



Braintree Town Council

Committee of Ways & Means

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Braintree, Massachusetts 02184

MEMBERS

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Joseph Reynolds, Vice-Chairman
Julia Flaherty, member
Elizabeth Maglio, member
Ryan Sterling, member

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Starting Time – 6:30p.m.

Johnson Chambers

(Meeting notice posting notes 5 members being on this committee is a quorum of the full Council)

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- November 18, 2025
- December 9, 2025
- December 16, 2025

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **26 005** Mayor: FY2026 Supplemental Appropriation #1 or take up any action relative thereto
(Public Hearing at full Council 2/3/26)

Adjournment



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MINUTES

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

A meeting of the Committee of Ways & Means was held in Johnson Chambers on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Councilor Boericke was in the Chair.

Clerk of the Council, Susan Cimino conducted the roll call.

Present: Meredith Boericke, Chairwoman
Peter Morin, Vice-Chairman
Julia Flaherty, Member
Elizabeth Maglio, Member
Joseph Reynolds, Member

Also Present: Michael Esmond, Director of Municipal Finance
Paul Sullivan, Deputy Assessor
Board of Assessors:
Bob Cusack, Chair BOA
Susan O'Brien, BOA
Robert Connelly, BOA

Approval of Minutes

- None

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **25 062** Mayor: Tax Rate Classifications or take up any action relative thereto (*Public Hearing on 12/2/25*)

Chairwoman Boericke asked is there anyone that would like to speak on this?

Director Esmond explained the following from the memo submitted from the mayor on November 13, 2025:

The key factors influencing determining annual tax rates are summarized below, including:

- Property Valuations for FY 2026
- Tax Classification Shift
- Annual Tax Levy to be Raised

Property Valuations for FY 2026

Annually the Town's Assessor's Office publishes valuations held for each residential and commercial property located in Braintree. The valuations represent the estimated fair market value of the property, which is impacted by market changes annually. Additionally, the Assessor's Office accounts for the underlying cost estimated for the property, including any improvements made, as well as income considerations associated with the use of a specific property. The levy (or annual property tax) to be collected or "raised" is set as a fixed dollar amount each year and is apportioned to residential and commercial properties (including commercial, industrial and personal property) based on each classification's share of the total valuation of all taxable properties. Consequently, annual changes in the values of the classifications in aggregate as well as for individual properties will play a key role in determining what amount a property owner owes in taxes.

To support its requirement to determine fair market value for all Town properties the Assessor's Office contracts with independent data and appraiser experts, who assist in updating assessed property values based on market data and transactions. Permits are reviewed and properties are updated annually to reflect changes both positive (additions/improvements/upgrades) and negative (demo's, fires, etc.). Sales data is reviewed, and income and expense information is obtained and analyzed to determine values for commercial and industrial parcels. The Assessor continually reviews parcels and updates property record cards to ensure correct data. Finally, updated valuations are reviewed and approved annually by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, including amounts for new construction and any property reclassifications.

All Taxable Property values increased by 2.9% in FY26. The most substantial contributor to this growth by dollar amount was from single family homes, which saw its total category valuation increase by 3.1% from \$6.4 billion to \$6.6 billion. Other categories of the Residential (RES) classification saw more substantial percentage increases in valuation for FY26, most notably Multi-Family parcels in aggregate increase in value by \$473.7 million to \$495.4 million, or 4.6%. Overall, the RES classification increased by 3.1%. This grouping makes up the overwhelming amount of the broader Residential (RES) classification, which grew at a comparable 5.4% rate.

Growth in the Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property (CIP) classification's valuation equaled 1.9% in FY26. For tax purposes, personal property includes inventory, furniture, machinery and equipment used while conducting business. In FY26, growth in the valuation of Personal Property was 3.8%, corresponding to increase from \$ 159.3 million to \$165.4 million. Excluding the growth in Personal Property, growth in the Commercial and Industrial groupings was 1.7% in FY26, with commercial properties growing by 2.1% and industrial properties falling in value by 0.1%.

With the RES classification growing in value by 1.2 percentage points greater than CIP, the percent share of the taxable valuations changed slightly with RES increasing from 80.93% to 81.12% or growth of 0.23%, as a percentage of taxable valuation. Therefore, the assigned tax burden of the annual levy, based on % of taxable valuations, is modestly increased for residential property owners from the prior year.

Tax Classification Shift

Every year when setting its property tax rates, a municipality has the option of “shifting” an excess portion of the tax burden onto the commercial properties in the town to alleviate some of the residential tax burden (please see Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 56). The Town of Braintree first adopted a shift in 1986 and has for many years elected to adopt the statutorily set maximum shift, signified in the attached as the 175% or 1.75 tax factor. The implementation of the 175% residential shift factor has an effect of reducing the Residential classification’s taxable burden, as defined as % of taxable valuation, from 81.12% to 66.95%, with the latter comparing to 66.62% in FY25.

FY2026 Annual Tax Levy

In FY26 the total levy to be raised is \$127.8 million, which includes the following: the prior year’s tax levy (excluding any resident-approved debt exclusions), the maximum growth of the Levy (2.5%), new growth, and the debt exclusion associated with the 2020 bonds issued with various school construction projects. This corresponds to a 3.4% increase from the prior year, and it compares to the 3.2% increase originally assumed in the adopted FY26 budget, with the change associated with the actual new growth reported for the year.

New Growth

Total taxes generated from new growth is an estimated \$1.128 million. Under state law this amount is outside of the annual cap on the growth of the Town’s levy. The FY26 budget assumed a level of \$800,000 in new growth-related tax revenues, which compares to the FY25 actual of \$1.05 million. At \$1.128 million the current estimate is \$328,000 greater than the budget and builds off FY25, where new growth-related taxes increased above the prior year for the first time since FY20.

