



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
TOWN OF CHESTER  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**HAMPDEN, SS.**

To any of the Constables in the Town of Chester in the County of Hampden:

**GREETINGS**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Chester qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at **Chester Town Hall, 15 Middlefield Rd, Chester MA on Monday, the 13th day of June 2022, A.D. at 7:00 P.M** for the following purposes:

**ARTICLE 1:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint such other Town Officials as are not required to be chosen by ballot or take any other action relative thereto.

**Majority vote required**

**ARTICLE 2:**

**COMPENSATION**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the annual salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, as indicated below; or to take any other action relative thereto:

**Majority vote required**

<b>Elected Official's Salary</b>	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>Proposed FY2023</b>	<b>Per Member Stipend</b>
Select Board (3)	\$6,879.99	\$7,224.00	\$2,408.00
Assessors (3)	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Town Moderator	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Health Board (3)	\$4,287.00	\$4,501.00	\$1,500.33

**ARTICLE 3**

**FY2023 Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of **\$3,457,779.00** to defray the charges and expenses of the Town, including debt service (principal and interest) and to provide a Reserve Fund, for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, as set forth in the attached budget sheet and further, to hear the report of the Finance Committee and act thereon, or to take any other action relative thereto. *(Please see separate budget sheet)*

**Majority vote required**

**ARTICLE 4**

**Revolving Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to set FY2023 spending limits for each of the Town's previously established revolving funds that have been authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Law as indicated below; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Health	\$3,000.00
Plumbing Inspector	\$1,000.00
Wiring Inspector	\$1,000.00
Tax Collector	\$2,000.00
Deputy Collector	\$1,000.00
Police Detail Fees	\$15,000.00

**Majority vote required**

**ARTICLE 5:**

**FY2021 Invoices**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment from Free Cash of the following invoices from FY2021 or take any other action relative thereto.

David Wickle-Board of Health	\$2,683.90
Verizon- Town Hall	\$273.49
CMELD-Board of Health	\$ 42.21
CMELD-Fire Dept	\$151.46
CMELD-Fire Dept - Gas/Diesel	\$ 89.28
White Wolf - Board of Health	\$200.00
Water Dept - Fire Dept	\$ 43.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,484.14</b>

**Four-fifths vote required**

**ARTICLE 6**

**Regional School District Agreement**

To see if the Town Will vote to accept the revised Regional School District Agreement, which governs the relationship between Gateway Regional School District and all member towns to be in compliance with M.G.L. c 71 s14 through 16, a copy of which is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Majority vote required**



**ARTICLE 7: Alternative Assessment for Gateway Regional School Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,668,209.00 for the Gateway Regional School District as determined using the "Alternative Assessment Method" as set forth in the regional school district agreement for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023 or to take any other action relative thereto. (Last year's figure \$1,635,333.00)

**Majority vote required.**

**ARTICLE 8: Statutory Assessment Method for the Gateway Regional School Budget**

In the event the "Alternative Assessment Method" for the Gateway Regional School budget does not pass in all six Gateway towns, and the "Statutory Assessment Method" is adopted, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,572,329.00 for the Gateway Regional School District for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 or take any other action thereto. (Last year's figure \$1,635,333.00)

**Majority vote required**

**ARTICLE 9: Vocational Tuition and Transportation**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$212,307.00 to pay for vocational tuition (\$171,000.00) and transportation (\$41,307.00) for Chester's students for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Last year's figure \$215,692.00).

**Majority vote required**

**ARTICLE 10: Revote FY22 Education Stabilization Transfer**

To see if the town will vote to re-authorize the transfer of \$23,325.00 from the Educational Stabilization Account to pay part of the Town's assessment for the Gateway Regional School budget or take any action there to.

