

Town Meeting Fall 2016

John McKenna
Town Moderator



ARTICLE 1 - TO APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE BOWER'S FUND

To see if the Town will vote to appoint one (1) member to the Bowers Fund for a term of five (5) years; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Move that the Town appoint Jeanne Legallo to the Bowers Committee to fill a five-year term commencing November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2021.

(Majority Vote)



ARTICLE 2 - TO HEAR REPORTS OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & OFFICERS

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the reports of Town Departments, Committees and Officers; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager; authorized by the Board of Selectmen



ARTICLE 2 - TO HEAR REPORTS OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES & OFFICERS

Motions:

1. Move that the Town accept all Town Reports.
2. Move that Town Meeting vote to re-establish all Standing Committees of Town Meeting

Majority Vote



ARTICLE 12 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$947,300 to amend the Fiscal Year 2017 Town and School Operating Budget as listed below; or act in relation thereto.

Submitted by the Town Manager;
authorized by the Board of Selectmen



ARTICLE 12 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment

Town of Billerica FY2017 Budget Amendment

Motion

		Appropriation	Amendment	Final Amended Appropriation
General Government		\$ 4,785,702	\$ 37,300	\$ 4,823,002
Public Safety		18,319,190	25,000	18,344,190
Public Works		7,502,847		7,502,847
Public Schools		59,643,860		59,643,860
Shawsheen		10,122,691		10,122,691
Library and Recreation		1,924,980		1,924,980
Human Services		1,025,810		1,025,810
Shared Costs		31,614,184	885,000	32,499,184
Total Budget		\$ 134,939,264	\$ 947,300	\$ 135,886,564

Submitted by the Town Manager;
authorized by the Board of Selectmen



ARTICLE 12 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment

Detail of Motion

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
91070-7020	Workers' Compensation	\$ 150,000
210-5400	Police Supplies and Expense	25,000
123-5110	Town Manager Personel	17,300
123-5190	Town Manager Contractual Obligations	20,000
91700-5966	Debt Stabilization Appropriation	735,000
		\$ 947,300



ARTICLE 12 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment

Workers

Compensation.....\$150,000

- Transfer into Last Year's Budget for Same Amount.
- Recent History has impacted Premiums.
- Working with MIIA to introduce workplace training to reduce injury.



ARTICLE 12 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment

Police Budget.....\$25,000

The job of Police Work is rapidly changing and it is becoming an increasingly dangerous profession. It is important that all Billerica Police Officers receive the training necessary to protect them on the job.



ARTICLE 12 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment

Police Budget.....\$25,000

Training will include:

- Fair and Impartial Policing.
- Will encompass 3 full days of training for Patrolmen and Supervisors.
- Training was developed with Funding from the USDOJ and National Experts on Law Enforcement and Social Psychology.



ARTICLE 12 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment

Town Manager's
Budget.....\$37,300

- \$20,000 in Retirement Costs for Town Hall Custodian.
- \$17,300 Contract Obligations for Town Manager's Contract.