Small Business Exemption

Historically, the Town of Braintree has provided for a reduced property tax rate for commercial properties employing fewer than ten people and whose assessed value is less than \$1 million. This 10% exemption recognizes the role small businesses play for the community and Braintree’s economy and it provides a key tool to help their continued operations in Braintree. In total, 86 businesses took advantage of this benefit in FY25, exempting \$5 million in property values from taxation. The adoption of this exemption causes a modest increase in the tax rate of the Commercial and Industrial groupings in order to offset the effect of the exemption for those eligible businesses. The estimated tax savings from this exemption for eligible property owners in FY26 is estimated to total \$116,000.

Open Space Discount

Under Massachusetts General Law, municipalities are allowed to discount the value of properties classified as open space by twenty-five percent (25%) of their value. The Town of Braintree has no property that falls under the open space classification. However, consistent with past Town practice, a motion is requested of Town Council to formally decline to adopt the open space discount for another year (FY26).

Residential Exemption

Enacted 1979, the residential exemption is an option under property tax classification MGL c. 59, sec. 5C that shifts the tax burden within the residential class from owners of moderately valued residential properties to the owners of vacation homes, higher valued homes and residential properties not occupied by the owner, including apartments and vacant lands. Communities may authorize a residential exemption to all Class One, Residential properties that are principal residences of taxpayers. Prior to the Municipal Modernization Act, the exemption could not top 20% of the average assessed valuation of residential parcels. Now, exemptions cannot exceed 35% of the average assessed value of all Class One, Residential properties. Adopting a residential exemption increases the overall residential tax rate. The amount of the tax levy paid by the residential class remains the same, but because of the exempted residential valuation, the levy is distributed over less assessed value. This higher rate creates a shift within the class that reduces the taxes paid by homeowners with moderately valued properties. Those taxes are then paid by owners of rental properties, vacation homes and higher valued homes. The overwhelming majority of the Commonwealth's cities and towns have declined to adopt this exemption. The recommendation is that Town Council decline to adopt the residential exemption.

Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Rates

Table 4 - Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Rates shows the tax rates estimated following the implementation of the Residential Factor shift of 1.75 and the Small Business Commercial tax exemption. As depicted, the average annual single-family house tax in FY26 will total \$7,307.87. This grouping receives particular focus since it represents 72% of the taxable units in the Town in FY25 and 63% of the taxable value.

Single Family Tax=> \$ 7,307.87

Single Family Tax Impact, FY2024 vs FY2025 compares this year to the prior year for the average single-family home in Braintree. In FY25, the average house's valuation increased by 5.4%, up from \$704,287 to \$726,203. Additionally, the tax rate increased by 0.8% from \$9.98 per \$1,000 of taxable value to \$10.06. The total annual tax from these changes is \$7,307.87, or a \$297.08 (4.0%) increase from the prior year amount of \$7,028.78.

Councilors asked many questions and stated it is important to make known that with the "shift" there is about a \$1,250 savings per household.

Motions read by Councilor Morin for favorable recommendation to the full Council Order 25 062 (1) thru (4):

Motion #1: To Apply the Tax Rate Classification Shift

MOTION: Be it ordained that the Town of Braintree adopt the recommendation of the Mayor and the Board of Assessors to approve the Classification Tax Rate Shift of 175% to be applied to commercial, industrial and personal property for Fiscal Year 2026.

Motion: by Councilor Morin to approve Order 25 062 (1)

Second: by Councilor Flaherty

Vote: For (5 – Boericke, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Motion #2: Small Business Exemption

MOTION: To approve the “Small Business Exemption” as recommended by the Mayor and the Board of Assessors in a memorandum to the Town Council dated November 13, 2025, and as filed with the Office of the Town Clerk for Fiscal Year 2026.

Motion: by Councilor Morin to approve Order 25 062 (2)

Second: by Councilor Flaherty

Vote: For (5 – Boericke, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Motion #3: The Open Space Discount

MOTION: To continue to adopt the recommendation of the Mayor and the Board of Assessors, as outlined in a memorandum to the Town Council dated November 13, 2025, and as filed with the Office of the Town Clerk to decline the adoption of the Open Space discount for Fiscal Year 2026.

Motion: by Councilor Morin to approve Order 25 062 (3)

Second: by Councilor Flaherty

Vote: For (5 – Boericke, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Motion #4: The Residential Exemption

MOTION: To continue to adopt the recommendation of the Mayor and the Board of Assessors, as outlined in a memorandum to the Town Council dated November 13, 2025, and as filed with the Office of the Town Clerk to decline the adoption of the Residential Exemption for Fiscal Year 2026.

Motion: by Councilor Morin to approve Order 25 062 (4)

Second: by Councilor Flaherty

Vote: For (5 – Boericke, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

- **037 25** Councilor Maglio: Update from the Mayor's office as to a plan for building the town's grant writing capacity

Director Esmond was in attendance to speak to the answers provided in the below email reply:

Grants Management:

During the Ways and Means FY2026 budget hearing we addressed this matter as it relates to the FY2026 budget. Presently, as has been the case for many years, the Town does not have a dedicated grants manager who spends the majority of his/her time on grant opportunities. As we noted, the overwhelming majority of the time of the Town's Contract Administrator/Grant Writer must be allocated to procurement and contracting matters, ensuring the Town and School departments are in compliance with state laws and regulations. The extensive grant-writing and collaboration activities that are identified will most certainly require additional staffing to perform them; an investment that will need to be made when the Town is still very stretched with respect to maintaining existing service levels. Still, this investment should be considered and will be as part of the FY2027 budget writing process. The Finance Team will reach out to schedule time with you to discuss ways to best ensure that it is cost neutral to the Town.

Councilor Maglio stated I understand resources are limited. My point is and has been we don't really have a town-wide system. It is an easy thing to put off. I want it to be easier to find grant opportunities. I've talked about excel spreadsheets or google docs. We have to create institutional memory and go through it monthly. Need more cohesive system. We need a grant calendar that has deadlines.

This item is to be tabled to a future meeting for further discussion.

Motion by Councilor Morin to table item 037 25

Motion: by Councilor Morin to table item 037 25

Second: by Councilor Flaherty

Vote: For (5 – Boericke, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:29p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council



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MINUTES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

A meeting of the Committee of Ways & Means was held in Johnson Chambers on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Councilor Boericke was in the Chair.