**Two-thirds Majority Vote**

**ARTICLE 11: Acceptance of Chapter 90 Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate funds being provided by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, under the provisions of Mass. General Laws Chapter 90. Such funds to be used to pay costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges; and provided that any unspent funds shall carry over from year to year until expended by the Town or to take any other action relative thereto

**Majority vote required**

**ARTICLE 12:**

**CMELD Operations**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the income from the sale of electricity to private consumers, municipal building, and jobbing for the Municipal Electric Light Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, and to authorize that the whole be expended under the direction and control of the Board of Electric Light Commissioners and Manager, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Majority vote required**

**ARTICLE 13:**

**Energy Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to establish and appoint an Energy Committee with the input from the Chester Municipal Electric Light Commissioners, such committee to consist of 5 town residents working on a voluntary basis, for the purpose of reviewing opportunities to reduce energy costs by generating green energy (solar, wind and hydro), investigating the possibility of storing energy for peak periods utilizing advanced battery technology, preparing estimates of investments required to generate power, seeking grant opportunities, and reviewing the advantages, disadvantages and feasibility of merging the Chester Municipal Electric Light Department with a larger electric utility company; provided that such committee shall be appointed within 30 days, shall elect its own chair and shall report its initial findings and recommendations at a Special Town Meeting in the fall of 2022; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Majority vote required**

**ARTICLE 14:**

**Establish a Water Dept Enterprise Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, s. 53F1/2 establishing the water department as an enterprise fund effective Fiscal Year 2023, or to take any other action in connection therewith.

**Majority vote required**

**ARTICLE 15:**

**Raise and appropriate funds for the Chester Water Dept Enterprise fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Chester Water Department or take any other action thereon.

That the following sums be appropriated for the Chester Water Department

Water Dept. Salaries	\$ 44,805.00
Commissioners Stipends	\$ 2,100.00
Water Department Operations	\$ 43,000.00
Contract Services	\$ 24,000.00
Debt Service	\$ 29,479.00
<b>Total to be raised</b>	<b>\$143,384.00</b>



Department anticipated receipts	\$113,905.00
General Fund Subsidy	\$ 29,479.00
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$143,384.00</b>

**Majority vote required**

**ARTICLE 16:      Establishment of a Police Cruiser Revolving Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Departmental Revolving Fund Bylaw by adding the following to the table of revolving funds:

**Police Department:** Fees charged in connection with police details for the presence of a police cruiser shall be deposited and may be used by the Police Chief, with the approval of the Select Board, to pay for the purchase, maintenance and repair of police cruisers and related equipment. For Fiscal Years 2023 and subsequent years or take any other action thereon.

**Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 17:      Establish the limits for the Police Dept Cruiser Revolving Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to set \$25,000 total authorized expenditures from the revolving fund created under Article 16 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, ss 53E 1/2 for Fiscal Year 2023 or to take any action thereto.

**Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 18:      Hilltown Ambulance Replacement Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,825.00 to the Hilltown Ambulance Replacement Fund or to take any action thereto.

**Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 19:      Reduce Uncollectable Tax Burden**

To see if the Town will vote transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$62,287.45 or any other amount there to, to increase the Assessors Overlay Account to cover the uncollected taxes for the Fiscal Year 1987-2005 or to take any other action thereto.

**Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 20:      Vote to Make Assessors Positions Appointed**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to enact special legislation providing the position of Assessors, upon expiration of the current terms of incumbents holding those positions, shall cease to be elected positions and shall instead become positions appointed by the Board of Selectmen, provided that the Legislature may reasonably varying the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Majority Vote required**

**ARTICLE 21:**      **Hunting by Written Permission Only Bylaw**

*To see if the Town will vote to adopt as a General Bylaw the following" Hunting by Written Permission Only Bylaw." Or to take any other action in connection therewith:*

It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt on any private property in the town of Chester, Massachusetts without first obtaining the written permission by the landowner or person in possession or control of such lands and having authority from the owner to give such permission. Any person who hunts on such lands shall have written permission in his or her immediate possession at all times and shall display the same upon request of an environmental law enforcement officer, local police or person in possession or control of such lands.

A copy of the written permission must also be displayed on the dashboard of the parked vehicle while hunting and must be visible for law enforcement officers and the landowner to view from the exterior of the parked vehicle.

This bylaw shall be enforced by the police. Violators are subject to a fine of one hundred (\$100) dollars for the first offense and two hundred (\$200) dollars for a second offense within a twenty-four (24) month period.

Written permission for hunting on private property must be renewed on an annual basis.

Written permission must include the following information:

1. Name of authorized hunter who has been granted permission.
2. Contact phone number of authorized hunters who has been granted permission.
3. Name, signature, and contact phone number of property owner or person in possession or control of such lands and having authority from the owner to give such permission.
4. Address or location of property
5. Date of granted permission.
6. Period for which permission is granted (start and end date; cannot exceed one year).

