximize the use of existing wells for the benefit of both communities. The recommendation is contingent on successful negotiation of the division of financial responsibility for the debt service between the Woodhaven and Leland Farms Governing Boards. Both communities have for decades contributed to the diversity of housing through accessibility to dedicated Elder and Affordable Housing.

**We recommend favorable action, contingent on successful negotiation of the division of financial responsibility for the debt service between the Woodhaven and Leland Farms Governing Boards, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow up to \$198,000 pursuant to General laws Chapter 44, Section 7(1) or any other applicable statute; provided however, that this appropriation shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by the General Laws Chapter 59 , Section 21C (k)(Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and notes authorized by this vote. (9-0)**

**Line 7: COA Architectural Study – Senior Center — \$40,000**

**Advisory Committee:** Despite a long history of care and concern for the well-being of our senior citizens, Sherborn does not currently have a “Senior Center” which serves as a dedicated space for programming, social gatherings and other activities geared toward the needs of our senior population. The Sherborn Council on Aging has requested that the Town approve a sum of \$40,000 to engage the Boston-based firm of Bargmann, Hendrie and Archetype, Inc. to conduct a study of the feasibility and potential scope of such a dedicated space for seniors. The study will examine up to three potential sites, and will include an analysis of space needs, potential floor plans, traffic and parking analyses, total projected costs, and a potential implementation schedule. The final product of the study will be a preliminary site plan with site constraints, including a one-page executive summary that will distill the study’s findings into an easily readable summary.

**We recommend favorable action and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow up to \$40,000 pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7(1) or any other applicable statute; provided however, that this appropriation shall not take effect until the Town votes**

to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by the General laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(k)(Proposition 2 ½) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and notes authorized by this vote. (9-0)

#### **ARTICLE 11. USE OF FREE CASH**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash a sum of money, and if so, what sum, to meet the appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year; and authorize the Assessors to use said sum in fixing the tax rate; or take any other action relative thereto. (*Select Board for the Advisory Committee*)

**Advisory Committee:** This article authorizes additional uses of Free Cash not otherwise specified in this warrant. There are no proposed additional uses of Free Cash for FY22.

**We recommend no action. (9-0)**

#### **ARTICLE 12. ADOPT LAW ALLOWING ASSESSOR TO COLLECT TAX DATA UNTIL 6/30**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 40 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989 “An Act Establishing The Budget Control And Reform Act Of 1989” amending M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 2A, (a) such that any buildings and other things erected on or affixed to land shall be deemed as part of such real property during the period beginning on January second and ending on June thirtieth of the fiscal year preceding that to which the tax relates. (*Select Board for the Board of Assessors*)

**Advisory Committee:** This article changes the Town’s schedule for updating property tax assessments to better capture growth in the tax base due to new construction activity (so-called “new growth”). Currently, the Town’s tax base for each new *fiscal* year (July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>) reflects new growth through the end of the prior *calendar* year. For example, the tax base for the Town’s fiscal 2021 tax levy reflected new growth that occurred in calendar year 2019, but new growth that occurred between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2021 was not included.

If the Town adopts this article, it will set tax levies for future fiscal years based on new growth through the prior fiscal year. Practically speaking, the tax base for fiscal year 2022 (beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup> of this calendar year) will reflect new growth through the end of fiscal year 2021 (ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> of this calendar year).

Our expectation is that this change will result in a larger assessed tax base for each new fiscal year, and consequently a lower tax rate in future fiscal years than we might see if this change is not made.

**We recommend favorable action. (8-0-1)**

#### **ARTICLE 13. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS, CH. 5, REGISTRATION & LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR DOGS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend General By-laws Chapter 5, Section 3 by changing the last sentence in Section 3 from:

“To avoid said penalties, dog owners and keepers shall renew each dog license annually by March 1<sup>st</sup> or the first business day of March each year.”

Or take any other action relative thereto. (*Select Board for the Town Clerk*)

**Advisory Committee:** This article clarifies the dog licensing deadline after which penalties will be assessed and shifts the deadline by one day.