Clerk of the Council, Susan Cimino conducted the roll call.

Present: Meredith Boericke, Chairwoman
Peter Morin, Vice-Chairman
Elizabeth Maglio, Member
Joseph Reynolds, Member arrived @6:08pm

Not Present: Julia Flaherty, Member

Also Present: Michael Esmond, Director of Municipal Finance
Peter Matchak, Director Planning & Community Development

Approval of Minutes

- July 8, 2025

Motion by Councilor Morin to approve Minutes of July 8, 2025

Motion: by Councilor Morin to approve Minutes of July 8, 2025

Second: by Councilor Maglio

Vote: For (3 – Boericke, Maglio, Morin) Against (0), Absent (2 - Flaherty, Reynolds), Abstain (0)

- July 29, 2025

Motion by Councilor Morin to approve Minutes of July 29, 2025

Motion: by Councilor Morin to approve Minutes of July 29, 2025

Second: by Councilor Maglio

Vote: For (3 – Boericke, Maglio, Morin) Against (0), Absent (2 - Flaherty, Reynolds), Abstain (0)

- August 2, 2025

Motion by Councilor Morin to approve Minutes of August 2, 2025

Motion: by Councilor Flaherty to approve Minutes of August 2, 2025

Second: by Councilor Maglio

Vote: For (3 – Boericke, Maglio, Morin) Against (0), Absent (2 - Flaherty, Reynolds), Abstain (0)

New Business

- **25 064** Mayor: Local Options for Veterans' Tax Exemptions under Massachusetts HERO Act or take up any action relative thereto

Director Esmond explained tonight we are proposing to adopt two local options. We currently have 146 beneficiaries of our Clause 22, one under 22A and 86 under 22E. The HERO Act, Chapter 178 of the Acts 2024 (the "Act"), was signed into law by the Governor in summer 2024. Among its provisions, the Act adds two new local options that (i) increase certain veteran exemption amounts and (ii) change the eligibility determination for the motor vehicle exemption for a qualifying veteran with a 100% disability rating or who is unemployable due to the veteran's service-connected disability.

Clauses 22I and 22J are local options that must be accepted by a city or town for veterans within that community to apply for and receive the benefit of those exemptions. Acceptance requires a vote of the legislative body (town meeting, town council or city council) subject to the municipality's charter. G.L. c. 4, §4. No local action is needed for the change under G.L. c. 60A, § 1 to go into effect.

Clause 22I, if accepted, would increase the amount of tax exemption granted to veterans on their domiciles under Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F annually by a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) determined by the Department of Revenue (DOR) based on the consumer price index (CPI). This would work like the annual COLA adjustment determined by DOR that is already a local option for certain senior exemption amounts and financial means standards. See G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clauses 17E, 17F and 41D.

For example, if a Clause 22 recipient presently receives a \$400 exemption, and the Town accepts this option, and the CPI increases by 5%, the total exemption amount would increase to \$420.

Clause 22J, if accepted, provides an additional exemption up to 100% of the amount of the tax exemption granted to veterans on their domiciles under Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F. This would work like the optional additional exemption that is already a local option under G.L. c. 59, § 5C1/2 for all persons granted exemptions on their domiciles as veterans, seniors, blind persons, and surviving spouses. Clause 22J will not apply in a year in which the city or town already uses G.L. c. 59, § 5C1/2 to grant an additional exemption to all persons granted exemptions. It is an option for cities and towns that do not use that general additional exemption to just grant one for persons granted veteran exemptions. As with the general additional exemption, the application of the Clause 22J additional exemption cannot reduce the tax owed below what the taxpayer would owe on 10% of the current assessed valuation of the domicile. However, unlike the general additional exemption, the exemption granted to veterans can result in the taxpayer paying less than the taxes paid in the preceding fiscal year. To implement, the city or town must vote to accept the statute and establish the additional exemption percentage before the start of the fiscal year in which that percentage will first apply. The voted percentage will continue to apply in subsequent years unless and until another percentage is voted before the start of a later fiscal year.

Both Clauses would operate together. For example, under the prior illustration, if a Clause 22 recipient presently receives a \$400 exemption and the community accepts Clause 22I, and the CPI increases by 5%, the total exemption amount would increase to \$420. If the community further accepts Clause 22J (or G.L. c. 59, §5C1/2) and increases by the maximum 100% the amount of the tax exemption granted to veterans, in this example, the total exemption will increase to \$840.

As the Act contained a preamble, the Act's effective date is August 8, 2024, the date on which the Governor executed the legislation. However, for exemptions allowed under G.L. c. 59, § 5, the exemption qualifying date is generally July 1. Changes in property tax exemption laws will generally apply

prospectively as of the next qualification date after the effective date of the amendments. As such, if the Town Council votes to accept Clauses 22I and 22J, enactment would become effective beginning in Fiscal Year 2027.

Councilor Reynolds asked where the numbers of residents with a service related disability came from the VSO?

Director Esmond stated the numbers come from the Assessors' office.

Councilor Morin stated that individuals apply for this through the Assessor's office correct?

Director Esmond stated Yes.

Councilor Morin stated this is a good incremental step in providing individuals that are deserving and in need of more tax relief. I think there is still work to be done. I am fully in favor of it.

Councilor Maglio stated this is good news to hear. This can make a big difference in terms of taking the edge off. This is great and I support it.

Chairwoman Boericke asked if it was a percentage off the property tax or is it flat? I am very happy we have the financial means to do this for our veterans.

Director Esmond explained it is flat.

Chairwoman Boericke asked if there was a Motion?

Motions read by Councilor Morin FOR FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL COUNCIL:

Motion:

(1) That the Town of Braintree accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22I, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2026.

Motion: by Councilor Morin to approve Order 25 064 (1)

Second: by Councilor Maglio

Vote: For (4 – Boericke, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds) Against (0), Absent (1 - Flaherty), Abstain (0)

Motion

(2) That the Town of Braintree accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22J, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by 100% of the personal exemption amount, subject to the conditions in Clause 22J, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2026.