A completed hunting agreement card is required and must be obtained by the landowner or their designee from the Town Clerk. Only the approved town agreement card can be used to document this permission.

**Majority Vote required**

Town of Chester Annual Town Meeting

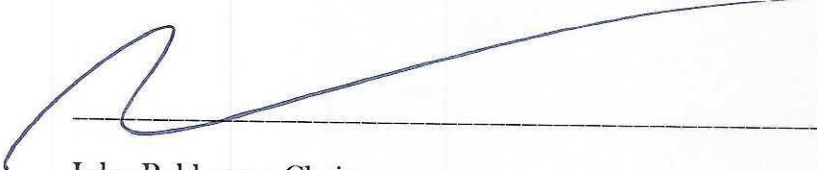
June 13, 2022,

7:00 p.m.

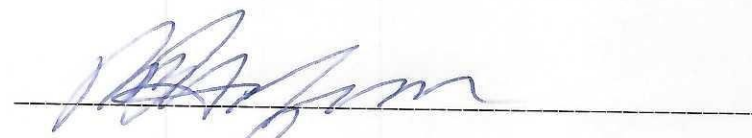
You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof, in three public places within the Town of Chester, seven (7) days at least, before the day and hour of holding said meeting.

Therefore, Fail Not and make due return, of said Warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk of the Town of Chester, at or before the day and hour of holding said meeting.

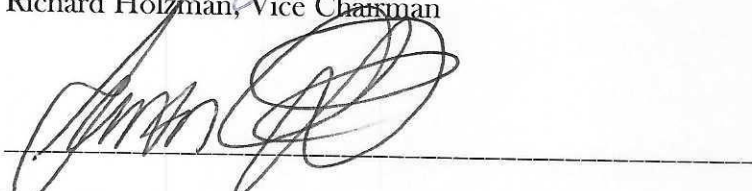
Given under our hands at Chester, this 2nd day of June, 2022



John Baldasaro, Chair



Richard Holzman, Vice Chairman



Jason Forgue, Clerk

As per instruction in this Warrant, I have posted same, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2022 in three public places, Chester Town Hall, Chester Post office, Chester Center.

Tammy Weidhaas 6/13/2022 10:58 AM

Chester Police Chief Tammy Weidhaas

Date & time



**Town of Chester - FY 2023 Budget**

6/3/2022

<u>Account:</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>APP.</u> <u>FY 2022</u>	<u>Request</u> <u>FY 2023</u>	<u>\$ Inc.</u>	<u>% Inc</u>	<u>ATM</u> <u>FY 2023</u>	<u>ATM</u> <u>vs Req.</u>	<u>ATM</u> <u>vs FY 2022</u>	<u>ATM</u> <u>% Inc.</u>
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$200</b>			
<b>Finance Comm.</b>	Finance Committee	\$100	100	0		\$100			
	Reserve Fund	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>		<u>\$10,000</u>			
	<b>Total Finance Comm.</b>	<b>\$10,100</b>	<b>\$10,100</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$10,100</b>			
<b>Selectmen</b>	Selectboard Salaries	\$6,880	\$7,224	\$344	5.0%	\$7,224		\$344	5.0%
	Town Administrator	\$46,589	\$62,000	\$15,411	33.1%	\$62,000		\$15,411	33.1%
	Assistant Administrator	\$14,976	\$16,848	\$1,872	12.5%	\$16,848		\$1,872	12.5%
	Selectmen's Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0		\$2,000			
	Town Counsel Service	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0		\$10,000			
	General Office Expense	\$3,000	\$3,150	\$150	5.0%	\$3,150		\$150	5.0%
	PVPC Annual Assm't		\$219	\$219	100%	\$219		\$219	100.0%
	Town Report	\$750	\$800	\$50	6.7%	\$800		\$50	6.7%
	Inspectors certification cost	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$0</u>		<u>\$500</u>			
	<b>Total Selectmen</b>	<b>\$84,695</b>	<b>\$102,741</b>	<b>\$18,046</b>	<b>21.3%</b>	<b>\$102,741</b>		<b>\$18,046</b>	<b>21.3%</b>
<b>Accounting</b>	Accounting Service	\$40,800	\$40,800	\$0		\$40,800			
	Accounting expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0			
	Audit expense	\$18,000	\$18,750	\$750	4.2%	\$15,000	-\$3,750	-\$3,000	-16.7%
	Software expense	<u>\$2,925</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>-\$2,925</u>	<u>-100%</u>	<u>\$0</u>		<u>-\$2,925</u>	<u>-100%</u>
	<b>Total Accounting</b>	<b>\$61,725</b>	<b>\$59,550</b>	<b>-\$2,175</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>	<b>\$55,800</b>		<b>-\$5,925</b>	<b>-9.6%</b>
<b>Assessors</b>	Board of Assessors	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	200%	\$1,500	-\$1,500	\$500	50.0%
	Assessor's Clerk Salary	\$14,280	\$16,000	\$1,720	12.0%	\$18,000	\$2,000	\$3,720	26.1%
	Assessor's Clerk Assistant	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0		\$7,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	75.0%
	Assessors maps & GIS	\$4,000	\$4,100	\$100	2.5%	\$4,100		\$100	2.5%
	Consultant/Services	\$34,670	\$36,500	\$1,830	5.3%	\$36,500		\$1,830	5.3%
	Assessors expenses	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$0		\$1,750			
	Assessors schooling	\$500	\$500	\$0		\$500			