ARTICLE 12 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment

Debt Stabilization Appropriation.....\$735,000

Debt Policy

Anything above - the difference is appropriated **from** Debt Stabilization

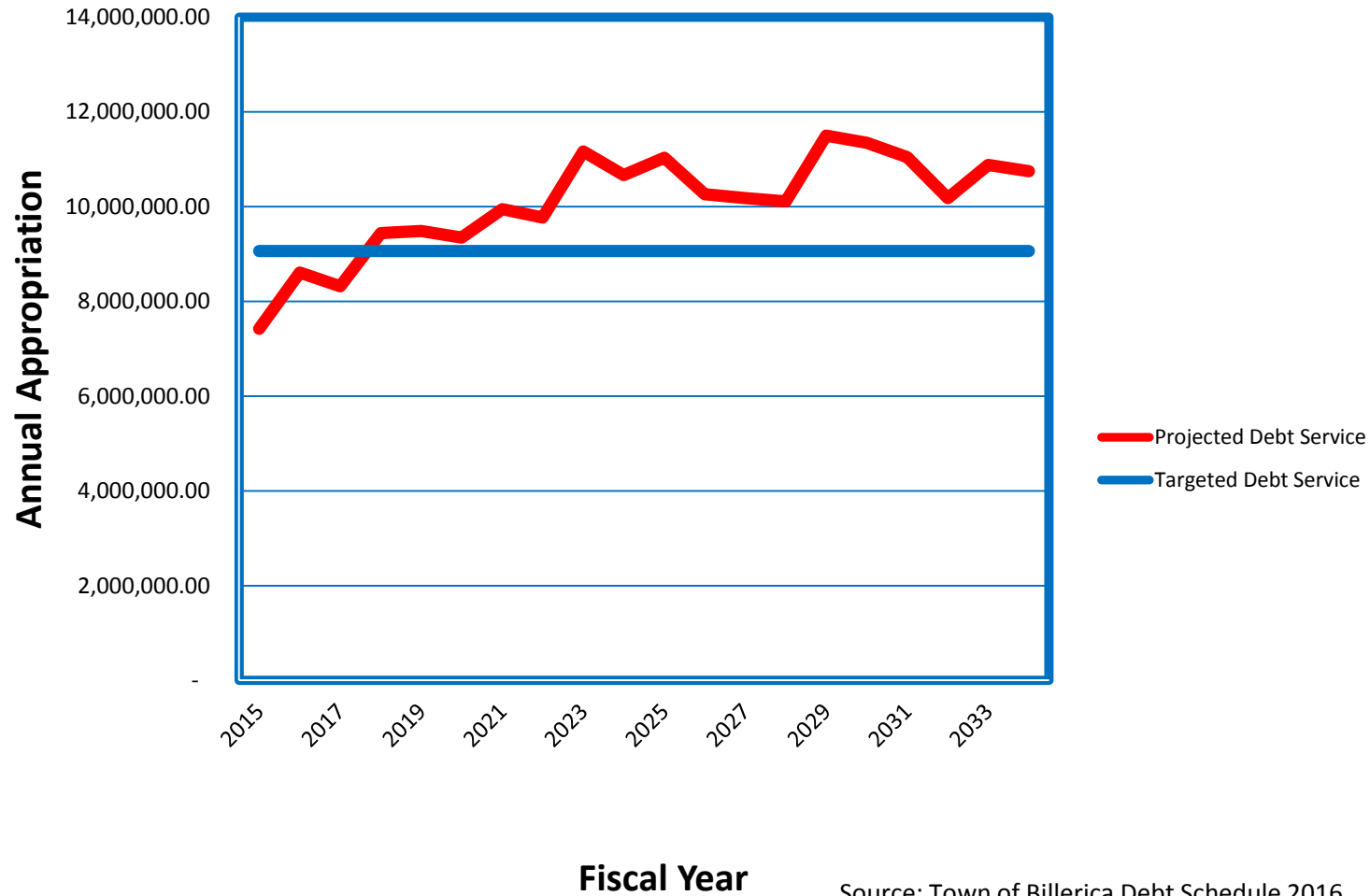
————— \$9,066,000 —————

Anything below - the difference is appropriated **to** Debt Stabilization



ARTICLE 12 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment

Town of Billerica Projected Debt Service Schedule FY2017



Source: Town of Billerica Debt Schedule 2016



ARTICLE 12 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment

Town of Billerica Debt Stabilization Fund Schedule

	Fiscal Year	Beginning Balance	Interest	Appropriations		Draw Down		Ending Balance
				Levy	Free Cash	Wastewater	HS Debt Exclusion	
1	2016	9,094,440	173,191	0	1,800,000	0		11,067,631
2	2017	11,447,593	217,504	735,000	1,800,000	0		14,200,097
3	2018	14,200,097	269,802	0	1,807,086	(374,255)	(4,000,000)	11,902,730
4	2019	11,902,730	226,152	0	1,807,086	(420,382)	(4,000,000)	9,515,586
5	2020	9,515,586	180,796	0	1,807,086	(282,448)	(4,000,000)	7,221,020
6	2021	7,221,020	137,199	0	1,807,086	(881,086)	(4,000,000)	4,284,220
7	2022	4,284,220	81,400	0	1,807,086	(706,109)	(1,000,000)	4,466,597
8	2023	4,466,597	84,865	0	1,807,086	(2,096,279)	(1,000,000)	3,262,270
9	2024	3,262,270	61,983	0	1,807,086	(1,602,004)	(1,000,000)	2,529,335
10	2025	2,529,335	48,057	0	1,807,086	(1,965,386)	(1,000,000)	1,419,092
11	2026	1,419,092	26,963	0	1,807,086	(1,194,818)	(1,000,000)	1,058,323
12	2027	1,058,323	20,108	0	1,807,086	(1,116,913)		1,768,605
13	2028	1,768,605	33,603	0	1,807,086	(1,045,283)		2,564,011
14	2029	2,564,011	48,716	0	1,807,086	(2,435,841)		1,983,973
15	2030	1,983,973	37,695	0	1,807,086	(2,279,805)		1,548,950
16	2031	1,548,950	29,430	0	1,807,086	(1,980,981)		1,404,485
17	2032	1,404,485	26,685	0	1,807,086	(1,113,517)		2,124,739
18	2033	2,124,739	40,370	0	1,807,086	(1,812,927)		2,159,269
19	2034	2,159,269	41,026	0	1,807,086	(1,680,133)	(500,000)	1,827,248
20	2035	1,827,248	34,718	0	1,807,086	(840,080)		2,828,972
Totals			1,820,266	735,000	36,127,551	(22,988,167)	(21,500,000)	



ARTICLE 12 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment

SUMMARY	10/4/2016 Amended				
	FY2015 BUDGET	FY2016 BUDGET	FY2017 BUDGET	\$ INC/DEC	% INC/DEC
General Government	\$ 4,894,372	\$ 4,774,969	\$ 4,823,002	\$ 48,033	1.01%
Public Safety	17,298,482	17,893,763	18,344,190	450,427	2.52%
Public Works	14,110,282	7,391,551	7,502,847	111,296	1.51%
Library and Recreation	1,814,045	1,870,704	1,924,980	54,276	2.90%
Human Services	967,259	1,026,652	1,025,810	(842)	-0.08%
	<u>39,084,440</u>	<u>32,957,639</u>	<u>33,620,829</u>	<u>663,190</u>	<u>2.01%</u>
Billerica Public Education	56,041,260	57,941,260	59,643,860	1,702,600	2.94%
Shawsheen Technical	8,289,987	9,225,999	10,122,691	896,692	9.72%
Total Education	<u>\$ 64,331,247</u>	<u>\$ 67,167,259</u>	<u>\$ 69,766,551</u>	<u>\$ 2,599,292</u>	<u>3.87%</u>
Town/School Shared Costs	34,215,887	29,658,738	32,499,184	2,840,446	9.58%
TOTAL	<u>\$ 137,631,574</u>	<u>\$ 129,783,636</u>	<u>\$ 135,886,564</u>	<u>\$ 6,102,928</u>	<u>4.70%</u>
Water Enterprise Fund Budget	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,186,493</u>	<u>\$ 6,033,656</u>	<u>\$ (152,837)</u>	<u>-2.47%</u>
Wastewater Enterprise Fund Budget	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,032,795</u>	<u>\$ 7,696,146</u>	<u>\$ (336,649)</u>	<u>-4.19%</u>
Total Budgets	<u>\$ 137,631,574</u>	<u>\$ 144,002,923</u>	<u>\$ 149,616,366</u>	<u>\$ 5,613,442</u>	<u>3.90%</u>

The budget amendment increases the budget by a little more than .17%. Adding the debt stabilization increases the budget by .56%.



ARTICLE 13 - TO VOTE FROM FREE CASH AND RETAINED EARNINGS TO THE DEBT STABILIZATION FUND

Move to appropriate \$731,856 from Free Cash and \$1,068,144 from Wastewater Retained Earnings to the Debt Stabilization Fund.



ARTICLE 13 - TO VOTE FROM FREE CASH AND RETAINED EARNINGS TO THE DEBT STABILIZATION FUND

These are the Financial articles as endorsed by the Administration and the Board of Selectmen:

	Certified Free Cash June 30, 2016	Wastewater Retained Earning	Water Retained Earnings	Declared Overlay Surplus	Plant Expansion Fund	I/I Fund	Appropriation	Bond Authorizatio n
Funding Source	\$ 3,930,856	\$ 1,079,087	\$ 1,277,020		\$ 1,101,491	\$ 140,471	\$ 947,300	\$ 2,000,000
Annual Town Meeting				\$ -				
12 - Amended Budget	\$ -						\$ 947,300	
13 - Transfer to Debt Stabilization	\$ 731,856	\$ 1,068,144						
14 - Town Capital	\$ 189,000		\$ 282,000		\$ 375,000	\$ 140,000		
15 - School Capital	\$ 500,000							
16 - Ambulance and Garage	\$ 425,000							
17 - Fire Station Study	\$ 100,000							
18 - Fuel Tank Replacement	\$ 1,500,000							
19 - Yankee Doodle Bike Path	\$ 450,000							
20 - Aquatic Treatment	\$ 35,000							
22 - Fund Water Main			\$ 500,000					
25 - Roof Replacement	\$ -							\$ 2,000,000
Cash								
Unappropriated:	\$ -	\$ 10,943	\$ 495,020	\$ -	\$ 726,491	\$ 471	\$ -	\$ -



Free Cash Analysis and Fiscal Policies

How does Billerica's free cash compare with the recommended guidelines of the Department of Revenues?



Free Cash Analysis

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:

tacontact@dor.state.ma.us 1 (FREE CASH)

Free Cash

DOR recommends that communities understand the role free cash plays in sustaining a strong credit rating Under sound financial policies, a community would strive to generate free cash in an amount equal to **3-to-5 percent** of its annual budget. (Total Appropriation)

As a non-recurring revenue source, a prudent use of free cash would be to fund one-time expenditures, a capital purpose or to replenish other reserves. If projected as a revenue source to support the ensuing year's operations, the amount used would be restricted to a percentage of total free cash.

However, DOR also recommends that free cash not be available to supplement current year departmental operations. By eliminating the expectation of additional resources later in the fiscal year to back-fill budgets, department heads will produce more accurate and realistic annual appropriation requests.



Free Cash Analysis

Town of Billerica History of Free Cash as a % of the Annual Appropriation

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Budget	\$ 111,269,444	\$ 116,183,919	\$ 120,553,021	\$ 127,067,546	\$ 132,924,451	\$ 130,690,091
Free Cash	3,161,063	1,603,003	2,718,092	3,268,789	2,392,461	1,585,086
Percentage	2.84%	1.38%	2.25%	2.57%	1.80%	1.21%

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Budget	\$ 136,301,402	\$ 140,697,267	\$ 146,560,627	\$ 151,536,496	\$ 157,932,114	\$ 159,001,990	\$ 164,677,921
Free Cash	2,349,787	4,898,593	5,864,420	6,065,336	6,985,100	5,080,228	6,286,963
Percentage	1.72%	3.48%	4.00%	4.00%	4.42%	3.20%	3.82%



Free Cash Analysis

How does Billerica's use of free cash fit into the Town's financial policies and practice?