Motion: by Councilor Morin to approve Order 25 064 (2)

Second: by Councilor Maglio

Vote: For (4 – Boericke, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds) Against (0), Absent (1 - Flaherty), Abstain (0)

- **25 065** Mayor: Request for Appropriation - Braintree Cannon Wheel Replacement – CPA Application or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing Continued to 1/20/26)

Chairwoman Boericke asked is there anyone that would like to speak on this?

Director Matchak explained this application came from the CPC as a request from the Braintree Historical Society in the amount of \$4,875 with a 50/50 match to replace the wheels on the cannon that is right now in front of the Thayer House.

The Braintree Cannon was presented to the Thayer House by Westpoint Military Academy April 24, 1965 in honor of Sylvanus Thayer. Exposed to the weather the cannon and its carriage require regular maintenance and restoration. The current cannon carriage was restored in 2000, the wheels were subsequently replaced in 2014. The 2014 wheels were constructed by the wheelwrights at Colonial Williamsburg at a cost of \$8, 000. These wheels are now severely deteriorated and in need of replacement. The wheel hubs have completely rotted and rot is occurring on the spokes and rims. The Braintree Cannon was presented to the Braintree Historical Society in honor of one of the town 's most significant historic figures, Sylvanus Thayer. The cannon was cast in Paris in 1793. Located on the front lawn of the Thayer House immediately opposite the Town Hall, the cannon is a distinctive landmark within the community. Replacement of the carriage wheels will ensure the continued preservation of the significant historic artifact.

Councilors asked if any preventative maintenance has been done on the equipment. There should be a maintenance plan going forward. Why did these erode so fast?

The committee would like to hear directly from Derek Manning, President of the Historical Society and applicant for this funding.

Chairwoman Boericke asked is there a Motion to Table Order 25 065 to a future WM meeting?

Councilor Morin read:

Motion: To Table Order 25 065 to a future meeting

Motion: by Councilor Morin to Table Order 25 065 to a future meeting

Second: by Councilor Maglio

Vote: For (4 – Boericke, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds) Against (0), Absent (1 - Flaherty), Abstain (0)

Old Business

- **037 25** Councilor Maglio: Update from the Mayor's office as to a plan for building the town's grant writing capacity

Chairwoman Boericke asked is there a Motion to Take off the Table item 037 25?

Councilor Morin read:

Motion: To Take off the Table item 037 25

Motion: by Councilor Morin to Take off the Table item 037 25

Second: by Councilor Maglio

Vote: For (4 – Boericke, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds) Against (0), Absent (1 - Flaherty), Abstain (0)

Chairwoman Boericke stated this was tabled at a previous meeting on November 18, 2025.

Director Esmond was in attendance and can speak to the answers provided in the email to Councilor Maglio:

#1. Grants Management

During the Ways and Means FY2026 budget hearing we addressed this matter as it relates to the FY2026 budget. Presently, as has been the case for many years, the Town does not have a dedicated grants manager who spends the majority of his/her time on grant opportunities. As we noted, the overwhelming majority of the time of the Town's Contract Administrator/Grant Writer must be allocated to procurement and contracting matters, ensuring the Town and School departments are in compliance with state laws and regulations. The extensive grant-writing and collaboration activities that are identified will most certainly require additional staffing to perform them; an investment that will need to be made when the Town is still very stretched with respect to maintaining existing service levels. Still, this investment should be considered and will be as part of the FY2027 budget writing process. The Finance Team will reach out to schedule time with you to discuss ways to best ensure that it is cost neutral to the Town.

Councilor Maglio explained I just want to make sure that everyone realizes that this is because I think the good work that is happening, can be expanded, so it's not any particular issue or it's about the lack of figuring out how we can leverage the hard work that is happening.

So in terms of the way that I see it the grant situation happening is the effort takes place on multiple levels in multiple departments, not centralized grant management system. There is not a centralized grant calendar, not a centralized strategy to cultivate and steward and do the kinds of big picture effort required to create these relationships and take advantage of these opportunities and find out what's coming down the pike or why we receive something or we don't receive something. Why is something awarded or not awarded. So I, am suggesting that we don't really need to create an expensive, top heavy, coordination body. I think this can happen potentially with existing staff that are maybe organized in a different way. This is worth making an investment in.

Those things could be phased in, it could be further explored and discussed, and I'm happy to go into some of the different models that are out there. But the whole purpose is to create some coordinating, some tracking, and some strategic alignment between what it is we're going out to pursue.

What happens is a lot of departments will write grants in isolation. The fire department may not know that the water department just went for something similar, got it, didn't get it. They're both putting out a

lot of effort, but maybe only one comes back with a grant award. It leaves the question about maybe how organized or coordinated we are internally. It means that there's missed opportunities as well. Without a coordinated grant calendar, it's hard to know what information that needs to be compiled, what the application windows are, whether somebody has, you know, whether a deadline has been moved, whether funding has been increased or shrunk. All of these things are what you find out by having a grant calendar.

I don't know if this has ever happened, and that's the thing. I don't think we know a lot about the inner workings of the grant, the efforts to do grant writing because of people's jobs and their functions, so that we don't really even know if people are spending the same time working on the same thing. If boilerplate documents are going out, if the same budgets are going out, I know that there's oversight. I know in terms of that doesn't mean that I think it's in a sloppy way. It just, it's, there's, if it's not centralized, how do you know that you have the latest numbers? How do you know that's the latest plan? How, if something gets realigned in one part of the town, if there's an impact on another, it could create more of a need to move something forward, hold off, happening, not happening. There are all those kind of details.

I think when coordinated, they don't confuse funders and they increase our chances. The other pieces are around the inconsistent messaging, perhaps department priorities are highlighted in various applications and maybe just like with plans and schedules priorities may change.

There is also institutional memory involved. It's hard to remember all of this, but when it's logged in, and by logging in again I don't mean some kind of software expensive software program, it really can be as simple as an Excel spreadsheet or using some of the other features in our standard office package. And we want to learn from where our failures are, where our successes are. Why something got approved, why something wasn't. Are we have we you know are we hitting the sweet spot of the foundation or the corporate funder or not? Is it ever going to be a fit? If not, let's cut our losses, let's look for something else. Some other kinds of cultivation. And so it just it's a way to be more efficient I think with our resources, not to just invest and cross our fingers but to really be more efficient.