**Town of Chester - FY 2023 Budget**

6/3/2022

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	Assessors software	\$3,750	\$3,899	\$149	4.0%	\$3,899			
	<b>Total Assessors</b>	<b>\$63,950</b>	<b>\$69,749</b>	<b>\$5,799</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>\$73,249</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$9,150</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Treasurer Service	\$45,000	\$46,125	\$1,125	2.5%	\$46,125		\$1,125	2.5%
	Assistant Treasurer Salary	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$100	\$100	\$100	
	Training/School	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0			
	Payroll	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$0		\$2,100			
	Treasures expenses	\$0	\$500	\$500	100%	\$500		\$500	100%
	Software	\$2,785	\$0	-\$2,785	-100%	\$0		-\$2,785	-100%
	Bank charges	\$100	\$1,500	\$1,400	1400%	\$100	-\$1,400		
	Land Court fees	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0		\$5,000			
	<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>\$54,985</b>	<b>\$55,225</b>	<b>\$240</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>\$53,925</b>	<b>-\$1,300</b>	<b>-\$1,060</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>
<b>Collector</b>	Collectors Salary	\$21,388	\$21,388	\$0		\$22,457	\$1,069	\$1,069	5.0%
	Software Support	\$651	\$3,150	\$2,499	384%	\$3,150		\$2,499	384%
	Collectors Expenses	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0		\$5,000			
	Tax Taking	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0		\$2,000			
	<b>Total Collector</b>	<b>\$29,039</b>	<b>\$31,538</b>	<b>\$2,499</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>\$32,607</b>	<b>\$1,069</b>	<b>\$3,568</b>	<b>12.3%</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Town Clerk Salaries	\$14,000	\$14,700	\$700	5.0%	\$14,700		\$700	5.0%
	Town Clerk Expenses	\$2,375	\$3,375	\$1,000	42.1%	\$3,375		\$1,000	42.1%
	Elections	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0		\$3,500			
	Registrations	\$1,000	\$0	-\$1,000	-100%	\$0		-\$1,000	-100%
	<b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b>\$20,875</b>	<b>\$21,575</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>\$21,575</b>			<b>3.4%</b>
<b>Conserv. Com.</b>	Conservation Commission	\$300	\$300			\$300			
<b>Planning Board</b>	Planning Board Expense	\$200	\$200			\$200			
<b>Zoning Board</b>	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$300	\$300			\$300			