The Town has used free cash consistently within the DOR guidelines;

We have used them for one time Expenditures, stabilization and debt stabilization.

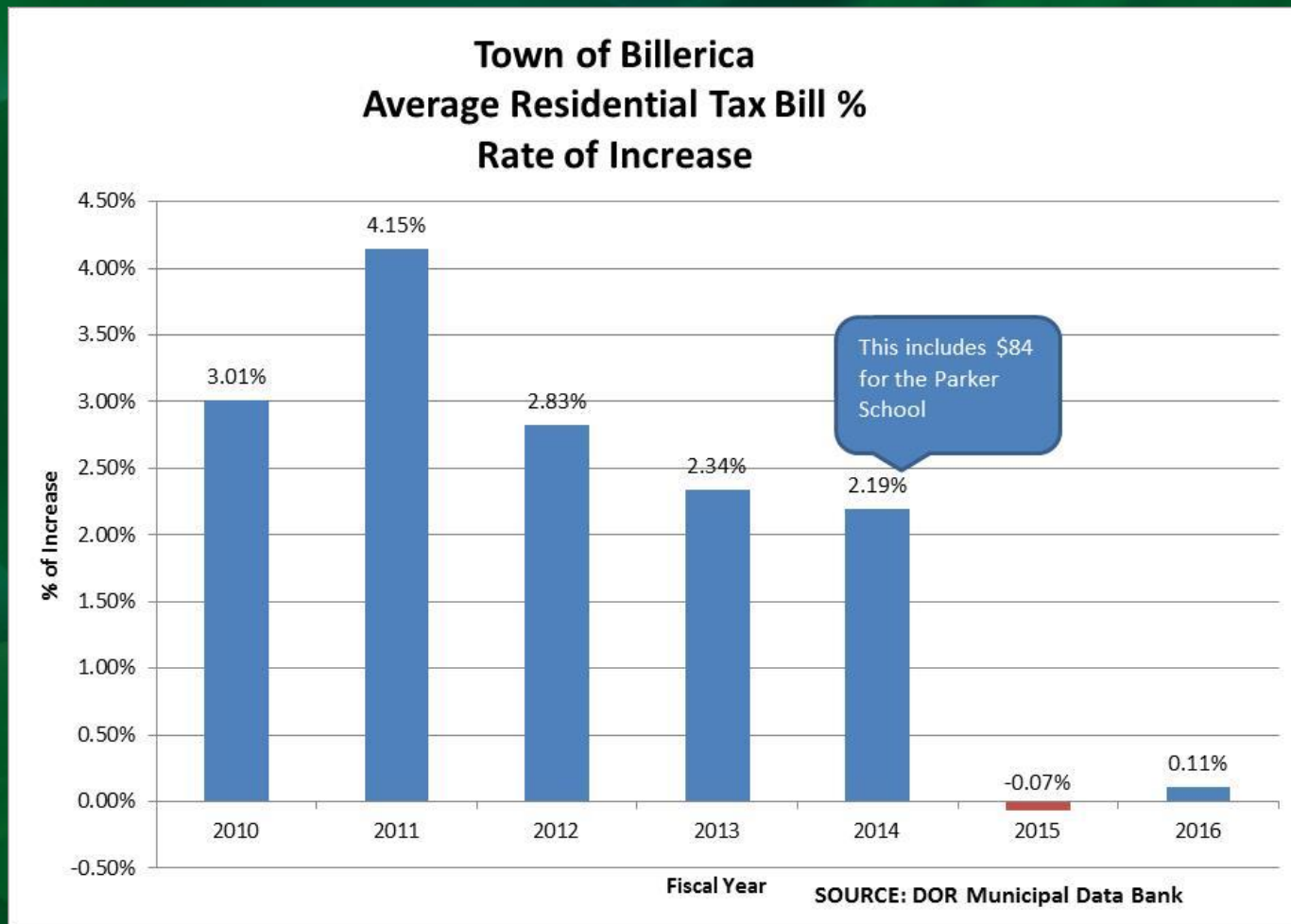


Free Cash Analysis And Town Fiscal Policy and Practices

What do these
policies mean
for the town of
Billerica?



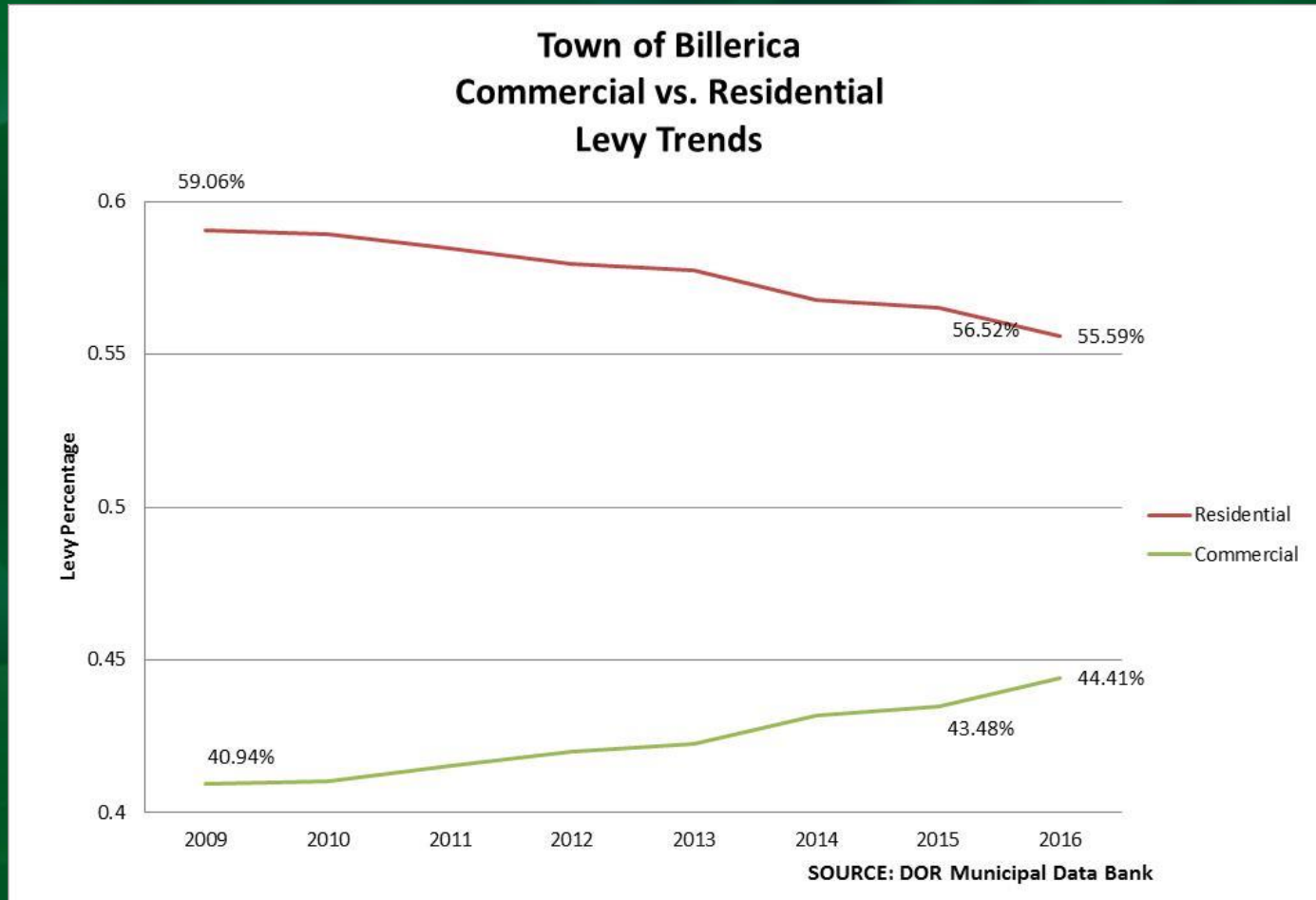
Free Cash Analysis And Town Fiscal Policy and Practices