There'll be some steady relationships happening, and I'm sure that our current staff have built some of those relationships in their contract management with some of the government offices. And that would be great to have that applied for all departments, whether it's someone designated in a department or whether that person takes on that overall role. The I just I think that a decentralization grant management program doesn't have enough horsepower for what we need. And centralizing that doesn't need to be really pushing something uphill and spending a lot of money. It just means organizing ourselves in a different way, supporting staff in different ways, giving them some training, some centralized training so that everyone who's working on a grant knows the main goals, the main messaging that we're acting with one voice, that we're all working on behalf of the town. So those are the kinds of that's kind of what I the benefits of a centralized grant management or oversight kind of program or department. There is a number of towns that I looked up, the towns that are ours approximately our size like from thirty thousand to sixty or seventy thousand, and there are um there are grant administrators, grant managers, grant coordinators, grant departments. There are um various titles. It's for some it's full time, for some it's part of their job. For some it may be multiple people that work in the department. Like each town seems to craft it the way that it works for them. And so we would have that flexibility as well too. But it does exist at municipalities of our level, of our size. And I think that the other thing is that funding, you know, funding opportunities with such uncertainty on the federal level, how that's going to impact our state resources and then at the state level how that's going to impact our local aid and other kinds of things that are going on. I feel like this is an effort that we need to be serious and strategic about. Kind of, you know, make a fist and kind of take a few steps on this and not wait for the next budget, which wouldn't start until July one. I think we need to start right away building capacity. Maybe even just doing

an inventory: who are all the people that are writing grants and what are the grants they've written over the past five years. Were they granted, were they not? What's the reporting schedule? Did we get repeat because a lot of the times that we're reaching out to funders, there could be you know refunding opportunities. But if you don't ask, you don't necessarily get. If you miss the deadlines on the reporting, you don't necessarily get invited again. I don't know what the state of that is and having a very clear sense of that I think will help us really create a capacity that we I think we desperately need given our resources and how hard everyone is working, and the kinds of programs and things we want to restore. And I also think it gives us an opportunity to be creative and to do the innovative things that we want to see happening with you know, we have great capacity and talent in the town. And I'd love to see it um I'd love to see the results of a really focused effort to build this capacity be something that we can enjoy right away. It will pay for itself eventually, but one other thing a lot of people think, well, if you just throw thirty thousand dollars towards something and then the grant writer can write the grants and then make their own salary. It doesn't really work that way. Although it is an offset obviously that what you are investing in someone who's bringing in. But grant writers don't write grants for their own salaries. You know, that's an I am sure there may be some places that do it that way, but that's not really the ethical way to do it. So we would be looking at it as an investment in a capacity, and we would have products like we would have content, we would have things that are written, we would have lots of updated with fresh boilerplates. The person doing a lot of that coordination could be part of all the budget meetings where we're asking all these detailed questions at Ways & Means meetings. Those are ways that are kind of cost efficient and don't require a major investment. So, so I will stop there. And that's kind of what it is I am, I really want to have the mayor agree with me on it. Um, and I know that she she, I mean, I know that she yeah, I know that she supports all of this but also know that there is trepidation around making this kind of commitment and investment, and that there is sensitivity around who's been doing the work and hasn't been doing the work. But you know, I will say, four years I've been a councilor, four years I've been asking for this. I cannot go through another budget hearing without having a list of every grant: what happened? When's the next grant? Was it spent? Was it not spent? And to have that easily located used, and the best thing I haven't mentioned is that everybody in this town has relationships with, you know, potential people that could get the grant writer to, you know, coffee with a new corporate, you know, a new place that's having a kickoff for new funding. Like there is a lot of relationships that can also help build this effort and let people know we're really looking to grow in this area.

Councilor Morin stated I think your points well taken, Councilor Maglio. I think that our efforts on grants are at best uneven and initially when the position that is now being used for contract administration and procurement was envisioned originally, to be a grant application administrator as well to have that component and it's weaned away because of the amount of work. We are uneven, but you know housing authority recently got thirteen million dollars for the Braintree housing authority property which is fantastic. There are examples of excellence and talking to Lauren Murphy about her process, she was like, "Oh, I've been turned down for this so many times," but yeah, she persisted and this time it came through. And you know that's just fantastic. You know we cannot afford to let any opportunity that can bring resources into the town to go unexplored. We've just got to exploit every opportunity that we have. And I thank you for continuing to push this issue.

Councilor Reynolds, stated yes, so I would agree that I think Councilor Maglio really encapsulates a need. I look forward to the administration's future.

Director Esmond stated so I thank you, Councilor Maglio. I wouldn't disagree. I wouldn't have cause to disagree with any of that any of your really good points and I think I have had a number of conversations with the mayor. I think she does want to see us make progress on this. And as I think we've all shared in my time here, there's a lot of things we have to make progress on. And I guess I would just want to personally say, like our lack of progress should please never take that as like not an indication that it's not a priority. There's just many other things that we're trying to juggle. But my feeling is like anything that you're trying to set a realistic, you know, outcome-based sort of timeframe with some accountability and transparency to it, you know, I think, Um, I think we we've I think the best course of action is to sort of set a phased plan, you know, over some period of time. Um and identify the things that are accomplishable or need to be addressed. Let's say in the immediate timeframe let's say within the next six months, the remaining half of fiscal twenty-six. Um and then try to get further down about if there are resource needs um because I do agree I think there is an information capture piece of this that Lorraine is sort of the central depository of the information.

The decisions about like why not to pursue something or why we didn't, why we weren't successful, it's not congruent across agencies and it's not um it's certainly yeah certainly not captured in any way. Um, so I see like sort of in a you know I'm just you know kind of what I had thought was if we had like a multi-phase thing where if we spend the first six months sort of data capture gathering.