**Town of Chester - FY 2023 Budget**

6/3/2022

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<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>\$326,369</b>	<b>\$351,478</b>	<b>\$25,109</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>\$350,997</b>	<b>-\$481</b>	<b>\$24,628</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>									
<b>Highway Dept.</b>	Highway Dept. Salaries	\$210,650	\$359,600	\$148,950	70.7%	\$221,760	-\$137,840	\$11,110	5.3%
	Highway Admin. Assistant					\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	100.0%
	Contract Services	\$16,000	\$35,000	\$19,000	119%	\$20,000	-\$15,000	\$4,000	25.0%
	Snow Removal Sal.	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$0		\$24,000			
	Snow Removal Exp.	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0		\$50,000			
	Hwy. Garage Heat & Lg.	\$13,500	\$16,500	\$3,000	22.2%	\$13,500	-\$3,000		
	Hwy Uniforms	\$4,000	\$6,750	\$2,750	68.8%	\$4,000	-\$2,750		
	Hwy Supplies/Repairs	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$25,000	50.0%	\$50,000	-\$25,000		
	Hwy Stone,Gravel,Asp	\$88,000	\$150,000	\$62,000	70.5%	\$88,000	-\$62,000		
	Hwy Gas/Oil/Diesel	\$23,000	\$35,000	\$12,000	52.2%	\$26,450	-\$8,550	\$3,450	15.0%
	Insect Pest Control	\$0	\$7,500	\$7,500	100%	\$0	-\$7,500		
	Tree Removal	\$16,500	\$61,200	\$44,700	271%	\$20,000	-\$41,200	\$3,500	21.2%
	<b>Total Highway Dept.</b>	<b>\$495,650</b>	<b>\$820,550</b>	<b>\$324,900</b>	<b>65.6%</b>	<b>\$521,710</b>	<b>-\$298,840</b>	<b>\$26,060</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
<b>Cemeteries</b>	Commissioners Sal.	\$791	\$791			\$831	\$40	\$40	5.0%
	Labor Expenses	\$8,168	\$8,168			\$8,576	\$408	\$408	5.0%
	Cemetery Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000			\$1,000			
	Parks Maintenance	\$0	\$0			\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	100%
	<b>Total Cemeteries</b>	<b>\$9,959</b>	<b>\$9,959</b>			<b>\$15,407</b>	<b>\$5,448</b>	<b>\$5,448</b>	<b>54.7%</b>
<b>Water Dept.</b>	Water Employee Wage	\$43,712		-\$43,712				-\$43,712	
<b>Enterprise Fund</b>	Water Dept. Operations	\$42,000		-\$42,000				-\$42,000	
	<b>Total Water Dept.</b>	<b>\$85,712</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$85,712</b>				<b>-\$85,712</b>	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>		<b>\$591,321</b>	<b>\$830,509</b>	<b>\$239,188</b>	<b>28.8%</b>	<b>\$537,117</b>	<b>-\$293,392</b>	<b>-\$54,204</b>	<b>-9.2%</b>



**Town of Chester - FY 2023 Budget**

6/3/2022

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<b>HEALTH/WELFARE/CULTURE/REC.</b>									
<b>Board of Health</b>	Board of Health Salaries	\$4,287	\$4,287	\$0		\$4,501	\$214	\$214	5.0%
	BOH Clerical Assistant	\$7,700	\$0	-\$7,700	-100%	\$0		-\$7,700	
	Transfer Station Salaries	\$11,500	\$12,500	\$1,000	8.7%	\$12,813	\$312	\$1,313	11.4%
	Board of Health Exp.	\$1,400	\$1,900	\$500	35.7%	\$1,900		\$500	35.7%
	Transfer Station Exp.	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$0		\$48,000			
	<b>Total Board of Health</b>	<b>\$72,887</b>	<b>\$66,687</b>	<b>-\$6,200</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>	<b>\$67,214</b>	<b>\$527</b>	<b>-\$5,673</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>
<b>Historical Comm.</b>	<b>Total Historical Comm.</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$2,500</b>			
<b>Council on Aging</b>	COA Dir. Salary	\$10,701	\$11,366	\$665	6.2%	\$11,236	-\$130	\$535	5.0%
	Community Events	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	100%	\$2,000		\$1,000	100.0%
	COA Expenses	\$7,000	\$10,500	\$3,500	50.0%	\$10,500		\$3,500	50.0%
	<b>Total Council of Aging</b>	<b>\$18,701</b>	<b>\$23,866</b>	<b>\$5,165</b>	<b>27.6%</b>	<b>\$23,736</b>	<b>-\$130</b>	<b>\$5,035</b>	<b>26.9%</b>
<b>Veterans</b>	Veterans Agent Assm't	\$6,909	\$6,077	-\$832	-12.0%	\$6,077		-\$832	-12.0%
	Veteran Benefits/Serv.	\$50,000	\$27,053	-\$22,947	-45.9%	\$27,053		-\$22,947	-45.9%
	<b>Total Veterans</b>	<b>\$56,909</b>	<b>\$33,130</b>	<b>-\$23,779</b>	<b>-41.8%</b>	<b>\$33,130</b>		<b>-\$23,779</b>	<b>-41.8%</b>
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$500</b>			
<b>Rec. Comm.</b>	<b>Recreation Dept.</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$2,500</b>			
<b>Library</b>	Library Salaries	\$25,004	\$33,229	\$8,225	32.9%	\$33,229		\$8,225	32.9%
	Library Expenses	\$16,387	\$16,387	\$0		\$16,387			
	MassCat Annual Fee	\$900	\$1,200	\$300	33.3%	\$1,200		\$300	33.3%
	<b>Total Library</b>	<b>\$42,291</b>	<b>\$50,816</b>	<b>\$8,525</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>\$50,816</b>		<b>\$8,525</b>	<b>20.2%</b>
<b>Insp. Of Animals</b>	Animal Insp. Salary	\$920	\$938	\$18	2.0%	\$966	\$28	\$46	5.0%
	Animal Expenses	\$500	\$500	\$0		\$500			
	<b>Total Insp. Of Animals</b>	<b>\$1,420</b>	<b>\$1,438</b>	<b>\$18</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>\$1,466</b>	<b>\$28</b>	<b>\$46</b>	<b>3.2%</b>