Stable tax rate with large infrastructure investment



Free Cash Analysis And Town Fiscal Policy and Practices

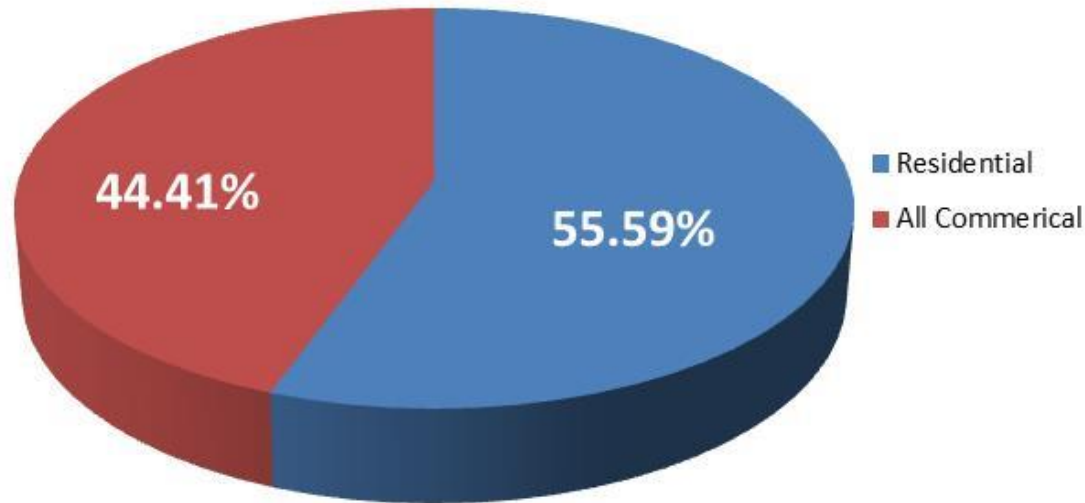


The Trend we want to see.



Free Cash Analysis And Town Fiscal Policy and Practices

**Billerica FY2017
Levy Breakdown
Commercial vs Residential**



SOURCE: DOR Municipal Data Bank



Free Cash Analysis And Town Fiscal Policy and Practices

What is the
most important
factor that
contributes to
this success?



Free Cash Analysis
And Town Fiscal Policy and Practices

DISCIPLINE



Free Cash Analysis
And Town Fiscal Policy and Practices

Financial decisions
should be based on
sound fiscal policy.



Free Cash Analysis
And Town Fiscal Policy and Practices

The Selectmen and
Finance Committee
have all endorsed a
Free Cash Plan



Free Cash Analysis

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15 - School Capital	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,510,000							
16 - Ambulance and Garage	\$ 425,000	\$ 2,085,000							
17 - Fire Station Study	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,985,000							
18 - Fuel Tank Replacement	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 485,000							
19 - Yankee Doodle Bike Path	\$ 450,000	\$ 35,000							
20 - Aquatic Treatment	\$ 35,000	\$ -							
22 - Fund Water Main		\$ -		\$ 500,000					
25 - Roof Replacement	\$ -	\$ -							\$ 2,000,000
Cash									
Unappropriated:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,943	\$ 495,020	\$ -	\$ 726,491	\$ 471	\$ -	\$ -



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

Move to see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from Free Cash and the following Funds to the fund the FY2017 Capital Budget:

From:

Free Cash.....\$189,000.00

Water Retained Earnings.....\$282,000.00

Plant Expansion Fund.....\$375,000.00

I/I Fund.....\$140,000.00

To:

FY2017 Capital Fund.....\$986,000.00



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

- The Capital Article seeks to Fund Items of the Town Capital plan which is located in the back of your books. The items reviewed tonight are the most likely to be funded. However, if one cannot be done for some reason, another will be chosen off the Capital Plan.



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

Recreation:
Roof and
Chimney
at
Peggy
Hannon
Rizza Park:
\$25,000



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

Locke
Middle
School
Courts
need to be
Replaced:
\$25,000



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

Back Stops
and
Cameras
at
Peggy
Hannon
Rizza Park:
\$29,000



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

Refurbish
the Dutile
Soccer
Field :
\$15,000



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

S7, 2002 F550 Model, out of service since March 2015 with 143,000 miles: \$60,000



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

S9, 2002 Ford Ranger with 72,000 miles,
out of service since August 2015: \$35,000



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

S20, Sterling Vactor Truck, 1999
Model with 6,100 Hours: \$375,000



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

W4 F250 2000 Model with
147,000 miles rotted body and
frequent breakdown: \$38,000



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

W10 F250 2001 model, Rotted Bed and Doors, with frequent mechanical problems: \$38,000



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

W12, F250 2001 model with 120,000 miles,
frequent break down, rotted under carriage :
\$38,000



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

W20 International Dump Truck, with 143,000 miles, frequent breakdown, : \$168,000



Article 14: To Fund FY2017 Capital Budget

I/I Removal \$140,000

- (I/I) removal is a mandated of the NPDES permit.
- The permit allows the Town to withdraw water from the Concord River.
- Infiltration/inflow (I/I) is the water that gets into the Wastewater Collection System.



Article 20: To Fund Aquatic Treatment of Nutting Lake

Cost and Payment Schedule:

The following is a cost breakdown for the proposed 2016 management activities.

File MA DEP Permit/Inspections..... \$500

Low Dose Alum Treatment \$6,725

Herbicide Treatment of
West Basin with Sonar..... \$27,500



Article 20: To Fund Aquatic Treatment of Nutting Lake



Article 16: To Fund the New Ambulance and Garage Work

This article will fund replacement of the Ford Unit: \$250,000



1. 2014 Chevy 66,310 miles
2. 2012 Chevy 97,240 miles
3. 2009 Ford 121,060 miles

This unit will be kept and stored.



Article 16: To Fund the New Ambulance and Garage Work



The floor needs
to be lowered
and the bay
needs to be
extended:
\$175,000



Article 17: To Fund Fire Station Feasibility Study

This Study was precipitated primarily by the Pinehurst Station no longer meeting the needs of the Department and a policy to approach all capital issues in a comprehensive fashion.