Work on the on a calendar or some way to track that information. I think that helps us to sort of build the foundation of resources. I do think from my personal sort of assessment of what, you know, kind of work currently daytime that Lorraine spends and we spend with the other departments on procurement purchasing. Um and from a compliance mindset, I do feel like that is why we've gravitated away from this role. Um but we shouldn't just like you know accept that and that's where I think the resource question would come down the road.

I've seen the decision making in departments. For example, like Marybeth down on Licensing, like with the public health side for example, it is very routine for them to be seeking grants and having a familiarity with that. I think that also employing a little bit of like okay we can essentially have somebody in house who sort of is going to be our match or the person who's doing this. There's other cases where I think it's hard for department folks not to see it as more work, and every essence of that too. And so it's almost like a self-selecting reason to like to not apply or whatever. And I think that needs to be like that being able to sort of say, well, let's mutually come to sort of that understanding because yeah if it was something where you needed something as straightforward as we need a five hundred thousand dollar match and we don't have the match okay well that's an obvious thing but there's other things where it's just the grant requires coordination project management etc those types of skills um and for some people who are you know already just really trying to keep the lights on or whatever it I can understand the very sort of human reaction that this is just more work um so even if you get the funding to do the additional thing and they additional thing would be great for the town of Braintree that person, they again self-select out, and so I think again having a central way to vet that decision making would be critical. Um, I also even in the meeting we had last week, I mean George and just mentioned like he's working on a grant and he said, "I think I can say like I've never done that." And he's you know like we brought up like we have a grant writer here. Um, and since it is such a decentralized component there could just be the simple aptitude skills of just doing that process. You know, again getting foundational again, like assessing where why are we not pursuing these things and having some data. So as far as going back five years, tonight I would be a little cautious about saying we have all that ready to get the exact exactly what that would be. But I agree like in the first the next the first phase of this, I think we should do that data gathering part. We actually had started it because I had said to my team like what is the system of record and we were using Munis because every grant that we track in that we've received, Mark creates a new

fund. I mean, typically, and we I mean we have essentially all the ins and out data that we you know that we could have. And so all of what we've received, we have that information. It's not it's not click a button. But that doesn't mean we couldn't get there. I mean, I think one of the things that with Munis, we find is like we're using probably somewhere between what I would say like fifty and seventy five percent of the capacity of what the tool has. There is a lot of things like in the chart of accounts, and not to be too boring, but like I think of in the reporting elements that we could actually better configure to allow us to click buttons and say, okay, like here is all the funds we currently have open that we qualify as grants and differentiate federal versus state versus private versus whatever. So I do think I mean there is a lot of capacity. In a different world, it feels so long ago when I was a consulting. This was one of the things that I worked with communities to do. We also had Reops Projects where we actually work for communities to say, well, you could get a lot more money to pay for the person. Um, you know, even at a ten percent indirect recovery. What I've seen here is that we aren't really recovering anything and um a lot of the grants we have are so small it would be, a relatively small amount but um most grants do allow you as a basic rule to recover ten percent as a straight you know default indirect rate if you don't have this town set rate, which I don't know that we it's worthwhile for us to pay for somebody to do a set rate. But again, that's one of those foundational things you kind of go through and you figure out like was there a real opportunity here. But um, that's kind of has been you know we I think um verbally I don't I didn't like write some of this down but I think we could you know come back and present sort of like the phase kind of what we would expect and again what would be the time frames from it. But I feel like you know, um, the first the next six months or the second half of this fiscal year that's an achievable transparent goal we could have. And then it helps us to sort of inform in the mayor's twenty-seven budget if we're going to if we do want to come to town council and bring the concept of a resource. I don't think that this is a full time person. I think there is a lot of examples we pulled from general some um job descriptions at part time folks who do this or even 1099 folks Some weeks it might be forty sixty hours, and some weeks it may be very dribs and drabs. And you might want to structure that contract. That's what I envision.

Yes, you're doing you're working on weekends and late nights because you're hitting deadlines exactly. Um, that's the kind of structure I think., But I think ultimately we're not funding a full FTE., and but again, Come back to I think it's somewhat foundational back to your point because we do we haven't really captured data beyond you know some of the raw elements I also think that folks have asked like what is our exposure right now to everything that's going on and I think there's a that's also another area like information that you know where are the federal grants coming from. Who's receiving them. What's going to be the impact on a school district. That's a big question, right? It's probably the main question because federal grants come into town. Otherwise, I don't know that it's but it may you know project funding some of the things that we've talked about like what could we utilize in the capital budget. Those are also you know somewhat in play and at risk. So I think not having sort of something really hard and solid to react to, I do think there is a lot of thinking we've already done and I think we could you know probably early in the new year come back, Here's the straw man, and this is what we're working to and report back to the committee. And I do feel like I can speak for the mayor and say that I know she did feel very strongly that this was something that you know we do we do agree even if the even if we come to a point where we say well a lot of these things we actually our process is that it's not an opportunity that we can pursue, we at least have an active transparent process for doing that. That's what we can share and report on. Yeah, I guess that's what I would add tonight. Certainly, well, I feel like there's obviously homework here. I think that's accomplishable and I do think there's full alignment with Councilor Maglio.

Chairwoman Boericke stated I'll just add, I think you know as we think about service to the residents which is why we're all doing this is twofold, I guess one the big picture of you know anything we can get from a grant, money from taxpayers that we can put towards other services, and that's what we do. That's what towns do; they provide services for residents. And then I think a smaller piece, but in my mind really important is responsiveness to residents. You know I frequently get emails from residents, board members, board and commission members about grant opportunities, and I have nowhere right now to send them and that stinks, right? Like here is someone doing some legwork on our behalf and it goes into a hole right now. So I think that is that may feel minor, but that is what it's all about, right? It's taking good ideas from residents and being able to act on them or at least being able to say, "Hey, thank you so much," and here is how you can like take this the next step further because the council has no staff. So anyway, I just I think that is I just wanted to put that out there and thank you, Councilor Maglio, for continuing on this.