**We recommend favorable action. (9-0)**

## **ARTICLE 14. AMENDMENT TO FRONTAGE REQUIREMENT FOR OPEN SPACE SUBDIVISIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.5.6 of the Zoning Bylaws, Open Space Subdivision, Dimensional Requirements, Subsection E: Frontage, to delete the requirement that such frontage meet the frontage requirements for the applicable zoning district and to add provisions that help preserve the scenic character of the existing road;

### **CURRENT ZONING BYLAW**

#### **Section 4.5: Open Space Subdivisions: 4.5.6 Dimensional requirements**

**E. Frontage.** On existing public roads, frontage of any Open Space Subdivision house lot shall be as required for a conventional lot in the relevant zoning district. On internal Open Space Subdivision roads, there is no numerical requirement for lot frontage. Each lot must have legal and functional vehicular access to an existing public road or an internal Open Space Subdivision road approved under the Subdivision Rules and Regulations, either directly across its own frontage or via a common driveway approved by special permit.

### **PROPOSED REVISION:**

**E. Frontage and vehicular access.** Open Space Subdivision lots have no numerical requirement for lot frontage. Any Open Space Subdivision lot must have functional vehicular access only to the internal subdivision road. Vehicular access via a common driveway to an internal subdivision road (but not to an existing road) may be approved by special permit.

For Open Space Subdivision lots that have frontage on an existing public road, the entire length of that frontage must be visually screened from the road by a minimum 50-foot-deep vegetated buffer zone between the existing road Right of Way and the 100 ft. minimum required setback line. The buffer zone must be maintained in a naturally wooded or appropriately vegetated state to preserve the scenic quality of the road.

Or take any action relative thereto. (*Select Board for the Planning Board*)

**Advisory Committee:** This article amends the bylaw to address an unintended consequence in the existing language. The language of the bylaw as currently written makes it possible for certain lots to only be subdivided as conventional subdivisions, as a result of the need to meet frontage requirements. By amending the language of the bylaw, we eliminate this unintended consequence of the current bylaw language.

The Planning Board intends to make the following amendment on the floor of Town Meeting, to replace the second paragraph:

Open Space Subdivision lots that have frontage on an existing public road must maintain a wooded or appropriately vegetated buffer zone between the existing road Right of Way and the subdivision buildings, of sufficient length and depth to visually screen the buildings on that lot and preserve the scenic quality of the road.

The Advisory Committee has reviewed the amendment and supports it as it gives the Planning Board flexibility in working with developers to preserve the scenic view from the road.

**We recommend favorable action. (9-0)**

## **ARTICLE 15. ACQUIRING/DISPOSITION OF LAND AT 31 HUNTING LANE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum or sums of money, and if so, what sum, for the purpose of acquiring by purchase the land located at 31 Hunting Lane, more particularly described as 22.93 of the 24.93 acres of land shown on the Town of Sherborn Assessors Maps as "Parcel 11-3C" on Assessors Map 6 and "Parcel 3B" on Assessors Map 11 which parcels are also identified as Assessors Parcel ID 11 0 3C and Assessors Parcel ID 11 0 3B assessed, valued, and taxed pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 61B in FY2020 and earlier for general municipal purposes; or to lease or resell such property; or to assign the right to purchase

said property; on such terms and conditions that may be established by the Select Board; and further, to authorize the Select Board to take all necessary and related actions to carry out the purposes of this Article, pass any vote, or to take any other action relative thereto. (*Select Board*)

**Advisory Committee:** This article authorizes the town to exercise an option to purchase the property at 31 Hunting Lane under the provisions of section 9 of Chapter 61B. We note that the property is the subject of active litigation between the Town and the current owner, and we understand that the Select Board is in discussions with at least one party to whom the Town's purchase option may be legally assigned. We also understand that any formal agreement between the Town and its assignee will require the assignee to purchase the property and conserve it using a permanent deed restriction that meets the requirements of M.G.L. c. 184.

An appraisal obtained by the Town has valued the property at \$950,000. The owner may submit a counter-appraisal by June 14, 2021, i.e., within 60 days pursuant to an order of the state Land Court that issued on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

While the litigation and the discussions around the assignment of the Town's option to purchase the property add complexity to this article, at base it represents an opportunity to conserve a significant parcel near the center of Town, preserving habitat quality in this critical area and helping the Town retain its rural character in the long run. Advisory is supportive of the purchase contemplated by this Article provided that the Town can assign its purchase option on terms that ensure that its conservation objectives are met and that the costs of purchasing and maintaining the property are not borne by taxpayers.