Article 17: To Fund Fire Station Feasibility Study

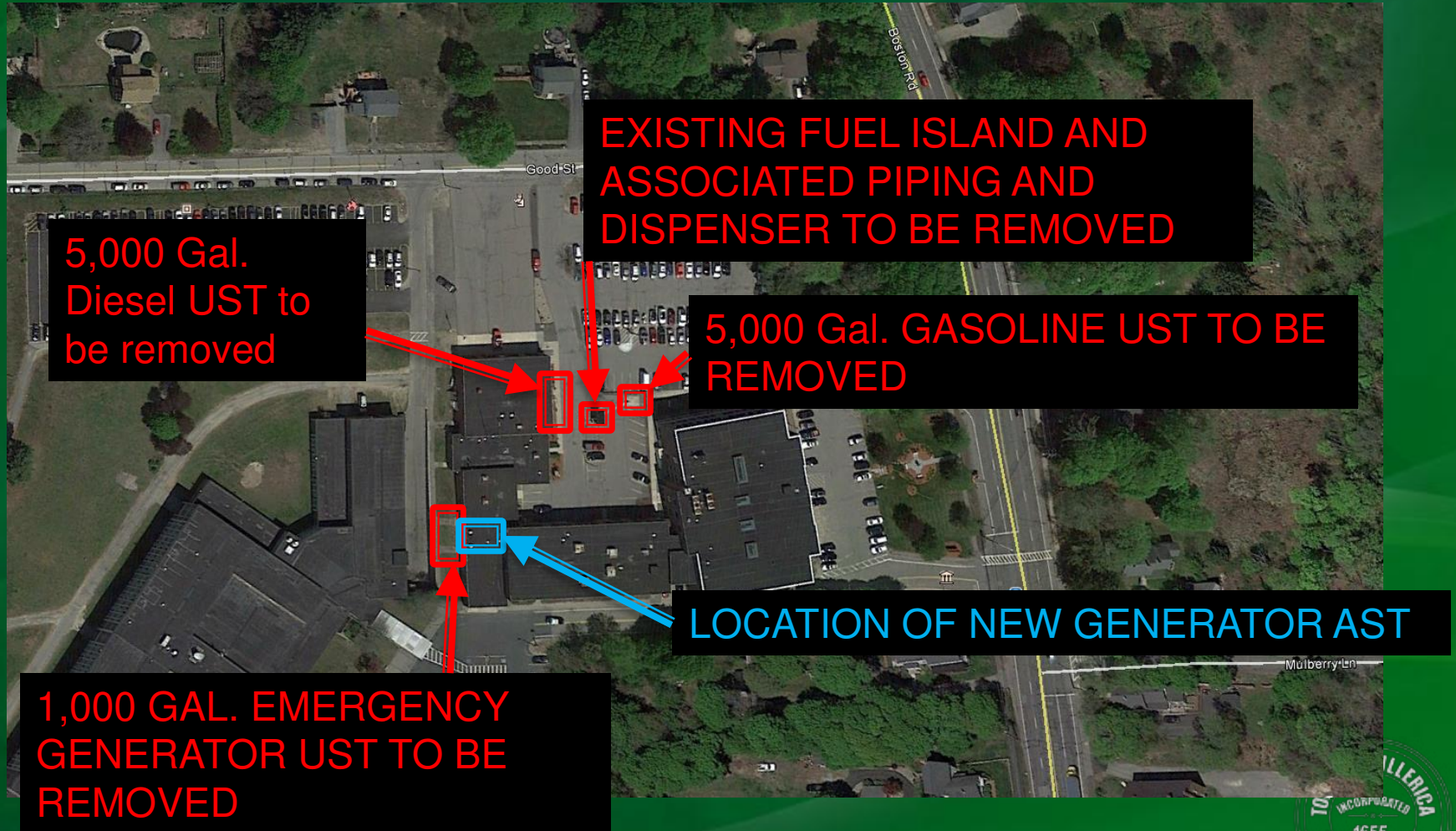
This Study endeavors to accomplish the following:

- Analyze the response time and call demand relative to our current locations.
- Identify the Facility needs of today's Billerica Fire Department.
- Make future capital needs recommendations.



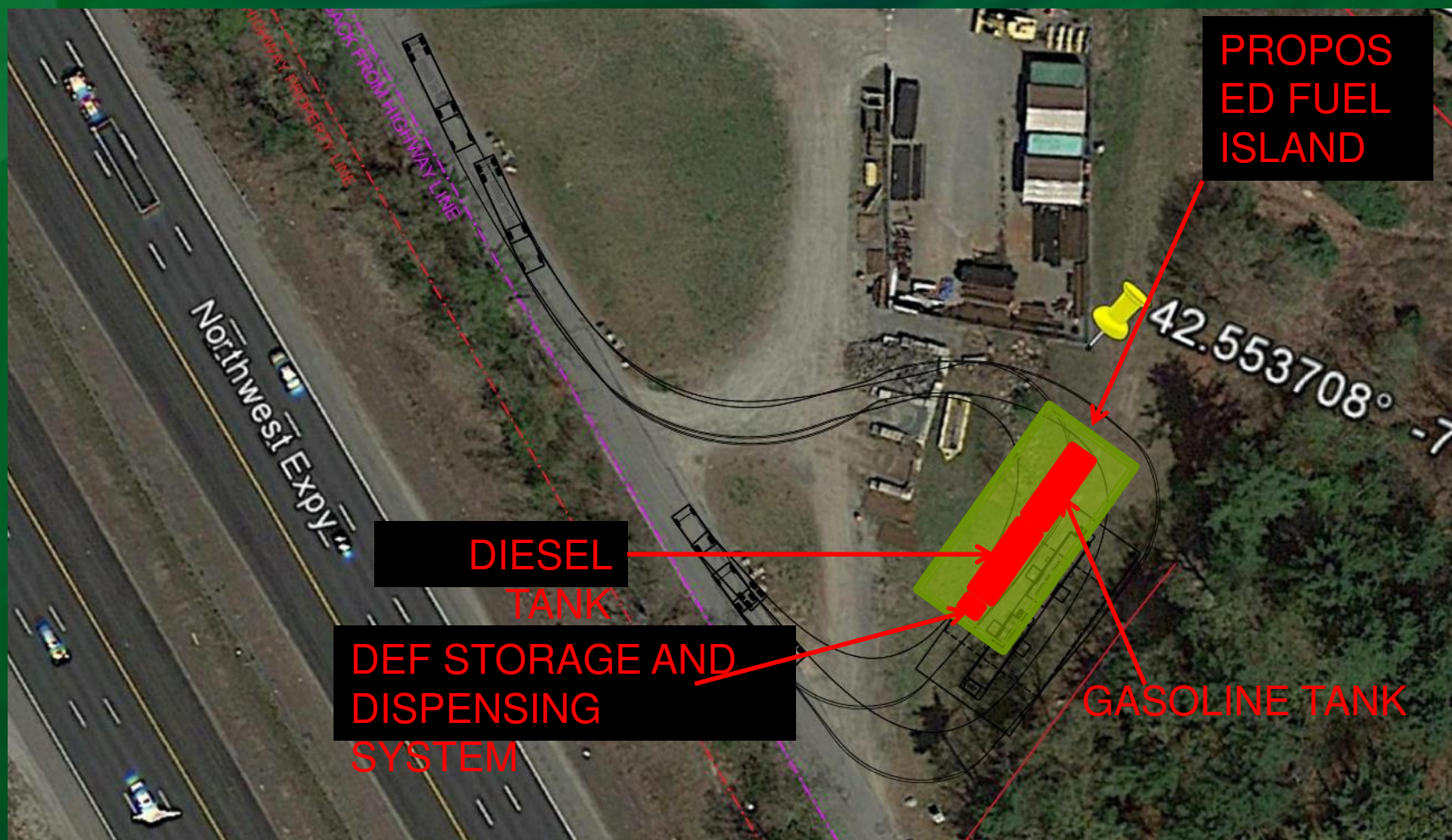
Article 18: To Fund Replacement of Fuel Tanks