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	<b>TOTAL HEALTH/WELFARE/CULTURE/REC.</b>	<b>\$197,708</b>	<b>\$181,437</b>	<b>-\$16,271</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>\$181,862</b>	<b>\$425</b>	<b>-\$15,846</b>	<b>-8.0%</b>
	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>								
<b>Fire Dept.</b>	Fire Chief Salary	\$5,247	\$5,247	\$0		\$5,509	\$262	\$262	5.0%
	Fire Dept. Stipends	\$1,616	\$1,616	\$0		\$1,697	\$81	\$81	5.0%
	Fire Dept. Expenses	\$35,500	\$35,500	\$0		\$35,500			
	Civil Defense/E.M.A.	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0		\$1,000			
	Turn out Gear	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0		\$10,000			
	<b>Total Fire Dept.</b>	<b>\$53,363</b>	<b>\$53,363</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$53,706</b>	<b>\$343</b>	<b>\$343</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>Police Dept.</b>	Police Chief Salary	\$30,000	\$40,500	\$10,500	35.0%	\$35,000	-\$5,500	\$5,000	16.7%
	Admin. Assistant	\$0	\$4,680	\$35,250	100.0%	\$4,680		\$4,680	100.0%
	Police Department Salaries	\$16,050	\$26,208	\$10,158	63.3%	\$21,775	-\$4,433	\$5,725	35.7%
	Officer Training	\$0	\$6,688	\$6,688	100.0%	\$6,688		\$6,688	100.0%
	Police Expenses	\$31,400	\$24,866	-\$6,534	-20.8%	\$24,866		-\$6,534	-20.8%
	<b>Total Police Dept.</b>	<b>\$77,450</b>	<b>\$102,942</b>	<b>\$25,492</b>	<b>32.9%</b>	<b>\$93,009</b>	<b>-\$9,933</b>	<b>\$15,559</b>	<b>20.1%</b>
<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>Total Ambulance</b>	<b>\$32,416</b>	<b>\$33,227</b>	<b>\$811</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>\$33,227</b>		<b>\$811</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
<b>Bldg. Insp.</b>	Building Insp. Salary	\$9,807	\$13,400	\$3,593	36.6%	\$13,400		\$3,593	36.6%
	Building Insp. Exp.	\$558	\$750	\$192	34.4%	\$750		\$192	34.4%
	<b>Total Bldg. Insp.</b>	<b>\$10,365</b>	<b>\$14,150</b>	<b>\$3,785</b>	<b>36.5%</b>	<b>\$14,150</b>		<b>\$3,785</b>	<b>36.5%</b>
<b>Animal Control</b>	Animal Control Off.Sal.	\$2,500	\$2,550	\$50	2.0%	\$2,625	\$75	\$125	5.0%
	Animal Ctrl. Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0		\$1,500			
	<b>Total Animal Control</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$4,050</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>\$4,125</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$125</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$177,594</b>	<b>\$207,732</b>	<b>\$30,138</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>\$198,217</b>	<b>-\$9,515</b>	<b>\$20,623</b>	<b>11.6%</b>