**We recommend favorable action. (9-0)**

## **ARTICLE 16. UPPER CHARLES RAIL TRAIL ACCESS – ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to accept easements to allow the construction of a small parking area off Whitney Street and a trail to provide access to the Sherborn segment of the Upper Charles Trail as more particularly described as follows: To accept from Edward T. Moore, Trustee of the Whitney Farm Condominium Trust, u/d/t/d December 28, 2012 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 60862, Page 287 in consideration of One and 00/100 Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration a temporary easement upon the land located at 59 Whitney Street, Sherborn, MA shown as "TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT" on a plan titled "Rail Trail Easement" Sherborn, Massachusetts (Middlesex County) Scale 1" – 80' July 20, 2020" prepared for Town of Sherborn, 19 Washington Street, Sherborn Massachusetts prepared by GLM Engineering Consultants, Inc. 19 Exchange Street, Holliston, MA 01746 Job No. 14862\_2020 EP.DWG for construction of a parking area and path for access by foot, horseback or non-motorized wheeled vehicles to the Upper Charles Rail Trail, the location of which is shown as "N/F NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES LL, C/O CSX TRANSPORTATION (1-0-32)" on said Plan, together with a permanent easement shown as "PERMANENT EASEMENT" on said Plan for the parking area for motor vehicles and for access by foot, horseback, or non-motorized wheeled vehicles to the Upper Charles Rail Trail, upon such terms as the Select Board deems appropriate, or take any other action thereto. (*Select Board for the Planning Board*)

**Advisory Committee:** The Upper Charles Rail Trail is a wonderful asset enjoyed by many residents of the Town, and the acceptance of these easements will increase access and encourage more people to get outside and experience the trail.

**We recommend favorable action. (9-0)**

## **ARTICLE 17. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS, CHAPTER 10, PUBLIC WAYS – RE: TRUCK BRAKE USAGE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend General By-law, Chapter 10, Public Ways by adding a new Section 5 Engine Break Prohibited.

Section 5. The use of Engine Brake, Compression Brake, Jake Brake, Jack Brake, so called, shall be prohibited on all streets in the Town of Sherborn. Engine ("Jake") braking is allowed in emergency situations and to avoid injury, or an accident, and the truck driver may use that claim as an affirmative defense if ticketed for violating the Town bylaw.

Any person violating this Section will be fined \$300.00 for each offense.

And to amend General By-law Chapter 16, by adding Chapter 10, Public Ways, Section 5, so that it reads as follows:

Chapter 10, Section 5

Enforcing Persons:

Engine, Compression, Jake/Jack, Brake Use Penalty:

\$300.00 per violation

Police Officers

Or take any other action relative thereto. (*Select Board Courtesy at request of a Citizen*)

**Advisory Committee:** This article highlights an issue that impacts town residents, namely the noise pollution that results from using Jake Brakes. Although the majority on the Advisory Committee agree with the intent of the article, we were informed that the police department already has a tool for addressing Jake Brake violations in our town. Specifically, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Law under Title XIV, Chapter 90, Section 16 includes the following language, which the Police Department can use today to address Jake Brake violations:

"No person operating a motor vehicle shall sound a bell, horn or other device, nor in any manner operate such motor vehicle so as to make a harsh, objectionable or unreasonable noise [...]"

**We recommend no action. (5-4)**

**Minority Report:** Although we recognize that there is a certain redundancy with this By-Law, as noise violations can already be enforced under M.G.L. Title XVI, Chapter 90, Section 16, enforcement of the state law is infrequent, with total citations for vehicular noise violations on the order of 5 to 10 annually while compression brake usage is likely a daily occurrence. While we don't feel the addition of this By-Law by itself would reduce the usage of compression brakes within the town, we anticipate that it would result in the strategic placement of signs indicating the prohibition of compression brake usage along roads frequently traveled by commercial trucks. While nobody is under the impression that the presence of signs will eliminate all compression brake usage, any reduction would represent a benefit for those residents who live within audible distance of these roads. The cost to the town for new signs would be fairly trivial and likely to be covered by the revenue from citations written under the new By-Law. Ultimately, we see this as nearly zero-risk for the town as a whole, and a possible benefit for the affected subset of residents.