GOOD STREET UST REMOVAL



Article 18: To Fund Replacement of Fuel Tanks

PROPOSED FUEL ISLAND LOCATION



Article 18: To Fund Replacement of Fuel Tanks

PHOTOGRAPH OF SIMILAR SYSTEM



Article 18: To Fund Replacement of Fuel Tanks

From
Free
Cash

		Preliminary Cost Estimate	
	Item		Item Total
<u>Site Work</u>			
1	Site Development	\$	305,324.00
2	UST/Piping Removal	\$	44,129.00
3	Site Restoration	\$	20,000.00
4	Generator Fuel System	\$	113,834.00
5	Communication/Power Trench	\$	20,000.00
6	Ledge removal allowance	\$	10,000.00
<u>Fuel System Estimate</u>			
1	Fuel System Equipment	\$	220,000.00
2	Freight Misc. Accessories	\$	2,900.00
3	Misc. Fuel Fittings	\$	4,500.00
4	SS Island Form	\$	15,000.00
5	Fueling Pad	\$	79,000.00
6	Island Form/Tank Pad	\$	62,000.00
7	Fuel System Bollards	\$	10,500.00
8	U Bollards	\$	2,000.00
9	Tank/System Testing	\$	3,500.00
12	Tank setting and crane	\$	10,500.00
13	Canopy Delivery and Install	\$	67,500.00
14	Canopy Foundations	\$	26,000.00
15	Fire Suppression	\$	32,000.00
16	Permits	\$	1,500.00
17	DEF Installation	\$	8,000.00
18	DEF Storage and Dispensing System	\$	9,797.00
19	Start up and close out	\$	2,400.00
<u>Electrical</u>			
1	Misc. Electrical wiring, lights, TV, Equipment, ETC	\$	50,000.00
	<u>Subtotal</u>	\$	1,120,384.00
	General Conditions (8%)	\$	89,631.00
	Overhead & Profit	\$	42,351.00
	Insurance & Bonds	\$	18,785.00
	Design & Pricing Contingency	\$	109,827.00
	Subtotal Construction Costs	\$	1,380,978.00
	Owners contingency Allowance	\$	10,000.00
	Construction Contingency	\$	60,592.00
<u>ENGINEERING DESIGN</u>			
	Task 2: Fuel System Bidding Phase Services	\$	4,175.00
	Task 3: Fuel System Construction Phase Service	\$	32,370.00
	Task 4: Wetland Permitting and Con Com Coordination	\$	7,450.00
	Task 5: Site Plan review	\$	4,435.00
	ENGINEERING TOTAL	\$	48,430.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$	1,500,000.00

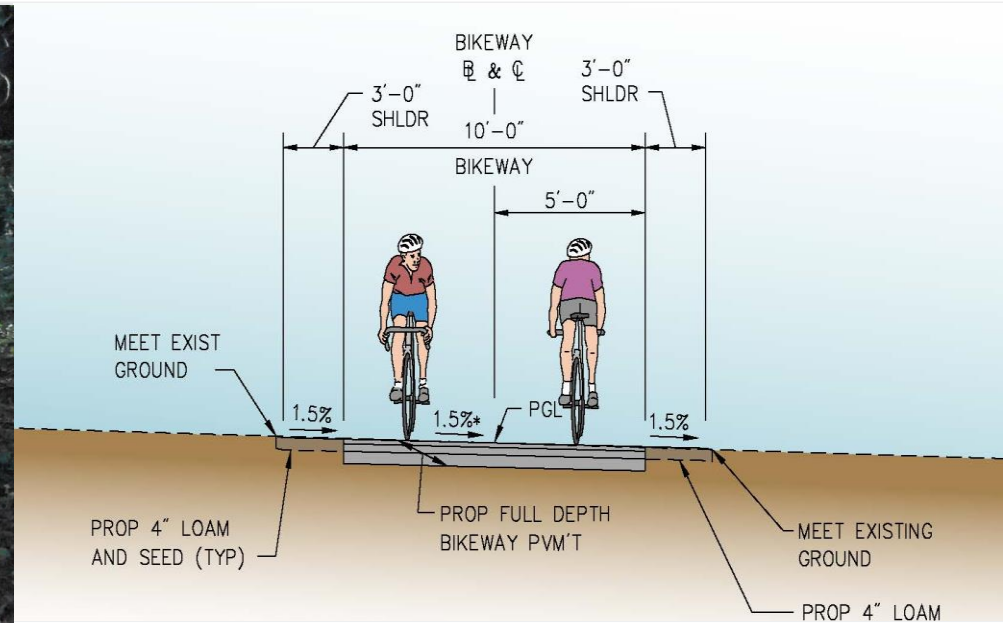
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Article 19: To Fund Design, Survey and Permitting for Yankee Doodle Bike path



Article 19: Yankee Doodle Bike Path



PRESENTED TO: **Billerica Town Meeting**

PRESENTED BY



October 4, 2016

Article 19: To Fund Design, Survey and Permitting for Yankee Doodle Bike path

Project (recent) History

- Bikepath Alternatives Analysis completed 2015
- Preliminary Design Developed in 2015/2016
- 25% Design Plans submitted to MassDOT 2016