Director Esmond stated that was actually like a good point. Sorry, that's something I missed. Beyond sort of setting the data of what where we've been and what we currently have. I do think we could immediately start a process for having intake and I think like working with Councilor Maglio and her feedback to me. Here's going forward like the checklist of items that or the way we need to report back into and record this in a database Excel process etc that we would have like uniform questions so we could take that in um and be responsive. That feels like a very first phase very easy thing for us to implement. And I don't think that I agree. I don't think that requires a substantial lift. I think it's the, you know, it may be in the first, you know, phase of it you kind of get the same outcome and then we start to shape the outcomes. That's the thing is like because I do I don't want to discredit any of my colleagues here. I think they're making decisions based upon what they feel is their bandwidth and priorities. Right? And we have and we do have some limited bandwidth. I mean, I think the reality is there's You know, until if we you know we have to you know if some of these grants are basically funding um you know a new project or a consultant or something that comes in um you still have to manage the consult. You have to procure the consult. I mean, the procurement of things and not to complain or whine, but it's like all the things that we receive, we still have to follow the municipal finance law and good procurement and it's a challenge. Those things add time and they don't necessarily add cost and things like that. It's not to say that should be a reason not to go after, not to use grant funding, but it's a human consideration. And so, but I do think, sorry, I do think the communication intake piece is absolutely something that would be in the first phase of this.

Councilor Maglio stated and that's really how you begin to build it. And that's how we get to look at it. And that's where you start to realize well we need some sort of a decision around the metrics of what are we going to apply for what are we going to hold off on what are the deadlines well there's a deadline in March and then not again for next March can we do it by this March there's a whole lot of decisions and work that goes into that piece right there but the good news though and I can understand how staff would feel like oh this is another thing because it it's tedious it's tedious work sometimes to actually go through this level of detail and we have our budgets presented you know created one way but then one place wants everything on separate sheets and another place won't have anything that's not digital or another place won't take anything that's digital. With all the different requirements or criteria, but just even to begin to look at what the foundations are looking for or what these opportunities are looking for is a way to get prepared. The other thing is that it's not really to go out and find money to do all kinds of new things. It's really to set up what our projects are that we want to see happening and then find the money that will fund that. So, when a staff person who's just lost, you know, a staffer because there was

a cutback or a rollback or whatever and so they're already stretched, they know that every June they have to do some sort of activity. Well, this would be like booking for money for that activity not to add more activities to them. So that's and that's part of the cheerleading around how we set the tone for that effort.

Chairwoman Boericke stated we'll probably table this for the updates.

Chairwoman Boericke asked is there a Motion to Table item 037 25 to a future WM meeting?

Councilor Morin read:

Motion: To Table item 037 25 to a future meeting

Motion: by Councilor Morin to Table item 037 25 to a future meeting

Second: by Councilor Maglio

Vote: For (4 – Boericke, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds) Against (0), Absent (1 - Flaherty), Abstain (0)

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council



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Joseph Reynolds, Member
Julia Flaherty, Member
Elizabeth Maglio, Member

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

A meeting of the Committee of Ways & Means was held in Johnson Chambers on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Councilor Boericke was in the Chair.

Clerk of the Council, Susan Cimino conducted the roll call.

Present: Meredith Boericke, Chairwoman
Peter Morin, Vice-Chairman
Elizabeth Maglio, Member
Joseph Reynolds, Member arrived @6:28pm
Julia Flaherty, Member

Also Present: Michael Esmond, Director of Municipal Finance

Approval of Minutes

- September 2, 2025

Motion by Councilor Morin to approve Minutes of September 2, 2025

Motion: by Councilor Morin to approve Minutes of September 2, 2025

Second: by Councilor Flaherty

Vote: For (5 – Boericke, Flaherty, Maglio, Morin, Reynolds) Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **046 25** Councilor Boericke: FY26 Q1 Update or take up any action relative thereto
Director Esmond gave an update on FY26 Q1 providing copies of power point slides.

Summary:

Through Q1, actual revenues and expenses were favorable to budget In the General Fund (Fund 0001). Timing of revenue and spending actuals, vs budget assumptions, Is a key consideration when reviewing the results.

Results through Q2 will provide a better guide for evaluating watch Items.

Q1 spending results are provided for Water/Sewer, Golf and Stormwater Funds.

Quarterly benchmarks will continue to be refined to best reflect Fund spending activity.

FY26 General Fund Revenue - Q2 Results

Highlights

- \$588K above Q1 benchmark
- Largest contributor was tax collections, likely due to timing of payments.
- PILOT revenues lower; offset by revenues in rental revenues (Other Local Receipts)
- Investment income lower due to reduced interest earnings and timing.

Compared to Q1 Budget, Actual

Expenses roughly \$1.7 million favorable, which is primarily due to payroll vacancies and timing related variances.

Key Areas of Note

Typical with most years, there are several watch items for FY2026:

- Snow and Ice
- Building heating/lighting and repairs (esp. schools)
- Vacation / sick payouts
- Insurance

Supplemental items anticipated in early calendar year 2026:

- Tri-Town Budget (Water and Sewer Fund)
- Collective bargaining agreements transfers

Tri-Town budget will be adjusted via supplemental budget to reflect “stub-year” spending for plant operations through June 30, 2026.

FY2026 Next Steps / Look Ahead

- Q2 Report: Mid-February 2026
- Supplemental #1: Jan / Feb 2026
- Goals/Benchmarks – Department updates
- Focus on FY27 Goals/Projections

Chairwoman Boericke stated I really hope in the FY27 budget the mayor funds the Library above the bare minimum.

Director Esmond stated in the budget instructions that will be out around January 5, 2026 to department heads the instruction will be a level service request.

Chairwoman Boericke stated there is no need to table this for updates as Q2 will be presented soon.

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:18p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino, Clerk of the Council



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Lou Dutton, Water and Sewer Director

Date: January 15, 2026

RE: FY 2026 Supplemental Appropriation #1
Transfer Details and Motions

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President Morin, Clerk Cimino, Clerk Casey,

This memorandum presents the first supplemental appropriation filing for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26). In total, these motions, if approved, add \$2,422,423 to FY26 appropriations.