**ARTICLE 18. CITIZEN PETITION FOR ADDING NEW GENERAL BY-LAW, CHAPTER 31 – FUR PRODUCTS**

**CHAPTER 31 OF THE GENERAL BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF SHERBORN: FUR PRODUCTS**

**Section 1. Purpose and Findings.**

a) The Town finds that animals that are slaughtered for their fur endure tremendous suffering. Animals raised on fur farms typically spend their entire lives in cramped and filthy cages. Fur farmers typically use the cheapest killing methods available, including suffocation, electrocution, gas, and poison.

b) Fur farms are reservoirs and transmission vectors for dangerous zoonotic diseases, including SARS coronaviruses, that threaten public health, including in the Town of Sherborn. COVID-19 infections have been confirmed at fur farms in Europe and the United States, and scientific studies have linked mink, raccoon dogs, and foxes – the animals most commonly farmed for their fur – to a variety of coronaviruses.

c) The fur production process is energy intensive and has a significant environmental impact, including air and water pollution. Runoff from the fur production process contains high concentrations of phosphorus and nitrogen, which are

the most common forms of water pollution in the United States, including Massachusetts. In addition, the tanning and dying processes used in fur production use toxic chemicals and heavy metals like chromium and formaldehyde.

d) Considering the wide array of alternatives for fashion and apparel, the Town finds that the demand for fur products does not justify the unnecessary killing and cruel treatment of animals, harm to the environment, and the public health risks to the people of the Town of Sherborn caused by these practices.

e) The Town believes that eliminating the sale of fur products in the Town of Sherborn will decrease the demand for these cruel and environmentally harmful products and promote community awareness of animal welfare and, in turn, foster a more humane environment in Sherborn and enhance the reputation of the Town.

## **Section 2. Definitions.**

For purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the definitions set forth next to them:

a) “Fur” shall mean any animal skin or part thereof with hair, fleece, or fur fibers attached thereto, either in its raw or processed state.

b) “Fur product” shall mean any article of clothing or covering for any part of the body, or any fashion accessory, including, but not limited to handbags, shoes, slippers, hats, earmuffs, scarves, shawls, gloves, jewelry, keychains, toys or trinkets, and home accessories and décor, that is made in whole or part of fur. “Fur product” does not include any of the following:

1. An animal skin or part thereof that is to be converted into leather, or which in processing will have the hair, fleece, or fur fiber completely removed;
2. Cowhide with the hair attached thereto;
3. Lambskin or sheepskin with the fleece attached thereto; or
4. The pelt or skin of any animal that is preserved through taxidermy or for the purpose of taxidermy.

c) “Non-profit organization” shall mean any corporation that is organized under 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3) that is created for charitable, religious, philanthropic, educational, or similar purposes.

d) “Person” shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, limited liability corporation, estate, trust, receiver, syndicate, association, or other legal entity.

e) “Retail transaction” shall mean any transfer of title of a fur product for consideration, made in the ordinary course of the seller’s business, to the purchaser for use other than resale or further processing or manufacturing.

f) “Taxidermy” shall mean the practice of preparing and preserving the skin of an animal that is deceased and stuffing and mounting it in lifelike form.

g) “Ultimate consumer” shall mean a person who buys for their own use, or for the use of another, but not for resale or trade.

h) “Used fur product” shall mean a fur product that has been worn or used by an ultimate consumer.

## **Section 3. Prohibitions.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the by-laws, no person shall sell, offer for sale, display for sale, trade, or otherwise distribute for monetary or nonmonetary consideration a fur product in the Town of Sherborn.

#### **Section 4. Exceptions.**

The prohibitions set forth in Section 3 of this Chapter do not apply to the sale, offer for sale, displaying for sale, trade, or distribution of:

- a) A used fur product by a private party (excluding a retail transaction), non-profit organization or second-hand store, including a pawn shop;
- b) A fur product required for use in the practice of a religion;
- c) A fur product used for traditional tribal, cultural, or spiritual purposes by a member of a federally recognized or state recognized Native American tribe; or
- d) A fur product where the activity is expressly authorized by federal or state law.

#### **Section 5. Penalty.**

In addition to any other remedy provided by law, this Chapter may be enforced by police officers and animal control officers through any means available in law or equity, including but not limited to noncriminal disposition in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 21D. Any person violating this bylaw shall be liable to the Town in the amount of \$300. Each fur product and every day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense.

#### **Section 6. Severance Clause.**

The provisions of this by-law are hereby declared to be severable, and if any provision and the application of any such provisions to any person or under any circumstances shall be held to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, such invalidity, illegality or unconstitutionality shall not be construed to effect the validity, legality, or constitutionality of any of the remaining provisions or of that provision with respect to persons or circumstances other than those as to which the offending provision is held to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.