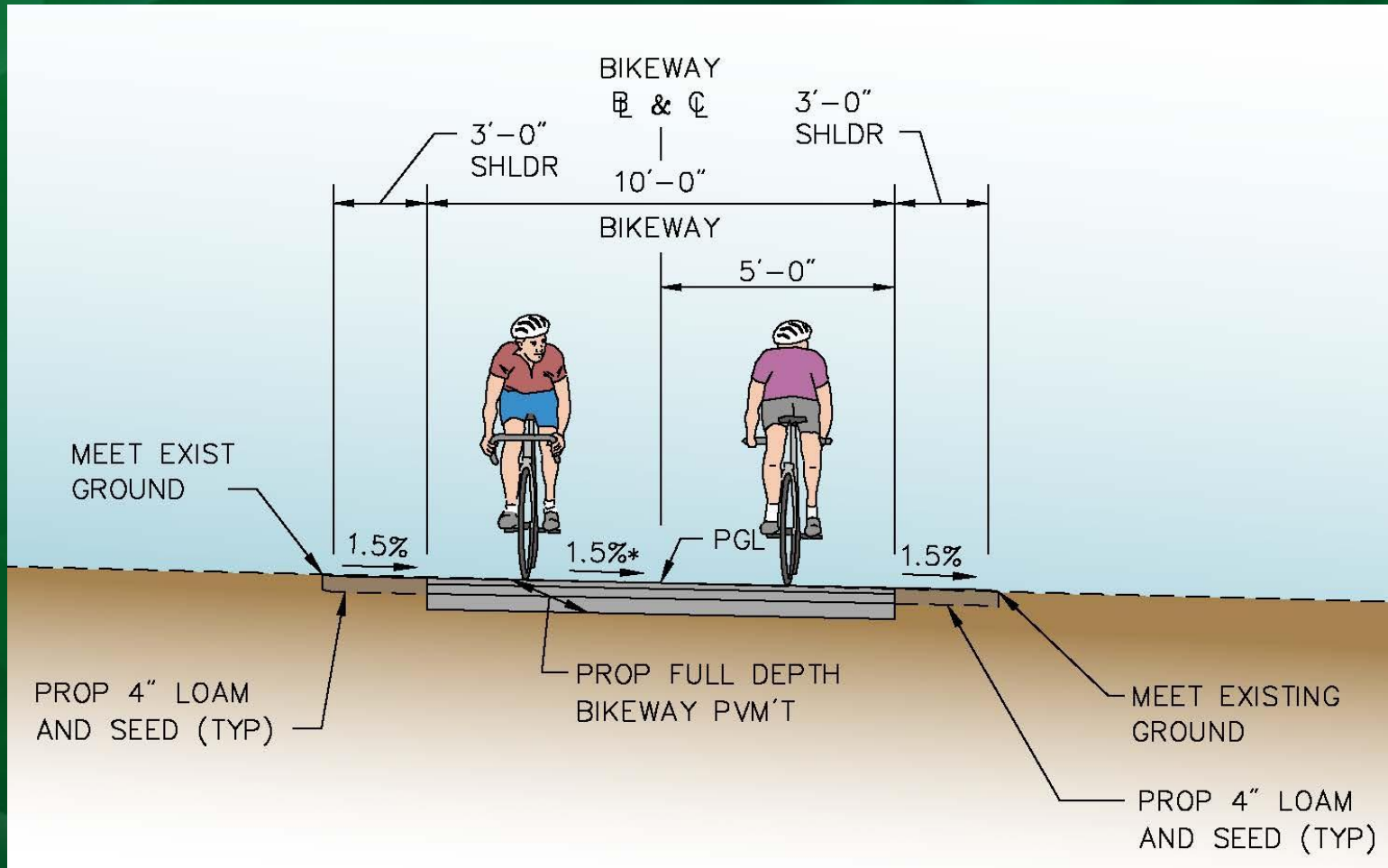


Article 19: To Fund Design, Survey and Permitting for Yankee Doodle Bike path Preferred Alignment



Article 19: To Fund Design, Survey and Permitting for Yankee Doodle Bike path

Bike Path Typical Sections – Off road



Article 19: To Fund Design, Survey and Permitting for Yankee Doodle Bike path

Project status

- Length of project: 4 miles
- Width of bike path: 10 ft
- Boardwalk designed along Nutting Lake
- Construction Costs: \$8,270,000
- May be phased due to MassDOT fiscal constraints



Article 19: To Fund Design, Survey and Permitting for Yankee Doodle Bike path

Design Costs to Date

- Original Contract (12/13/2013) - \$161,000
 - Alternatives analysis
 - Preparation of funding applications
 - Survey
 - Preliminary design
- Amendment 1 (10/20/15) - \$187,000
 - Update alternatives analysis
 - Supplemental Survey and Preliminary Design for additional 2 miles of trail
 - Preparation of MassDOT funding



Article 19: To Fund Design, Survey and Permitting for Yankee Doodle Bike path

Design Costs

- 75% Design Fee estimate: \$450,000
 - Environmental permitting
 - Bikepath design
 - Preliminary structural design
 - Geotechnical engineering
 - Preliminary Right of Way plans



Article 22: To Fund Rehabilitation of the Water Main Program

- This \$500,000 appropriation will fund a water main replacement off the list on page 28 of the Town Meeting Book or the Water Capital Plan.
- The funding source is Water Retained Earnings which has a balance of \$995,020.
- The Town has funded \$2,000,000 in water main replacements in the last three fiscal years.
- The Town is currently in the process of developing a comprehensive 30 million dollar Capital Improvement Plan and funding mechanism for the future.



Article 25: To Fund Roof Replacement and Repairs for Town Buildings

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager for the purpose of a roof replacement and repair program at all Town buildings and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Subsection 7 or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town.



Article 25: To Fund Roof Replacement and Repairs for Town Buildings

This is a \$2,000,000 Bond authorization to replace the roofs on the following buildings:

- Town Hall
- Central Fire Station
- Police Department
- Howe Building
- DPW/Recreation Building
- Library



Article 25: To Fund Roof Replacement and Repairs for Town Buildings

Pending the results of the Fire Station Feasibility Study and the Water Capital Plan these facilities may be done as well. The appropriation is sufficient to cover it.



Article 25: Roof Bond - 2/3 Vote



Howe



Library



Town Hall



DPW/Recreation



Article 25: Roof Bond - 2/3 Vote

Roof Bond 2017

Town Hall, Police and Fire	\$	900,000.00
Library Roof		200,000.00
DPW/Recreation Roof		70,000.00
Howe Roof		100,000.00
Engine 2		70,000.00
Engine 3		70,000.00
Engine 4		70,000.00
Engine 5		70,000.00
Water Treatment plant		200,000.00
Total	\$	1,750,000.00



ARTICLE 33– TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 126 OF THE ACTS OF 1988 AND CHAPTER 73 OF THE ACTS OF 1986

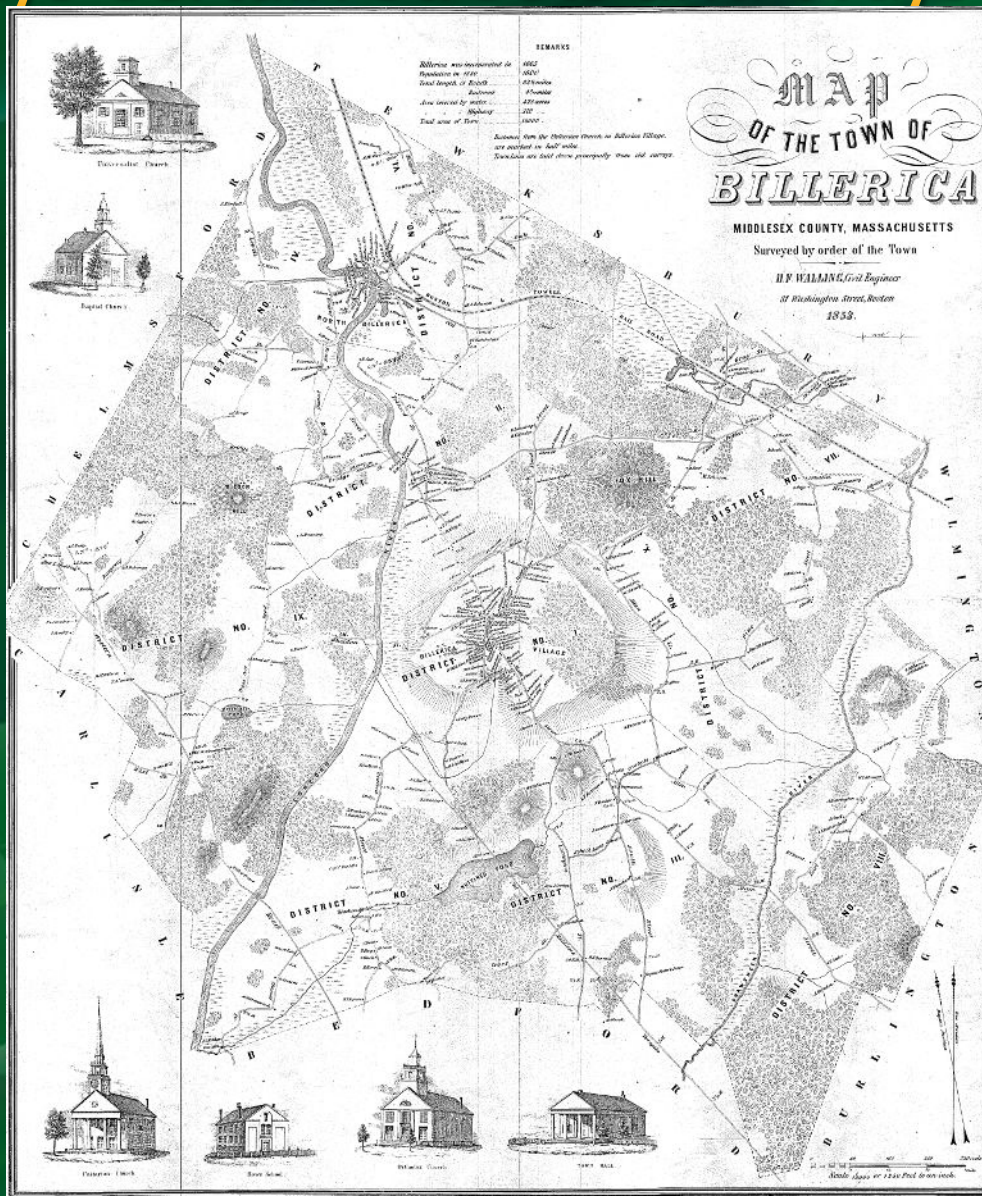
- Town has adopted this article over the last eleven years.
- Funded through the Assessor’s Overlay Account – No Raise & Appropriate or Effect on Operating Budget.
- Offers additional help on the payment of real estate taxes for the people in town who need it the most.