Tri-Town Water Treatment Plan

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26), the Town of Braintree will incur expenses related to the start-up costs and operations of the newly-constructed Tri-Town Water Treatment Plant (TTWTP). To this end, the Tri-Town Water District Board reviewed and approved a "stub-year" budget for FY26 equal to \$2,222,423. Under the joint agreement adopted by the three constituent communities within the District (Braintree, Randolph, Holbrook), the Town of Braintree will be responsible for the day to day operations of the plant and will invoice the other two communities for their allocated shares of the costs of the District and Treatment Plant. The five motions

appropriate funding under a new Tri-Town Water Plan Division within the Water and Sewer Fund, allowing for all costs Braintree incurs in support of the district to be recorded discreetly for efficient reporting and invoicing. While the motions appropriate \$2.2 million from the FY25 Water and Sewer Retained Earnings, the Town anticipates that approximately 50% of these appropriations will subsequently return to the Town through payments from Randolph and Holbrook.

Legal Services

Funding of \$200,000 is further appropriated for legal services and related trial preparation expenses based on projected outside counsel and related services for pending litigation handled by outside counsel through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Each item is listed with the corresponding motions below. Accordingly, your review and approval of the following motions is requested:

1. Tri-Town District Administration

Motion: That the sum of \$110,250 be transferred from Fiscal Year 2025 Certified Water Sewer Fund Retained Earnings to the Tri-Town Treatment Plan / District Administration.

2. Treatment Plant Management

Motion: That the sum of \$1,078,923 be transferred from Fiscal Year 2025 Certified Water Sewer Fund Retained Earnings to the Tri-Town Treatment Plan / Treatment Plant Management.

3. Treatment Facilities

Motion: That the sum of \$431,500 be transferred from Fiscal Year 2025 Certified Water Sewer Fund Retained Earnings to the Tri-Town Treatment Plan / Treatment Facilities.

4. Treatment Operations

Motion: That the sum of \$506,250 be transferred from Fiscal Year 2025 Certified Water Sewer Fund Retained Earnings to the Tri-Town Treatment Plan / Treatment Operations.

5. Reservoir Operations

Motion: That the sum of \$95,500 be transferred from Fiscal Year 2025 Certified Water Sewer Fund Retained Earnings to the Tri-Town Treatment Plan / Reservoir Operations.

6. Legal Department

Motion: That the sum of \$200,000 be transferred from the Insurance Recoveries Fund (Fund 3504) to the Legal Department / Administration Program.

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FY2026 Supplemental #1
Appendix
Motion Transfer Details, Motions 1 through 6

				<u>Transfer to (from).</u>
<u>Motion#</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Org / Program</u>	<u>Department / Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Tri-Town District Administration	7043701	Finance / Treasurer / Collector Office	\$ 98,000.00
1	Certified Water/Sewer Retained Earnings	n/a	n/a	\$ (98,000.00)
				<u>Transfer to (from).</u>
<u>Motion#</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Org / Program</u>	<u>Department / Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2	Tri-Town Treatment Plant Management	7043702	Legal Department / Administration	\$ 125,000.00
2	Certified Water/Sewer Retained Earnings	n/a	n/a	\$ (125,000.00)
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<u>Motion#</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Org / Program</u>	<u>Department / Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3	Tri-Town Treatment Facilities	7043703	Finance / Insurance	\$ 65,000.00
3	Certified Water/Sewer Retained Earnings	n/a	n/a	\$ (65,000.00)
				<u>Transfer to (from).</u>
<u>Motion#</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Org / Program</u>	<u>Department / Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4	Tri-Town Treatment Plant Operations	7043704	Finance / Accounting Admin	\$ 12,500.00
4	Certified Water/Sewer Retained Earnings	n/a	n/a	\$ (12,500.00)
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<u>Motion#</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Org / Program</u>	<u>Department / Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5	Tri-Town Treatment Reservoir Operations	7043705	Human Resources / Administration	\$ 75,000.00
5	Certified Water/Sewer Retained Earnings	n/a	n/a	\$ (75,000.00)
				<u>Transfer to (from).</u>
<u>Motion#</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Org / Program</u>	<u>Department / Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6	Legal Services	0115101	Legal Department / Administration	\$ 200,000.00
6	Fund 3504 Available Balance	35040000	Insurance Recovery Fund (Fund 3504)	\$ (200,000.00)

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FY 2026 Supplemental #1 Summary Matrix

Motion#	Motion Name	Dept	Supp Amount	Description	Funding Source
1	District Administration	Tri-Town Water Treatment Plant	\$ 110,250	Funds costs of the Town on behalf of the Tri-Town Water District. Each community will be billed for its allocated share of the actual costs.	FY2025 Water and Sewer Fund Retained Earnings
2	Treatment Management	Tri-Town Water Treatment Plant	\$ 1,078,923	Funds costs of the Town on behalf of the Tri-Town Water District. Each community will be billed for its allocated share of the actual costs.	FY2025 Water and Sewer Fund Retained Earnings
3	Treatment Facilities	Tri-Town Water Treatment Plant	\$ 431,500	Funds costs of the Town on behalf of the Tri-Town Water District. Each community will be billed for its allocated share of the actual costs.	FY2025 Water and Sewer Fund Retained Earnings
4	Treatment Operations	Tri-Town Water Treatment Plant	\$ 506,250	Funds costs of the Town on behalf of the Tri-Town Water District. Each community will be billed for its allocated share of the actual costs.	FY2025 Water and Sewer Fund Retained Earnings
5	Reservoir Operations	Tri-Town Water Treatment Plant	\$ 95,500	Funds costs of the Town on behalf of the Tri-Town Water District. Each community will be billed for its allocated share of the actual costs.	FY2025 Water and Sewer Fund Retained Earnings
6	Legal Services	Legal	\$ 200,000	Provides funding for projected legal services and related expenses during FY26.	Funding is transferred from insurance payment deposited in the Insurance Recovery Fund (Fund 3504).
			\$ 2,422,423		

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