#### **Section 7. Effective Date.**

This by-law shall become effective six months after passage.

*(Citizen Petition: Jeanette Slichenmyer and 14 others)*

**Advisory Committee:** As this Citizen's Petition is primarily moral/ethical in nature, we are leaving it to the townspeople to vote their own conscience on how to handle potential fur sales in Sherborn. We are therefore neither recommending favorable action nor no action, with the expectation that the petitioner will make the motion to be voted on at Town Meeting.

**We make no recommendation for this Warrant Article. (8-1)**

### **ARTICLE 19. CITIZEN PETITION FOR ADDING NEW GENERAL BY-LAW CHAPTER 32 – PET SHOP SALES**

Pet Shop Sales of Dogs, Cats, and Rabbits

#### **(a) DEFINITIONS.**

- (1) “Pet shop” means a retail establishment where dogs, cats, or rabbits are sold, exchanged, bartered or offered for sale as pet animals to the general public at retail. Such definition shall not include a public animal control agency or shelter, or an animal rescue organization, as defined herein.
- (2) “Sell” means to exchange for consideration, adopt out, barter, auction, trade, lease, or otherwise transfer animals.
- (3) “Offer for sale” means to advertise or otherwise proffer a dog, cat, or rabbit for acceptance by another person.
- (4) “Public animal control agency or shelter” means a facility operated by any locality, for the purpose of impounding seized, stray, homeless, abandoned, unwanted, or surrendered animals, or a facility operated for the same purposes under a written contract with the Town or any other locality.
- (5) “Animal rescue organization” means a non-profit organization incorporated under state law and exempt from



federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and registered with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, if required, and whose principal purpose is the prevention of cruelty to animals, and whose principal activity is to rescue sick, injured, abused, neglected, unwanted, abandoned, orphaned, lost, or displaced animals and to adopt them to good homes. "Animal rescue organization" shall not include any entity that breeds animals or that: (1) is located on the same premises as, (2) has any personnel in common with, (3) obtains, in exchange for a monetary payment or any other kind of compensation, dogs, cats, or rabbits from, or (4) facilitates the sale of dogs, cats, or rabbits obtained from a person that breeds animals.

(6) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, association, or any other legal entity.

(7) "Dog" means any member of the species *Canis familiaris*.

(8) "Cat" means any member of the species *Felis catus*.

(9) "Rabbit" means any member of the species *Oryctolagus cuniculus domesticus*.

**(b) SALE OF DOGS, CATS, OR RABBITS PROHIBITED.**

(1) It shall be unlawful for a pet shop to sell or offer for sale a dog, cat, or rabbit.

(2) A pet shop may provide space for the display of dogs, cats, or rabbits available for adoption only if:

(i) such animals are displayed and made available for adoption by either: a public animal control agency or shelter or an animal rescue organization, as defined, and

(ii) each pet shop shall maintain records sufficient to document the source of each dog, cat, or rabbit the pet shop displays, for at least one year following the date of acquisition. Such records shall be made available, immediately upon request, to any animal control officer or any duly appointed officer or representative of the Town.

(3) No person shall sell, exchange, trade, barter, lease, or display for a commercial purpose any dog, cat, or rabbit on or in any street, public grounds, commercial or retail parking lot, flea market, or other market, regardless of whether such access is authorized by the property owner, except for a dog, cat, or rabbit displayed:

(i) By a public animal control agency or shelter or an animal rescue organization, as defined; or (ii) As part of a state or county fair exhibition, 4-H program, or similar exhibitions or educational programs.

**(c) PENALTIES.**

(1) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, this Chapter may be enforced by police officers and animal control officers through any means available in law or equity, including but not limited to noncriminal disposition in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 21D. Any pet shop that makes a sale or offer for sale of a dog, cat, or rabbit in violation of subsection (b)(1) shall be fined \$300. Each unlawful sale or offer for sale shall constitute a separate violation. Any animal being offered for sale, transfer, or displayed in violation of these sections may be seized or impounded by the animal control officer or any duly appointed officer or representative of the Town. In cases where the enforcing officer determines that failure to seize or impound will be detrimental to the safety and/or health of the animal, the animal shall be seized.

(2) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a pet shop that makes a provision of space knowingly and in violation of subsection (b)(2) shall be fined \$300. Each unlawful provision of space shall constitute a separate violation.