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<b>Debt &amp; Int.</b>	Water Trmt. Plant	\$29,479	\$29,479	\$0		\$29,479			
	Highway Trucks Note - Int.		\$1,050	\$1,050		\$1,050		\$1,050	
	Short term debt	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0		\$1,000			
	<b>Total Debt &amp; Interest</b>	<b>\$30,479</b>	<b>\$31,529</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>		<b>\$31,529</b>		<b>\$1,050</b>	3.4%
<b>Unclassified Expenses</b>									
<b>Selectmen/</b>	Town Hall Custodian	\$6,040	\$6,725	\$685	11.3%	\$6,725			
<b>Town Hall</b>	Town Hall Expenses	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$3,000	20.0%	\$18,000			
	Town Hall Rep/Maint.	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0		\$10,000	-\$5,000	-\$5,000	-33.3%
	Old School Bldg Maint.	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0		\$15,000			
	Town Hall Internet &Phone	\$24,756	\$24,756	\$0		\$24,756			
	Website/Permit Eyes	\$5,980	\$15,300	\$9,320	156%	\$15,300			
	Landfill Monitoring	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0		\$4,000			
	<b>Total Selectmen/Town Hall</b>	<b>\$85,776</b>	<b>\$98,781</b>	<b>\$13,005</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>\$93,781</b>	<b>-\$5,000</b>	<b>\$8,005</b>	<b>9.3%</b>
<b>Insurance/</b>	Prop/Cas/Auto/Liab. Ins.	\$26,600	\$32,967	\$6,367	23.9%	\$32,967		\$6,367	23.9%
<b>Retirement</b>	Police/Fire/Accd. & Health	\$8,200	\$8,000	-\$200	-2.4%	\$8,000		-\$200	-2.4%
	Workmen's Comp.	\$11,000	\$12,029	\$1,029	9.4%	\$12,029		\$1,029	9.4%
	Group Health Ins.	\$85,500	\$87,900	\$2,400	2.8%	\$87,900		\$2,400	2.8%
	Medicare/FICA Empl.	\$13,457	\$9,200	-\$4,257	-32%	\$9,200		-\$4,257	-31.6%
	Unemployment Comp.	\$8,256	\$24,000	\$15,744	191%	\$24,000		\$15,744	190.7%
	County Retirement	\$102,566	\$119,544	\$16,978	16.6%	\$119,544		\$16,978	16.6%
	Bonds	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0		\$1,000			
	<b>Total Ins./Retirement</b>	<b>\$256,579</b>	<b>\$294,640</b>	<b>\$38,061</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>\$294,640</b>		<b>\$38,061</b>	<b>14.8%</b>
<b>TOTAL DEBT/INT/UNCLASSIFIED/ECON</b>		<b>\$376,834</b>	<b>\$428,950</b>	<b>\$52,116</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>\$423,950</b>	<b>-\$5,000</b>	<b>\$47,116</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
<b>TOWN MEETING RAISE &amp; APPROPRIATE</b>		<b>\$1,669,826</b>	<b>\$2,000,106</b>	<b>\$330,280</b>	<b>19.8%</b>	<b>\$1,692,143</b>	<b>-\$307,963</b>	<b>\$22,317</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
	<i>With Water Dept \$113,905</i>					\$1,806,048		\$136,222	8.2%