Type of Exemption	Exemptions	
	State	Billerica
Clause 41C (Elderly)	\$500	\$800
Clause 22 (Disabled Vets)	\$400	\$640
Clause 37 (Blind)	\$500	\$800

ARTICLE 35 – To Accept MGL Ch. 90, Sect. 17C and 18B, Inserted by Sections 193 and 194 of the Modernization Act, Ch. 218 of the Acts of 2016.



ARTICLE 36 – To Authorize the Town to Accept as Public Ways Certain Streets and Ways



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Roadway Status Town of Billerica

Status	Miles	%
Unaccepted Ways on Article 36	49.5	20%
Additional Unaccepted Ways	64.5	25%
Total Unaccepted Ways by Town	114	45%
Accepted Way Recognized by the Town	139	55%
	253	100%

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New Subdivisions vs. Ancient Ways

ARTICLE 37 – To Transfer Custody and Control of Certain Town Owned Parcels on Republic Road

- The Middlesex Turnpike Phase III project is out to bid in will be opened in January 31st and awarded in May.
- The project is a State and Federally funded 40 million dollar project.
- The Environmental Permitting has not been issued yet.

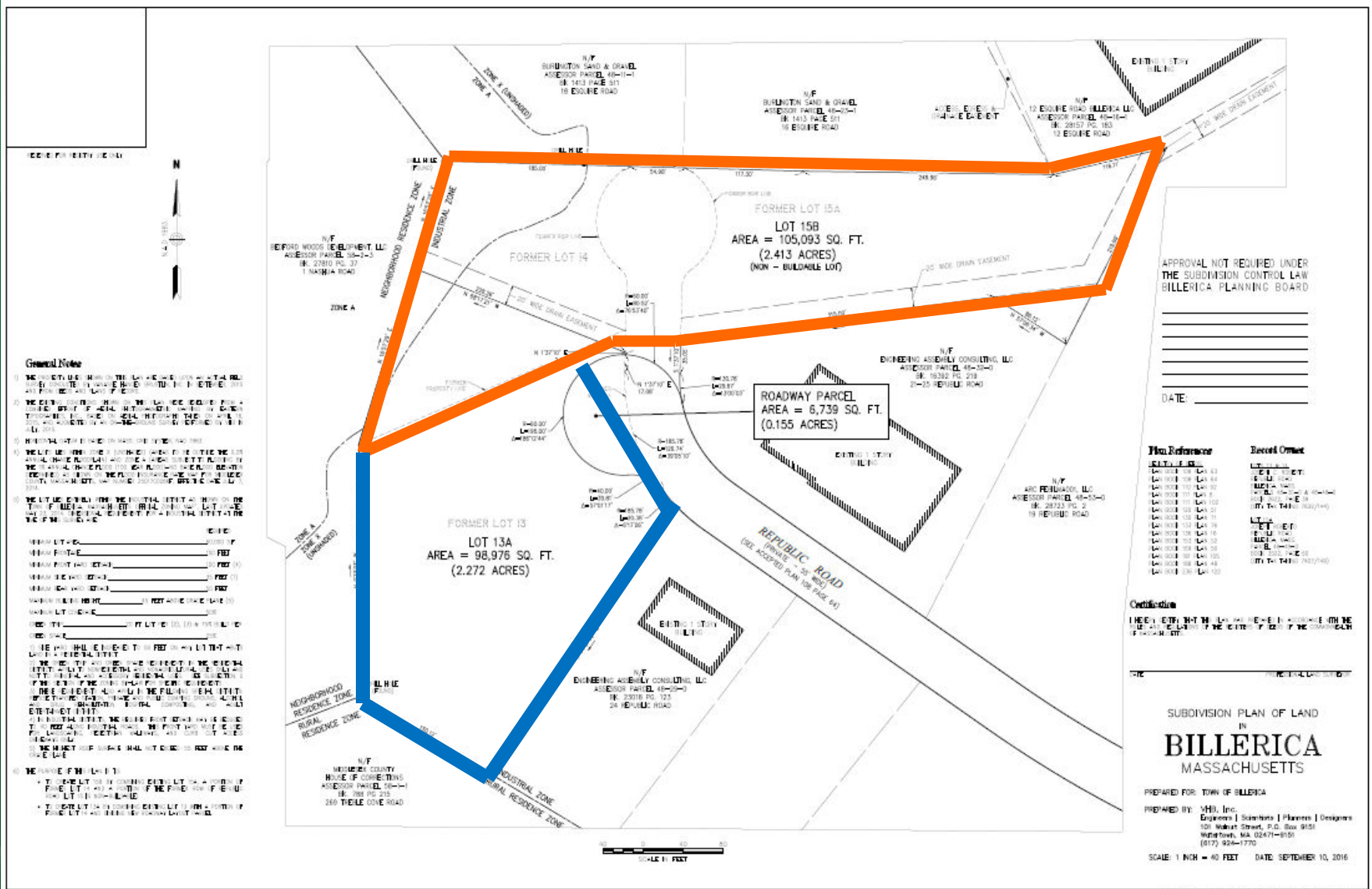
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- Bedford and Billerica must meet the conditions of the DEP variance which involves mitigating the impact the Turnpike has on wetlands.
- This mitigation includes wetland replication and conservation restrictions.
- This article will fulfill the conservation restriction requirements set forth by DEP by transferring this parcel on Republic road to the Conservation Commission.
- It is possible that DEP will seek other river front restrictions in the future

ARTICLE 37 – To Transfer Custody and Control of Certain Town Owned Parcels on Republic Road



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ARTICLE 38 – To Approve Amendments to the Town Charter as Recommended by the Charter Review Committee



ARTICLE 39 – Water Conservation By-Law Modification

- This Article is intended to bring the By-Law in line with the DEP Water Withdrawal Permit.
- The italicized and underlined language added exists in the Water Withdrawal Permit..
- Other provisions in the permit are already covered in the By-Law.

ARTICLE 39 – Water Conservation By-Law Modification

- Irrigation to establish a new lawn and new plantings during the months of May to September. (A permit must be obtained from the DPW for this use.) No watering outside from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.
- Irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a HAND-HELD hose. No watering outside from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.
- Irrigation of public parks and recreational fields by means of automatic sprinklers outside the hours of 9 am to 5 pm.

ARTICLE 47 – To Amend General By-Law Article VII – Regulation of Dogs



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