**(d) SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this bylaw shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this bylaw which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this bylaw are hereby declared to be severable.

**(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The provisions of these section shall be effective six months days after passage.

(Citizen Petition: Larisa Romonova and 16 others)

**Advisory Committee:** The primary sponsor of this Citizen's Petition intends to revise the language of the article. We understand that she has elected to withdraw the Article and re-submit a revised version at a future date.

**We recommend no action for this Warrant Article. (8-0)**

# Capital Budget Committee Report, April 2021

Joe Shanahan, (Chair), Coralinda Lincoln, Peter Gallitano

**1a. Fire Department Command Vehicle.** The request is based on improving department capability with an appropriately sized command vehicle that affords access to all Sherborn properties and can fully operate in inclement weather. The current command vehicle is oversized and not appropriate to this geography. It can be traded in to help offset the cost of a new vehicle, with a trade in value of \$24,000-30,000. The estimate to purchase the command vehicle before trade in is \$45,000.

**1b. Fire Department hose replacement.** This is a request to replace 4500 feet of hose that failed OSHA safety testing. The old hose will be put up for auction, and the new hose comes with a 5-year coupling and 15-year hose warranty. The estimate to purchase the hose is \$37,096.

**2a. Police Department Vehicles.** This request is to replace three police vehicles with two (2) Chevy Tahoes, one (1) marked and one (1) unmarked. The marked vehicle is estimated to cost \$55,000, the unmarked vehicle is estimated to cost \$44,000. The vehicles being replaced are a 2013 Chevy Impala with over 80,000 miles, a 2010 Ford Taurus with 97,000 miles and a 2016 Ford Explorer with over 90,000 miles. The total estimate to purchase both vehicles is \$99,000.

**3. Town Buildings and Facilities.** This request is for the following projects: Town Hall reconfigurations, museum relocation and structural repairs (estimated to be \$150,000); Town Hall roof replacement, insulation, air sealing, trim repairs and re-painting (estimated to be \$80,000); DPW Building wash bay oil separator and tight tank replacement (estimated to be \$35,000); Fire Station kitchen flooring and lighting (estimated to be \$50,000); and Police Station fire alarm panel replacement (estimated to be \$54,000). The repairs were assessed in an updated Onsite Insight report for the Town of Sherborn buildings. The total estimate for town building capital repairs is \$369,000.

**4a. Department of Public Works Equipment.** This request is to purchase three (3) pieces of equipment: a compact utility loader (1) with a trailer (1), and a roadside mower attachment (1) for a large tractor previously purchased. The loader and trailer are estimated to cost \$66,360, the mower attachment is estimated to cost \$16,345. The equipment will be used for landscaping, such as mowing fields and roadsides, and for snow removal. This equipment is to enhance the productivity of the DPW. The total estimate to purchase this equipment is \$82,704.

**4b. Department of Public Works Truck Replacement.** This request is to continue phasing out end-of-life vehicles in the DPW fleet. This replaces an existing truck that is becoming costly to maintain and is inefficient in its potential uses. This truck will be from the same manufacturer as the most recent truck purchase, allowing for cross utilization of tools such as the included hook lift. The estimate to purchase the truck is \$109,719.

**4c. Department of Public Works Roadway Management.** The Town of Sherborn employed Green International Affiliates, Inc. to refresh the Pavement Conditions Assessment for the town. Based on the completed analysis, in order to maintain and slightly improve road conditions the town needs to fund a minimum of \$457,451 in FY22, year one of a five-year plan.

**5. Pine Hill Access Road and Campus Improvements.** The Town of Sherborn employed Green International Affiliates, Inc. to complete a detailed estimate to complete the paving and rehabilitation of the Pine Hill access road, parking lot and exterior lighting. This will afford a second access road to the Pine Hill elementary school, which is currently an emergency access only dirt road. The result will be improved safety

during severe weather events, public emergencies and has the goal of improving overall traffic flow into and out of the school. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$1,611,735 based on the completed assessment.

**6. Woodhaven & Leland Farms Public Water Supply Improvements.** This request is to replace the joint water management system that is failing Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) guidelines. Onsite In Sight Engineering completed a water supply feasibility study and put forward recommendations to replace and remediate the water supply system. The total project cost is estimated to be \$198,000.

**The total capital requests for the Town of Sherborn is \$3,009,705.**

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