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<b>SCHOOL BUDGET</b>									
Gateway	Statutory Method ATM	\$1,612,008	\$1,644,409	\$32,401	2.01%	\$1,572,329	-\$72,080	-\$39,679	-2.46%
Vocational	Voc. Student Cost	\$175,392	\$171,000	-\$4,392	-2.5%	\$152,000	-\$19,000	-\$23,392	-13.3%
	Transportation	\$40,300	\$41,307	\$1,007	2.5%	\$41,307		\$1,007	2.5%
	<b>Total Vocational</b>	<b>\$215,692</b>	<b>\$212,307</b>	<b>-\$3,385</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>\$193,307</b>	<b>-\$19,000</b>	<b>-\$22,385</b>	<b>-10.4%</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>		<b>\$3,497,526</b>	<b>\$3,856,822</b>	<b>\$359,296</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>\$3,457,779</b>	<b>-\$399,043</b>	<b>-\$39,747</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>
	<i>With Water Department \$113,905</i>					<i>\$3,571,684</i>		<i>\$74,158</i>	<i>2.1%</i>

**FY2023**

**Gateway Budget Assumes Statutory Method. Will need "NO" vote on Aternate Method.**

**Vocational Student Cost = 8 Students @ \$19,000 per Student = \$152,000 (vs 9 Students last year).**



**CHESTER BUDGET GOALS FOR FY2023**

- Budget Increase to be less than 2.5%
- Provide for Audit
- Provide additional support for Assessor's Clerk
- Provide Assistant Treasurer position
- Provide Highway Administration Assistant position
- Increase budget for Highway Contract Services
- Increase budget for Tree Removal
- Provide for Parks maintenance
- Transition Water Department to Enterprise Fund
- Increase support for Council of Aging
- Increase Library Salaries to allow for 2 Librarians
- Provide Police Department with Administrative Assistant
- Provide Police Dept. with a 9.2% increase for more patrol hours
- Provide 5% Cost-of-Living Increase for Employees

**CHESTER FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- Sister Judith Dalesandro
- Bob Daley
- Jonathan Glionna
- Andy Myers, Chair
- Andy Sutton

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

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<b>TOTAL FY2023 RECOMMENDED BUDGET</b>	<b>\$3,457,779</b>	<b>Increase 2.1%</b> (with Water Dept.)
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**Major Decreases from FY2022**

Audit Expense	-\$3,000	<i>Less work this year</i>
Vocational Student Cost	-\$23,392	<i>Fewer Students</i>
Gateway School Budget	-\$39,679	<i>Fewer Students</i>
Accounting Software Expense	-\$2,925	<i>Included in Accounting Service</i>
Treasurer Software Expense	-\$2,785	<i>Included in Treasurer Service</i>
BOH Clerical Assistant	-\$7,700	<i>Position not needed</i>
Veterans Budget	-\$23,779	<i>Fewer Veterans</i>
Town Hall Repairs	-\$5,000	<i>Fewer Repairs Anticipated</i>
Medicare/FICA	-\$4,257	<i>Smaller amount anticipated</i>
<b>Total Major Decreases</b>	<b>-\$112,517</b>	

**Major Increases from FY2022**

Town Administrator	\$15,411	<i>More hours/additional workload</i>
Assistant Administrator	\$1,872	<i>More hours</i>
Assessor's Clerk Salary	\$3,720	<i>Increased Responsibility</i>
Assessor's Clerk Assistant	\$3,000	<i>Additional Workload</i>
Assessor's Consultant/Services	\$1,830	<i>Additional Services</i>
Collectors Software Support	\$2,499	<i>Increased Expense</i>
Highway Admin. Assistant	\$4,000	<i>Clerical Support</i>
Highway Contract Services	\$4,000	<i>Additional Workload</i>
Highway Gas/Oil/Diesel	\$3,450	<i>Increased cost</i>
Tree Removal	\$3,500	<i>Provide more Tree service</i>
Parks Maintenance	\$5,000	<i>Maintain Emery Field</i>
Transfer Station Salaries	\$1,313	<i>Minimum Wage increase</i>
COA Expenses/Events	\$4,500	<i>Increased Activities</i>
Library Salaries	\$8,225	<i>Additional Librarian</i>
Police Chief Salary	\$5,000	<i>16.7% Increase</i>
Police Department Salaries	\$5,725	<i>35.7% Increase</i>
Police Admin. Assistant	\$4,680	<i>Increased Administration</i>
Building Inspector Salary	\$3,593	<i>Increased Workload</i>
5% Cost of Living Increase	\$17,287	<i>Town Employees</i>
Insurance/Retirement	\$38,061	<i>14.8% Increase</i>
<b>Total Major Increases</b>	<b>\$136,666</b>	

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